



SPIRIT OF LASCOLINAS

INSIDE: Adventure game venue Escape Room HQ is now open.



NEW PRESIDENT CONTINUING BEN CARPENTER'S VISION

J. Hammond Perot, the Natchitoches, Louisiana native stepped into LCA's President/CEO role November 1st. As LCA President/CEO, Perot's goal is to continue to provide "value and benefits for the members, and ensuring a world-class community." With Ben Carpenter's vision remaining the foundation of the community, LCA will work to evolve, fortify and modernize the Las Colinas brand.



Hammond Perot

When it comes to the members, Perot wants to be accessible. He understands that the LCA works on behalf of the members and that "we're here to help enhance the value of their investment, both in their homes and businesses investments." Perot's experience and skillset will benefit Las Colinas by informed decision making and being accessible to members.

Perot moved to the DFW area in 1994 to attend graduate school at University of Texas at Dallas. He has worked in Economic Development for over 20 years. With a background in research, economics, public policy and development, Perot brings an abundant wheelhouse full of expertise to the community. Perot advocates informed goal-oriented decision making. As City of Dallas Economic Development Assistant Director, Perot established a research and information program that benefitted policy makers and corporate clients alike. "You need to know



Las Colinas Association is located at 3838 Teleport Blvd., Irving, Texas 75039.

where you're trying to go in order to make sound decisions on how to get there," Perot says. "If you don't understand that, you'll risk making bad decisions." Previously, Perot mostly worked behind the scenes because "that's how things get done in economic development" but he's very excited about serving the members of Las Colinas. "There is tremendous opportunity here! It's a wonderful location with great people...the folks that live and work here really love Las Colinas!"

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Property of the Month



Omni Mandalay Hotel is located at 221 East Las Colinas Ave, Irving, TX 75039.

DECEMBER & JANUARY AREA EVENTS

The **Irving Annual Holiday Extravaganza** will take place Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 4pm to 6:30pm at City Hall. This free event includes a parade, a stage show, free chocolate, an appearance from Santa, along with lighting the city holiday tree and fireworks. For more information, call (972) 721-2501.

Don't miss the **6th Annual Las Colinas Home Show** at the Irving Convention Center January 13 – 14, 2018. With more than 100 exhibitors, you will have access to the most qualified home experts.

Zestfest will be held on January 26-28th at the Irving Convention Center on Las Colinas Blvd. The event features some of the hottest exhibitors showcasing spicy goods from around the world for your gustatory pleasure. Enjoy three days of celebrity cooking demonstrations, food competitions and live entertainment, or participate in the wing or jalapeno eating contests.

From 10:00am to 2:00pm on Saturday, January 27th, the **Irving family event Frost Fest**, sponsored by Whole Foods, will be held at Cimarron Trail. Frost Fest is free and will feature a snow tubing hill, petting zoo, train rides and much more. Check out <http://www.cityofirving.org/2956/Frost-Fest> for details.

ACCOLADES



Jim Hrcir, RPh, of Las Colinas Pharmacy located at 6420 N MacArthur Blvd #100 was named Dr. M. George Webber 2017 Compounding Pharmacist by Professional Compounding Centers of America (PCCA). This award commemorates independent pharmacists who have provided excellent customer service to providers, patients and colleagues. Congratulations!

LCA NEWS

Holiday Hours: Las Colinas Association will be closed Friday, December 22nd through December 25th for Christmas Holiday. We will close at noon on Friday, December 29th through Monday, January 1st for the New Year.

Special Meeting Results: All the Supplementary Declarations for 2017 passed! LC can look forward to potentially having a new medical office building, medical office building, hotel, and a new Montessori School!

On Holiday Decorations...



Please don't forget to remove your decorations after the season is over.

Decorations can deteriorate in natural weather conditions and become trash.

FEATURED NONPROFIT **Leukemia Texas**

Leukemia Texas moved to Las Colinas last year and is dedicated to providing financial support to research and patients of Leukemia. There are four kinds of Leukemia and it can affect anyone of any demographic. "People immediately think of that young bald child, but there is no average patient," Mandy O'Neill, Chief Executive Officer at Leukemia Texas says, "Cancer doesn't discriminate." The cause and the cure are unknown.

