



# Irving Hospital District Neighborhood Association



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## DATES TO KNOW:

### OCTOBER 9

National Night Out

### OCTOBER 16

Meeting to discuss new board and officers for 2013

### NOVEMBER 13

Meeting – finalize board and officers for 2013

### NOVEMBER 10

Chili Cook-off

### DECEMBER 1

Christmas Party

## WELCOME!

We would like to welcome the following new neighbors to the neighborhood:

- Peter and Nicole Parsonson on Glen Valley,
- Mr. & Mrs. James Oliver on Lane St.
- Russell & Hsin Yin Wilson on Glen Vista
- Sue Ann Petrea on Glen Alta.
- Mark Bingham on Glen Crest

## BLOCK PARTY

IDHNA celebrated another year with the annual Block Party on May 19. The party again was held in the circle on South Post Oak. This year was a lot like all the others with a few new and really fun additions. The food was provided by IHDNA and cooked by our “official” chef, Jerry Bates.

Activities this year included a band, a clown/face painter and the “peddle your own smoothie.” The Big Head Band that plays weekly at Stokers on Northwest Hwy provided the music. They were extremely entertaining not only with their music but their interaction with the crowd. They played a good variety of music that everyone could relate to.



The clown/face painter was so busy that we had a hard time getting her picture! The kids loved her unique designs. On the other side of the street was the “peddle your own smoothie” provided by the Bike Fest, which was held earlier that morning. Francesca Funk and Danny Elms were kind enough to bring it to us and set it up. The smoothies were wonderful and the exercise..... well, the smoothies were wonderful.

Another new addition was the Silent Auction. We had over \$2,000 in donated items, including everything from gift cards to bath and perfume baskets. Thanks to everyone who participated. Because of the success of the auction, we will have the activity again and add even more items. We were pleased at the community’s generosity and the neighborhood’s participation.

The Block Party will be held again next year, same place and about the same time. Please join us for lots of fun and neighborhood fellowship.

*Thanks for your support. Jan Bemis*

## NEW DIRECTORY COMING SOON

It’s time to update our neighborhood directory again. We have so many changes since 2008.

We will have it completed this summer and to you sometime in the fall. You will have options about how you are represented in the directory. You can include all your complete information or just your name and address or chose to not be listed at all. One of your neighbors will be in contact with you either in person, by mail/email or by phone. Please let them know your preferences and we will do our best to get it accurate.

If no one contacts you please call or email Jan Bemis ([jnhb.jhb2@verizon.net](mailto:jnhb.jhb2@verizon.net)) 972-554-8011, or Danny Elms ([danny.elms@yahoo.com](mailto:danny.elms@yahoo.com)), with your wishes. We would like to include at least the name and address of everyone. Phone numbers are absolutely your choice. We do not want anyone to feel exposed to unknown solicitors. Our directories are for our residents only and will not be distributed to anyone outside of the neighborhood, especially commercial concerns. Please feel we will do our best to protect your privacy!



To view seating diagram, visit: [texasrangers.com](http://texasrangers.com)

To order tickets, mail completed order form and payment to:  
Texas Rangers, Attn: Jamie Roberts,  
1000 Ballpark Way, Ste. 400, Arlington, TX 76011,  
email [jroberts@texasrangers.com](mailto:jroberts@texasrangers.com), or call 817-436-5979.

Wheelchair-accessible seating must be requested at the time of your order. To ensure seating together, tickets must be ordered together. Deadline to order is Friday, August 24. Tickets ordered after deadline and international orders will be left at the West Box Office Will Call windows under the purchaser's name. Picture ID is required to pick up tickets at Will Call. Tickets subject to availability. Service fees apply.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (D) \_\_\_\_\_ (E) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method: (Checks payable to Texas Rangers)

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_  Visa  MC  Amex  Disc  Diners

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_

Lower Box (Reg. \$66) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$37 = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Corner Box (Reg. \$53) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$26 = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Upper Reserved (Reg. \$16) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Service Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_

GRAND TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Last summer, the region of Kochi Japan welcomed over 100 American guests. This summer, Irving is one of the 14 North Texas Host Cities that will welcome Japanese guests: [www.NorthTexasGrassrootsSummit.org](http://www.NorthTexasGrassrootsSummit.org)

*Submitted by neighbor Francesca Funk who will be assisting Irving host families and organizing local activities.*

## PEACE STARTS WITH FRIENDSHIP

Over 170 years ago, two families—one Japanese and one American—formed a deep friendship that has continued to today.

