

# Irving Hospital District Neighborhood Association



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April 12, Saturday  
**Easter Egg Hunt**, 10:00 AM till noon,  
Three Fountains Park

April 25 and 26, Friday and Saturday,  
**Spring Garage Sale**

May 17, Saturday,  
**Annual Block Party**,  
4:00 till 6:00 PM, Post Oak south

July 4, **Great Flag Caper**  
(lots of flags to put out!)

September 26 and 27, Friday and  
Saturday, **Fall Garage Sale**

October 18, Saturday,  
**Super Chili Cook-Off**, 6:00 till 8:00  
PM, Three Fountains Park

November 11, Tuesday,  
**National Night Out**,  
6:00 till 8:00 PM, "Dollar Hotdogs",  
Three Fountains Park

December 6, Saturday,  
**Annual Christmas Party**, 6:00 till  
8:00 PM, TBA

## WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!

Welcome our new neighbors  
at 1614 Glen Valley: Eddie  
and Martha Velez and their  
baby boy Ethan. Eddie is with  
FEMA - Disaster Response.  
Martha is an IISD Academic  
Specialist for Lorenzo  
De Zavala Middle School.

## A NOTE FROM DANNY.....

### *Welcome to the neighborhood, new families!*

We have had lots of new families move into homes on almost all the streets in our neighborhood over the past few months, with new folks on Cypress, Glen Valley, Glen Alta, Glen View, Glenbrook, Lane Street, Mosswood, Post Oak, Betsy, and Glen Vista. It is especially exciting to have new young families with children as they add energy and vibrancy to our streets. With some 450 homes in our IHDNA area we have a very eclectic neighborhood both in the people that live here and in the homes themselves with the architecture of no two houses alike.

We have lived here since 1985 and have enjoyed the beautiful trees, the quiet streets, the pretty homes, and the friendly faces of this cozy neighborhood. Our neighborhood association, the IHDNA, has done a great deal over the past ten years to help make our area safer, more connected, and more involved. We would encourage all our residents to attend our monthly meetings, support the ongoing neighborhood events, and get to know your

neighbors. A neighborhood that is connected is a better neighborhood.

I look forward to seeing you at the next event!

*Danny Elms*



*Danny Elms prepping for the 2013 Block Party.  
(See more photos: page 2)*

*2013 Easter Egg Hunt (See more photos: page 4)*





# IHDNA 2013 BLOCK PARTY!

Fun and good food was had by all!




## Strengthening the Foundation of our Irving Community

Offering Youth Sports, Family Wellness Programs, Swim Lessons, Play & Learn, Youth & Government and after school programs designed to have a positive impact on our community.

### Irving Family YMCA

2200 W. Irving Blvd.  
Irving TX 75061  
(972) 986-8898  
[www.irvingymca.org](http://www.irvingymca.org)








## IT'S A BIRD, IT'S A PLANE.....IT'S A HAWK!!!

We have long known our neighborhood is home to many birds and animals. We have had fox sightings and possums trapped and relocated.

If you see a large bird circling overhead it may be a red-tailed hawk. Our neighborhood is home to several varieties of hawks and other birds of prey. Frequently you can see a pair of Mississippi Kites sitting atop the Cypress trees in the park looking for dinner.

On warm summer evenings you may see another hawk variety flying low down Grauwlyer. Their wingspan can be more than 4 ft. They look very impressive when they are hunting. These large raptors are brown with a creamy, streaked belly. Its namesake tail is cinnamon or brick red above pale orange underneath.

These hawks help gardeners by hunting for mice, and rats and will take rabbits, squirrels and rarely a songbird. They perch high on utility poles or tall trees watching for the grass



to rustle, and then dive and hit. If you hear descending keeee-arrrr scream that may sound raspy or horse look up. You may see a hawk above you. The hawk can see 10 times better than we can. They can see a mouse a football field away.



**Irving First  
Church of the Nazarene**

[www.irvingfirstnaz.org](http://www.irvingfirstnaz.org)  
 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
 Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.

## DID YOU KNOW.....

- Did you know we have a website? [www.hospitaldistrict.org](http://www.hospitaldistrict.org)
- Did you know we have a Facebook page? Just search Irving Hospital District Neighborhood Association and feel free to post.
- Did you know we have a neighborhood email list? [hdpost oak@gmail.com](mailto:hdpost oak@gmail.com)
- Did you know each spring and summer we chose an outstanding Yard of the Month and award them with a \$25 gift certificate? Contact Bill Herod at [bbherod@msn.com](mailto:bbherod@msn.com) or Francesca Funk at [humanbean99@gmail.com](mailto:humanbean99@gmail.com)
- Did you know we reach 450 homes with our newsletter and offer very reasonable ad rates?
- Did you know your City Councilman is Gerald Farris and lives on Mosswood?
- Did you know that at least 10 of your neighbors serve on city boards and commissions?



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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, 2014.**

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## IHDNA ANNUAL 2013 CHRISTMAS CHARITY

Once again our caring neighborhood stepped up to help those in need. Through your generous support, our Irving Hospital Neighborhood Association was able to support twenty-five at risk children from IISD's project "PASS" for Christmas 2013. These kids are considered homeless and basically live "couch to couch" with no permanent address.

