Note from Jeanie:

Our guest message this month is from Wade Richard, district 4 candidate for school board. I remind you again that your choice in this school board election is important not only to school children, but to every citizen of Central. Case in point: If the current School Board had voted differently, the amount you pay in property tax would have increased. The effective result would have been due to an increase in property values, not an additional tax, but tantamount to taxation without representation, since the board as it stands right now is appointed, and not elected by anyone. October 4th will be your chance for representation. Please vote your heart and your convictions so that every voice in Central will be heard.

A Message from Wade Richard
School Board Candidate Dist. 4

What makes Central a great community? In business, the greatest assets are the employees. In our community, the greatest assets are the citizens. This has recently been reflected through the troubles hurricanes Gustav and Ike has dealt our community. Neighbors helping neighbors and groups of volunteers doing wonderful deeds to help people they do not even know. This is the character of our citizens.

Starting July 1, 2007, our citizens donated over 5,000 hours to make sure our children had a fresh environment to start the new Central Community Schools. I have volunteered many hours in various settings in our community and I would like to commend all of those who are involved. Your hard work does not go unnoticed or unappreciated. Thank you!

I have seen very little involvement from the younger generation. I know how hectic life can be. My wife, Alba, and I both work; we have two children, Toby who is in first grade at Bellingrath, and Tad who is in fifth grade at Central Intermediate. This means homework, ball practice, games, and other activities. It seems we are always on the go.

This is one reason I ask for your support as your School Board representative. There are a lot of good things taking place in our schools. Typically, we do not pick up the phone and call our school, school board office, or First Student when things are going really well. We think that's the expectation. I encourage you to give positive feedback, which are important. On the other hand, when we are faced with issues we expect them to get resolved. As your representative, not only can I listen and hear those issues, I live them as well, because I have children in the same school system. I have great incentives to make sound decisions for the best interest of everyone.

I would like to make several challenges to you. First, find ways to get involved. Any time you can donate of yourself will make a positive impact. Second, always exercise your right to vote. It is a privilege. Research your choices and vote your heart. If you are not registered, I challenge you to do it this year. And third, encourage at least one other person to do the same.

I look forward to hearing your comments or concerns. I can be reached by email at wrichard5@cox.net or at home at 261-8561.

Thank you,
Wade Richard
The weather will soon become more tolerable, perfect for garage sales! I just love going to garage sales. Especially when there are a number of them all in one subdivision and all on the same day. Hey, I’ll set my alarm clock on a Saturday for that! Several area subdivisions have annual garage sale weekends in which all who are interested have their sales at the same time. This is beneficial to the sellers and buyers alike. There can be one ad in each area publication (free on CentralSpeaks.com), and everyone can chip in for signs and other advertisements. This makes our neighborhood a worthwhile destination for “treasure hunters” to be able to visit a number of garage sales at one time. Just think of the junk you can sell as well as the treasures you can bring home! We just need one person to volunteer to be primary contact so that all of you with overloaded closets can get together and decide on a date and any other specifics. Call me at 261-1852 and I will put you in touch with one another.

Neighborly Neighbors

This space is reserved for those who wish to thank a neighbor for a kindness. I’m astounded that after the destruction of hurricane Gustav and the ensuing days without power, no one called me to brag on a neighbor’s helpfulness. I know without a doubt that there was kindness and generosity thrown around all over the neighborhood. I, myself, included a thank you to our neighbors, the Raneys in the last newsletter.

Where are your stories?
Call Jeanie at 261-1852.

Thank you! Will Easley
for donating funds to make this issue of Crystal Place News possible!!!!

I need articles!!!!
For more information about this newsletter, to donate time or money to cover production, or to contribute articles or items of interest, call:
Jeanie at 261-1852.

By the way...
Did you notice the prominent police presence before and immediately following the two recent hurricanes? Everyone is talking about the excellent response during these times of trouble. We are fortunate here to have such a dedicated police force to rely upon!

Thought for the month:
“One can never pay in gratitude; one can only pay ‘in kind’ somewhere else in life.”

- Anne Morrow Lindbergh