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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER



When my son was applying for a college scholarship years ago, he was asked to write an essay about his leadership skills. He told me he had decided not to apply for the scholarship since he “had never been the President of anything.” I smiled and said to him, “The loudest in the room is not always the best leader. Leading by example is by far the most important leadership there is.”

When I took office in January of this year for my 3rd and final term as your Greater East Dallas Chamber Chair, I had priorities of the legacy I wanted to leave, come the end of this term. My goal was to help our Chamber continue to grow, but not just in number of members. I wanted to see us grow in offering leadership opportunities to create an organic human succession plan. With that, I challenged our Board this year to “Step up and lead.”

YOUR Chamber Board did not disappoint.

Yes, I truly believe that while I am the voice or mouthpiece of our Chamber this year, true leadership runs deep in our Board and in our Committees. Our Board and Committees are filled with business owners and professionals from businesses across the Greater East Dallas area. But even more importantly, many of them also live in our community and provide a wide array of leadership by example in the many associations and charitable organizations that make up East Dallas. These men and women are a random sample of the best of leadership across our neighborhoods.

And how about this year's Chamber Business Awards winners? Seven incredible individuals/businesses that truly exemplify what “step up and lead” means in our community. They are leaders in their respective businesses AND lead by example in our community. They lead with hard work, time, talent, example and humility. They are a tremendous representation of all that makes the East Dallas business community great.

Although some outside of our community might lead you to think that “nothing gets accomplished in East Dallas because there are so many opinions on every task at hand, that only the noisiest get their way or resolution is never made.” I could not disagree more. In East Dallas we DO have a variety of opinions, and some voices are noisier than others. But, my friends, the true leaders in our Greater East Dallas community are not the talkers; they are the doers. Look around you, look inside of yourself. We are a business community and a community of neighborhoods that are doers. It is because of that fact that our Greater East Dallas Chamber and business community thrives.

So, I close this letter and head into my final few months as your Chamber Chairman challenging each of you to get engaged with our Chamber. Join a committee, bring your ideas to the table, step up and lead. You don't have to be at the podium to be heard and it is YOUR example that can inspire those around you. And to those of you already engaged in examples of leadership across our Chamber and our community, I simply say, “THANK YOU.”

“What you are speaks so loudly, I can't hear what you are saying.” –Ralph Waldo Emerson

Darlene Doxey Ellison is a 2nd generation East Dallas native. She is Sr. Vice President/Community Development Executive at Veritex Bank in Lakewood. In 2018, she served her 3rd term as the Greater East Dallas Chamber of Commerce Chair. She is an empty nester with husband Scott, their two Goldens, Bond and Osborne, and is proud Mom of Austin and Alexa.



Chamber Chairman Darlene Ellison, MaryBeth Shapiro, and Congressman Pete Sessions.

2018 PETE SESSIONS CHAIRMAN'S AWARD

MaryBeth Shapiro

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2018 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR WINNERS

Jeb Hensarling Business of the Year

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Front Row - Congressman Jeb Hensarling, Dave Kirk, Greg Nixon, Kathy Fielder, John Botefuhr. Back Row: Vince Gaddis, Ben Lauer, Jesse Moreno, Nancy Wilson, Chamber Chairman Darlene Ellison.

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES FOR EAST DALLAS BUSINESSES

1100 years - El Fenix
100 years - Hope Cottage
75 years - Fletcher's Corny Dog
70 years - St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School
70 years - Tietze Park and Pool
63 Years - Dick Clements Real Estate
60 years - Kaycee Club
60 years - Hong Kong Restaurant
60 years - Sample House
55 years - Adair's
50 years - The Learning Tree
45 years - Swiss Avenue Home Tour
35 years - Primo Brothers Pizza

35 years - Undermain Theater
30 years - Balcony Club
30 years - Red Hot & Blue Barbeque
30 years - Chubby's
30 years - Lakewood Botanical Society
30 years - Orchestra of New Spain
30 years - White Rock Center of Hope
25 years - Lake Highlands Wranglers
20 years - Ferguson Road Initiative
20 years - Dallas Christian Women's Job Corps
15 years - Local Restaurant in Deep Ellum
10 years - East Dallas Networking
10 years - Vintage Martini

HOUSING

Greater Casa View (From Oates to LBJ along Ferguson)

Casa View has been selected as 1 of 3 neighborhood areas in Dallas to participate in the city's Neighborhood Plus program which is a citywide neighborhood revitalization plan with one of its goals- the attraction and retention of the middle class. Under Dallas' new comprehensive Housing Policy, **Casa View** was named as a stabilization area which means the City will work diligently with developers to create affordable housing options, and assist residents to improve existing housing.

The **Casa View Shopping Center** continues to see both renewal and new road/median construction on Gus Thomasson which should be completed by January 2019. The Center changed ownership and the new owners used many of the ideas from the Greater Casa View Area Plan.

Deep Ellum

Commerce Street: Flea Style has opened a brick and mortar store in a historic warehouse with 3,000-square-foot retail space, 1,000-square-foot studio/flex space, and corporate office. Deep Ellum

Art Co. opened in a facility which was once a printing press repair shop, and before that an auto parts and service center for a local dealership in the '50s. It is a collective space operating as a live music venue.