With your help, Roseanne Lewis (the world's best bargain shopper) and I bought coats, sweatshirts, pajamas, shoes, socks, caps, scarves and food gift cards for these kids, ranging in age from four years old to fourteen years old. All our bagged and tagged gifts were delivered to the IISD on December 14th to be taken to the various schools and given to the kids in time for Christmas. Thank you so much for your support and your wonderful generosity, you are the best neighborhood ever!

*Danny and Rosanne*

## IHDNA ANNUAL 2013 CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Our annual IHDNA Christmas party was a great success with over a hundred in attendance. Judy and Emil Schreck graciously opened their beautiful home on Mosswood for us and hosted the party. The tender brisket was provided by the neighborhood association with all the delicious side dishes and desserts brought by all of you. A talented face painter kept the children (and a few adults) entertained while we ate and talked and enjoyed each other's company. A good time was had by all and our special thanks to the Schreck's for making us feel so welcome!



## IHDNA ANNUAL 2013 EASTER EGG HUNT

Look for the flyer within the newsletter for information about our upcoming 2014 Easter Egg Hunt on April 12th, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.







## YARD OF THE MONTH - MAY 2013

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*The home of Pamela Duran, 1720 Post Oak, has been selected for May, 2013 Yard of the Month. Go Longhorns!*



## YARD OF THE MONTH - JUNE 2013

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*The home of Maria and Francisco Padilla, 1425 Glenbrook, has been selected for June, 2013 Yard-of-the-Month. Nice selection of plants that weather the heat and some of which bloom at various times. Very well maintained.*







## YARD OF THE MONTH - JULY 2013

*The home of Bobby and Wendy DeClair, 200 Maykus Court, has been chosen for the July Yard of the Month award. Bobby began this project over a year ago and did all the construction and landscaping himself. He's still working on a small bed near the house. And, no question about the address. Drop by and take a close up look.*



## YARD OF THE MONTH - AUGUST 2013

*The home of Laverne and Gay Ford, 1400 Limetree, has been selected for August, 2013 Yard of the Month. The Ford's do their own landscape and planting. They will receive a \$25 gift certificate from Gibson's Garden Center. These Jumbo Caladiums are outstanding. There are many varieties and colors of caladiums. They are an excellent choice for a shaded area and they do well in the Texas heat.*







## A LITTLE HISTORY

Ring, ring, telephone ring! Yes, ringing, no chirping, tweeting, beeping, bonging, whistling, vibrating, just ringing to announce the caller. In 1959 General Telephone and Sylvania Electric Products merged, and the parent's name was changed to General Telephone and Electronics Corporation (GT&E), later known to us in Irving as GTE. Different areas had different exchanges; Fleetwood (FL) was North Dallas, Emerson (EM) was University Park, Briarwood (BR) was Garland. Many of us can remember the BLACKBURN (BL) exchange as belonging to Irving. BL3 and BL4 were originally numbers assigned to homes on the South side of Highway 183. If your home was located on the North side of Highway 183, your telephone number began with BL5. But remember that during this period, MacArthur was a dead-end street at Northgate. Land to the north of Northgate was mostly horse pasture, and possibly part of the Carpenter Ranch. So Irving was quite small by today's standards.

In the 1960's it customers experienced telephone problems after inclement weather. When you ordered telephone service, you were issued phones which were installed in your home by GTE, you actually placed a deposit on the instrument and if you moved, you turned in your phone and received the deposit in return. You did not get to choose your number, rather you were issued a number by the phone company. Technicians would come into your home and work on your phone (which was hard wired into the wall); not at all portable. Extension phones were a hot item. Sometime around the 70's jacks/plugs became very popular (eliminating the need to hard wire into the wall). Later phones were available in retail outlets such as Radio Shack, where you would purchase your own phone, take it home and plug it in

for use. "We've come a long way baby!" If you were an Irving resident during the 60's or before, can you recall your phone number? How many of you have a "nostalgic" ring on your cell phone? *Abbbbbb, back in the day.*



**We fix phones fast...  
but only if they're ours.**

Sure, the phone company's no longer the only place you can get telephones. But there's one thing to think about, before you go to one of those other companies: Things do break down now and then, even telephones. And if you've gone somewhere else to get your phones, you have to go somewhere else to get them fixed, too.

That can take a lot of time. And cost a lot of money.

Remember, no one's equipped to fix phones faster than the phone company. We get things back to normal fast, even in major disasters.

We don't bill you extra for repairs, either.

So before you sign with somebody else, check with the phone company.

