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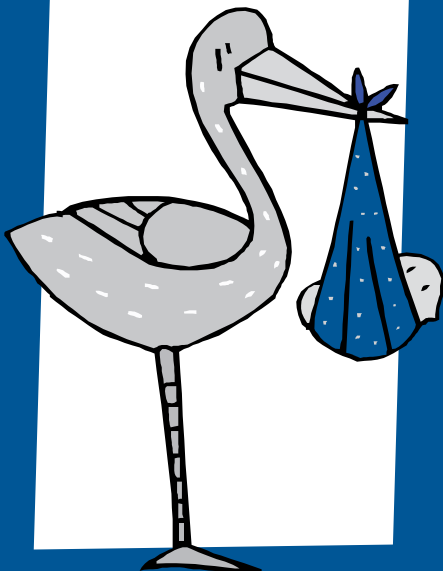
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IT'S A  
**BOY!**

*Congratulations to  
Chelsea and Jake on  
Wilton Woods Court.*



## President's Letter

Greetings everyone and welcome to springtime in Texas! This is one of the most beautiful seasons of the year in our neighborhood. The trees are leafing out in that vibrant green indicative of new growth, flowers are blooming, and the wind is blowing all those oak nutlets into our swimming pools, clogging skimmers and filters on a daily basis. That last part is actually one of the things I could really do without, but if it were a real problem I would just pony up and get a pool cover!

There are lots of nice days and evenings during this time of year to relish by strolling along the new park paths in Melrose Park. Several homeowners have commented on how nice it is to be able to walk unimpeded along the new paths as they wind along the creek and through the trees. I highly encourage you to find time to enjoy a leisurely walk through the park.

For those of us who enjoy having our four-legged family members with us in the park, I want to encourage all pet owners to please be responsible for your pets. While we may enjoy letting our pets run free in the park, there are those who are not as enamored with the idea, and may actually be fearful of unleashed pets. As a responsible pet owner it is very important to understand that the park is shared by all, and is not a private backyard to let your pets run uncontrolled and potentially interfere with someone else's enjoyment of the park. Please be sensitive to these issues and control your pets. After all, if there is an unfortunate incident involving your pet, there could be some extremely undesirable consequences.

On a related point, all pet owners are also responsible for "picking up" after their pets. Please remember to take a plastic bag or two with you on your next excursion and clean up after your pet. There are trash cans in the park where you can put the used bags so you don't have to carry them with you. This is important in helping us keep the park clean and usable by everyone, and it is also helpful in controlling the sanitary condition of the park and preventing the spread of disease.

I realize these suggestions are superfluous to most of us, but we do occasionally have issues along these lines and if they are not appropriately addressed voluntarily it could result in the institution of rules and regulations that would substantially limit the use of the parks for our pets. So in the interest of your pets and your neighbors please be responsible for your pets while in the park. Keep it clean and safe for everyone.

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## EASTER EGG HUNT

*By: Terri Nielsen, Social Chairperson*

Turnout was great in spite of the rainy weather and a few hours delay for our fourth annual Easter Egg Hunt. We counted about 30+ children from our neighborhood and they all brought parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles. The weather improved and everyone enjoyed the day. The Easter Bunny arrived before the egg hunt began and spent time mingling with the children and getting lots of pictures taken.

Thanks to everyone who participated.



## UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

*By: Terri Nielsen, Social Chairperson*

### FOURTH OF JULY PARADE AND PICNIC

Parade starts @ 10 am with a short walk thru the neighborhood to Melrose Park. There are all sorts of things to do for the kids--- bounce house, face painting and balloons. For the sixth year in a row, the Moberly's will be sponsoring the hot dogs and brisket! Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs and relax in the shade for this fun filled day in the park.

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### FALL GARAGE SALE

*Saturday, September 21, 2013 – 8am to Noon*

### FALL MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK

*Saturday – October 12, 2013- Melrose Park*

*Dinner @ 6:30 pm*

Movie will start around 7:30 pm or sunset. Once again, the Hamburger man is going to provide hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixin's and we will also have popcorn for the movie!

### CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

*December 7, 2013 – Melrose Park – 3pm to 6pm*

Come and enjoy the beginning of the Christmas season with lighting of Melrose Park, carriage rides and Santa! We will be serving hot apple cider and Christmas cookies so bring your lawn chairs and blankets for this festive occasion.

If you would like to help in organizing upcoming social events, please contact Terri Nielsen 817.475.1389 or email – [tanderson3312@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tanderson3312@sbcglobal.net).



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## *Around the Neighborhood* **VANDALISM**

Earlier this month vandals caused \$2000.00 damage by ripping out the wiring that powered the pump to one of Melrose's ponds. The HOA is working on getting the conduit replaced and getting the pump up and running, but unfortunately pond levels in the two ponds closest to Martin will continue to fall.