Flea Style in Deep Ellum

Deep Ellum Brewing Has Been Sold to Austin's Canarchy Craft Brewing Collective. **Mama Tried** is a new honkytonk bar at 215 Henry St., in what was most recently a crossfit gym.

Elm Street: Tiki Loco is opening in the former Zini's Pizzeria serving vegan bites, fresh-pressed juices, smoothies and even Hawaiian shaved ice. One of the biggest looming trends in sushi right now will make its way to Deep Ellum with a new restaurant called **Nori Handroll Bar**, opening in the same vintage brick storefront as Hide. **Izkina** is Deep Ellum's new Spanish-inspired eatery serving tapas. **DoHolics** is a new cookie dough place with novel flavors of cookie dough on the cutting edge of sweets. Next door neighbor

Deep Ellum cont.

Chills 360 is one of Deep Ellum's unqualified success stories. Lines still forming two years after they made their debut. **Wing Bucket**, a local chicken wings chain with three locations, will open in the space previously occupied by vintage clothing store Elluments. **Twisted Treats** is a new dessert shop in the space between Oni Ramen and Hide Bar that was once home to the Viper Lounge. It is offering cookie dough, soft-serve ice cream, popsicles, and milkshakes. **Select Start** is an arcade replacing The Pharmacy.

Main Street: Get Fried is dedicated to french fries with six versions of french fries: hand-cut, seasoned waffle, coated straight cut, curly, sweet potato, and funnel. There are more than a dozen sauces to choose from.

Punch Bowl Social is a Denver-based chain that will open in the fall in a long unoccupied space where it will combine bowling alley, restaurant, and bar. Picolé Pops next to Pecan Lodge will provide gourmet Brazilian-style frozen concoctions infused with exotic fruits and fillings, some of which include alcohol.

Warstic is a bat store opened in the space that was formerly All Star Baggers, a motorcycle shop.

It is a hand-turned wood baseball bat manufacturing facility that combines a warehouse, retail store with a state-of-the-art bat-fitting room, wood and metal bat design studio and finishing lab, full batting cage, and a restaurant called the **Players' Bar & Diner**.

Archer Paper Goods is a new stationery and gift store concept with a unique archery theme incorporating vintage archery and camping aspects. It will open in the fall with an extensive greeting card selection, desk supplies, art prints, gift wrap, books, and more. Mexican restaurant **Vidorra** opened in the building that was most recently home to The Ruby Room, from what was previously Club Hush. **Trinity Cider** is a cider company which opened next to Pecan Lodge.

East Dallas

Civello's Raviolismo on Peak Street has launched a take-out meal operation. Since 1954, the store has always sold the raw materials — pasta sauces, manicotti, Italian sausage, meatballs, ravioli — both to

the public and to restaurants — now complete meals are prepared for purchase. **Petra and the Beast** is a BYOB restaurant which opened at 601 N. Haskell. **Alice** is a new Pan Asian restaurant located at 1623 N. Hall Street, the space that was previously home to beloved Peruvian restaurant Joyce & Gigi's, next to Fiction Coffee. The **Pretty Diver** opened in the space most recently home to Sunset Lounge on Ross Avenue.

The former Little Woodrow's space has three new establishments. **Bar and Garden** sells wine, spirits and beer that focuses on small batch, natural ingredients. **Burgundy's** local offers local beef from the Taggart family farm in Grandview, Texas. The third is **Ross and Hall** which features burgers, pizzas and a chalkboard with specials.

The **Dallas 24 Hour Club's** new facility opened at 4636 Ross Ave. Founded in 1969, Dallas 24 Hour Club provides safe, sober transitional living for homeless men and women who are seeking a new life away from drugs and alcohol.

Fair Park

Dallas City Hall has picked a winner to run **Fair Park**. The nonprofit **Fair Park First** and **Spectra**, a Comcast-owned food-and-entertainment company that manages 319 properties around the country, was selected from three submissions. Both the Park Board and the City Council must approve the plan. The park's 277 acres, including buildings constructed for the Texas Centennial Exposition and the Cotton Bowl, will remain the city's property under the plan. All operations and revenues will be managed by Spectra and Fair Park First. The group promises, in return, to save the city \$100 million over the next 10 years.



Ferguson Road Initiative



Phase I of the White Rock Hills Community Recreation Center is scheduled to begin before the end of the year with the groundbreaking of the **White Rock Hills Park** at 2229 Highland Road.

With the support of Councilman Mark Clayton, the building of the park will be the first step in addressing the recreation gap within the lower Ferguson Road Corridor. The park will feature a quarter-mile walking trail loop, pavilion, signature art, an iconic playground, and flexible athletic practice fields. It will also eventually tie into the city-wide trail system.

An exciting partnership with **White Rock United Methodist Church** (WRUMC) is now addressing the need for social service programs in the FRI area. The leadership of WRUMC has presented FRI with a phenomenal opportunity to partner with them to repurpose the former Owenwood United Methodist Church at 1451 John West Road into a community center. Rebranded as Owenwood Farm & Neighbor Space (Owenwood), this facility will house education and social services.