**GTE  
GENERAL  
TELEPHONE**

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MEETING

Last May, just before severe weather season started, we invited the Emergency Preparedness Department to speak at our May meeting,





# PROPERTY LISTINGS

## SOLD PROPERTIES - IRVING HOSPITAL DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD\*

(Period from September 1, 2013 to March 30, 2014)						Property Type: Single Family	Status: Sold			
Address	BR	Bth	Gar/	SqFt	Year Blt	Days on Mkt	List Price	Sold %of List Price	Sold Date	\$/SqFt
N O Connor RD	3	2.0	2/0/2	1,943	1955	52	89,900	89	1/07/2014	41.22
S Betsy	3	1.0	0/1/1	1,250	1954	79	94,500	90	1/13/2014	68.00
N O Connor RD	3	2.0	2/0/2	1,755	1955	82	104,990	104	2/11/2014	62.11
Betsy LN	3	2.0	2/0/2	1,496	1955	3	126,000	100	11/14/2013	84.22
Glenbrook DR	3	2.0	2/0/2	1,530	1961	55	127,500	100	12/31/2013	83.33
Glenview DR	3	3.0	2/0/2	1,662	1962	183	134,900	101	2/06/2014	82.13
N Glen Vista DR	3	2.0	2/0/2	1,894	1962	101	149,900	99	11/26/2013	78.14
Glenbrook DR	3	2.0	2/0/2	1,731	1962	8	149,900	100	11/21/2013	86.60
Cypress DR	4	2.1	2/0/2	2,578	1961	134	149,999	87	2/21/2014	50.43
N Glen Vista DR	3	2.0	2/0/2	1,894	1963	9	159,900	101	2/18/2014	85.53
Glen Alta DR	4	2.0	2/0/0	2,120	1963	82	199,900	93	3/03/2014	87.26
Kosstre CT	3	2.1	2/0/0	2,438	1982	32	204,900	103	12/20/2013	86.92
Glenbrook DR	3	3.0	2/0/2	2,554	1960	38	225,000	96	3/07/2014	84.18
Maykus CT	4	5.0	2/0/2	3,809	1974	10	260,000	100	9/04/2013	68.26
Broadmoor LN	5	4.1	2/0/2	4,755	1979	25	409,000	98	10/22/2013	84.65
<b>Min</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0/0/0</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>1954</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>89,900</b>	<b>87</b>		<b>41.22</b>
<b>Max</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2/1/02</b>	<b>4,755</b>	<b>1982</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>409,000</b>	<b>104</b>		<b>87.26</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2/0/2</b>	<b>2,227</b>	<b>1963</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>172,419</b>	<b>97</b>		<b>75.53</b>

Number of Properties: 15  
Average (SalePrice / SqFt) : \$75.53

Data Prepared by: Dianne Cartwright, Realtor  
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\*includes properties within IHDNA Boundaries only.



Yellow-crowned Night-Heron  
spotted by Bill Herod



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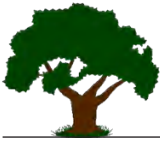


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## UPCOMING BOARD MTGS

All meetings are at Irving  
**First Church of the Nazarene**  
MacArthur Blvd.  
Second Tues, 6pm  
**See you there!**

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## A REMINDER ABOUT CODE ENFORCEMENT

Sometimes we forget some of the more obscure codes that we have to remember. We hear frequently about putting trash out too early, too many cars on unsurfaced areas, tall weeds, fences in disrepair, etc. One we don't hear about often but is still very important is blocking the sidewalk. It is against Irving Code to block a sidewalk with a vehicle, brush or other large and bulky items.

Enforcement officers have received an increase in blocked sidewalk complaints and will be stepping up their enforcement. We have many walkers in our neighborhood, so please be sure your car doesn't block the sidewalk or tree or

brush trimmings don't hang over the sidewalk. Both situations can be a hazard especially now that it is getting dark earlier and earlier.



**Have you seen the ads in this newsletter** and want to add your business information? Below is the current ad rate. If you wish to place an ad please contact Eddie Velez, evelez3@gmail.com or Danny Elms, Danny\_Elms@yahoo.com.

Size	Per Issue		Yearly (4 issues)	
	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident
Bus Card	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$35.00	\$40.00
1/8 page	\$15.00	\$18.00	\$50.00	\$60.00
¼ page	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$85.00	\$100.00
½ page	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$115.00	\$160.00
Full page	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$150.00	\$200.00

### FREQUENTLY CALLED:

<b>Animal Shelter:</b>	972-721-2256
<b>City Landfill: 7AM—5:45 PM</b>	972-721-2349
<b>City Water Dept.:</b>	972-721-2281
<b>Code Enforcement:</b>	972-721-2461/ 972-721-2381
<b>DART: Schedule Info:</b>	214-979-1111
<b>Complaints/Suggestions:</b>	214-749-3333
<b>DFW Humane Society:</b>	972-254-3265/ 253-3333
<b>Fire Dept (Non-Emergency):</b>	972-721-2308
<b>Irving ISD:</b>	972-215-5000
<b>Irving Public Library Central:</b>	972-721-2606
<b>MacArthur Pump Station:</b>	972-721-2664
<b>Mosquito Control:</b>	972-721-3755
<b>Police Dept. (Non-Emergency):</b>	972-721-2661
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<b>Street Maintenance:</b>	972-721-2201
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<b>TXU Energy:</b>	972-791-2888
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