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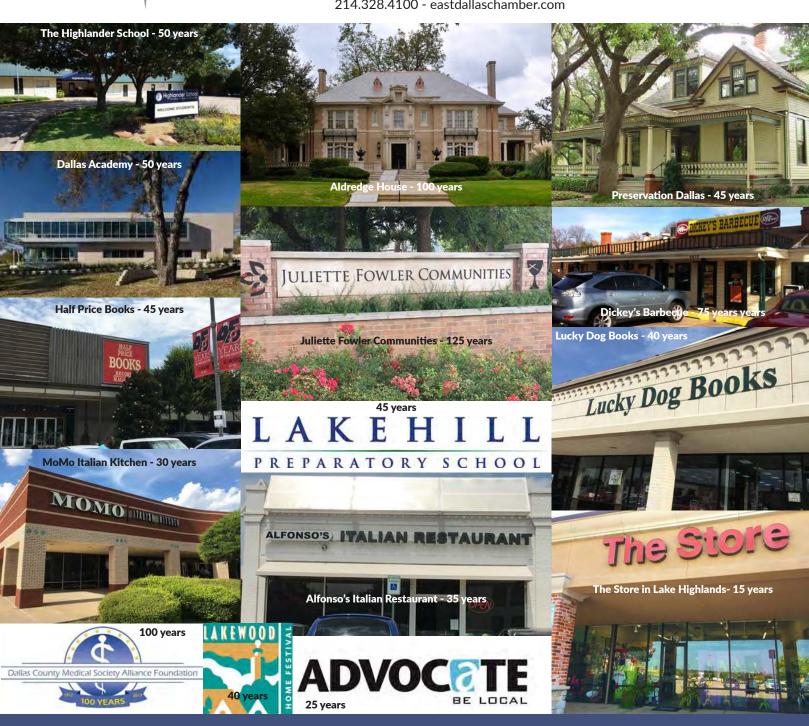
# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

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# CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Welcome to the 13th annual Greater East Dallas Chamber's Economic Summit. This signature event continues to grow in importance and attendance every year. This year's theme is *Entrepreneurial Spirit* and in East Dallas that is certainly a key phrase that resonates across our business community. We are delighted that you have chosen to join us for our premier event. We have again accumulated a stellar group of presenters and the subjects that will be covered are on point for our theme and for our robust economic climate.

We are so thankful for the many Chamber members and the committee that comes together just about every year to put on this amazing production. Without our key volunteers, board members, advisory board and our membership none of this would take place. This year the event is being chaired by three individuals that have repeatedly given of time and talent to our Chamber. Thank you to Denise Aver-Phillips, Darlene Ellison and Michael Alcantar.

But we would be remiss if we did not recognize the core group of Chamber members that are a part of the founding Economic Summit committee, several of whom have continued to serve for all 13 years. Special heartfelt thanks to the late Bulldog Cunningham, Mary Poss, Dick Clements, Vick Clesi and Susan Falvo. Your vision for the future is now our thriving present.

Please enjoy the 13th Annual Greater East Dallas Chamber of Commerce Economic Summit. Remember, this is YOUR Chamber of Commerce, so be sure to check out other exciting activities the Greater East Dallas Chamber has lined up for this year and for the future and get involved. If you are not a member, please join us. This is a growing and vital organization and we know you'll enjoy the great benefits that come with being a part of our Chamber's business community.

Thank you again for being here today!

Best Wishes,



Andrea Sanders
Chairman - 2016, 2017
Greater East Dallas Chamber of Commerce

### 2017 Pete Sessions Chairman's Award

Fred Welsh



Pictured here: Congressman Pete Sessions, Fred Welsh and Chamber Chairman Andrea Sanders.

# **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017 BUSINESS AWARD WINNERS!**

Jeb Hensarling Business of the Year

Lucky Dog Books

Chairman's Award

Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden

**Entrepreneur of the Year** 

Momo Italian Kitchen

**Live Local Award** 

The Store in Lake Highlands
Vickery Trading Company

R. S. Munger Business Pioneer

**Preservation Dallas** 



Pictured here: Stephanie Giddens, Vickery Trading Company, Cheryl Calvin, The Store in Lake Highlands; David Preziosi, Preservation Dallas; Congressman Jeb Hensarling; Wende Stevenson, Momo Italian Kitchen; Alan Walne, Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden; and Andrea Sanders, Chair-man of GEDCC. Not pictured: John and Marquetta Tilton, Lucky Dog Books.