Garland Road / Buckner/ Peavy

Carmel Car Wash opened next to Chick-Fil-A. **Humble** is a Pie shop in the old Metro Barber shop. It is in the same center as Lounge Here, Echo Boutique and Cheesecake Royale. **Casa Linda Salvadorian Cuisine** is a charming family-owned restaurant specializing in the cuisine of El Salvador which opened in a former martial arts studio in the same shopping center as Home Depot. **White Rock Center of Hope** is expanding into the former Sali's Pizza space on Garland Road. **Lucky Dog Books** has moved to 10534 Garland Road. **Good Local Markets** organizes Dallas's two producer-only farmers markets, White Rock Farmers Market and Paul Quinn Farmers Market. They feature all local farmers, ranchers, bakers, makers and more located within 100 miles radius of Dallas.

Casa Linda Plaza is being revitalized into a more pedestrian-friendly center. Driving aisles will be narrowed and parking spaces reconfigured. There will be 34 new trees on the property while preserving approximately 25 existing trees. Adding trees on the Albertson's side will complete the tree lined canopy on both sides of Buckner. The fast casual restaurant **Maya's Modern Mediterranean** is replacing Alligator Cafe on the northeast corner of the Casa Linda shopping center. **Peavy / Garland Project** is a group interested in redevelopment and improvement of the area.



Good Local Markets has expanded to Paul Quinn on alternate Saturdays.

Pizzeria Testa took the place of Wayward Sons. OpenTable named Lower Greenville's **Rapscallion** one of the 50 best southern restaurants. **FrostBite Creamery** is a new dessert shop in the former space of Cafe Izmir to-go mart. It offers rolled ice cream, where a liquid is poured onto a frozen slab, scooped up into rolls, and sprinkled with fruit and other toppings. **Laurel** opened in the Clark's Food and Wine space. It is a casual but elevated modern American bar and restaurant with high-quality food, cocktails, and hospitality. **Gallo Nero Italian Bistro** opened in the former Chombo's at 1905 Greenville Ave. **Gung Ho** is a new American-Chinese restaurant in the space that once housed Remedy.

Freshfin Poké Co. opened across the street from the Granada Theater. The latest coffee shop **The Merchant** opened in the former Plum Yoga space next door to Nora Restaurant, where it also offers cards and unique gifts. **LG Taps** has been taken over by a new owner, but the name will remain the same. The location previously housed Knuckle Sandwich, Vagabond and J Pepe's. **Don Chingon** is a tex-mex restaurant in the former gas

Lower Greenville cont

station at the corner of Belmont Avenue, across the street from what used to be the Whole Foods Market. **Wabi House**, an izakaya-style modern Japanese restaurant will open a second location in Fort Worth.

Greenville Avenue Pizza Company owner Sammy Mandell was named the Young Entrepreneur of the Year by Pizza Today magazine. He received a trophy and free tuition to Tony Gemignani's International School of Pizza.

Jack Retro is a designer resale boutique with women's vintage and contemporary fashion, jewelry, home accessories, and men's clothing.



Pizzeria Testa took the place of Wayward Sons.

Upper Greenville

82Fifty is the new restaurant in DoubleTree by Hilton Dallas – Campbell Centre. The restaurant is part of an \$8 million renovation of the hotel which will include the lobbies, ballroom and restrooms.

The 14-acre **Energy Square** at 5005 Greenville Avenue will be redeveloped to have street-level restaurants, cafes and a park, encouraging employees to socialize and walk through the area.

Across the street, **Velvet Taco** is the fifth location in Texas and the sixth system-wide. It is the first to feature a take-out window. **Zaap Kitchen**, subtitled "Lao & Thai Street Eats," opened in the space that was Orange Chicken.

Henderson/Fitzhugh

Henderson: Gypsy Wagon has become **Favor Your Kind**. Smithy is a new bar and in a space that originally housed Henry Potter's ironwork shop. **Taco Heads** is an import from Fort Worth and listed among Texas Monthly's "top 10 tacos to eat before you die." It is in the former Lekka location. **Shell Shack** relocated from Uptown and moved into the old Mellow Mushroom space. Del Frisco's Restaurant group will open **Barcelona Wine Bar** in a former mechanic's garage. It will feature casual dining specializing in Spanish and Mediterranean small plates and wines.

Fitzhugh: **Mamasan House of Poke** is open in a former bank building. **Pickletopia** will open in late summer at 4812 Bryan St., at the southeast corner of Fitzhugh Avenue, where it will sell pickles of all kinds. It will be neighbors with Jimmy's Food Store, Urbano Cafe, and the community garden. **Mai's** has opened in the same complex. **Margarita's Restaurant** has opened a second location in Oak Cliff. It has been an East Dallas staple for more than 30 years serving Mexican food in a modest building near the corner of Capitol Avenue. **LDU Coffee**, the coffee shop with an Australian point of view, opened on the ground floor of the B&F Flats building.



Lake Highlands

The Dallas City Council has approved contributing **Skillman Corridor TIF** (Tax Incremental Financing) District funds to the Lakeridge Village redevelopment project. The **Lakeridge Village** space that once housed Offshore's Nextdoor has been gutted and will be **RM 12:20 Bistro**, a European-style restaurant owned by Lake Highlands resident Erin Willis. **Taco Joint** has announced plans to open its fifth Dallas-area location

Lake Highlands cont.

at Lake Ridge Village in the former Urban Thrift location.

