



# Irving Hospital District Neighborhood Association

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## DATES TO KNOW:

- June 1 – Sept 30**  
Genghis Khan Exhibit,  
Irving Arts Center
- July 4th**  
Great American Flag Caper
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- August 11th**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
6:30 Irving Church of Christ
- Sept 8th**  
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- Oct 13th**  
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6:30 Irving Church of Christ
- Oct 11th**  
National Night out
- Nov 10**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
6:30 Irving Church of Christ
- Nov 25th**  
Chili Cook off
- Dec 3rd**  
Christmas Open House

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

First of all I would like to thank you for your patience. Thanks for your patience while we have regrouped. I apologize for the delay in communication. I know you have missed our great newsletter but all of us have been busy trying to make a living and hold things together. The Association has emerged strong and healthy, vital and active.

During our seven plus years of existence we have had ups and downs but remained dedicated to our neighborhood. We have continued to have our annual events and they have been consistently well attended. I thank you for your dedication to having a wonderful neighborhood. Without your support we would have no reason to exist. We have an awesome website ([www.hospitaldistrict.org](http://www.hospitaldistrict.org)) and even a Facebook page.

Our association always works for a safer, more beautiful and crime free neighborhood to raise our children and live our lives to the fullest. The next few years are going to be full of inconveniences and delays as TexDot continues to do whatever it is they are doing.

The association will work hard at keeping you informed of upcoming changes that might disrupt your daily lives. The City of Irving works very closely with us and having a Councilman as an active member always helps. On the back page of this newsletter is a list of the current board members with their emails listed. If you ever have a question or concern please contact any one of the board members listed. They will do whatever they can to find an answer or solution to your concern. Your participation is what makes us strong. Let's make this year out best ever.

We have several upcoming events. The streets will be full of American flags for the 4th of July, thanks to many volunteers. In October we celebrate National Night Out and in November is our annual Chili Cook off. We close the year with the Christmas Open House. We look forward to seeing you at one or all of these events. With your interest we can only get better.

*Sincerely, Jan Bemis*

## THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS NEIGHBORHOOD

Our 2010 IHDNA Christmas charity project was a great success thanks to the generosity and enthusiasm of our neighborhood. Rosanne Lewis and I were privileged to head up the project and we chose two IISD programs that help local students in need. One was Teenage Pregnancy and Parenting Students (TAPPS) designed to help teen moms stay in school and complete their education. Through your generosity we helped an 18 year old mom and her toddler with clothes, shoes, toys and gift cards. The other charity we chose was the Program for Assisting Students in School (PASS) which helps deserving middle and high

school aged students with warm coats and good shoes. Again your generosity was amazing as we were able to provide new warm winter coats and shoes for 20 middle school students!

We delivered all the wrapped gifts (and there were a lot!) to IISD TAPPS and PASS coordinators, Angie Lutts and Toni Gallego, for distribution to the kids just in time for Christmas. Rosanne and I want to express our thanks to all our good neighbors who were so giving and supportive. We do indeed have a great neighborhood!

*Danny Elms*



## HOW WE DO IT?

As the treasurer and board member I decided it would be helpful to take a moment to explain how the IHDNA functions financially. Our association sponsors many events during the year, including an Easter egg hunt, July 4th flag distribution, block party, National Night Out, chili cook-off, and Christmas charity event. In addition, the board is responsible for creating and delivering bi-monthly newsletters and event flyers to every resident in our neighborhood. Our premium website is second to none. All of these efforts are intended to increase both communication and neighborhood involvement.

To accomplish all of this, the board establishes the annual budget based on past experience and of course available funds. Each year we apply for a city neighborhood grant which requires matching funds in order to qualify. The only other source of funds is neighborhood donations and in some cases advertising dollars when possible. Our other major resource is our volunteer base. We would like to encourage you to participate in as many activities as possible. If you would like to make a donation or volunteer please contact any of our board members listed on our website. I look forward to meeting you at our next event.

*Mike Kirkland  
IHDNA Treasurer*

## BUYING SEASONAL PRODUCE

Have you ever wondered why those peppers taste bitter or carrots so bland? It is probably because they weren't in season. Knowing the best times to buy different fruits and vegetables can boost our experience and enjoyment of food and make meal times so much more fun and interesting!

Seasonal food is often cheaper than out of season produce because it doesn't require anywhere near as much effort to produce. If it's the right season, food can be pretty much left to grow on its own meaning it's far less labor intensive and time-consuming. As consumers, many of us don't realize the hidden cost of our out of season food. We've also probably gotten so used to seeing our favorite fruits in stores year round, that we forget what the taste of a real, seasonal strawberry is like! Likewise, why pay twice the price for out of season produce? If we learn a bit more about the seasons and try to buy food accordingly, we can start to cut down on costs and enjoy tastier, healthier food.

If you follow the seasons (as opposed to a shopping list) you'll also find a more rich and varied collection of fruits and vegetables which will entice little ones to experience lots of interesting tastes and textures, while learning about different fruit and vegetables.

