



# SPIRIT

## OF LASCOLINAS

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Bi-Monthly Newsletter of LAS COLINAS ASSOCIATION

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## CARROLLTON-FARMERS BRANCH ISD: IMPROVING LEARNING

It is easy to classify education with statistics; however, there is much more to the experience of young scholars. Relationships with caring teachers, diversity, strong family involvement and a range of extracurricular activities all positively mold the student from kindergarten to senior year. What makes Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District unique is that they have International Baccalaureate (IB) schools within their district.

At Las Colinas Elementary, Bush Middle School and Ranchview High school, students can take the full continuum of the IB program. IB programs teach students to challenge assumptions, think critically, develop research skills that will help them in higher education realms, consider both local and global contexts and lastly, develop multilingual skills. While many schools are doing away with Arts programs, IB schools advocate a well-rounded education which includes students taking classes devoted to Library time (reading), Spanish (language), Art and Music.

Principal Ahveance Jones at Las Colinas Elementary School says that the school's strengths are diversity, parental involvement and close-knit ties within the community. Besides strong parental involvement, the school has a following of generous donors who have contributed gifts ranging from updated technology, and playground equipment, to sponsoring the school's monthly family



Statue of Ranchview High School's mascot.

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*The educational options for young Las Colinians are diverse, with three school districts serving the community aside from various private, charter and religious schools. In order to shine a spotlight on the character building institutions, this second of two-part series will highlight the Carrollton-Farmers Branch School District. Irving ISD was featured in our February newsletter. It is important to know that while Coppell was contacted via email and phone, we never received a response. We would love to feature Coppell ISD in an upcoming newsletter.*



## Property of the Month

6700 Las Colinas Blvd.  
Fluor Corporation



## APRIL & MAY COMMUNITY EVENTS

Yarn crafters, it's that time of year again! **DFW Fiber Fest** will take place April 5, 2018 - April 8, 2018, at the Irving Convention Center. For more info: <http://www.dfwfiberfest.org/>.

Toyota Music Factory will be the location for the **2018 Irving Marathon**. This event will be held on April 7th. More details can be found at [www.irvingmarathon.com](http://www.irvingmarathon.com).

**Brad Paisley's Weekend Warrior World Tour** is coming to the Toyota Music Factory Friday, April 13th at 7 pm. Get your tickets at <http://www.bradpaisley.com/tour-dates>.

The **North Texas Teen Book Festival** is coming to the Irving Convention Center Saturday, April 21, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This free, one-day festival will highlight Middle Grade and Young Adult (YA) literature by connecting the North Texas reading community to well-known, best-selling, and emerging teen authors. To find out more about the festival, visit [www.northtexasteenbookfestival.com](http://www.northtexasteenbookfestival.com).

Get your helmet and your bike! **Irving's Annual Bicycle Fest** will take place Saturday, April 28, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at North Lake College Campus (5001 N MacArthur Blvd, Irving, TX 75038). Details at: <http://www.cityofirving.org/2561/Annual-Bicycle-Fest/>.

**Kameha Con** will bring voice actors, animators, toys, games, and collectibles to the Irving Convention Center May 4, 2018 - May 6, 2018. Purchase your tickets at <https://www.kamehacon.com/>.

## LCA NEWS

The first **LCA Charity Bowl-A-Thon** benefitting **Irving Cares** will take place at PINSTACK on Thursday, April 26th 6pm-9pm. Find out more at <https://lascolinascharitybowlathon.eventbrite.com>.

For **Memorial Day weekend**, LCA offices will close at noon on Friday, May 25th and reopen on Tuesday, May 29th at 8:00am.