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#### MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES FOR EAST DALLAS BUSINESSES

125 years - Juliette Fowler Communities

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100 years - Dallas County Medical Society Alliance

75 years - Dickey's Barbeque

50 years - Dallas Academy

50 years - Highlander School

45 years - Lakehill Preparatory School

45 years - Preservation Dallas

45 years - Half Price Books

40 years - Lucky Dog Books

40 years - Lakewood Home Festival

35 years - Alfonso's Italian Restaurant

30 years - MoMo Italian Kitchen

25 years - Advocate Media

15 years - The Store In Lake Highlands

# Retail and Housing Development Drives Economic Growth in East Dallas

#### Retail

#### Casa Linda

**Four Seasons Markets** which operates farmers markets all over the metroplex, started a new market in Casa Linda Plaza. It is held year round every Wednesday from 3-7 p.m.

For over 40 years, **Lucky Dog Books** has served the East Dallas area and recently relocated to Casa Linda next to DollarTree.

A ribbon cutting was held for **Robinson Dentistry/ Aspire Dental Assisting School** at their new location at 9409 Garland Rd., Suite 105.



Ribbon cutting for Robinson Denistry

#### **Greater Casa View**

Honey Stop the Car! Vintage & Estate Liquidation in Casa View Shopping Center now has a brick and mortar store with everything from home decor to jewelry, gifts and clothing.



#### **Greater Casa View cont.**

**Piranha Vintage** opened next door and sells toys, collectibles, home decor, and oddities dating from the 1960s to the 1980's.

Casa View Shopping Center will be upgraded after the Dallas City Council agreed to match a \$1 million investment from property owner Waymon Levell with an economic development grant. The main road outside the center will be reduced from six to four lanes. The money will be used to improve the look and walkability of the center, including new sidewalks, overhangs, signage, lighting and parking.

#### **Deep Ellum**

**Oni Ramen**, an acclaimed ramen restaurant from Fort Worth, opened its second branch at 2822 Elm St., across from Cafe Brazil.

**Bobaddiction** is a tea-themed food truck with Taiwanese tea and shaved ice. It has taken over the space previously occupied by Monkey King Banana Stand, the dessert shop whose goods are now for sale at sibling concept Monkey King Noodle Co.

**Burgundy Pasture Beef** is a new store with 100% grassfed meat which is sustainable and wholesome. **Chills 360**, the rolled ice cream shop, offers black ice cream.

The Pharmacy is a milkshake bar with an adult twist serving milkshakes and frozen treats infused with booze. It will occupy the former Elm Street Bar space and is a collaboration between the folks behind Rocket Fizz, the Deep Ellum candy store, and High and Tight, the barbershop bar known for its awardwinning bartenders.

### Deep Ellum cont.

Food truck **Easy Slider**, which specializes in basic little burgers, has opened a brick-and-mortar location at 2701 Main St. which has a large patio and slightly expanded menu.

**IdleRye** opened at 2826 Elm St. in a space that was most recently 2826 Arnetic. It is a modern American restaurant with a globally influenced menu.

**Zåtar Lebanese Tapas & Bar** opened at 2825 Commerce near the intersection of Malcolm X Boulevard, with a beautifully designed, full-service bar and restaurant that serves family recipes in an elegant, welcoming ambiance.



Zåtar Lebanese Tapas & Bar serves family recipes in an elegant, welcoming ambiance.

Westlake Brewing Company will open across the street at 2816 Commerce Street.

Dot's Hop House and Cocktail Courtyard occupies the former Comedy House space on Commerce. It sits on the original boundary between Dallas and East Dallas, which were each independent municipalities before the City of Dallas annexed The City of East Dallas in 1890.

**Bottled Blond** is an Arizona based pizzeria and bar opening in the former Allied Printing building at 501 Good Latimer Expy.

New restaurants on Elm Street include **Hide Bar, The Table** and **Baker and Company.** 

**Harlowe MXM** at 2823 Main St. is a new concept from the Breadwinners team. It has leased the space of the former Catalina Cycle, a motorcycle and scooter supply shop.

