



## Here Comes the 4th of July Parade!

### Celebrate with friends and neighbors at the annual Mackenzie Meadows / Cobblestone Trails 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.

Display your patriotism and creativity by dressing as your favorite American symbol or historical figure; or decorate your bike, trike, big wheel, wagon, stroller, electric car, tractor, scooter, or skateboard and march the streets of the neighborhood. Five prizes will be awarded for the most creative and patriotic presentations. All residents are invited to come out to enjoy and cheer on the parade participants. Sideliners always add to the fun! Refreshments and socializing to immediately follow the parade. Hope to see you there.



**What: Mackenzie Meadows / Cobblestone Trails 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.**

**When: Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Judging to start at 9:20AM. Parade to start at 9:30AM.**

**Refreshments, socializing, and awards to be presented following the parade.**

**Where: Mackenzie Meadows / Cobblestone Trails Pool Parking lot, 4405 Denise Drive.**



**Special Request:** We are asking that residents along the parade route to please not park on the street during the parade. Parade route is Denise to Tanner, Tanner to Taylor, Taylor to Mackenzie, Mackenzie to Denise. Thank you for your help.

Volunteers needed for set-up, "float" judging, and clean-up. Please contact Hope at [hehaywood@yahoo.com](mailto:hehaywood@yahoo.com) if you are interested. Thank you.

## Pool Reminder..

Now that summer is here, that means we will all be enjoying the use of the pool. Parents, we need your help...

Last year we all remember wanting to use the pool only to find it chained up to due to a fecal contamination. Under Texas State Code the pool must be closed for 24 hours and super-chlorinated to kill any existing bacteria borne in the contamination. We ask that parents take precautions with our little people by using swim diapers and rubber pants to help prevent these accidents. Also, with our bigger little people, perhaps mandatory bathroom breaks from swimming every now and then. This will go a long way in preserving the use of the pool for everyone and saving money in the association's pool budget.



Thank you in advance for your cooperation and until next time... swim for the health of it!

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## NEWS RELEASE

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## North Texas Municipal Water District Calls for Stage 3 Water Conservation

In an effort to conserve water and comply with mandates from the [North Texas Municipal Water District](#) issued in response to the current drought, the Richardson City Council has revised the City's Emergency Water Management Plan and adopted Stage 3 of this plan, effective June 1.

### Stage 3 water use restrictions include the following:

- Residences and commercial establishments are prohibited from watering between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- All landscape and other outdoor water usage is limited to twice per week on designated days.
- Residents may water on their solid waste collection days: homes south of Arapaho Road may water on Mondays and Thursdays and homes north of Arapaho Road may water on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- Commercial establishments may water on Wednesdays and Saturdays.
- Watering during significant rainfalls/precipitation is prohibited.
- Existing swimming pools, Jacuzzis and spas may be replenished to maintain operational levels only.
- The washing or hosing down of sidewalks, driveways, patios, porches, parking areas or other paved surfaces is prohibited.
- The washing or rinsing of buildings, vehicles, boats, trailers, other mobile vehicles and equipment on owner's premises is prohibited.
- Excessive water run off from any landscaped area onto streets, alleys, and parking lots is prohibited.
- Operation of ornamental fountains is prohibited.
- New construction water line flushing and routine fire hydrant flushing is prohibited without specific approval from the City's Director of Public Services.

### These restrictions have the following exceptions:

- Drip irrigation systems and soaker hoses used to keep foundations moist may be used, hourly restrictions may apply.

- The watering of newly installed landscaping until the roots are established. Once established, the allowed landscape water days must be followed.
- Golf courses may water greens and tees only. Hourly restrictions may apply.
- Ornamental fountains using water from springs, ponds or wells, which do not draw their water from municipal supply.
- Commercial full-service or self-service car wash facilities, including those at service stations and automobile dealership facilities, except hourly restrictions may apply.
- Activities utilizing wastewater effluent, natural water springs, ponds or deep water wells.

"Since we had more than the usual amount of rainfall in May, it may be hard for people to understand why we must begin water restrictions now" said Richardson Director of Public Services Jerry Ortega. "The North Texas Municipal Water District's reservoirs—Lake Lavon and Lake Chapman/Cooper—remain more than 8 feet below their normal levels." Ortega added that most rainfall received to date has not been significant over the watersheds that drain into Lake Lavon or Lake Chapman/Cooper.

Ortega said the City is attempting to reduce water usage by 5 percent—a reduction of approximately 1 million to 1.7 million gallons each day. Some other cities that get water from the North Texas Municipal Water District plan to levy a surcharge for over-use of water—a step Richardson does not plan to take, Ortega said.

Richardson's current five-tiered water rate structure already includes an increasingly more expensive rate—where the more water used, the more the customers pay for it.