In 1841, fourteen-year old Manjiro and fellow fishermen were shipwrecked on a deserted island and rescued by an American whaling ship. At that time, Japan was a closed culture, where the Japanese were taught to fear westerners as monsters—but Manjiro could see this was not the case. He reached out in friendship to his new shipmates, learning English, and eventually was adopted by Captain Whitfield, who provided a loving home and education for him in America. Many adventures later, he returned to Japan, and was instrumental in Japan's opening up peacefully to the rest of the world at the end of the 19th century.



*From Heart of a Samurai, a historical novel about Manjiro's life*

## RANDOM FRIENDSHIP...

The deep and influential friendship that emerged from this random shipwreck is the inspiration for the annual Japan-America Grassroots Summit. Each summer, a region in one country welcomes visitors from the other country. At the heart of this gathering is a 3-day "home stay" with a family in the host country.



John Manjiro Nakahama



W.H. Whitfield



*Descendents of Captain Whitfield and John Manjiro Nakahama continue their forefathers' friendship*

**Open your home and heart to a Japanese guest for 3 days! Hosts in Irving are needed from August 30 to September 2. Share your everyday life while exchanging cultures and making new friends!**

## WHO ARE THE JAPANESE GUESTS?

The Japanese who choose to participate in this unusual exchange are typically active and energetic individuals with admiration for and interest in America and want to get to know American people. They will be interested in experiencing "typical American life." You may expect them to be extremely polite and considerate house guests, who will be eager to see and do whatever you would like to do.

For more information about becoming a host or volunteer, please contact the Irving Host City Coordinator Sharon Rose at [sharon.rose01@yahoo.com](mailto:sharon.rose01@yahoo.com) or visit [www.NorthTexasGrassrootsSummit.org](http://www.NorthTexasGrassrootsSummit.org)



*Last summer, this Japanese family hosted an American guest...from Texas!*





## A FEW LETTERS OF THANKS FROM THE IISD AND PARENTS

# Thank you

God Bless  
those who are  
willing to help  
those in need.

My son Michael  
is a good kid with  
a bright future.

Thank to people  
like yourself, his  
present is looking  
as bright as his  
future.

**IRVING**  
Independent School District

Hospital District Neighborhood Association -  
Thank you so much for your support  
of the students in Project PASS this school  
year. These students + their families found  
themselves without a home of their own this year.  
You all helped brighten their spirits by  
giving them shoes + coats for Christmas! We  
appreciate your thoughtfulness + generosity. Thank  
you so much!

Sincerely,  
Angela Lutz, MSW  
Homeless Education Liaison

# Thank you

Thank you for  
thinking of those  
of us who don't  
have the means  
to do enough  
for ourselves.

Thank You  
and God  
Bless!



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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 Oct. 5, 2012.**

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## ADOPT-A-SIGN

As many of you have noticed, our street sign toppers are fading. After almost 10 years of the elements, they are showing signs of wear. We have included a request for money in our annual grant for funds to replace the signs. The only catch: the city will only allow us to allocate enough to replace 4 signs a year. We have 24 signs in the neighborhood. At a rate of 4 a year, we will constantly be replacing signs, never having all of them in good shape at one time.

Therefore, we have come up with what we think is a good alternative. It costs \$64 to refurbish each topper. To help solve this problem, we are hoping that either individuals

or neighbors will join ranks, deciding to “adopt-a-sign” for their street.

There is no city approved way to acknowledge your adoption on the sign itself, so we will make sure you receive proper recognition by listing your names in our newsletter.