Leukemia Texas supports the patient, not only with financial resource but also with notes of encouragement, caps, food, and

even mortgage assistance. What is unique about this non-profit is that the funds raised here, also stay here in the community.

"Give where you live", O'Neill says.

The successful Leukemia Texas has been able to assist every patient aid applicant that has sought them out. Those Texans received assistance, but year to date, approximately 4,000 new diagnoses are given in our state, which means Texas could have a total of 6,000 new diagnoses by the end of 2017. That is a lot of people who will need resources.

If you have Leukemia and are a U.S. citizen and a resident of

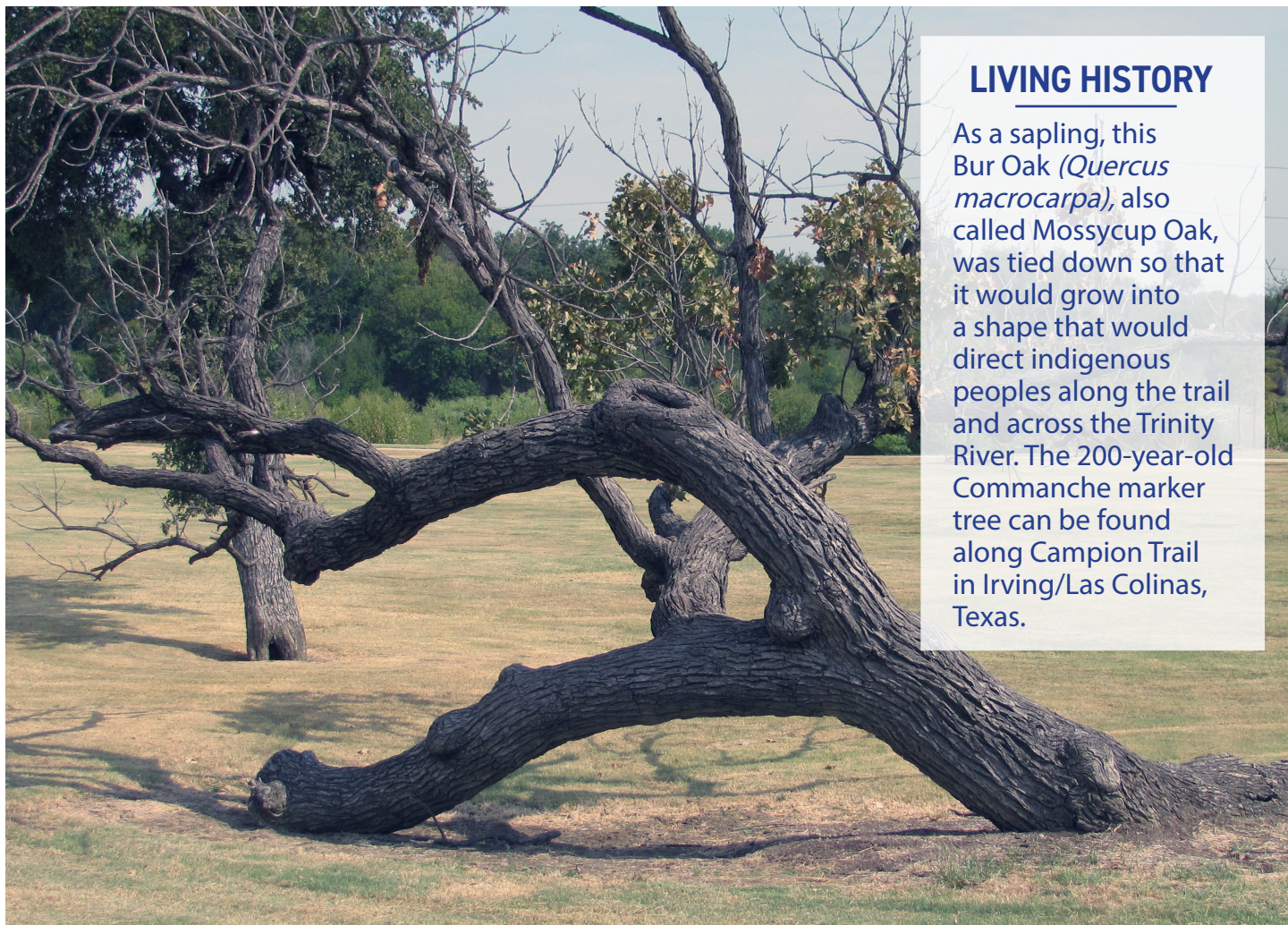
Texas, you can apply at : <http://leukemiatexas.org/> .