"Therefore," Ortega said, "we believe that Richardson residents and businesses will do what's needed to conserve water, once the word gets out and there is an understanding of the severity of our current scarcity of our water resources." He noted that if the 5 percent reduction is not achieved, watering could be restricted to once per week under Stage 3. Stage 4, the next stage, would restrict outdoor water usage all together. "We certainly hope it doesn't come to that, but it all depends on our actions now," Ortega said.

For more information about the water restrictions, call **972-744-4111** and dial "0" to speak to a staff member, seven days per week, 24 hours per day or email [savewater@cor.gov](mailto:savewater@cor.gov).

For additional information about the City's Emergency Water Management Plan, please call the Public Services Department at 972-744-4220 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Residents may also visit [www.wateriq.org](http://www.wateriq.org) for water-saving tips and [www.cor.net](http://www.cor.net) for drought information.

## Attack of the Crazy Ant (*Paratrechina* sp.)

**E**mergence and sightings of the crazy ant has heightened awareness of this potentially irritating pest in North Texas. The crazy ant is an introduced ant species from Africa or Asia that has now established itself in many cities from Florida to Texas. Crazy ants are distinctive due to their random and rapid movement. Worker ants are 1/16 to 1/8 inches in length, dark brown to black in color, and have very long legs. Also their antennae are very long, with the first of the 12 segments being twice the length of their heads.

The crazy ant does not have a stinger, but it does bite and it has coarse grayish-white hairs that contain formic acid. The ant will curve its abdomen forward to release the formic acid into predators and prey.

Colonies contain around 2000 workers, with 8 to 40 queens. These colonies are very mobile, so they will move if disturbed. The ants will nest in a variety of locations from dry to moist environments. A crazy ant colony can be located by watching workers carry food back to their nest. The nests can be found in trash, refuse, plants and trees, and rotten wood. Sometimes these ants nest indoors and feed on many household foods.

Crazy ants feed on such items as seeds, honeydew, fruits, household food, and insects. Crazy ants are predators, so they can attack large insects and some other small animals. If they are found indoors, workers can feed on such items as meats, grease, sweets, fruits, and vegetables.

### **Control Options:**

These ants are sometimes difficult to control since they are very mobile and can forage long distances from their nests. Therefore **ALL** colonies and satellite colonies must be located and treated.

### **Some Non-Chemical Control Options:**

Practice good housekeeping by placing open food items in sealed containers and cleaning spilled items. Trim tree branches and shrubs to eliminate contact with the structure. Seal cracks with caulk and weather-stripping to prevent entry.

### **Some Chemical Control Options:**

Outdoor colonies can be treated with dusts, residual sprays, baits and granular insecticides. Indoor colonies can be treated with residual sprays as spot treatments, dusts, and baits.



**Crazy ant worker.** Photo by: Bart Drees, Professor and Extension Entomologist, Texas A&M University.



**Crazy ant worker.** Photo by: Department of Urban and Structural Entomology, Texas A&M University.

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## Start Slapping Those Mosquitoes

As we walk into our backyards for a nice relaxing evening, we will be joined by another unwanted pest, the mosquito. Mosquitoes are a diverse group of flies that are found worldwide and new mosquito species are continually being introduced into the United States. Currently, there are 85 species of mosquitoes found in Texas.

Mosquitoes develop through a complete lifecycle with an egg, larva, pupa and adult stage. Mosquito eggs may be laid individually or in clusters on the surface of water or individually in dry locations that will flood periodically. The eggs hatch into larvae that eat microscopic plants, animals and organic debris in the water. The larvae will develop into pupae, which do not feed. The adult stage will emerge from the water to take flight. Adult male and female mosquitoes will feed on nectar, honeydew and fruit juices. Male mosquitoes will have hairy antennae that they use to locate females.

The female mosquito will consume blood in order to develop her eggs. This causes mosquitoes to be considered one of the biggest medical threats to humans, since they are capable of transmitting diseases, such as West Nile Virus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis, and Yellow Fever. Also females inject saliva as they consume the blood meal. This will cause itching after she flies away.

### Controlling Mosquito Populations Outdoors:

#### Some Control Options Outdoors:

The number one way to reduce mosquito populations in your yard is **source reduction**. Mosquitoes need as little as a bottle cap full of water to complete their lifecycle, so all areas where water collects needs to be emptied or changed weekly. If standing water is eliminated in your backyard, then the overall mosquito population in your area will be reduced.

- 1) Areas containing water should be changed or emptied, such as wading pools, buckets, bird baths, pet dishes, ponds, boat covers, irrigation systems, and French drains.
- 2) Holes or depressions in trees should be filled with sand or mortar.
- 3) Leaky pipes, faucets should be repaired.
- 4) Standing water that can not be drained, mosquito dunks containing *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis (Bti)*, can be used.

Mow tall grass and reduce the amount of foliage to reduce the resting sites for adult mosquitoes.

Insecticides can be applied to trees and shrubs, such as those containing pyrethrin, to kill adult mosquitoes.

