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Don Henderson,
Arlington Urban Ministries
volunteer
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Arlington resident Shirley Patterson wins national volunteer award

In 2015, the Board of Directors of Neighborhoods, USA selected Shirley Patterson to receive the "Who's Who in America's Neighborhoods" award.

Patterson, a resident of the eastern Arlington Parkview neighborhood for over 50 years, created a neighborhood group when she noticed her neighborhood was beginning to deteriorate. She and

her neighbors devised a plan, creating a vision for the Parkview community and providing goals to help attain this vision.

The group enhanced the Parkview entrance sign, replaced a dilapidated fence with an ornamental iron one, installed benches that honor longtime residents at bus stops, and even created a butterfly and wildflower garden. Their work in improving their neighborhood continues.

By giving her free time to guide and mentor others, the Neighborhoods, USA recognizes Shirley Patterson as not only a great resource for her home community of Parkview, but for many other communities and community leaders all over The American Dream City.

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Highlights

Arlington Public Library earns national designation

Early childhood literacy has always been at the forefront of the Arlington Public Library's (APL) programming efforts, and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission is about to help the Library take that goal to the next level.

APL was recently selected as one of 24 Texas libraries chosen by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) to receive financial support to establish the Library as a Family Place Library. Family Place Libraries is a national network of libraries that helps children's librarians increase their organization's visibility as centers for child and family development, and establish the library as a hub for parent and community involvement.

"Becoming a Family Place Library will bring our current children's programming and literacy efforts to the next level," Cary Siegfried, Director of Libraries, said. "We

are continually looking for ways to further support parents as the first and most important teachers their children will ever have, and the training and resources provided by Family Place will be an invaluable asset in furthering this commitment."

Library Services Manager Abby Dozier and Community Programming Librarian Kayla Parker will attend the four-day training at the Middle County Public Library in Long Island, NY, late this fall. The TLSAC funding will provide tuition for the training, and \$6,000 to purchase toys, furniture, shelving, and a parenting collection that will help create a family-friendly space in the library where the Family Place Parent/Child Workshops are held.

This statewide project is made possible by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act (2016).

To learn more about Family Place Libraries, visit www.familyplacelibraries.org.

Arlington Urban Ministries serves one millionth pound of food

On July 1, Arlington Urban Ministries' Mobile Food Pantry (MFP) served their one millionth pound of food to families in need.

The MFP, along with state and local officials, served the celebratory millionth pound at Wesley United Methodist Church in Arlington.

"We serve the community because it is our calling," Arlington Urban Ministries volunteer Don Henderson said. "Our mission is to break the cycle of poverty one family at a time."

Arlington Urban Ministries (AUM) is a faith-based organization providing emergency assistance for utilities, rent and food for those in crisis in the Arlington community.

The Mobile Food Pantry, created in partnership with Tarrant Area Food Bank and AUM, helps to alleviate food insecurity throughout Arlington.

Since the inception of Mobile Food Pantry, Arlington Urban Ministries has distributed food to more than 22,300 households and nearly 87,000 people.

AUM helps 600 families combat food insecurity each month.



Updates

APD to host drug take-back event

Arlington residents have a chance to turn in unused or expired medication for anonymous, safe disposal on Saturday, September 26 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Collection sites

North Police District 620 W. Division Street 817.459.5600

Walgreen's Pharmacy 4400 W. Green Oaks Blvd 817.563.0142

East Police District 2001 New York Ave. 817.459.5803

South Police District 1030 S.W. Green Oaks Blvd. 817.459.6640



Disposal Guidelines

Accepted: Controlled, non-controlled, and over the counter medications; All solid dosage pharmaceutical product and liquids in consumer containers, liquid products, such as cough syrup (please keep sealed in original container)

Not Accepted: Intravenous solutions, injectables, and syringes; Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine

Tips: Participants may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing the medication from its container and disposing of it directly into the disposal box. All participants must retain possession of their own medication during the surrender process.

Arlington teen turns lemons into LemonAID

For Carson Bold, summer vacation means the chance to give back to the community by helping children in need with the proceeds he earns from his annual lemonade stand.

Every year around Father's Day, Carson sells lemonade and takes donations at his LemonAID Stand Fundraiser, using the proceeds to provide fun activities for children at domestic violence shelters run by SafeHaven.

When Carson was a young boy, seeing kids less privileged than himself at a SafeHaven shelter inspired him to help out however he could.

In 2006, he ran his first lemonade stand to raise money for these kids, and it brought in \$22. Nine years later, his stands bring in roughly \$1,200 annually.

He also started a nonprofit organization called Carson Cares in 2007. It now has more than 719 volunteers pledging a total of 1,829 volunteer hours and raising \$17,000 since its inception.

Carson Cares hosts many charitable events, including the Season of Giving drive at Bailey Junior High School. During the fall, they collect gifts to give to children who could really use them.

"I would like to continue Carson Cares for the rest of my life," says Carson, a sure sign of his commitment to helping those in need.

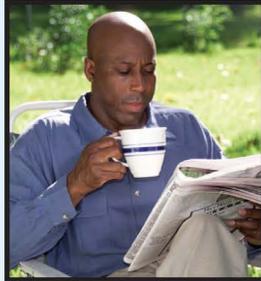


By The Numbers

4: D's of defense from West Nile Virus



DUSK/DAWN are the times of day you should try to stay indoors. This is when infected mosquitoes are most active.



DRESS in light-colored long sleeves and pants when you're outside. For extra protection, you may want to spray thin clothing with repellent.



DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide) is an ingredient to look for in your insect repellent. Follow label instructions, and always wear repellent when outdoors.



DRAIN standing water in your backyard and neighborhood – bird baths, old tires, flowerpots, and clogged rain gutters. These are mosquito breeding sites.

97: Animals adopted on the "Clear the Shelter" Day



8,431: Participants in the Summer Reading Program