White Rock Coffee will open a second location at the prime North Dallas intersection of Preston and Royal roads. Close by is **Nature's Plate** which offers plant based and vegan meals to go. **Andy's Frozen Custard** opened at Walnut Hill and Audelia. **Cedar & Vine Community Kitchen + Cocktails** is in the space once occupied by Neighbors Casual Kitchen and Highlands Café at Walnut Hill and Audelia. **Waffle House** opened at the southwest corner of Greenville and Forest Lane. **Dairy Queen** will open a new store near the Skillman Home Depot.

Lake Highlands Town Center is now home to **Sprouts**, **Taco Diner**, **Fish City Grill**, **Jersey Mike's**, **Hollywood Feed**, **Banfield Pet Hospital**, **Yogurtland**, **Ideal Dental**, **The Joint**, **Play Street Museum**, **Relax Nail Salon** along with the very first tenant **Artistik Edge**.

Northview Plaza shopping center at Plano Road and Northwest Highway has been sold to two out-of-state investors with plans to revitalize the center.

The **Creekside Shopping Center** is the home of the **Alamo Draft House** which opened in the former Tom Thumb location at Skillman and Abrams. It presents a mix of first-run films and specialty programming, made-from-scratch food and beverages, and luxury recliner seating. The theater's **Vetted Well**, a bar and event space, has a patio with access to White Rock Trail and plenty of bike racks. Other new tenants at Creekside include **Bahama Buck's** and **Fuzzy's Taco Shop**. Also planned is **Fireside Pies** and **Burgerim Gourmet Burgers**, a fast casual concept that began in Tel Aviv, Israel.



Lakewood/Mockingbird Lane

A **bowling alley-bar** is coming to the Lakewood Theater. **Snowbaby** opened two doors down from the old Dixie House, in what was previously the Sports Clips hair cut spot. The former Dixie House location which most recently housed Sugar Bacon, will house **Kozy Kitchen**, a health food restaurant with gluten-free dishes, extensive breakfast and Italian risottos, pastas and salads. **Orangetheory Fitness** is a neighbor in the shopping center. **The Creek Café** opened in the space that was previously Philly Connection. **Kitchen**, a food hall and takeout market, and **City Crew**, a new rowing studio, are new neighbors on Oram Street.

Lakewood's Hillside Village shopping center is getting a major facelift, with a five-phase renovation and the addition of four new retail tenants. The upcoming retail spaces include **Session Pilates**, **Villa Nail Spa**, **The Little Things** and **Hillside Tavern**.

Utopia Food & Fitness will bring healthy meals and workouts to Lakewood Village on the southeast corner of Mockingbird and Abrams. **Poké Bop** opened in the former Zuzu location at Mockingbird and Abrams. **Brined Southern Kitchen** will replace Mezze Tapas at Mockingbird Station. **Dallas Grilled Cheese Co.** opened in a 2,500-square-foot space in the space formerly occupied by Smashburger.

Lila and Jeremy Stewart have taken their flip-flops company **Hari Mari** from a garage apartment to an East Dallas headquarters. The flip-flops are available online as well as sold locally at Bullzerk, Tallulah & Hess, Lakewood Country Club and St. Bernard Sports. Additionally, they are carried by 800 retailers worldwide.



Lila and Jeremy Stewart of Hari Mari Flip Flops.

Lakewood/Mockingbird Lane cont

BurgerFi replaced Burger King at Mockingbird and McMillan. The fast-casual restaurant serves natural burgers and hot dogs free of steroids and antibiotics. Next door, **Uptown Cheapskate** is a consignment shop that opened in the former Premier Videos location. **SushiFork** opened on SMU Boulevard on the ground level of the Mockingbird Flats building, taking over the space that used to be World of Beer, and was subsequently home to Verts Mediterranean Grill.

Talulah & HESS, a locally owned boutique, moved into the former DOT's Consignment Closet on Live Oak. During the opening party, proceeds benefited the SPCA, a charity that was a favorite of Jim Davis, who created DOT and ran its associated consignment store for terminally ill patients almost up until his death.

Walnut Hill/Central Expwy

Hat Creek Burger is the newest addition to The Hill at Walnut Hill and I-75, joining Nazca Kitchen and Red Hot and Blue Beer Garden, and newcomers **Tacodeli**, **Unleavened**, **Luna Grill**, and **Houndstooth Coffee**. Others announced: **Bella Green**, **Civil Pour**, **Snooze A.M.** **Red Hot & Blue BBQ** celebrated 30 years and was renamed **RHBQ**. The restaurant was gutted and remodeled, with an outdoor patio added and a bar featuring events from football watch parties to beer tastings. **Fuzzy's Taco Diner** has opened at the southeast corner of Central Expressway and Royal Lane.



Hat Creek Burger Company

White Rock

New additions in Arboretum Village include **Studio 6 Fitness** and **White Rock Alehouse & Brewery**, a new craft beer brewpub located next door to Ace Hardware. **Local Traveler** has opened next door to The Lot on East Grand Avenue. It is an upscale-casual restaurant serving dinner seven nights a week, that's both bicycle-friendly and chef-driven.

HOUSING / REAL ESTATE

Ebby Halliday REALTORS was purchased by Home Services America, Inc., a Berkshire Hathaway affiliate. Under the new leadership of CEO Nicole Gann, **Juliette Fowler Communities** will open new assisted living apartments in early 2019. A faith-based nonprofit founded in 1892, Fowler serves our East Dallas community with all levels of living: independent living, assisted living, memory care and skilled nursing.