**Kemet Kitchen** recently opened at the corner of Commerce and Walton streets, in the former Mama Faye's space. It's a family-owned vegan/vegetarian restaurant serving organic non-GMO dishes with produce from local farmers.

Kitchen LTO, the rotating-staff restaurant that was formerly in Trinity Groves, is now **Junction Craft Kitchen** and opened at 2901 Elm in the space once home to Sweet Endings, a bakery and bistro.

**Stirr** opened at the corner of Crowdus and Main streets, taking over the former Art Bar space, part of the legendary Club Clearview complex, which has stood empty for many years.

#### **East Dallas**

Barrett Urban Development is restoring a strip of commercial buildings in the 500 block of Fitzhugh. The company specializes in restoring and revitalizing small projects rather than replacing. Two tenants announced are Josie's Grocery, relocating from its current home at 2325 Fitzhugh and Austin-based Shaman Modifications, a piercing parlor with jewelry. Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers has opened on Ross at Greenville, near the Waffle House and Burger King.

**Toasted Coffee + Kitchen** opened at 5420 Ross.

**Pilikia** at 3113 Ross Ave. in Bryan Place took over the old Three Sheets location and is now a Tiki bar adorned with Tiki art, puffer-fish lighting, comfortable lounge seating, long shotgun style bar and Tiki knickknacks.



Pikikia is a Tiki bar adorned with Tiki art.

Abel Gonzales, a Woodrow Wilson grad and Champion State Fair fried food chef, has opened a party place at 3121 Ross Ave. **Republic Ranch** is part restaurant, part bar and part entertainment venue complete with a pool and gaming arena. Food is a Mexican crossover of Tex-Mex and Mex-Mex.

#### **Fair Park/Exposition**

A public meeting was held at **Fair Park** to discuss the creation of the RFP that three management groups will bid on. At the June 28th City Council meeting, the Mayor and City Council approved a special bond for Fair Park at \$50 million for the upcoming bond election in November. The items to be included in the bond for Fair Park haven't been finalized vet.

Businessman and philanthropist Trammell S. Crow founded Earth Day Texas in 2011 and it has gotten bigger every year since. 100,000 people attended the 2017 **Earth Day Texas** weekend at the Texas State Fairgrounds. School groups, families, and college students saw 900 exhibitors and 260 speakers come together to talk about protecting the environment.

**EarthxFilm Festival,** Dallas' first environmental film festival, was launched with 60 environmentally focused films hand chosen to leave a lasting impression and a strengthened call to action. The films complemented the panels, seminars and exhibitors of Earth Day Texas. EarthxGlobal Gala was a star-studded event honoring Dr. Sylvia Earle and Captain Paul Watson who both work fearlessly to protect the oceans for generations to come.



Trammell Crow launched EarthxFilm Festival at Earth Day Texas 2017.

#### **Garland Road**

**Lounge Here** opened on Garland Road near Echo Boutique and Cheesecake Royale.



Lounge Here on Garland Road is where "West Texas meets Palm Springs."

Good Records opened a boutique record store next door called **Good Pagoda**, featuring gifts and artwork as well. Jessica Jordan's **Super Yoga Palace** occupies the second floor.

Plans have been announced for new restaurants and retail in the space that once housed Lucky Dog Books, 10801 Garland Rd. **Brand Capital Partners** have not identified any tenants, but plan to add restaurants appealing to both families and young couples.

A franchise of the Tennessee-based brand I Love Juice Bar opens in August in the Lakeview Shopping Center on the southwest corner of Gaston and Garland, offering a wide selection of cold pressed juices along with smoothies and healthy bites like salads and soups.

**Hello Dumpling,** an Asian restaurant specializing in dumplings, with an adjoining tea salon will open in the former Good 2 Go Taco space.

**Smoky Rose** is a new barbeque restaurant that opened on the northeast corner of Garland Rd. and Lakeland, replacing the automotive repair business and firewood sales business.

**On Time Experts,** an air-conditioning, heating and plumbing company, is opening at the Peavy/Garland intersection at the location of a former gas station.

**Save More Resale Store** opened next to Home Depot on Garland Road at Jupiter. Proceeds from the sales benefit Birth Choice.

#### **Lower Greenville**

**Botolino Gelato Artigianale** is a new artisanal gelato restaurant taking over the space formerly held by The Bottle Shop at 2116 Greenville.