*The LC Property Compliance Department started a new Apartment/ Multi-Family Rewards program which highlights properties that reflect and maintain the aesthetic character that Las Colinas is known for. These properties had five or less compliance issues when evaluated.*

### Congratulations Platinum Award Recipients!

Alexan Urban Center  
AMLI- Escena  
AMLI – Riverside  
AMLI – Campion Trail  
AMLI – Las Colinas  
Bella Casita  
Colonial Reserve  
Crest at Las Colinas Station  
Delante  
Fountain Pointe

IMT Lakeshore Lofts  
Jefferson Riverside  
La Villita Lakeside  
Lakepointe Las Colinas  
Lakeside Urban Center  
Mission at La Villita  
Monterra  
Olympus  
Pure @ La Villita

## CONSTRUCTION

350 room **Westin Hotel** is expected to open this fall.

148 room **Texican Court Hotel** is expected to open late summer.

**Alamo Draft House** at Toyota music Factory is anticipated to open this month (March).

**FAST FACT: DID YOU KNOW THAT LAS COLINAS DEED RESTRICTED LAND TOTALS 12,000 ACRES OR 18.75 SQ. FT.?**

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events. Las Colinas Elementary School even has classes specifically for special needs students and for students with autism.

Barbara Bush Middle School, the CFBISD's IB Junior High, boasts a gifted population of 10% and an award-winning orchestra program. What is notable about the school, though, is their Kickstart Karate program which is occasionally visited by a very famous Hollywood star. Icon and overall superhuman, Chuck Norris, is known to attend belt ceremonies and present awards to Bush karatekas.

Karate doubles as self-protection and as an athletic activity, but parents may still worry about safety in public schools. Principal Matt Warnock says that there is "a strong safety presence" at Bush Middle School; one security guard and one uniformed officer on campus at all times. With only 663 students, the school is smaller than most middle schools. Because of the small number of students and the many programs and extra-curricular activities offered, students are often involved in several programs which allow for a sense of community. This keeps students too busy to become interested in drugs or other sordid activities that might plague the typical junior high student at other schools. Bush students are active in groups, but they spearhead philanthropic efforts that benefit food banks, animal shelters, amputees, and individuals afflicted with tetra-amelia syndrome through the Learning for Limbs program.

The last stop before college for the IB student is Ranchview High School which provides several rigorous college prep classes. In fact, Ranchview High School has six college-level classes for full IB diploma candidates, and they currently have around 30 full diploma students. Leadership/dual credit programs for juniors and seniors help propel their higher education aspirations by offering 24 credit hours for free.

Free college classes cut down the student's expense and time on education, but Ranchview High School also has a thriving athletics program. "Football, basketball, cross country, swimming, swimming and dive, tennis, golf, track, and this year we will have both girls' and boys' soccer. Everything but wrestling." Sherri Skruch, Ranchview Principal smoothly recalls. This lengthy list doesn't include all the other clubs on campus. There is a hobby and a place for every student at Ranchview, and teachers strive to get the students



Hallway featuring flags from all around the world at Barbara Bush Middle School .

connected to a club, sport or art. Ranchview feels like a "private school in a public setting", Skruch says.

Everything unique and special about all CFBISD schools would be challenging to cover, but all in all, the mission, goal, and intent of the district is to continuously improve student learning, the learning environment, operational effectiveness, and community support. CFBISD schools are safe, dedicated to creating well-rounded, critically thinking, high achieving, college-bound students that will be able to perform and compete in global spheres.



## THE TASTE: FRESHII by Amanda Star Cline

Freshii at Toyota Music Factory is the superfoods destination for patrons with food allergies or those who prefer a whole foods diet approach. They have many different hormone free protein options and they also use natural sweeteners like honey and stevia. Freshii not only cares about what you're eating but they care about your carbon footprint. All packaging is either biodegradable or easily recyclable.

If you are "ferocious" hungry, I'd suggest the Pangoa Bowl which is layered with brown rice, avocado, cheddar, cherry tomatoes, corn, black beans, cilantro, BBQ sauce and topped with a lime wedge. Without meat, this bowl packs about 19 grams of protein but with so many protein options, why wouldn't you want to



add some chicken, falafel, tofu or steak?