To get involved:

Aside from financial donations, Leukemia Texas is looking for social media savvy volunteers to help strengthen their digital presence. You or your company can also sponsor, attend or volunteer at one of their signature fundraising events.

Details can be found at <http://leukemiatexas.org>.

Leukemia Texas is located at 4925 N O'Connor Rd. Suite 125 in Irving, TX. For questions, call 214-265-7393.



LIVING HISTORY

As a sapling, this Bur Oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*), also called Mossycup Oak, was tied down so that it would grow into a shape that would direct indigenous peoples along the trail and across the Trinity River. The 200-year-old Commanche marker tree can be found along Campion Trail in Irving/Las Colinas, Texas.



AFTER 5 IN LC

The first restaurant to open at Irving's Toyota Music factory is **Bar Louie**, an eclectic, urban bar known for its gem colored innovative martinis. This non-pretentious neighborhood bar caters to locals and has a "come as you are" type atmosphere. Whether you're wearing a suit, gym clothes, concert garb, kilt, LBD, cosplay Penguin, blue satin tracksuit, scrubs, or that gray holey '97 family reunion tee that matches your mom and dad, Bar Louie will accept you. No reservations are necessary. This is a convenient, all-inclusive place where you grab a drink at one of the 50 swivel seats at the bar.

Subtle details make Bar Louie a one-of-a-kind spot. Eight medium-sized TVs are positioned in the center of the room for those needing to check in on their 'boys. The TVs don't dominate the space but they're there just in case. Purse hooks are under the bar to hold your Kate Spade so she doesn't get dirty. The upscale atmosphere reverberates with a mixture of current and classic American Rock. Bar Louie takes music a step further by bringing in live local talent on Fridays. Have suggestions? Tell them! They're all ears! Call (469) 217-8370.

Several retractable glass garage doors dot both sides of the building which provide lots of natural light and air flow. Bar Louie has that outdoor airy fresh feel. With Texas' mild winters, the front and back patio are perfect for the company, drinks, and apps. The back patio even has a firepit and heaters.

As for specials, classic burger deals and ½ off

appetizers are on happy hour. All food is made from scratch and even the juice is freshly squeezed.

What you should order:

The Clover, otherwise known as the "Mantini", is an amber colored mix of Maker's Mark, orange liquor, agave nectar and citrus juice. Rich and sophisticated, this is a hearty martini.

The Effen Good is another signature martini, which resembles a milky moonstone color. Cucumbers, mint, lime and agave nectar all make for a refreshing drink.

The most popular signature drink is the Diva, a delicate fruit punch, the hue of pink sapphire that finishes with fresh pineapple.

Other things to know:

Bar Louie has "Relative Relief nights" beginning at 4 pm following major holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. When Cousin Tad refuses to stop bringing up the one time you burned half your bangs off with a curling iron and had to take school pictures the same week, you have a place to get away to. They are located at 360 West Las Colinas Boulevard, Irving, TX 75039.

After 5 in LC seeks to inform local business professionals, visitors and residents on happy hour hotspots in Las Colinas. Where do you and your friends go to unwind? Please email Amanda S. Cline at acline@lascolinas.org.