Having bright, newly-painted toppers is a “sign” to everyone that we take pride in our neighborhood. If you would like to show everyone that passes through our neighborhood how proud we are, please adopt a sign. Contact Joe Cleveland (hdpost oak@gmail.com) 972-579-1145 to make arrangements. You can choose the sign you would like to adopt. If more than one person wants the same sign, time of request will take precedence and another sign suggested.

## NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH

On the night of June 28, last night as I am writing this, there were at least 4 vehicles burglarized in our neighborhood alone. Although this is a common crime in our area, this night was of particular interest to me; two of the vehicles were mine.

Petty theft crimes in our neighborhood are very common. Unfortunately, most of them are never solved. Neighbor awareness and vigilance is the key to stopping or solving these crimes. Near all three of the vehicle burglary locations last night, suspicious people were spotted by neighbors and not reported to the police. We may think the “police have something better to do” than to chase suspicious people through our neighborhood. But they spend more time and effort filling out vehicle burglary reports the next day than they

would have spent looking for reported suspicious activity.

Neighborhood Crime Watch Signs do little to prevent crime. That is why we need an organized neighborhood effort. We have a few volunteers who will be acting as block captains, but we need more. If you are interested in getting involved in the neighborhood watch program or need more information about it, you are welcome to contact Jacob Johnson or David Walsh about how to participate and be informed about neighborhood crime and prevention.

Additional information can be found on our web site, [hospitaldistrict.org](http://hospitaldistrict.org), or the **City of Irving web site.**

**Jacob Johnson** – jacobjohnson911@hotmail.com  
**David Walsh** – dmwalsh@chambleeryan.com

## SILENT AUCTION

We would like to send a very big THANK YOU to businesses and individuals who contributed prizes and gift cards to be included in our very first Silent Auction for the May 19 Block Party. When you visit these businesses, please express your thanks to them. Without them we couldn't have had such a great silent auction. The approximate value of all contributions is about \$2800.

We hope each and every one who attended the block party took advantage of the silent auction and scored a bargain.

Barnes & Noble-Kroger-  
Office Depot-  
Hanging Basket-  
Brown's-  
Bath Oil Basket-  
Googly Eyes-  
Home Depot (2)-  
Tom Thumb-  
Weather Alert Radio-  
P.A.L. T-shirts-

Books  
Gift Card  
Fireproof Safe & Car stickers  
JoAnn Matlich  
Decorative floor candles  
Unknown  
Gift Cards  
Gift Cards  
Gift Card  
Anonymous  
Irving Police Dept

Sport Bag, Travel cups & mugs-YMCA  
Cotton Patch (2) Gift Cards- Marian Guthery/Don Kilpatrick  
Art of Hair Gift Card- Jo Kirkbride  
Creative Memories Gift Card- Jo Kirkbride  
Hand Made Quilt- Barb Barry  
Oil Change & Lifetime Alignment/Firestone- Otto Lewis  
Necessities of Summer- Mary Kay Basket (Janet Walker)  
Casio Programmable Keyboard- Joe and Shirley Cleveland  
Chili's- Gift Card  
El Chico- Gift Certificate  
Spring Creek- Gift Card  
El Fenix- Gift Certificate



## A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

As you head east on Grauwylar, you will see a house on a double lot at the corner of Limetree and Grauwylar. The following letter was given to the new owners, Sandy and Clint Preston when they purchased the house. The house was part of the Story family legacy.

*“Some information I thought maybe the new owners would like to know about the house and property that I remember.”*

My Granddad Story in the late 1880's went through and cut down all of the trees to make room for a field to grow crops. That is why some of the old trees came back in two and three multi-trunk trees, that have been growing for over a hundred years. My mother planned her patio and house plans around the trees so most of the trees would not have to be cut down. My parents worked on a house plan to try and save as many trees as possible. I hope you enjoy them as much as I did. Going back this weekend I realize where my inspiration for my sculptures came from. In the 70's, I never could take enough pictures of the trees. I still recognize some of the old trees as if they were old friends, and I took a few more pictures, even though everything is in such disarray.