Why not buy extra in-season fruits and veggies and freeze them for later use - an economical way to enjoy local food year-round!

Bon Appetit!

*Scott and Shannon Miles are proud IHDNA residents and owners of Miles Holistic Health. For more tips and information on health and wellness, visit their web site at [www.milesholistichealth.com](http://www.milesholistichealth.com).*




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## DOG GONE IT! A REMINDER FROM SOME OF OUR NEIGHBORS

Section 6.6 – Animal Waste Requirements  
(c) It is unlawful for an owner or harbinger to allow his or her dog’s feces to remain in any public place or another person’s property. (This provision may be referred to as the Pooper Scooper Law.)

Section 6-3 Leashes – City Leash Law requires that all cats and dogs at all times must either be kept in the house, contained in a fenced-in area or restrained on a leash. Voice control shall not be deemed restraint. Failure to comply with City Ordinance No. 2413, Section 6-3 will result in a citation with which requires mandatory court appearance and/or impoundment of animal(s).

## OUR CITY COUNCILMAN AT WORK FOR US!

I shot this picture of Gerald Farris on Sunday morning at 9:15am. I often see Gerald on his run through Lively Park when I am sitting and relaxing in my front yard on Limetree. One day I asked him if the bags were his lunches since he must get hungry on his run? He told me he collects the garbage along the way on his walk home. Today he filled 2 bags that would otherwise have sullied our beautiful neighborhood. Thank you Gerald!

*Cynthia Simmons*



## NEIGHBORHOOD VOLUNTEERISM

On Feb 15th, the City of Irving held it’s annual appreciation banquet for all the generous citizens that volunteer their time to serve on the city’s many Boards and Commissions. The dinner and entertainment was held at the new

beautiful Convention Center. Several hundred people attended. Our neighborhood was well represented. Amongst your neighborhood are 8 people who volunteer their time to help keep Irving a wonderful place to live and several serve on more than one Board. Those people are: Roland Medina, Sarah Kammerer, Holly Elms, Francesca Funk, Jan Bemis, Danny Elms, Sue Cicherski, and Dianne Cartwright.



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## NEWSLETTER NEWS

Have suggestions or ideas for upcoming neighborhood newsletters? Contact Jan Bemis at 972-554-8011 or by email: Jnhb,jhb2@verizon.net.

**The next newsletter deadline is September 1st.**

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## CONGRATS IN ORDER!



Congratulations to the Nichols and the Miles family on the the birth of their little girls!

Laura Nichols born October 7th and Baby Miles born in December.

## WWW.HOSPITALDISTRICT.ORG

We have a wonderful website that is the envy of all the city. Damian Marcellus does an excellent job of maintaining the site. It is filled with up to date pictures, upcoming event dates and overall neighborhood information. So, be sure to visit on a regular basis to see what is happening.

## NEW SPRAY PARKS

The Northwest and Southwest Spray Parks have been busy since they opened May 28. The facilities include various types of ground spray jets, dump buckets and interactive spray nozzles. Northwest Park is located at 2800 Cheyenne St. and Southwest Park is located at 2800 Shady Grove Road. View ICTN footage of residents enjoying the new spray parks on YouTube.

## GENGHIS KHAN: THE EXHIBITION

Genghis Khan: The Exhibition invades Irving, June 1 to Sept. 30, 2011. The multi-media exhibition features the largest collection of artifacts from the great conqueror's reign ever gathered in a single showing. The story of Genghis Khan the conqueror, the myth and the man is told through a stunning and highly interactive world-tour exhibition. Genghis Khan: The Exhibition follows the life of a poor, illiterate child as he becomes one of the world's greatest conquerors and leaves a lasting imprint on modern-day culture. More than 200 artifacts including gold jewelry, weaponry, silk robes, currency, tomb treasures and more are displayed alongside video-screens, hands-on activity stations and role-playing kiosks to create an educational and historical experience for visitors of all ages.

## NEW ONLINE CITY-WIDE CALENDAR

A new calendar application on the city website allows users to easily locate citywide classes and events. The user-friendly interface features various filters and searches to find items by audience, location or type of event. Users also can subscribe to events, forward events to friends and schedule event reminders via email or text messaging. The calendar, which was

purchased using grant funds, is supported by staff from Corporate Communications, Library, and Parks and Recreation. Visit [www.cityofirving.org](http://www.cityofirving.org) to view the calendar.



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## WHY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

Neighborhood Watch is an active crime prevention program where neighbors make a commitment to each other to look out for each others property and safety in an organized effort between the neighbors and the police. Working together we can help reduce most crime and illegal activities, and bring about a sense of community to our neighborhood.

The best crime prevention device is a good neighborhood. The security steps you and your neighbors take as a group are just as important as the things you do individually.

The Neighborhood Watch program operates on the concept that effective crime prevention requires cooperation with law enforcement. Neighborhood Watch is "neighbors looking out for the welfare of their neighbors." It is a coalition of citizens who are concerned about

the neighborhood where they live and are willing to become involved in the betterment of their community.