Henderson Avenue's **Alexan Henderson** is an apartment and townhome community boasting incredible amenities, from a skyline terrace to a CrossFit-inspired strength and cardio gym to electric car-charging stations. The townhomes come with their own private garage and yard, and Sonos Bluetooth speakers allow crisp, clear sound throughout the homes, all without needing a stereo. The swim-up bar with cabanas and a fire pit, plus an outdoor gaming area and turfed dog park, all give the community a staycation vibe.

CC Young has been serving seniors and the Greater Dallas community since 1922 and has called East Dallas home since the 1960's. Their new offering, The Vista, will completely transform the existing campus. In addition to a state-of-the-art flexible design, it will offer cherished views of Downtown Dallas and our neighborhoods in East Dallas and White Rock Lake. This 340,000 square foot addition to the campus will replace the three oldest buildings. The Vista will serve seniors with Assisted Living, Memory Support, Skilled Nursing, Short-Term Rehab, Long-Term Care, Home Healthcare, Hospice, Home Services and even daytime

dementia care with our Adult Day Center. It will have an 8,500 square foot Rehabilitation and Aquatics Center.

CC Young's Economic Impact to East Dallas: Employs 300+ team members, working and spending locally; annual operating budget: \$32 million; serves approximately 525 residents and families spending locally; The Point & Pavilion hosts approximately 3000 visitors monthly; Point Membership and Events are available to the general public, age 55 and better; Volunteers (Corporate, Civic & Individuals) – Approx. 300/mo from all over DFW.



*Russell Crews, CC Young President and CEO
"Sabrage" Celebration, The Vista's 9th Floor: June 14, 2018*

Deep Ellum Hostel is Dallas' first and only hostel. A crumbling historical building on the corner of Crowder and Elm Street was transformed into a relaxed and stylish retreat. On the ground floor, is a charming lobby and several common areas, along with the Spanish-inspired tapas bar, Izkina.

David Weekley Homes plans to build 33 new homes east of the Urban Reserve near Stults Road and Forest Lane. The project would contain single family detached homes on 3,500 square foot lots with home prices ranging \$500,000-600,000. A new housing development **Urban Commons** is planned for the LBJ frontage road just east of Abrams. 80 modern homes varying in size and cost will be constructed. **PSW Real Estate LLC** purchased property on White Rock Trail from RISD with plans to develop single-family, zero lot line homes.

The former Dallas ISD building on Ross Avenue is being replaced by a new apartment development called **The Academic**. The art deco facade facing Ross will remain in a new apartment development which

will consist of 365 luxury rental units on 4 acres, ranging from 500 to 1,150 square feet. A six-level parking garage and a central courtyard is also planned. **Elan City Lights** at 2627 Live Oak offers a luxurious apartment community in Bryan Place, the area and the apartments across the street from Epic, a new **mixed-use development** that will boast tons of restaurants and shops when completed. A mixed-use residential development is soon to break ground on the property of Beauty Bar on Henderson Avenue.

EDUCATION

Lipscomb Elementary recently became certified to be an International Baccalaureate World School. Its new library was made possible through a unique public-private partnership that included East Dallas Exchange Club, The Real Estate Council, Munger Place Church, Lipscomb's PTA and Old East Dallas Early Childhood PTA.

Robert E. Lee Elementary has been renamed **Geneva Heights Elementary**. Stonewall Jackson Elementary was renamed **Mockingbird Elementary**. **Mockingbird Elementary's** new \$5.8 million addition in the two-story building includes 12 classrooms and more than 18,000 square feet. The project was funded by the Bridge Plan, money set aside by the Dallas Independent School District's board to renovate and update more than a dozen campuses.

St Thomas Aquinas Catholic School celebrated 70 Years of Leading Students in the Formation of a strong Catholic Faith through the Balanced Pursuit of Knowledge, Prayer, Responsibility, and Service. Academically, STA consistently performs in the upper quartile of the nation's private schools as measured by the Iowa Assessments. 97% percent of middle school students participate in at least 1 of 13 sports; student extracurricular options also include FLL Robotics, PSIA, Speech & Drama, the school musical, choir, band, journalism, and scouting. The 89 Graduates of the Class of 2018 earned \$196,750 in Scholarships to Catholic High Schools, with 41 receiving the President's Award for Academic Excellence and 35

receiving the President's Volunteer Service Award. STA students performed more than 4,000 community service hours in 2017-18 and raised over \$30,000 for local charities including Hurricane Harvey relief. Construction of the fieldhouse and concession facility on St. Thomas Aquinas Athletic Field will be complete Fall 2018.

Lakehill Preparatory School's students once again exceeded local, state, and national scores on ACT, SAT, and College Readiness. One hundred percent (100%) of Lakehill graduates continue to college, and are accepted into Ivy League schools, top research universities, liberal arts colleges, renowned art institutions, and international universities. Eighty-one percent (81%) of the members of the Class of 2018 were awarded merit-based academic scholarships with a four-year value of 2.6 million dollars (an average of \$118,000 per student). The Class of 2018 claimed one National Hispanic Scholar and 10 AP Scholars. Ninety-one percent (100%) of the Class of 2018 were enrolled in at least one Advanced Placement (AP) course during their Upper School career. Lakehill continues to win awards for its academic, fine arts, and community service programs. The school offers 33 championship-level athletic programs in 13 different sports, with more than 85% of students participating in at least one sport.