The half of the acre on the west side is higher elevation and this is where the field was. There were about 30 acres behind, and around our house, when we moved into the house in the 60's. From my window, I could see my granny's house and she would turn the light on in the bathroom so I could tell she was OK, at night, before I went to bed.

The main creek used to be about where the street Limetree is. The developers moved the creek to behind the houses when they built that addition. The creek had many branches around the land, before the developers moved it and concreted it in.

In the 50's when we went to Irving to visit my grandparents, Mother used to tell us,

someday she was going to build a house on her acre. She wanted it a certain way. She wanted part of the field on her land and some of the trees next to the house. For years, before we moved/built the house, mother had trucks of dirt fill in around the trees so she could someday have a circle driveway. Dad was very careful to fill in only so much dirt a year (only so many inches a year) around the trees to fill in the shallow areas around the trees, as not to kill them.

There are or was two 100 year old pear trees, in the field. One had great tasting pears, that my granny said was for eating, and the other tree was for cooking. The eating pear tree was still out there, the last time I looked. I have not been up there in recent years, when pears should be growing, so I do not know if it still has great eating pears or not. Mom and dad could never propagate a pear tree off that one, that had pears that tasted as good.

In the middle of the field is an asparagus fern (bush) that turns yellow in the fall. I think it has been mowed down before or just dies down and grows back every year. It is beautiful in the fall!

My Uncle Joe Clapp was an engineer for the Rock Island Railroad in Chicago, and when he retired he moved back to Irving in the late 60's and built his house next door to Uncle Raymond, on Grauwylar. He helped my Dad put in the chain link fence. Unfortunately, a car the next morning came through the intersection at O'Connor and Grauwylar and tore up the last section, he had just poured the night before. My Dad bought sections of wood from Sears when he would find them marked down, and he put sections over the front of the chain link fence for some privacy. That is why they do not match.

There is a hole in the center of the patio/driveway. It is for a pole. I loved playing tether ball before we moved there, and was promised a place in the concrete for me to put my tether ball pole up.

My mother put special details in planning several areas of the house. My mother selected something called Chicago antique bricks, to have the house built out of. Old painted, buildings in Chicago were being torn down and recycled, into new homes in Dallas so they would not look so "new" and mother knew a builder who told her how to go about getting some of the bricks for her new house. My mother went out to the railroad cars (I waited in the car) while she looked at the loads of bricks on the trains to see the colors that were available. She personally picked some turquoise (there were very few) and she had those bricks randomly placed in the front. Her sister, who was moving back from Chicago to Irving, had a fit about why anyone would want to use painted bricks from those old buildings in Chicago.

604 Grauwylar was a very nice place to live, when the property was taken care of. I always thought the garage and patio would have made a great pottery studio. I am glad someone else will finally do something else with it!

If you ever wonder, there are at least 2 different ways to say the name Grauwylar. My grandparent never did know exactly who the rd was named after. The road used to go to North Dallas and I remember seeing a small park in North Dallas in the 60's named Grauwylar Park, that probably was connected to it at one time. I hope you enjoy all of the storage space and the closets. My mother designed the closets in the house, including the cedar closet and how it was hidden behind the door in the hall. **Susan Story**





## YARD OF THE MONTH - APRIL

*The home of Brian and Trina Perrault, 1318 Broadmoor, has been awarded April Yard-of-the-Month. This is a new landscape. Trina did the landscape design and plant selection. This home was recommended by her neighbor, Barbara Barry.*



## YARD OF THE MONTH - MAY

*The home of Lou Bacon, 805 Lane Street, has been selected for the May Yard-of-the-Month Award. This yard has a nice assortment of plants and is well designed and maintained. Note of Interest: Mrs. Bacon took a picture last week of two foxes with their babies on her patio!*







## YARD OF THE MONTH - JUNE

The home of Alfred and Donna Zerr, 912 Lane, has been selected for June Yard-of-the-Month. The yard has an interesting use of river rock, which, of course, does not require a river or, actually, any water at all. Many of the shaded spots are planted with monkey grass (*Liriope*) which is then mowed to look like regular grass and also requires very little water. Alfred and Donna discussed their ideas with a landscape company that designed and installed the final results.