Negrin, wife of Botolino owner Carlo Gattini

#### Lower Greenville cont.

The Syn Group, owners of The Social House, will open a new Tex-Mex restaurant called **Don Chingon** in an abandoned gas station at 2237 Greenville Avenue.

**Vivian's Boutique Spa** opened behind Pints and Quarts, at Ross and Greenville avenues.

**Slater's 50/50** is open, featuring its famed burger made from 50 percent bacon. The business opened in the old Greenville Bar and Grill location at 2817 Greenville Ave.

**Feed Company** opened in the space that last held Nandina, 5631 Alta Ave. The restaurant features rare barrel-aged bourbons and breakfast will be served late into the night with their 3 a.m. closing time.

**Halal Guys** on Lower Greenville opened in the Vue Greenville apartment building at 1811 Greenville Ave. The space was previously occupied by Lebanese restaurant Qariah.

The original Dodie's New Orleans Cafe on lower Greenville Avenue now has a new name: **Charlie's Creole Kitchen**, named for owner-founder Charlie McGuinness. The restaurant will be the same in every other way, remaining in its current location with the same menu.

Halcyon Coffee Bar opened in the former Cafe Brazil space on Greenville at Goodwin Avenue. It is a coffeehouse and lounge, for morning coffee straight up, or spiked at night, along with wine, beer, and noncoffee cocktails.

Business owners suffered from the drop of business during the lengthy construction process on Lower Greenville and several restaurants closed including C'Viche, Café Brazil, Knuckles, Cow Tipping Creamery, Luscher's Red Hots, Good 2 Go Taco, Clark Food, Remedy and Wine Co.

#### **Upper Greenville**

**Roma's Pizza & Restaurant** moved a few blocks down and are in the former location of Joe Willey's.

#### Henderson/Fitzhugh

**Stellar** took over the space at 2810 N. Henderson Ave. that was occupied for over a decade by Vickery Park. The new bar serves unusual cocktails and serves a full food menu.

**Pie Tap Pizza Workshop + Bar** offers more than the typical fare. The menu is simple, with a handful of starters, salads, and house-made pastas, along with a couple of sandwiches and a few pizzas.



Pie Tap Pizza Workshop + Bar

**El Bolero,** a Mexican restaurant in the Design District, will open a second location in fall 2017 at 2650 N. Fitzhugh Ave., a new mixed-use project at Fitzhugh Avenue and Central Expressway.

**Birchwood** opened on Henderson and is dedicated to contemporary home furnishings, décor, and gifts. It carries products from more than 50 independent artists and design houses — from soy candles to wall art to furniture.

#### Lake Highlands

Neighborhood leaders are working to implement a Public Improvement District — similar to the PID that covers a sector surrounding the Lake Highlands Town Center — in the area north of I-635. PIDs have helped other nearby neighborhoods reduce crime, improve aesthetics and boost economy.

**Sprouts** opened in Lake Highlands Town Center in May joining **Artistik Edge** hair salon and **Deluxe Nails.** 

**Ideal Dental** opened in July. Ideal Dental is a chain of dental clinics that started in Garland in 2008 and quickly expanded to include 65 Texas offices.

#### Lake Highlands cont.

Other retailers expected to open soon in the Town Center include Fish City Grill, Starbucks, Jersey Mike's, Taco Diner, Hollywood Feed, Yogurtland, Joint Chiropractic and Verizon.

**Bahama Buck's** is one of the first new tenants to open in Creekside, future home of **Alamo Drafthouse**, at Abrams and Skillman.

**Fuzzy's Taco Shop** has signed a lease at Creekside, in the former home of Rent-A-Center. The new Fuzzy's will have a patio out front and is expected to open in late 2017 or early 2018.

**Mrs. Gridiron** will have a store at Skillman-Abrams serving made-from-scratch meals.

Resident Taqueria, the award-winning gourmet taco joint in Lake Highlands is launching **Resident Vamos**, a food trailer for catering, events, and festivals.

**Neighbors Casual Kitchen** on Audelia at Walnut Hill has been sold to a group called LH Eats and has closed for renovations.