In 2017, Lakehill completed construction on a major project that added 16,000 square feet of space and renovated an additional 8,000 square feet of existing space at the Main Campus. A centerpiece of the project is a 5,000 square-foot inner courtyard that provides outdoor classroom and performance space.



Ribbon Cutting for the new Lakehill Preparatory School addition.

After 45 years in downtown Dallas, **First Baptist Academy** opened a new campus at 7898 Samuell Boulevard. The first phase of a multi-phase redevelopment opened with 240 current students and includes over 25,000 square feet of state of the art classroom space with collaborative workspaces and upgraded technology. Second phase of the project includes new baseball and softball fields.

Blackland Prairie Conservatory and Atelier School is the first state-licensed nature school in North Texas. Its unconventional curriculum prioritizes outdoor education, the arts and cultural awareness. Students spend at least three hours every day exploring the outdoors or restoring the Blackland Prairie that covers a quarter-acre of the property. The private school is located near the intersection of McCree Road and Aldwick Drive.

The Learning Tree celebrated 50 years in the community. Founder Judy Allen started the preschool for young children to educate about the value of diversity. Judy's daughter Dandi Weiss and granddaughter Nikki Weiss also teach at the school and it employs several parents of students who were once students, reflecting the school's commitment to families.

Students at **Hamilton Park Pacesetter Magnet** now have a garden classroom provide by local merchants. Lowes Heroes donated 14 garden boxes filled with soils, Bonney Plants provided more than 1,000 starter plants and Brumley Gardens provided more to ensuring every student had something to plant.

Four schools received all possible academic distinction designations in the 2017-2018 Texas Education Agency accountability ratings. **Bryan Adams High School, Dan D. Rogers Elementary School, Woodrow Wilson and Henry W. Longfellow Career Exploration Academy** each earned seven out of a possible seven distinctions.

The students and staff of **Zion Lutheran School** have raised money for **K-9 Comfort Dog ministry**. The money raised will bring therapeutic dogs that help bring calm energy and smiles to people following a disaster. Two of the pups were put into action to comfort the victims and their families after the Mandalay Bay shooting in Las Vegas.

Lakewood Elementary's expansion includes 47 new classrooms, two new art rooms and two new computer rooms, a music room, a nature courtyard and additional bathrooms.

Woodrow Wilson High School's new principal is Michael Moran, the former Bryan Adams High School Assistant Principal. Under the direction of Band Director Chris Evetts, the Wildcat Band scored straight 1's in UIL Marching, Concert and Sight-reading Performances. They advanced to AREA marching competition in October 2017 and were awarded with the SWEEPSTAKES trophy in April 2018. Both are firsts in Woodrow history. The school's girls' basketball team captured the first district championship since 1990.

Bishop Lynch High School graduates earned over \$22 million in college scholarships and nearly 4,000 college credit hours through the Dallas County Community college System. Bishop Lynch has proudly produced 10,000 graduates matriculating to the college of their choice. Our most recent graduating class of 2018 earned a record breaking \$22.89 million in academic, athletic, fine arts, leadership and military scholarships. Bishop Lynch serves over 1000 students across 75 zip codes from diverse backgrounds that have served over 3,500 hours in community service, including neighboring Truett Elementary School.

neighborhoods for nearly 60 years. Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital received the Stroke Care Excellence Award which recognizes hospitals for superior outcomes in the care and treatment of stroke. Patients who receive stroke treatment have a lower risk of dying.

Doctors at **Medical City Dallas** are now treating cancer patients using a robotic radiosurgery system designed to treat cancerous and non-cancerous tumors anywhere in the body. The new FDA-cleared CyberKnife M6 System is a non-surgical treatment option for patients who have inoperable or surgically complex tumors.

East Lake Cat Care Center has launched a new video and audio series called "The East Lake Cat Chat Podcast," where "catsultant" Lana Rich works with cat owners to resolve and prevent behavior problems. The cat care center is part of the network of animal care facilities, the East Lake Pet Orphanage and the East Lake Veterinary Hospital.

HEALTH

RECREATION



Dallas United Crew hosts special programs for paralyzed Veterans.



Baylor Scott and White Medical Center White Rock has been sold and is now **City Hospital at White Rock**. The 218-bed hospital was formerly Doctor's Hospital and has served the Lakewood and East Dallas

Dallas City Council approved a request by **Dallas United Crew** to build a temporary shelter on the bank of White Rock Lake to keep their equipment safe from vandals. For the fourth straight year, Dallas United Crew sent both Women's and Men's boats to Nationals. The four-man DUC boat finished fourth in the nation this year. DUC serves people of all ages and abilities and from across Dallas and the Metroplex, including special programs for Veterans and cancer survivors. Paralyzed military veterans rowed on White

Rock Lake on Memorial Day weekend and DUC hosted the first ever rowing exhibition at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games.

The **BMW Dallas Marathon** will add an ultra-marathon 50k (about 31 miles) race. 30,000 participants participate and it boosts the Dallas economy nearly \$9 million per year. Millions are raised for charity and which benefits Scottish Rite. A ground breaking was held for **Samuell-Grand Family Aquatic Center**. The master plan includes a pool, tennis center, two golf courses, amphitheater, athletic fields and recreation center.

