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Quarterly Newsletter  
**Remington Heights**  
Spring 2006

This year it is the goal of the Remington Heights Board of Directors to instill a greater sense of community in our neighborhood and involve more people in the HOA through a series of well planned events.

**Benefits from community involvement include:**

**Safer community** – As part of the Neighborhood Watch program, we have been encouraged to get to know our neighbors. Looking out for one another will create a safer community.

**Improved property values** – As we take a sense of pride in our homes and community, this will increase our property values. You can go to the website to nominate and vote for the Yard of the Month. You might even be the next winner!

**More benefit from payment of dues** – By getting involved and helping to plan events, you will have a greater say in how the HOA dues are spent. You will be part of the decision-making process, and your voice will be heard.

**Volunteer appreciation dinner** – Remington Heights Volunteers will be honored at an appreciation dinner.

**2006 Neighborhood Events....**

Events such as Quarterly Mixers will be an opportunity home owners to get together to meet our neighbors, enjoy some great BBQ, and learn what's happening in the neighborhood. The Spring Mixer will be the first one, so we really encourage everyone to come down to the park and see what these mixers are all about.

Other events will include charitable events, movie night in the park, garage sales, and a neighborhood beautification day.

**Mark Your Calendar.....**

**Yard Sale and Food Drive**

March 25, 2006

**Spring Quarterly Mixer**

April 26, 2006

**Neighborhood Beautification Day**

May 13, 2006





## Meet Derek and Erin Byrne...

Derek and Erin Byrne are recent additions to Remington Heights, and originally from Michigan. Derek grew up in northern Michigan in the small town McBain, while Erin grew up in Novi, a suburb of Detroit. They met while attending Michigan State University where Derek earned his degree in Supply Chain Management and Erin in Physiology. Following graduation, Derek was offered a job with Dell as a Project Manager. Erin joined Derek in Austin where she began her work as a laboratory technician at Fairfax Cryobank. She is currently taking classes in preparation to go back to school for her Masters degree.

The past year and a half has been busy for these two. They got married in June, back in Michigan, and in September moved into their home on Jazz Street. Erin and Derek are looking to get involved with the HOA as part of the Welcoming Committee.

Derek and Erin both come from close-knit, yet spread out families. They have siblings in Chicago, Boston, and Tampa, as well as parents in Oregon and Michigan. And although they do not have any children of their own, they're proud "parents" of Hank and Moo who are of the feline persuasion.

Please say hello to Erin and Derek if you see them around the neighborhood.

## There are small ways to become involved in the Remington Heights Community:



- Meet a new neighbor
- Attend a neighborhood event
- Return the attached community involvement card
- Pick up food or order signs for an event
- Set up or clean up for an event
- Create a flier(s) for neighborhood programs
- Coordinate a neighborhood playgroup
- Write an article or submit yard care tips for the newsletter

## Neighborhood Watch Coordinator is needed immediately!

Duties would include organizing an annual meeting with the Block Captains, and disseminating information between Block Captains and the Board Members

## For more information on how to become more involved:

1. Contact Publicity Chair at [publicity@remingtonheights.com](mailto:publicity@remingtonheights.com)
2. Mail in the attached community involvement card

## Spring Gardening Tips

### Lawn Care:

After second mowing, fertilize lawn with 3-1-2 ratio product; aerate first, if needed. Fertilize all houseplants with complete fertilizer.

Mulch trees, shrubs, vegetable garden and flower beds (after soil has warmed) with 2-4 inches of mulch. Pine needles and oak leaves make a good mulch for acid-loving plants. Spread coffee grounds around azaleas and other acid-loving plants.

### Pruning:

Prune hibiscus, also spring flowering shrubs and trees, after they bloom. Prune and train vines. Shape spring-blooming shrubs with light pruning after bloom. Allow bulb foliage to yellow and die before removing.

Be cautious with “weed and feed” type products around trees and shrubs as they cannot tell the difference between weeds and woody plants and will cause damage or will kill them.

### Tips for Fighting Fire Ants and Other Pests:

Dried molasses is a good energy source for the soil, improving microbial action. Recently it's been discovered to be a fire ant deterrent -- it doesn't kill them, but it chases them off.

Beneficial nematodes are powerful predators against fire ants, fleas, grub worms, and other pests. They must be purchased fresh and alive, and applied with water to the garden. Call your local nurseries for availability.

Fertilome has a new product, a fermented micro-organism, that fights fire ants, borers, tent caterpillars, and army worms.

With any pesticide, please be cautious and careful. You don't want to destroy your beneficial insects while combating a few pests that may be soon to depart anyway.

## Recipes for families on the go!

### Cilantro-Serrano Pesto with Grilled Chicken and Penne

Recipe from Jan/Feb 2005 Edition of Cooking Light Magazine

- 1 ½ c. fresh cilantro
- ½ c. fresh mint
- ½ d. ricotta cheese
- 3 T. toasted pecan halves
- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- 2 garlic cloves
- 1 serrano chile, seeded and sliced
- 2 T. extravirgin olive oil
- 2 tsp. sherry vinegar
- 1/8 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
- ¾ lb. boneless, skinless chicken breast
- 6 c. hot cooked penne pasta
- 2 c. cherry tomatoes, halved

1. Place first 7 ingredients in a food processor; until well blended. Process pesto mixture with oil until well blended. Place pesto in a large bowl; stir in vinegar and black pepper.
2. Heat grill pan over medium-high heat. Coat chicken with cooking spray. Add chicken to pan; cook 5 minutes on each side or until done. Cut chicken into bite-sized pieces. Combine chicken, pasta, pesto and tomatoes.

Yield: 6 cups (serving size: 1 cup)



## Around Town

### Main Street Artisan Stroll

First Thursday of every Month  
5pm-9pm  
Historic Downtown Round Rock

### Just Between Friends

#### Consignment Sales Event

March 31 & April 1, 2006  
7am-4pm  
Grace Presbyterian Church  
1705 Gattis School Rd.  
Proceeds go to Agape Pregnancy Center

### Daffodil Festival, Round Rock Senior Center Foundation

Saturday, April 1, 2006  
9am-6pm  
Round Rock Senior Center

### Rummage & Bake Sale for Youth

#### Missions

Saturday, April 1, 2006  
7am-1pm  
St. Phillips United Methodist Church  
16321 Great Oaks Drive  
Proceeds help repair homes and build wheelchair ramps for those in need

### Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15  
9am  
Old Settlers Park  
Ages infant to 12.

### Free Williamson County Symphony Orchestra Concert

Saturday, May 13  
Old Settlers Park

### Animal Planet Expo

Sat-Sun, June 10-11  
Old Settlers Park

**For more information on these and other events, visit <http://ci.round-rock.tx.us/parks-rec/pardspecial.htm>**

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## Classifieds

**Need Childcare?** State registered home daycare. Call Tammy (512) 246-9411. 6:30 am to 6:30 pm. [tammystrasser@yahoo.com](mailto:tammystrasser@yahoo.com)

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