**El Pollo Loco** opened at Forest and Abrams.

Le Caveau Vinoteque, an exclusive new wine boutique, has opened in the White Rock Center, formerly Lake Highlands Village, at the corner of Buckner Boulevard and Northcliff Drive. Tex-Mex restaurant El Vecino will open next door in the fall. Owner John McBride is a great-grandson of Mike Martinez, who co-founded the El Fenix chain.

**Alfonso's Italian Retaurant** celebrates 35-years and has updated the menu, atmosphere and staff.

Gecko Hardware is now **Rooster Home & Hardware**, named after the renowned rooster George who still takes center stage. The new owner is Sharon Anderson, President and CEO of Half Price Books. It is an eco-friendly full-service, True Value-branded hardware supplier to the neighborhood with all the usual supplies.

George the Rooster Fast-casual restaurant **Captain D's Seafood** is replacing Del Taco TimberCreek.

**McAlister's Deli** opened in Timber Creek replacing Sears Appliances.

**Hampton Inn & Suites** opened on Central Expwy. at Meadow Road.

**CVS Pharmacy** opened a new location at Medallion Center.

**Unrefined Bakery** relocated to the center at Northwest Highway and Abrams.

**Blow** hair salon is building a new space across the street from Medallion Center.

Papa's Crab Seafood Kitchen took over the space at Royal and Skillman once occupied by Galveston Island.

**JJ's Café** leased the space that belonged to Ra Ra's Closet. Plans are to use the extra footage to host private events, under the name **JJ's Hall.** 

#### Lakewood

Mockingbird Station has two new restaurants. **Edith's Pâtisserie Boulangerie** opened in the former Rockfish Seafood Grill space and **Mezze Mediterranean** opened in the former Martini Ranch.

Lakewood Shopping Center has a new owner, Stockdale Investment Group. New restaurants in the area include Unleavened Kitchen and Roots Juices. SaSa Sushi took over the space previously held by Jerry's Wood-Fire Dogs. Craft Beer Cellar opened next door.

**The Lakewood Theater** officially became a protected landmark.

**Seven Five Patio Bar** opened in the spot at SMU Boulevard once occupied by Nodding Donkey.

Manny's Uptown Tex Mex opened at 6465 E. Mockingbird Lane in the building that once housed Rex's Seafood.

#### Lakewood cont.

**Sumo Shack,** opened just off Greenville at 5629 SMU Blvd. with a menu that includes traditional favorites with a Japanese twist.

A group of artists are overhauling **Art House Dallas** at the corner of Kidwell at Richmond, providing space for conference rooms, a music venue and recording studio, and gallery space, among other upgrades.



Art House Dallas

#### Walnut Hill/Central Expressway

The Hill at Walnut Hill and Central Expressway is in the midst of an approximately \$90 million makeover bringing new dining, home, and healthy-living concepts. The Hill's overhaul will be complete in the summer of 2018.

**TreeHouse**, an Austin-based eco-friendly building supply store, opened on June 1. The company is a first-of-its-kind home improvement store with products and services to promote healthy and sustainable spaces and thoughtful building.



TreeHouse is an Austin-based eco-friendly building supply store.

**Creek Burger** and **Tacodeli** have announced plans to open at the development. Both started in Austin, like TreeHouse.

**Nazca Kitchen,** the South American restaurant currently located at the Hill, has expanded with a second location on McKinney Avenue in West Village.

#### Park Lane/Central Expressway

**Slim Chickens** is a Fayetteville, Arkansas based restaurant which has opened at Park Lane and central, situated between the new Norma's Café and the new Jason's Deli.

#### White Rock

One Thirty Productions, the Bath House Cultural Center's only in-residence theater group which is dedicated to performances that look at aging and other topics relatable to seniors, marked its 10th anniversary season.

The **Garland-Grand-Gaston intersection** will be getting a new stoplight. It will be installed at Gaston and Tucker Street to help move traffic in and out of the surrounding shopping centers, which contain popular businesses like Cane Rosso, The Goat and Tom Thumb. It should be especially helpful at rush hour when Gaston is often backed up with cars, blocking access to the shopping centers.

Raising Cane's Fried Chicken eatery will replace the pawn shop and garage that sat at the northwest corner of the intersection.

**Yoga Mart** moved from Oram St. and reopened in a larger space at 2201 Tucker St.



Yoga Mart reopened in a larger spot on Tucker St.