A groundbreaking was held for Flag Pole Hill's **Signature Playground for People of All Ages and Abilities** after four years of planning and raising funds. The City of Dallas collaborated with the Jordan Spieth Family Foundation, For the Love of the Lake, Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and the Junior Women's League to bring the playground to fruition.

After 11 years of planning, City of Dallas held a ribbon cutting for the **SoPac Bike Trail** which connects to the Ridgewood Trail, and intersects White Rock Creek and White Rock Lake trails. Slated to open is **Flag Pole Hill Trail** which runs east along Northwest Highway from Goforth Road to the Dallas Police Department substation and the new Dallas Park and Recreation department headquarters and connects the SoPac Trail. The Katy Trail extension bridge has been completed over Mockingbird Lane connecting to Ridgewood Trail, allowing cyclists and runners to travel from White Rock Lake to Victory Plaza by trail. The bridge will also be a part of a larger project called The Loop, which is over 50 miles of trail connecting White Rock Lake, the Great Trinity Forest and Downtown, partially funded by the Circuit Trail Conservancy.

At its height, there were five bike share companies with over 20,000 bikes scattered throughout the city. After city regulations were put into place, two companies **VBike** and **LimeBike** are serving the community. Shared scooters have been added to the mix.

CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT

The **Creative Arts Center of Dallas** received a \$200,000 grant for improvements from the City of Dallas. The center will remodel and expand existing office space and a break room, build two ADA-compliant restrooms and enhance the entrance. The Arts Community Alliance (TACA) named **Dallas Children's Theater** as one of its beneficiaries for the Donna Wilhelm Family New Works Fund and Bowdon Family Foundation Artist Residency Fund. The theater is one of three arts organizations to receive grants totaling \$150,000.

Improv Comedy Troupe Four Day Weekend is a comedy venue near Lower Greenville in the space formerly used by Contemporary Theatre of Dallas. Local artists Preston Pannek and Adrienne Creasey of **House of Pannek** donated 10 free murals to Deep Ellum in an effort to bolster public art in the neighborhood.

The **Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden's** newest \$12 million garden addition is A Tasteful Place, a pavilion with event space and a teaching kitchen, was inspired by the movement toward growing and eating sustainable fresh, locally grown food. The Dallas Arboretum joins only 12 others that have reached more than a million visitors annually and has had visitors from all 50 states and more than 90 countries. Membership has set a record with more than 40,000 families.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Lake Highlands resident and **Police Chief Renee Hall** served as the Grand Marshall of the Lake Highlands July 4th parade.

A new start-up **Turn Compost** offers a subscription where patrons can put their organic food waste into a receptacle that is picked up and used to feed local animals at organizations like Urban Chicken Inc. and the Texas Worm Farm, whose worms eat food waste and create compost.



Turn Compost provides receptacles for food waste that is picked up and turned into compost.

The long delayed expansion of **Interstate 635 LBJ East Freeway** between U.S. Highway 75 Central Expressway and Interstate 30 finally won approval of the Texas Transportation Commission. The newly launched **North Lake Highland PID** has been formed and joins the Lake Highlands Improvement District (PID). The two flank both sides of LBJ and each will exist on its own but the two will also find ways to benefit each other. Both will exist under the nonprofit Lake Highlands Improvement District Corporation, but each PID will have its own advisory board focused on

the issues specific to their respective neighborhoods.

Forerunner Mentoring will help boys without fathers have male role models guiding them through adolescence. The organization, founded by former Lake Highlands Junior High football coach Zach Garza, matches Lake Highlands students with mentors who spend time with them twice per month and talk with them between visits.

Lake Highlands Women's League awarded 32 scholarships to students totaling almost \$100,000. In addition, members donated \$98,000 to projects, schools and community groups working to improve the lives of Lake Highlands families. **Lake Highlands Chapter of National Charity League** was formed, bringing mothers and their junior high and high school-aged daughters together for service, leadership and cultural exploration. **100 Men of East Dallas** has donated over \$8,000 to charities local to our area.

Hollywood Santa Monica neighbors obtained permission from the city to build a butterfly garden in the park on East Grand's median as a respite area for migrating monarchs that are coming through Dallas on their way to Mexico. They fully funded the project and volunteer to maintain and add to it on the weekends.

Dallas' billion dollar bond package approved by voters in November includes a new library **Vickery Meadow Library** and a replacement for the outdated **Forest Green Library**.

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Ted Davey, the owner of Lakewood's Balcony Club, passed away in December at age 54.

Virgil Sanchez, Sr., founder of the beloved East Dallas Gold Rush Café neighborhood breakfast restaurant, passed away at age 81.

