

# LCHA News



Summer Issue 2009

## *What's Happening in Lincoln Crossings?*

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Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm at Village Hall.

August 12th

September 9th

October 14th

November 11th

All are welcome.

The answer ... a lot! Lincoln Crossings will be the host of several exciting events. Pierce Park, located on the corner of Imperial and Latonia, will have many activities to enjoy all summer long.

### Concerts in the Park

**July 21st, 6:30-7:30pm R & B Concert**

**August 18th, 6:30-7:30pm Jazz/Gospel**

**Admission is Free!**

The Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with Ironblade Studios of Richton Park, will present 2 exciting concerts this summer. Bring a comfy chair or blanket and enjoy an evening of wonderful music.

If it rains, concerts will be moved to Rich City Skate.

The July 21st, R & B concert features Debbie Miller, Andrew Pointer, Brandon Arnold, Dino Greens, Elishama Oneal, Rich Roden and Mike Kelly.

The August 18th Jazz,/Gospel concert features Art Turner,, Debbie Miller, The Gifted, Andrew McDade, Mike Kelly, Brandon Arnold, Elishama Oneal and Rich Roden.



### HOA Picnic August 22

#### Food, Fun, Friends and Neighbors!

The annual Home Owner and Resident Appreciation (HOA) picnic will take place at Pierce Park on August 22nd from noon to 4 pm. The event will kick off with a parade from Hall Village to Heartland Basketball Courts. Come out and join the parade, this is the 1st time at Pierce Park.

There will be food, fun, prizes as well as valuable information regarding the Village and future HOA activities. We are looking

for local businesses to come out and advertise their products and services at the event. We are looking for product and service donations for our raffles and giveaways.

The HOA picnic is a great way to fellowship with your neighbors. Volunteers are needed for various activities that day. This is the perfect time to come out and support your HOA. Annual membership dues of \$25 per family can be paid that day. Please contact your HOA President, Brian Coleman at 708-747-5886 or email him at [wbbq@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wbbq@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

## Richton Park Community Center Update



A brand new community center is currently being planned. It will be located right next to Village hall.

As a result of the community input about the programs and services of the community center, the items noted are included in the design of the community center at this point. In the future, expansions of the community center may be able to accommodate the other ideas and facilities that cannot be met immediately.

1. A Multi-use gymnasium, preferably with some type of walking/running track
2. A multipurpose fitness room for fitness and workout classes
3. A lobby and open lounge area that can be used for gatherings or relaxation, a place that is welcoming.
4. A multimedia activity room for classes, seminars and activities
5. A kitchen that can serve community gatherings in one of the multi-purpose areas
6. Restrooms with changing

areas, and lockers in the hallways or another public space

7. Offices and functional space for the staff who routinely engage the community and manage the community center
8. The ability to expand the center as the community grows to meet the needs of Richton Park citizens.

Targeted for use in the Fall of 2010. For more information visit the village website: [www.richtonpark.org](http://www.richtonpark.org).

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**"Volunteer ...**

**your  
community  
needs you".**

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## Block Captain Program

We need your assistance to make Lincoln Crossings an even better community within the Village of Richton Park. We are looking to grow our Block Captain Program and need additional volunteers.

We have experienced improved village services, police response and resident support when Block Captains are active. *The neighbors tend to know what is going on once a Block Captain role is established and actively worked. You can make the best of this role and it does not take a lot*

*of your time.* Have you ever wanted to know what is going on in the Village and did not know who to ask? Well the block captain is part of the communication loop.

There are several streets where we have not yet identified a block captain. If you live on one of these streets, could you serve as a block captain? Are you the person that knows everybody and people turn to for the answers to "What is going on?". If so, then you are already playing the role of block captain and

we can help prepare you to effectively respond to those questions.

Thanks to all the families who continue to support this program.