# The Quality of life in East Dallas: A great place to live, work, grow and play

#### Housing

Bryan Heights built 135 new townhomes on Bryan Street, an area that is rapidly being redeveloped in Old East Dallas. They are in walking distance to Jimmy's Italian Food Store and Urbano Café.

The Landmark Commission unanimously voted recently to initiate landmark designation for **Bella Villa** apartment complex, which stands at the corner of Miller and McMillan.

Villa Santa Maria apartments at 1830 Bennett Ave was named the city's first ever certified green business. The program goal is to decrease the amount of waste that ends up in Dallas landfills. Villa Santa Maria has 70 units and has continued to increase its request for recycling bins to meet residents' demand.

Developer **Lincoln Properties Co.** has filed for a \$40-million project permit to add 300 more units and a parking garage to The Village on the north side of the property.

**David Weekley Homes** plans to build 17 townhomes on the 1.9 acre tract near Skillman and Church in Lake Highlands. The firm also held a groundbreaking for the **Enclave at Lake Highlands Town Center**, a development offering single-family homes on the southeast corner of Walnut Hill Lane and Skillman Street.

A new housing development has been proposed in Casa View for only the third time since the turn of the century. Austin-based **Harvey McLean and Associates** have requested multi-family zoning to build 18-20 single-family lots at 9999 Ferguson Road.

**Trammel Crow Residential** took over the building project on the site of the old Vickery Towers. TCR's plans calls for 450 condo-style units in a 5 story tower with underground parking and a ring of 50 townhome-style units with attached garages.

**Greenwood Flats** on McCommas opened with 36 three-story condo units with rooftop decks and underground parking.

Construction began on C. C. Young's **The Vista**, which is slated for completion in the summer 2018. The 10-level and 325,000-square-foot center will connect to the Blanton Assisted Living Center building, adding 221 new residences.



Groundbreaking for C. C. Young's The Vista.

**Hamilton Park**, an intentionally planned, middle-class, African American community, received an official Texas Historical Marker designation.

#### **Education**

Both Dan D. Rogers Elementary and Alex Sanger Elementary earned all possible distinctions for the first time according to a report published by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). Rogers recently converted to a personalized learning campus . Sanger is one of the most successful dual language campuses in Dallas ISD.

Dan D. Rogers' Lisa Lovato won Dallas ISD's Principal of the Year award. The elementary school has received awards and recognition because of Lovato's leadership approach. The school is the first Dallas ISD campus to make deep breathing exercises a part of its curriculum.

**Olga Math** retired from her counseling position at Woodrow Wilson High School after working in education for almost 50 years, 47 of them with DISD.

PTA members hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Wildcat Wonderland interior courtyard at **Lake Highlands Elementary.** The outdoor learning space received enhancements including a new pond with waterfall, split log seating, amphitheater with stone seats for small group learning and a trading post where kids can share nature discoveries.

**Richardson ISD** is proposing to expand the existing public school facility at 9229 Chiswell Road, which presently contains White Rock Elementary. The new construction on the site is an approximately 88,956 square foot expansion for 10 classrooms, a gym,

a new cafeteria, specialty classrooms, library and outdoor playspace. School grades will not change and will allow for future growth in the area.

The White Rock Elementary robotics program will be expanding next year with a \$3,000 gift by the WRE Dads' Club.

Students at **Lakewood Elementary** will explore the natural world via the 2-acre LOLA (Lakewood Outdoor Learning Area), an outdoor classroom where they can study plants, wildlife and the environment. First-grade teacher Nicole Jones invited the Dallas County Master Gardeners to work with her students on raised flower beds and teach them about growing food, plant cycles and the pollinators that make it all happen.

Woodrow Wilson High School earned all possible distinctions for the second consecutive year. Since the TEA began awarding distinctions in 2013, Woodrow has earned the full amount three of four times — the only non-magnet school in Dallas to accomplish this. Woodrow Wilson High School also earned a silver medal from U.S. News and World Report, which ranked it in the top 5 percent of all public high schools in the country. Roxanne Rodriguez-Cheek was named Woodrow's fourth principal in the last 18 months.

Bryan Adams High School earned six of seven possible distinctions this year thanks to the efforts of Principal Richard Kastl, teachers, and a dedicated PTA. In 2012, BA was rated 'academically unacceptable' for the fourth straight year. 88 percent of the students live in poverty and one-third of the students are English language learners.