## **Friendly Reminders**

Don't forget with warmer weather here there are more people out and about in the neighborhood. If you have a pool please make sure the gate is closed and don't forget to lock car doors.

## **GRACKLES**

Ever wonder why so many grackles gather at the shopping center near Glade and 121?

According to Cathy Boyle an environmental specialist at DFW Airport, it's in their nature and it will probably get worse. Grackles are a type of blackbird, but they are taller with longer tails, more tapered bill and slick looking bodies. They congregate in large, tightly knit, groups for protection and they are known for being loud and eating crops or anything else.

Grackles have been known to cause millions of dollars in damage. Large flocks can overwhelm trees or buildings. Build up of feces can lead to structural damage and uric acid in the droppings can corrode stone, metal, masonry, and damage paint.

A few years ago a flock of thousands of grackles took over parts of two terminals at DFW airport. "It was a terrible situation," Boyle remembered, "but we were able to get it remedied." With the help of a hawk, a natural predator of grackles, the flock simply moved on and the airport was able to rid itself of the grackles in three nights --- 17 hours.

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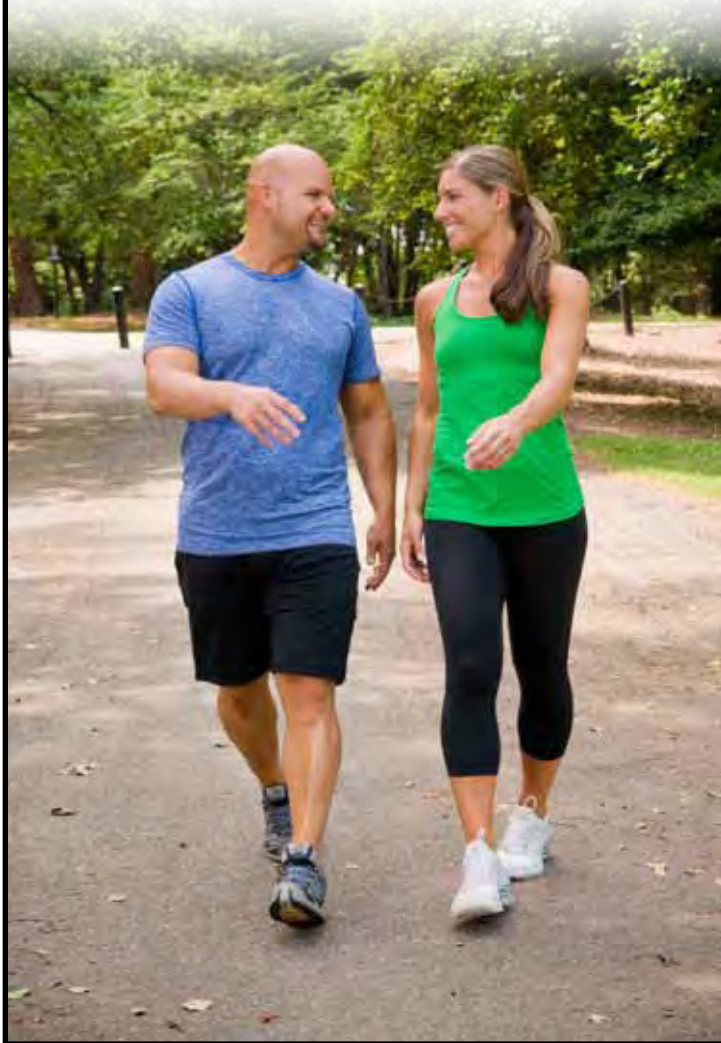




## SAFETY TIPS FOR WALKERS

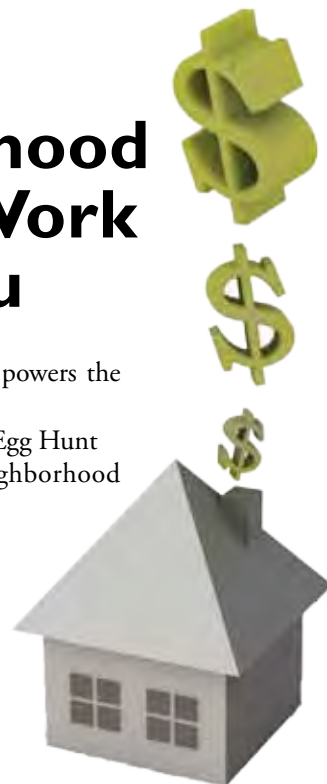
Keep safety in mind when you walk outdoors. Follow these basic rules:

- Wear reflective material or carry a flashlight so others can see you
- Walk with a buddy whenever possible
- Carry your name, address, and a friend or relative's phone number in your shoe or tied to a lace
- Wear a medical bracelet if you have diabetes, an allergy, or other condition
- Carry a cell phone and let a friend or relative know your walking routes
- Avoid deserted or unlit streets, especially after dark
- Do not use headsets that prevent you from hearing traffic; and walk against oncoming traffic
- Carry a whistle, noisemaker, or pepper spray in case of an emergency



## Your Neighborhood Dues at Work for You

- Replacing the wiring that powers the Melrose Park pond pump
- Hosted the annual Easter Egg Hunt
- Hosted semi-annual Neighborhood Garage Sale



## SHOW OFF YOUR SUPERHERO

Parents this is your chance to brag on your kiddos. We want pictures of your kids doing everyday things, school events, plays, sports, etc. Send in your pictures to be featured in the Woodland Hills Newsletter.