Please contact Brian Coleman at 708-747-5886 if you would be interested in serving in the role of block captain

Street	Address	Captain
Bretz	4415	Caldwell
Brian Ct.	22593	Coleman
Clarendon	4653	Poindexter
Crescent Way	22545	Jackson
Farmington	4433	Jones
Farmington	4432	Hunter
Franklin	22442	Rencher
Jefferson	4607	Taylor
Lincoln Blvd.	4606	Hughes
Michael-John Lane	4406	Snead
Stacy Court	4436	Walls

## 3 on 3 Basketball

August 21st

Heartland Basketball Courts

Richton Park will host its 1st Summer Basketball 3-on-3 Tournament in August. This round robin or double elimination event (depending on the amount of teams) is a fun way to keep in shape through the end of the summer. There will be 4 teams (consisting of 3-5 players) in the following age divisions:

Age	Playing Time
11-13	4:00-5:00 pm
14-17	5:15-6:15 pm
18-25	6:30-7:30 pm

Come on out and show what you can do.

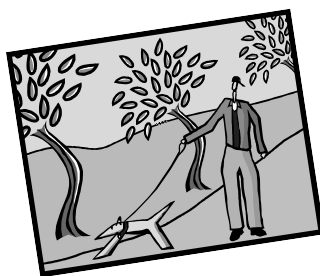
The deadline to register your team is August 14. Contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 753-8300 or [www.richtonpark.org](http://www.richtonpark.org) for rules and regulations.



## Dog Etiquette

There are many pet owners in our community. Please remember to have your dog on a leash when he/she is outside. When your dog is leashed, it is safer for all.

There will be a lot of different activities in our park, so please pick up your dogs' poop to keep our neighborhood clean.



It is not only the right thing to do, it is also a village ordinance. If you are not walking your dog on a leash or not picking up your dog's feces, you could be fined.

We have been contacted by several neighbors near Crescent Way and Imperial that have noticed people walking their dogs without something to dispose of the poop. What do you think happens to the poop after it is left behind?

Let's continue to work together to keep our neighborhood looking great.

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## Odds and Ends

The LCHA would like to say congratulations to all our graduates of 2009.

Best wishes to all!



Did you know that you can advertise your business in our newsletter?

If anyone has ideas or neighborhood related content for the fall newsletter, please forward this information to any of the HOA officers or email Warrette Coleman at [wbbq@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wbbq@sbcglobal.net).

Membership dues collection for 2009 has started. Our Block Captains will be reaching out to you this month.

***Annual dues is only \$25, still less than the cost of cutting your grass.***



*"A Community of Neighbors"*

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### Officers:

- Brian Coleman – President
- George Smith – Vice President
- Eileen Preston Jones – Treasurer
- Veronica Hughes – Secretary
- Michael Hunter – Sergeant of Arms
- Lewis Snead – Assistant Sergeant of Arms

### *LCHA Mission Statement*

- *To serve as a resource for discussion of the economic, social and political impacts of state, village and community policies on Lincoln Crossings Homeowners, our members and other residents of Richton Park*
- *To encourage both the public and private sectors to be responsive to the goals, aspirations, challenges and vision of the Lincoln Crossings Homeowners Association*
- *To encourage students of Lincoln Crossings Homeowners, our members and other residents of Richton Park to pursue productive educational activities and to provide scholarships and other financial aide for such students and their families*

### United States 2010 Census

The 2010 Census is coming. There have been several Complete Count Committee meetings in which we have discussed various ways to inform our community about the Census to ensure that every resident in our area is counted.

The Census is important. It determines the distribution of \$300 billion annually for government funding for critical community services. Our local government uses this data to guide important decisions for our community. Richton Park will lose over \$100 per person for everyone that is not counted! Everyone should

participate in the 2010 Census because it shapes the future of our community and defines our voice in Congress.

Did you know that the Census Bureau **does not** release or share information that identifies individual respondents or their household for 72 years?

April 1, 2010 is Census Day! Completing the Census, is a safe and easy process. For more information visit their website: [www.2010census.gov](http://www.2010census.gov).

Submitted by Warrette Coleman

***Richton Park, don't throw your money away!***

Come to your Census and be counted.  
Let's get your fair share.



**IT'S IN OUR HANDS**