**St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic School** and **St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School** in East Dallas were two of 26 schools to share in \$1 million in funds from The Catholic Foundation. St. Thomas Aquinas will use the funds to replace a parking lot.

DISD Trustees unanimously voted to approve 23 construction projects that are part of the \$1.6 billion 2015 bond program. Mata Montessori, Sanger Elementary and Lakewood Elementary all are slated to receive renovations. Upgrades at Woodrow Wilson, J.L. Long, Hexter, Stonewall Jackson and Lipscomb were included in bond program's first phase.

Dallas Academy's **Jim Richardson** retired at the end of the school year after serving as headmaster for 34 years. The school celebrated its 50th Anniversary.

The White Rock Hills area of the Ferguson Road Initiative (FRI) in Far East Dallas announced the opening in August of the **Uplift White Rock Hills Preparatory School** (Ferguson/I-30). It is a long awaited improvement to the gateway into the lower Ferguson Road corridor and will serve 500 children in our community.



Uplift White Rock Hills Preparatory School

#### Health

A \$125-million **Medical City Dallas Women's Hospital** will be a five-floor addition on top of
Medical City Dallas' Care Tower D, located at Forest
Lane and Central Expressway. It will include 222
private patient rooms and 12 VIP suites with a
bedroom for mothers, a room for families staying
overnight and a spa-like bathroom. The suites will
offer concierge amenities such as upgraded linens,
chef-prepared meals and family meal options.

The \$100 million **Walnut Hill Medical Center** filed for bankruptcy and closed abruptly in June.

**Lakewood Emergency Room** opened at the corner of Mockingbird and Skillman.



Lakewood Emergency Room

#### Recreation

Courtesy of a Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside grant facilitated by the Texas Department of Transportation, two extensions of the **Lake Highlands Trail** will go forward. One is on the east end of the trail to Skillman and the other north toward Lake Highlands Town Center.

White Rock Rowing is a club made up of more than 100 local youth who row competitively in regattas all over the country. Last season the team won 38 medals in four major contests.

On the northeast side of the lake, **Dallas United Crew** has had notable wins, including top finishes at its three opening competitions. In addition to the youth teams, both **White Rock Rowing** and **DUC** have teams for adults, including ones for breast cancer survivors and adaptive rowing for the disabled. They offer single-day classes for those who just want to get out on the lake and give the sport a try.



**The Dallas United Crew** has raised the bulk of the funding needed for the new boathouse proposal designed with extensive input from the neighbors.

Bike-sharing is available at White Rock Lake. The bikes can be rented via an app. **VBikes** is a startup from Garland that has been placing shared bikes around Dallas.

Preservation Dallas honored the Dallas Park and Recreation Department for its restoration of the **Hamilton Park Pavilion** built in 1965. The rebuilt pavilion opened in December.

On the horizon is the **White Rock Hills Neighborhood Park** (2229 Highland Road),
currently on the drawing board and anticipated to
be completed by the end of 2018. This park will be
Phase I of the White Rock Hills Community Center
and will also be positioned to tie into the city-wide
trail system.

#### **Culture and Entertainment**

For the first time, Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden reached 1 million visitors in a single year. The Women's Council of the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden celebrates their 35th anniversary as a volunteer group. The Mad Hatter's Tea Party is its signature fundraiser and celebrates its 30th anniversary. The group raises funds for A Woman's Garden which celebrated its 20th anniversary.

Conductor Grover Wilkins III, founder and Artistic Director of East Dallas based Orchestra of New Spain, has been recently honored by Spain. The Royal sanction of King Felipe VI, Gran Maestre of the Order of Isabel la Católica, the Cruz de Oficial has been recently bestowed upon Maestro Wilkins by the Spanish government, in recognition of his many years of outstanding research and concertizing with his orchestras in Spain, the United States and Latin American countries.



Grover Wilkins discovered Spanish music that had not been heard in over 200 years.

#### **Community and Social Services**

For the sixth straight summer, **Oncor** offered all homeowners in its service territory two free shade trees as part of the Energy-Saving Trees program in partnership with the Arbor Day Foundation.

The 24 Hour Club is getting an upgrade with a new facility going in at the same site on Ross Ave., doubling the building's size. It offers alcoholics and drug addicts a safe place to confront sobriety. It's open to anyone who agrees to be sober, and there are 12-step meetings at all hours, hence the name.