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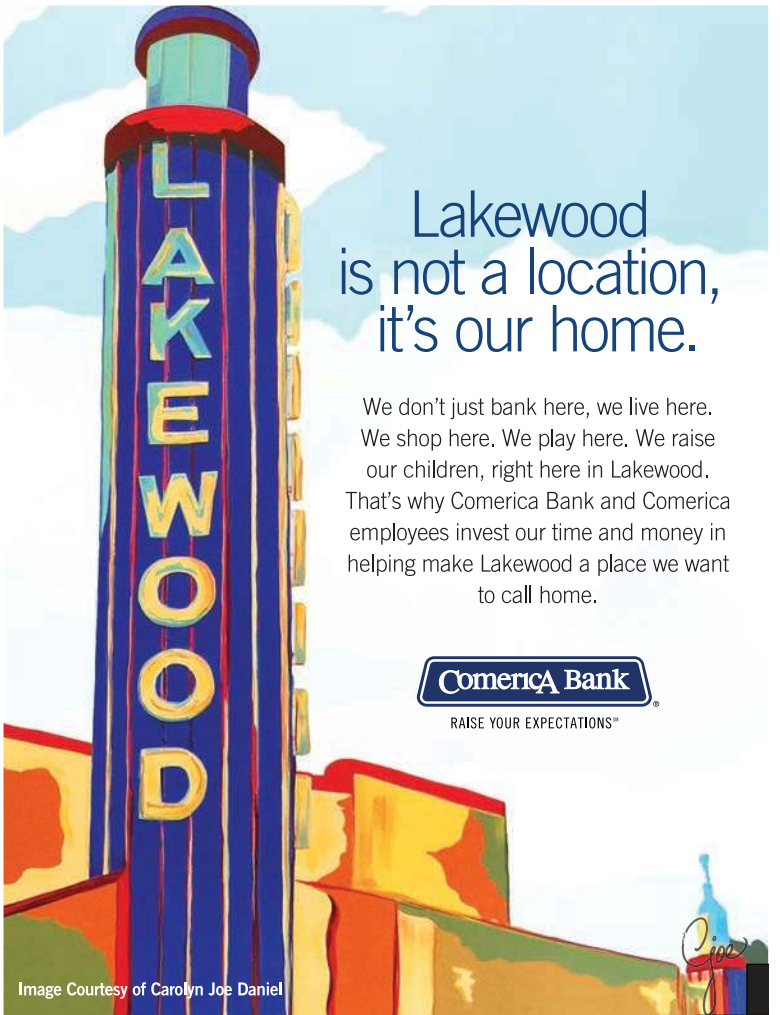
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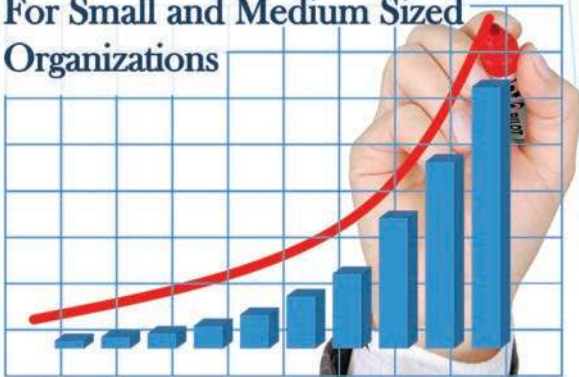
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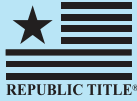
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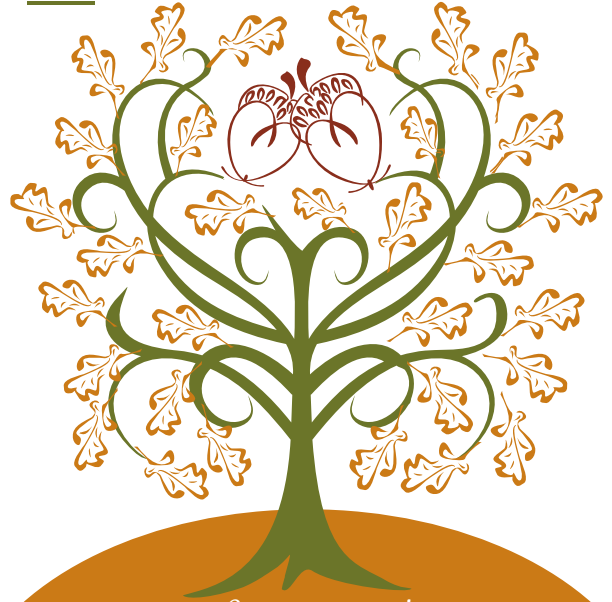


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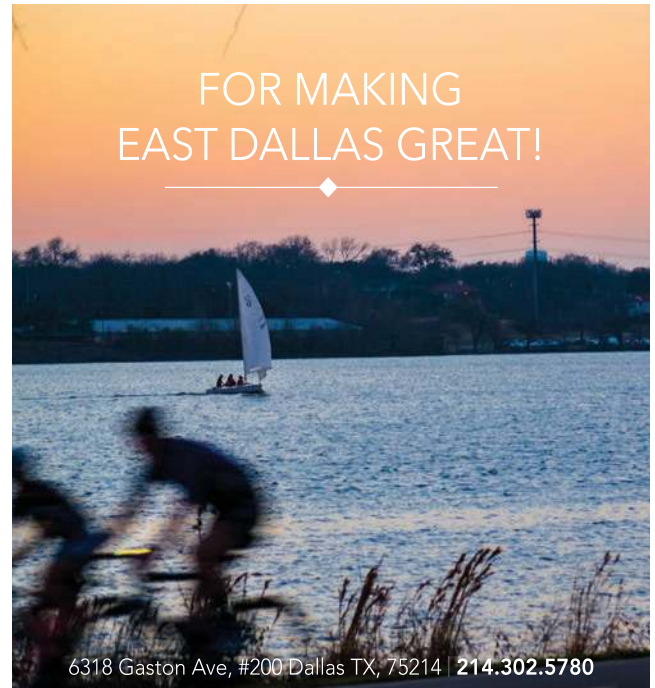


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