E-mail your pictures to [tiki100@verizon.net](mailto:tiki100@verizon.net) by the 8th of the month.



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*Thanks to Terri Anderson and everyone who helped her in coordinating and hosting last month's Easter Egg Hunt!*

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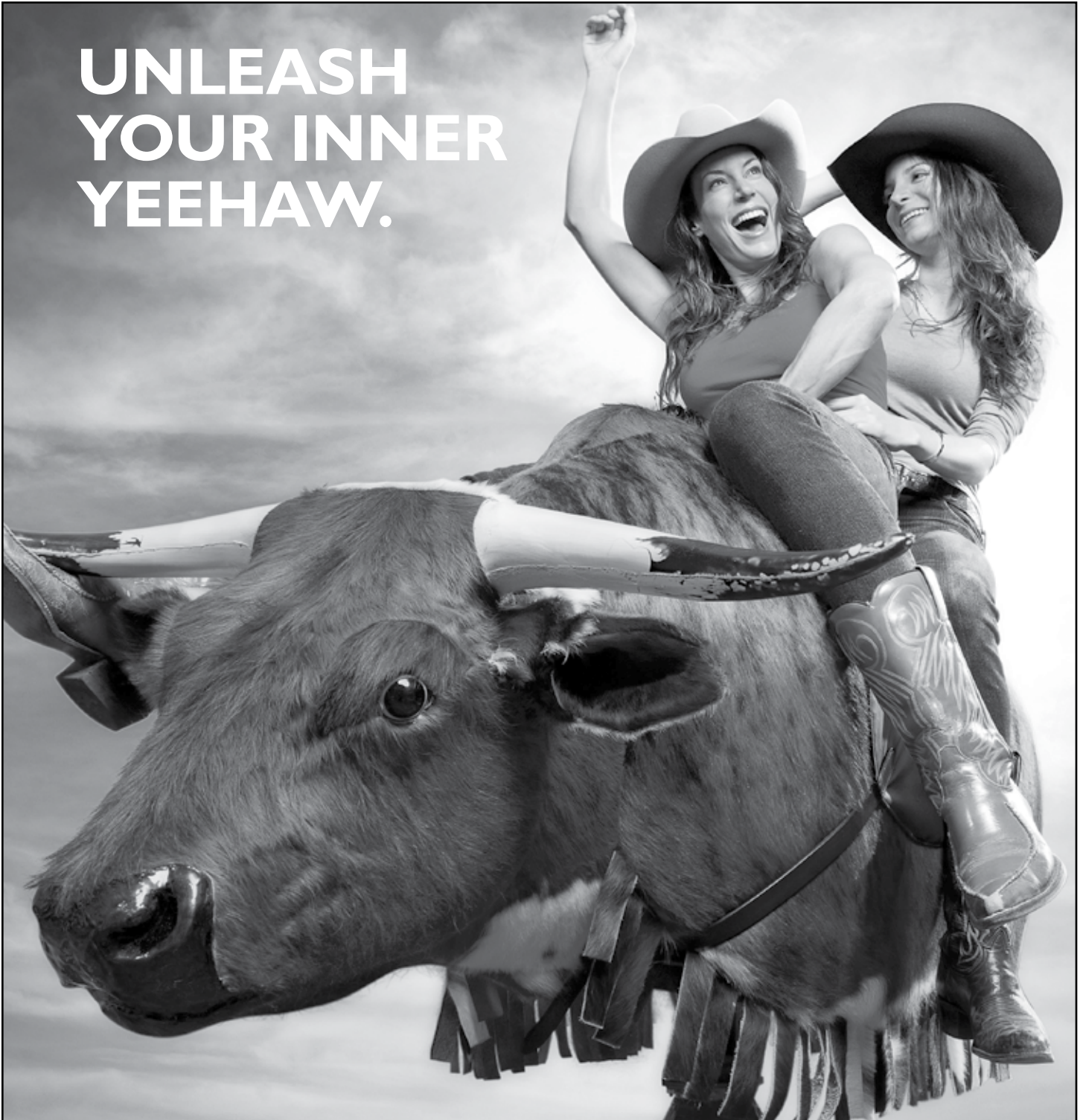
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