



## Community Connections

December, 2008

### A Word From the Board: Review of 2008



#### Note from your outgoing 2008 Board

It has been our pleasure to work on everyone's behalf this past year. We believe we have added various

items to the overall benefit of our Community such as: additional lighting in the pool/tennis court parking lot, improved landscaping at both Denton and Fitzgerald Parks, irrigation system repairs, repair and repainting of the gazebo and pool house, and additional pool furniture.

As you may know, much of what we were able to

accomplish is directly tied to the electronic survey we asked each of you to complete. Thank you for providing us with your feedback.

We have additionally been able to establish a formal Community Reserve Fund for the future that should enable us to pay for repair and replacement of our major common area amenities (swimming pool, tennis courts, asphalt surfaces, etc) based upon useful life and repair and replacement costs which take into account inflation. We did all of this without a raise in our annual assessments, which will remain at \$600 for 2009. Please remember that fees are due in full by March 31.

We trust each of you will continue to support your newly elected 2009 Board of Directors: Fred Francis, Bruce Boos and William Ware.

Thank you for all your support this year.

*Barry Hess, Bill Fountain, Suzie Abshire, Sonya Moste.*

### Volunteer: Giving your time and energy to serve the community



Have you ever wondered what it takes to maintain and keep our Community moving forward?

It takes many of your neighbors volunteering their time, talents and

energies to keep our Community a place you are proud to call home. Want to volunteer or help?

We are very fortunate to have so many wonderful people willing to give freely of their time and energies to enhance our Horsemen's Run community. Please be sure to thank those who have volunteered when you see them out and about. Without volunteers we could not enjoy the sense of community that makes Horsemen's Run a beautiful place to call home.

Call any of your neighbors listed to help maintain our Community by volunteering. We have some vacancies that need to be filled and we are always looking for new ideas. If you are interested in volunteering for one of the VACANT positions, please contact Fred Francis at 678-817-4770 or [fsf68@bellsouth.net](mailto:fsf68@bellsouth.net).

**Board Members:** Fred Francis, Bruce Boos, William Ware

**Communications Committee:** VACANT

**Block Captains** (One per 10 homes): Nancy Holland, Jaymee Kientzel, Mary Knapper, Beverly McEveven, Georganne Mobley, Betsy Boos-Moosbrugger, Jeri Moran, Laura Neeley, Anne Scott and Maggie Walls

**Association Website Administrators:** Steve Watson, VACANT

**Newsletter:** Maggie Walls

**Resident Guide:** Karen Papirner

**Business Directory:** Gayle Braun Kastenbauer

**Neighborhood Watch:** Nancy Holland

**Social Committee Chair:** Elizabeth McCullough

**Landscape Committee:** Bill Fountain and Bernard Young

**Pool and Tennis Court Maintenance:** Bill Fountain and Bernard Young

**Architectural Review Committee:** Glenda Smith, Bobby McCullough, Nancy Ware, Steve Watson, VACANT, VACANT, VACANT

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#### Mark your calendar:

- In Jan. the Board will be mailing out our Homeowner Assessments for 2009
- Back to School Jan. 6
- Board Meeting Jan. 15, 7pm at the home of Fred Francis
- MLK Holiday Jan. 19
- President's Day Feb. 16
- Winter Break Feb. 17-20
- Homeowner's dues must be received by MARCH 31

[www.horsemensrun.org](http://www.horsemensrun.org)

## Radon Testing: What and Why?

Recently, two homeowners received test results indicating high levels of radon in their homes. Radon is a cancer-causing, radioactive gas. You can't see radon. And, you can't smell it or taste it. But it may be a problem in your home. Radon is estimated to cause many thousands of deaths each year. That's because when you breathe air containing radon, you can get lung cancer. In fact, the Surgeon General has warned that radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States today. Only smoking causes more lung cancer deaths. If you smoke and your home has high radon levels, your risk of lung cancer is especially high.

Radon can be found all over the U.S. Radon comes from the natural (radioactive) breakdown of uranium in soil, rock and water and gets into the air you breathe. It can get into any type of building - homes, offices, and schools - and result in a high indoor radon level. But you and your family are most likely to get your greatest exposure at home, where you spend most of your time. An estimated 1 in 5 homes is affected.

According to EPA, you should test for radon. Testing is the only way to know if you and your family are at risk from radon. EPA also recommends testing in schools. You can obtain Radon testing kits from your local home improvement store. The Hollands recently installed a mitigation system due to high radon levels after purchasing a testing kit and they will be happy to answer any questions. You can contact Mike and Nancy at 770-365-5224.

For more information on Radon Testing and what you can do if you do have elevated levels of radon in your home, go online to <http://www.epa.gov/radon/pubs/citguide.html>.

## Get Connected: Register Online Today

One of the many services offered within our community is an online site where you can find notes from the Board and information about upcoming events. However, in order to access all of the online information, you will need to register online at the site. Currently, we only have 62 households registered online.

The website provides an easy way

for us to all stay connected and up-to-date on neighborhood happenings. Please take a moment and go online to register. It is very simple and it will allow you to access information and Board minutes, so that you will know exactly what your Board members and volunteers are doing for our community. Thank you for registering and staying connected.



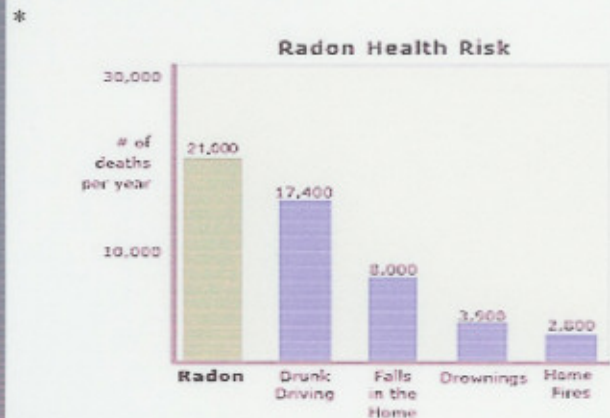
Check us out on the web!  
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Keeping our community connected ~ Horsemen's Run Home Owner's Association

### EPA Recommends for Radon Testing

- Test your home for radon -- it's easy and inexpensive.
- Fix your home if your radon level is 4 picoCuries per liter (pCi/L) or higher.
- Radon levels less than 4 pCi/L still pose a risk, and in many cases may be reduced.

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Radon is estimated to cause about 21,000 lung cancer deaths per year, according to EPA's 2003 *Assessment of Risks from Radon in Homes (EPA 402-R-03-003)*. The numbers of deaths from other causes are taken from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 1999-2001 National Center for Injury Prevention and Control Report and 2002 National Safety Council Reports.



'Tis the season to be jolly at the HR Bunko Christmas Party! If you are interested in getting involved contact Pam Robbins to be added to the Bunko Sub List for 2009, 678-817-1825. What fun!



If you would like to make contributions to the newsletter, please e-mail them to Maggie Walls at [thesixwalls@comcast.net](mailto:thesixwalls@comcast.net). We are always looking for fresh ideas, articles and volunteers to help us all stay connected and informed. Thank you.