#### Some options to prevent mosquito bites:

- 1) Limit evening activities since mosquitoes are active at night.
- 2) Avoid wearing dark colors, since mosquitoes rely on visual cues to locate hosts.
- 3) Avoid exercising or yard work in the heat of the day, since mosquitoes are attracted to carbon dioxide and perspiration.
- 4) Avoid wearing fruity or floral fragrances in perfumes, hair products, or sunscreens, since these scents are more attractive to mosquitoes.
- 5) Wear long, loose-fitting clothing to avoid mosquito bites.
- 6) Chemicals can be applied to the skin and clothes to prevent bites. One chemical, DEET, has been an effective repellent to mosquitoes for around 50 years. There are also other mosquito repellents on the market such as picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, oil of eucalyptus, and soybean oil-based repellents.



**Asian tiger mosquito, *Aedes albopictus*** (Skuse) (Diptera: Culicidae). Photo by Dr. Bart Drees, Professor and Extension Entomologist.

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## Ten Commandments of Human Relations

1. **Speak to People.** There is nothing so nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. **Smile at People.** It takes 72 muscles to frown, only 14 to smile.
3. **Call People by name.** The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his or her own name.
4. **Be Friendly** and helpful. If you would have friends, be a friend.
5. **Be Cordial.** Speak and act as if everything you do is a genuine pleasure.
6. **Be Genuinely** interested in people. You can like almost everybody if you try.
7. **Be Generous** with praise – cautious with criticism.
8. **Be Considerate** with the feelings of others. There are usually three sides to a controversy; Yours, the other fellow's, and the right side.
9. **Be Alert** to give service. What counts most in life is what we do for others.

**Add to this** a good sense of humor, a big dose of patience and a dash of humility and you will be rewarded many-fold.

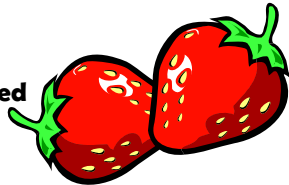
### RECIPE CORNER

beat the summer heat  
with this refreshing dessert!

## Strawberry Icebox Pie

### Ingredients:

- 1 pie crust (9 inch), baked
- 3 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 2 pints fresh strawberries
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/3 cup water
- 1/2 pint whipping cream, whipped



### Instructions:

Spread softened cream cheese over the bottom of the cooled pie crust. Hull, wash, and drain berries, reserving 8 whole berries for topping; halve the remaining berries. Place half of the berries over the cream cheese.

In a 2-quart saucepan, combine sugar, cornstarch, and water; add remaining halved berries.

Over medium heat, bring to a simmer and cook until thickened; cool thoroughly and pour over strawberries in the pie crust. Top with whipped cream and garnish with the remaining 8 whole strawberries. Chill thoroughly before serving.

## A Message from your Association Manager

**i**'d like to take this opportunity to introduce myself for all new residents of MacKenzie Meadows. My name is Peter Willding and I am your Homeowners Association Manager. As your Association Manager I will strive to protect your investment by maintaining the common areas, enforcing the Covenants, Restrictions and Conditions and acting as an agent for the Architectural Control Committee.

As a Homeowner Association Member you are the eyes and ears of your community. We must work together to see that MacKenzie Meadow/Cobblestone Trails remains a beautiful and peaceful community in which to live. If you notice problems or violations or have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at **214.871.9700, ext 258**, or you can email me at [pete.wilding@premiercommunities.net](mailto:pete.wilding@premiercommunities.net) Please remember that any and all report will remain strictly confidential. Until next time... **Thank you for your support!**



## BEYOND THE GOLD SPORTS CAMP

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Coming This Summer to

**Central Christian Church**

<b>BOYS AND GIRLS</b> Ages 5-12	<b>FEATURING:</b> Christian Coaches
Soccer, Basketball, Baseball, Cheerleading, Softball, Volleyball	Quality Sports Instruction Positive Role Models Daily Bible Times Skits and Fun

**DATE: July 24-28 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

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Daily take home Bible Studies  
Camp Literature

To Register Call Central Christian Church  
Phone 972-231-7060 Camp Cost - \$40.00  
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Richardson TX 75081

## MACKENZIE MEADOWS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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We're on the web!  
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Information Services	(972) 744-4104
Water/Sewer Services	(972) 744-4120
Traffic Operations	(972) 744-4460
Garbage & Trash Disposal	(972) 744-4111
Fire Dept Non-Emergency	(972) 744-5700
Police Non-Emergency	(972) 744-4800
Poison Control	(800) 764-7661
Mosquito Control	(972) 744-4080

## An Easy Way to Stay Informed

Join the Mackenzie Meadows Email List today! Subscribe now to receive emails about events and issues regarding our neighborhood. Visit our website at <http://www.mmhoa.org> and take half a minute to fill out the "Join the Email List" subscription form on the homepage. Your privacy will be respected and the list will be used for approved HOA business and notices only.