THE TASTE

By Amanda Star Cline



Behind the construction crews and traffic cones, nestled at 220 West Las Colinas Blvd., you will find the booming sandwich shop [Subz N Stuff](#). It is the experience that you would have at a rich multicultural New York City deli, but right in the heart of the Urban Center.

Several of the patrons in front of me ordered the same thing so I knew I'd need to try to it too! I ordered the daily special, Lahози Masala Chicken sandwich, which is inspired by the hometown of the shop's owner, "Jami". By the way, I was most impressed with how Jami knew all of his customers by name! It's nice to see an owner so involved with their patrons. Now, back to the food! Soft bread, served warm, with a delightful toasty exterior sprinkled with poppy seeds and grains, tender spicy chicken, layered with lettuce, tomatoes and gouda. The warm gouda was a nice flavor against the spice. The filling to bread ratio was just right but what's even better is while the hearty sandwich will fill you up, it won't make too much of a dent in your holiday spending allowance. Subz N Stuff is renowned for their special homemade sauces that were once

featured on the ABC reality television show, Shark Tank. I added a dollop of one of the signature sauces, chipotle horseradish, which was perfectly smokey and bright for my sandwich. You can be adventurous- there are endless sauce and sandwich combinations with no judgement. With over 50 hot and cold sandwiches on the menu, salads, and breakfast items, you have a lot to choose from.

Quality and variety reign at Subz N Stuff, especially with their preservative-free bread, freshly sliced cheese and meats (no dry crusty edges here), tons of varieties in chips include Miss Vickies, Kettle brand, Zapp's, and Lays. Beyond edibles, there are four fridges full of beverages from sodas, juices, vitamin waters, to coconut juices and flavored tea.

One last thing, be sure to park in Mandalay Towers and ask for a ticket validation at the register. You may not be able to park too close by with all the construction but Mandalay has plenty of parking.

[The Taste is a section highlighting local restaurants I've sampled to help you discover great experiences and great food!](#)



NEW VENUES: Escape Room HQ

The discreet and mysterious, Escape Room HQ located at 1701 W Walnut Hill Ln #201, Irving, TX 75038 takes teamwork to a whole new level. Whether you are wanting to strengthen your corporate team's communication or book a bachelorette party, Escape Room HQ is a physical and mental adventure game where you can solve crimes, decode answers and achieve fame in your group.

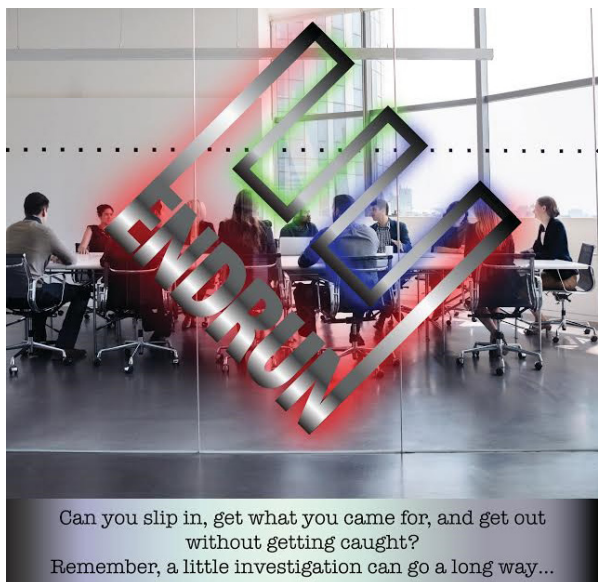
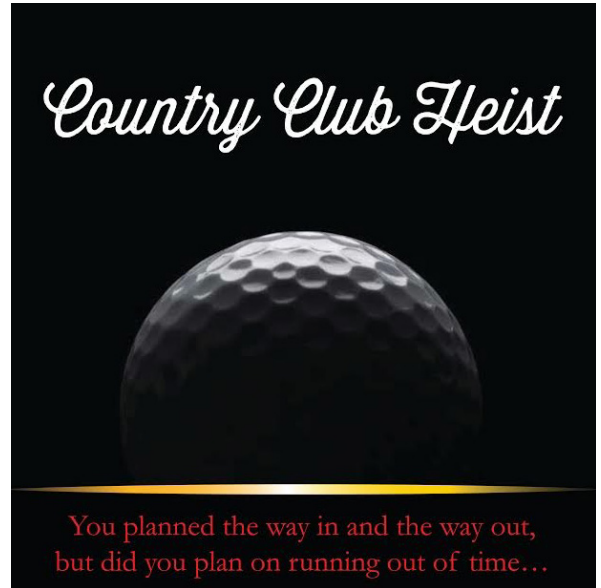
"Teambuilding" is a buzzword in the corporate world where colleagues streamline their goals, define their roles, work on their relationships with others and ultimately find solutions to team problems. Antiquated methods for teambuilding like the Human Knot, which required team members to unravel themselves while holding hands, are now in the past. Escape Room HQ mirrors the office environment without the offices and have large meeting rooms which allow for space, catering, and workshops. What makes them unique is that unlike other team building workshops, there is a way for everyone to participate. This venue isn't dependent on physical strength, like a ropes course would be. It requires pure intellect, specifically creativity, logic, math, and observation.

