

RIDGE RUNNER

Greetings to all friends and neighbors, new and old! Here's the latest from the Miller's Ridge Neighborhood Association - residents (homeowners and renters) who share the common desire to live in an area we are proud to call home! We would especially like to welcome all our new neighbors and say "hello".

Our first MRNA board meeting went very well. The three turkeys went to **Larry Shanklin, Carol Gilg and Maurice Sellers** - we hope that you had a great Thanksgiving and enjoy the turkeys. The 50/50 money went to **Danielle Walz**.

We also voted on whether the next "Dump your Junk" weekend should be open to all Miller's Ridge residents, or restricted to paid MRNA members only. Everyone voted to have the event MEMBERS ONLY, however, we all decided to OPEN this one ONLY to all residents. The two events planned for 2007 will be member-only. Therefore, bring all your junk December 9-10, but have your driver's licenses (or other ID) ready to show our volunteers that you do indeed reside in this neighborhood (this is VITAL - a few years ago businesses and other outsiders dumping all kinds of hazardous materials overwhelmed us). You will have to be careful and only go in the marked areas; we do not want to lose any cars in the "pond", which is now filled with very unstable soil. Incidentally, it was very good of Mr. Kline to grant us permission to hold this event on his property, especially after all the controversy surrounding the contaminated pond, and we thank him very much. In addition, Whitehead, Ron Steel and Maurice Sellers has offered their time and crew to help with moving dead branches, to the designated area for this. If you wish to help call 653-0360.

Team Captains

This is a breakdown of the streets and whom we have so far, if there is any confusion, please call.

ANNANDALE (17) & BAYPORT (7)	Vacant
CHELMSFORD 9501-9638 (34 homes)	Michele Steele
CHELMSFORD 9642-9694 (24) & VINELAND (12)	Danielle Walz
CHELSEA WOOD (15)	Rachael Pose
CHESTERBROOK (13)	Vacant
DUNHILL (11) & LUDGATE (21)	Stanley Thomas
DUNSTABLE (40)	Larry Shanklin
MILLERS RIDGE 9502 - 9539 (20)	Carol Gilg
MILLERS RIDGE 9542 - 9579 (19)	Richard Fields
TOTAL----- 233 HOMES	

Please get with any MRNA board member if you can help us cover Annandale or Dunstable, or you can assist Michele, Danielle, or Larry with their comparatively large assignments. Thanks!

Get ready for the **CHRISTMAS LIGHTING** contest. This year we will have three winners, and two runners-up.

1 ST PLACE	\$100 CASH
2 ND PLACE	\$ 75 CASH
3 RD PLACE	\$ 50 CASH

1 ST RUNNER UP	\$ 25 CASH
2 ND RUNNER UP	\$ 25 CASH

YOU MUST BE A PAID MEMBER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PRIZES. Date and other details will be in the December issue.

"Dump-your-Junk" Returns

Here's what you can do to make room for all those cool things you get this holiday season -- Miller's Ridge's "Dump Your Junk" Weekend!

On December 9-10 (the second weekend), you may bring your **BIG** Items to the "Pond" area and drop them off.

This is only for items you cannot leave at the curb for pickup by your regular garbage collector.

Items you **CAN NOT DROP OFF**

- Tires
- Batteries
- Any thing with Freon inside
 - Air conditioners
 - Refrigerators
 - Freezers
- Paint or Oil

Here's how this works - We have established a temporary "staging area" on the property opposite the corner of Miller's Ridge and Dunstable (the park that once had a pond!). Bring your items, large, small, to this area **ONLY ON THE WEEKEND OF Dec. 9, and 10th**. The county will haul everything off on the 11th (Monday).

A few guidelines:

- do **NOT** drop stuff off before the 9th at 6 AM or after the 10th at 10 PM !
- this service is for Miller's Ridge residents only!
- Please do NOT haul everyday garbage out there! This event is meant **ONLY** for those items the garbage folks don't normally take on trash day, things like furniture, TVs, washers and large brush. We **DON'T** want stray animals flinging rotten food all over the place!
- Brush does NOT need to be cut small or bundled.
- Try to maintain two distinct piles at the "drop point" - one for brush, and the other one for everything else.

Some items will not be accepted:

- Motor oil - Wal-Mart, Pep Boys and most other garages will accept up to 5 gallons at no charge.
- Car batteries - Wal-Mart takes them at no charge.
- Tires - Wal-Mart takes these, with a charge of \$.50 per tire (less than they have to pay to get rid of them).
- Hazardous materials (paint thinner, cleaning chemicals, etc.) - call Texas National Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC), at 490-3096, for assistance.
- Appliances with Freon (refrigerators, freezers, A/C units, etc.), even if the Freon has leaked out - call TNRCC for these items also.

Again - do NOT dump junk after the cutoff date of December 10th! This land is someone's private property, and they should not have to clean up your trash because you brought it too late! **WITH EVERYONE'S COOPERATION**, we should be able to continue this on a semi-regular basis. If it turns into a disaster, we may never get another chance! **We still need help with this event, please call if you can give some time.**