### IRVING HOSPITAL DISTRICT HOME SALE ACTIVITY PRIOR 6 MONTHS AS OF JUNE 26, 2012

Property Type: Single Family / Status: Sold									
	BR	Bth	Gar/ Parking	SqFt	Year Built	Days on Mkt	Sold Date	\$/ SqFt	Sale Price
	4	2.1	2/0/2	2,487	1967	33	4/20/2012	51.07	127,000
	4	2.1	2/0/2	2,476	1960	79	4/27/2012	56.50	139,900
	3	2.0	2/0/2	1,894	1962	54	5/18/2012	72.33	137,000
	3	2.0	2/0/2	1,898	1964	90	2/03/2012	81.66	155,000
	3	2.1	2/0/2	2,028	1964	25	4/17/2012	79.88	162,000
<b>Min</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2/0/2</b>	<b>1,894</b>	<b>1960</b>	<b>25</b>		<b>51.07</b>	<b>127,000</b>
<b>Max</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2/0/2</b>	<b>2,487</b>	<b>1967</b>	<b>90</b>		<b>81.66</b>	<b>162,000</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2/0/2</b>	<b>2,157</b>	<b>1963</b>	<b>56</b>		<b>68.29</b>	<b>144,180</b>

Number of Properties: 5 Average (SalePrice / SqFt) : \$68.29

Information prepared by: Dianne Cartwright, Ebby Halliday Realtors



Lou Bacon observed a family of foxes on her patio the other day and was able to capture some photos. Foxes along with other wild creatures have been spotted in our neighborhood.



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## UPCOMING BOARD MTGS

All meetings are at Irving First Christian Church  
110 Grauwlyer Rd  
Tuesday nights @ 6:30 p.m.  
**Dates TBD**  
**See you there!**

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Jan Bemis (President)



Danny Elms (Vice President)



Sue Circherski (Secretary)



Mike Kirkland (Treasurer)



David Walsh



Judy Yeager



Joe Cleveland



Robert Johansen



Jacob Johnson



Marian Guthery



## U.S. FLAG QUIZ

Test your general knowledge of flag etiquette.

### TRUE or FALSE

1. Flying the flag of another country above the U. S. Flag is acceptable in the U.S. (T or F)
2. U.S. Flags may be flown, regardless of rain or shine even and when not using an all-weather flag. (T or F)
3. U.S. Flags can be flown 24 hours per day with or without illumination. (T or F)

4. U.S. Flags can be worn as clothing. (T or F)

5. Tattered or torn flags should be respectfully disposed of preferably by burning. (T or F)



How did you do? Need more information about our flag? Visit <http://www.ushistory.org/betsy/flageti.htm> (All are FALSE except #5)

## IRVING POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE COMMUNITY OUTREACH / WOMEN'S RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSE CLASS



Irving PAL has scheduled five Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) classes during the summer for women (13 years and older). This class is open to all women in the D/FW area.

The Rape Aggression Defense System is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques. It is a comprehensive, women-only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training. R.A.D. is not a Martial Arts program. Our classes are taught by a nationally certified R.A.D. Instructor and students are provided with a workbook/reference manual.

**For more information or a calendar of events and registration visit: [www.irvingpal.org/COMMUNITY\\_TRAINING.html](http://www.irvingpal.org/COMMUNITY_TRAINING.html) or call 972.721.2545.**

### FREQUENTLY CALLED:

Animal Shelter:	972-721-2256
City Landfill: 7AM—5:45 PM	972-721-2349
City Water Dept.:	972-721-2281
Code Enforcement:	972-721-2461/ 972-721-2381
DART: Schedule Info:	214-979-1111
Complaints/Suggestions:	214-749-3333
DFW Humane Society:	972-254-3265/ 253-3333
Fire Dept (Non-Emergency):	972-721-2308
Irving ISD:	972-215-5000
Irving Public Library Central:	972-721-2606
MacArthur Pump Station:	972-721-2664
Mosquito Control:	972-721-3755
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TXU Energy:	972-791-2888
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