Staff or "Game Masters" are specially trained in reading body language cues which allows them to minimize barriers that might interfere with the team's success. Sometimes intervention is required but sometimes, you or one of your teammates may just stumble upon the next clue needed to break out of the room.

There are three rooms, End Run, Country Club Heist and Corporation of D.O.O.M, all with a time limit of 60 minutes. End Run sets the scene for a journalistic adventure revealing corruption in an office. In the Country Club Heist simulation, you and your teammates are out to steal the world's most coveted aerodynamic



Golf ball. Lastly, a favorite among staff, Corporation of D.O.O.M positions the player in an Intern/Indiana Jones type role, surrounded by Egyptian artifacts. With large meeting rooms, three themed adventures, Escape Room HQ is your key to team building and strengthening relations in the workplace.



UPCOMING EVENT: ZestFest 2018



Zestfest 2018 will be held at the Irving Covention Center January 26th-28th. In addition to spicy rubs and sauces, you will find speciality cheeses, chips, roasted nuts, jerky, cutlery, toffee, salsa, oils and wine.

JOIN US!

Be part of our newsletter and submit your story, photo or nomination via our Facebook page, Las Colinas Tex, or by emailing acline@lascolinas.org before the 10th of the following month in order to be considered for publication. Thank you for helping us make Spirit of Las Colinas representative of our community.

OUR COMMUNITY

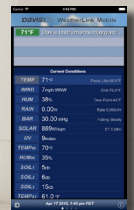
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NEW MEMBER PROFILE

SWETHA & SUDHEER(S-UU-D-HEER) PARIMI

Why Las Colinas?

Las Colinas is well connected to all the places in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Needless to say, it's a nice place to raise a family. All the stores, activity centers, restaurants, schools/colleges and offices are in close proximity. Moreover, it has a lot of greenery and beautiful parks/recreation centers.

Where did you move from?

We were in the Midwest for a long time and planned to move to a place where there is lively culture throughout the year. Definitely, Dallas suburb, Las Colinas/Irving was our first preference which has access to all the places we wanted and it's a well-developed, beautiful city.

Favorite Food?

No favorite food but we like to try a



variety of foods. Especially in Las Colinas area we like American grill houses and Italian places.

Hobbies and Groups?

We joined the YMCA and are enjoying a couple of group activities there. We are part

of a community service group outreach and spend time teaching underprivileged kids and volunteer at North Texas Food Bank. We like to play tennis, going bicycling and taking walks on the beautiful Las Colinas trails.

What restaurants, activities, stores, events and food would you like to see?

We hope to see more events like open air music concerts, see movies at the drive-thru, etc. As the population seems to be growing considerably in Las Colinas, we would like to see more grocery and food stores. Also, if the city can tap into getting some large employers who plan to move into the Dallas area, that would be a great benefit for the youth and skilled professionals.