It takes three ingredients to make a crime: desire, ability, and opportunity. Take away any ingredient and the recipe will fail; there will be no crime. Properly locked doors, neighborhood awareness, reporting suspicious persons or activity, identifying your valuables, all deprive the would-be criminal of an easy target.

It is only by working together that we can truly be effective in our fight against crime. Do your part to deny the criminal the opportunity to commit any crime.

### *Why do we need a neighborhood Watch?*

It is obvious that the police cannot be everywhere and see everything. The police need us to be their eyes and ears when they are not around. We need to call the police when we see a crime take place or suspicious activity in our neighborhood. We know what suspicious activity is because we live in the neighborhood. Many times the police cannot stop or arrest a suspect unless a citizen makes a formal complaint. It takes a neighborhood to get involved and look out for each other.

In a neighborhood watch, neighbors make a commitment to each other to call the police when they see a crime take place or suspicious activity in their neighborhood. After they call the police, they should notify the block captain of the activity. The information is passed along to all in the neighborhood so everyone can be made aware. Criminal activity affects everyone so everyone needs to keep an eye out for each other.



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## YARD OF THE MONTH - APRIL

The home of Asa and Jackie Bigham, 1613 Cypress, has been selected for April Yard-of-the-Month. This is the third time they have won, the first in 2003. A yard is eligible to win every two years. Their yard is one designed to be a showcase in April.



## YARD OF THE MONTH - MAY

The home of Leonard and Lori Koreneck, 1304 Glenbrook, has been selected as Yard-of-the-Month for May. They have done extensive design and planting during the last three months and it shows. They are also fans of organic gardening and buy many of those products from the Gibson Garden Center.





## YARD OF THE MONTH - JUNE

The home of  
Jerry &  
Jenny Bates,  
1513 Glen Valley.



## YARD OF THE MONTH - JULY

The home of Mike and Brigette Knackstedt, 720 Lane Street, has been selected for July Yard-of-the Month honors. We have had our eye on this home since early last summer when we saw Brigette unloading the river rock that went along the foundation. This summer, they completed the planting with a nice variety of plants. The grass is Emerald Zoysia which was laid solid and looks great in this hot weather. As the landscape matures, we have an idea they will be in the competition again in two years.





## UPCOMING BOARD MTGS

All meetings are at Irving Church of Christ -- 6:30 p.m.

**August 11th**  
**Sept 8th**  
**Oct 13th**

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

*Jan Bemis (Pres)*

*Danny Elms(V-Pres)*

*Sue Circherski (Sec)*

*Mike Kirkland (Trea)*

*David Walsh*

*Holly Elms*

*Jacob Johnson*

*Johnny Johnson*

*Judy Yeager*

*Lloyd Rutschman*

*Rosanne Lewis*

## CRIMINALS BEWARE!

Yes that's right. That is Jan Bemis behind the wheel of this police cruiser. Jan, along with Gerald Farris recently completed the Citizen's on Patrol program (COP). Congratulations to both for all their hard work.



## IRVING HOSPITAL DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION...

...is dedicated to making our neighborhood a safer, friendlier place to live. We strive to unite our neighbors by offering general beautification projects and social events for the whole family.

We are a neighborhood association sponsored by the City of Irving, formed within the City of Irving requirements. We do so to qualify for grants and other areas of support offered by the city. We participate in the Neighborhood Round Table on a regular basis

to inter act with other neighborhood association in the City of Irving.

We have a Board of Directors elected by the members of the association. The members of the association are your neighbors. The officers are elected by the members.

Please join us at our open meetings. We need your input and participation in order to make our association one of the best in the city.

### FREQUENTLY CALLED:

<i>Animal Shelter:</i>	<i>972-721-2256</i>
<i>City Landfill: 7AM—5:45 PM</i>	<i>972-721-2349</i>
<i>City Water Dept.:</i>	<i>972-721-2281</i>
<i>Code Enforcement:</i>	<i>972-721-2461/ 972-721-2381</i>
<i>DART: Schedule Info:</i>	<i>214-979-1111</i>
<i>Complaints/Suggestions:</i>	<i>214-749-3333</i>
<i>DFW Humane Society:</i>	<i>972-254-3265/ 253-3333</i>
<i>Fire Dept (Non-Emergency):</i>	<i>972-721-2308</i>
<i>Irving ISD:</i>	<i>972-215-5000</i>
<i>Irving Public Library Central:</i>	<i>972-721-2606</i>
<i>MacArthur Pump Station:</i>	<i>972-721-2664</i>
<i>Mosquito Control:</i>	<i>972-721-3755</i>
<i>Police Dept. (Non-Emergency):</i>	<i>972-721-2661</i>
<i>Recycling Information:</i>	<i>972-721-2346</i>
<i>Street Maintenance:</i>	<i>972-721-2201</i>
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