Pamper Lake Highlands is a nonprofit situated in the Forest Meadow Baptist Church near Lake Highlands High School. It started as a diaper drive then evolved into providing English and job skills classes along with curriculum-based childcare. Pamper Lake Highlands still provides diapers, but the full focus is family empowerment and breaking the cycle of poverty.

Vickery Trading Company is changing the lives of refugees. It is a non-profit business selling bright, adorable girls' dresses. The center teaches refugee women how to create and sew the designs while receiving a fair wage, employment training and cultural assimilation. The workshop is located at the new Northwest Community Center in Vickery Meadow.



Vickery Trading Company founder Stephanie Giddens with a few of the workers.

### Thank you for the Memories

East Dallas lost some beloved establishments and we thank them for their years of service to our community. They will be missed!

Pietro's Italian Restaurant closed after 56 years.

Dallasan Cards & Gifts shop closed after more than 50 years in Casa Linda Plaza. Dot's Closet generously served the community for 27 years. ZuZu Handmade Mexican Food closed after 30 plus years.



Dallasan was popular for generations with East Dallas residents.

#### In Memoriam

East Dallas mourns the loss of Khandoo Nagor who ran the Lakewood Ace Hardware store for 34 years.

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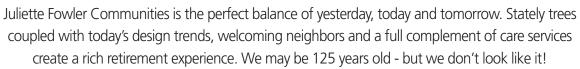
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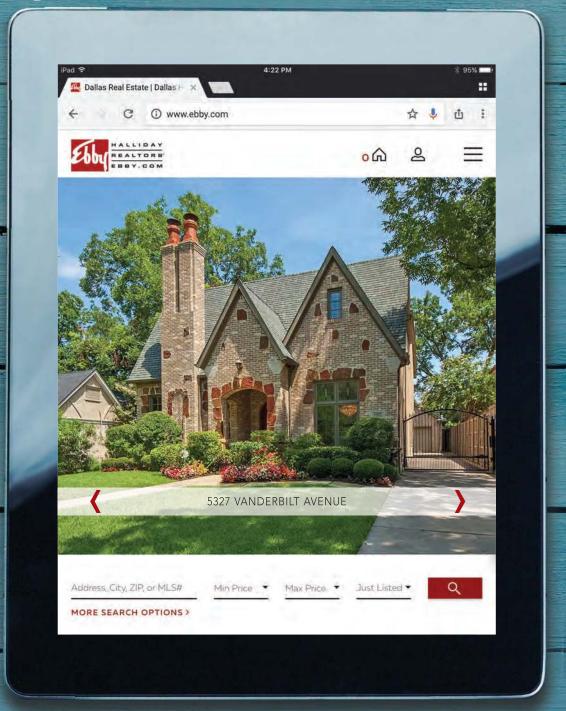


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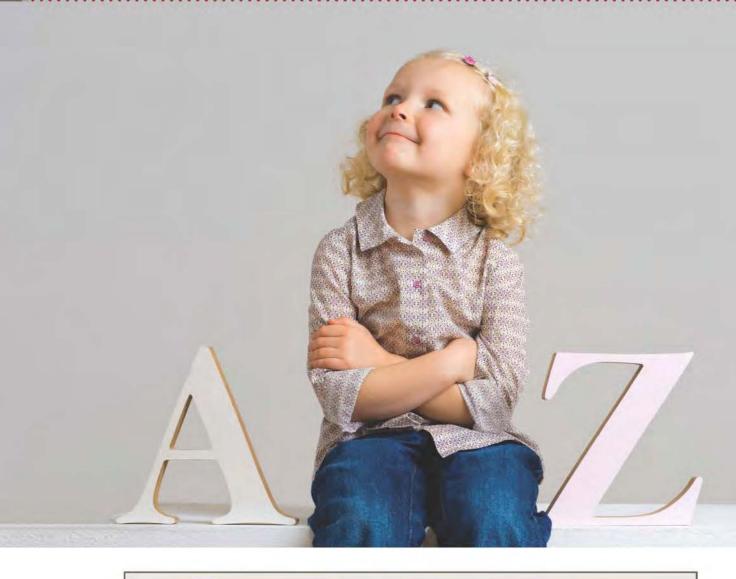




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