If you are "I-had-breakfast-but-that-was-hours-ago" hungry, go with the Market Wrap. This wrap encompasses field greens, spinach, quinoa, avocado, feta cheese, beet slaw, dried cranberries, green apple, carrots, and honey Dijon dressing. Select a protein or go vegetarian!

While Freshii has many healthy bowl, salad and wrap options, they do have chips and sodas for those craving a crunch or sugar. This superfoods destination is the perfect spot for you to continue your New Year's Resolution of eating whole foods!

The Taste is a section highlighting local restaurants I've sampled to help you discover great experiences and great food.



## FEATURED BUSINESS Capitol Wealth Strategies



Take the first step in achieving financial stability and financial literacy with [Capitol Wealth Strategies](#) at Summit at Las Colinas located on the corner of Riverside Drive and East John Carpenter Freeway.

Financial representative, David Baird says, "We want to get peoples' houses in order. Once we have the house in order, then we look at their goals and what they want to accomplish. Not within the next thirty years! We take a smaller more conservative approach and look at what they want to accomplish in three years..."

Capitol Wealth Strategies takes a four-step approach to getting your finances in order. 1) Protection, protect what you have today, 2) Savings, learn how to become a world-class saver so you can set your rate of return, and not the marketplace, 3) have liquid assets available for life events and lastly, 4) Debt management.

Education is an important part of the approach. Capitol Wealth Strategies wants their clients, that range from individuals, couples, large businesses, and small businesses, to feel empowered and in control of their futures. Baird passionately says, "If you don't learn how to control your money, your money will control you!"

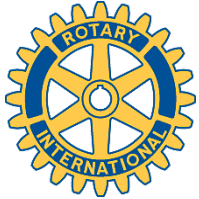
Controlling your financial future has to do



with peace of mind and relieving anxiety about the future. "You would be amazed at how much better you sleep at night, how more relaxed you are because that major stress of money is no longer a stress. It's being managed, it's being taken care of."

Capitol Wealth Strategies keeps your records on a secure database that can be accessed from anywhere. Your documents are safe from natural disasters and fire. They also offer specialized services like employee education workshops for businesses and depending on your needs.

Whether you want to purchase your own private island or invest in a 401k, David Baird at Capitol Wealth Strategies can help you plan your future.



# 2018 Flags Over LasColinas

## The Irving-Las Colinas Rotary

**Club** invites you to join your friends and neighbors in displaying the American Flag on the 5 major holidays of Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Veteran's Day. The "Flags Over Irving" Program gives Irving residents an opportunity to show their pride and love for our country. It gives our community a great patriotic spirit and at the same time helps so many people.

This is a service project, of the Irving-Las Colinas Rotary Club. Rotarians are dedicated businessmen and women who provide humanitarian service to people throughout the world and in the local community. 100% of the proceeds are used to support the Rotary scholarships and youth programs in our community of Irving.

We will place a PVC plastic sleeve in the ground, 15" from your front sidewalk or curb and



mark the curb with a small Blue Star.

On the 5 holidays, a 3' x 5' United States Flag, mounted on a 10' metal pole, is placed in sleeve. Rotary Club volunteers, with the help of Boy Scouts, will do all the work. We display and store the flags. The flags and the sleeves remain the property of the Irving-Las Colinas Rotary Club. There are no brackets or fixtures attached to your home and the plastic sleeve cap will be barely visible.

**2018 Annual Flag Lease is only \$45 for the year.**

**Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Veterans Day**

[www.FlagsOverIrving.com](http://www.FlagsOverIrving.com)

Please complete this form and mail it along with your payment to:

**Irving-Las Colinas Rotary Club**

P.O. Box 141714 Irving, TX 75014

Please make checks payable to: Irving-Las Colinas Rotary Club

**Thank you! We appreciate your support!**

If you have any questions, **Flag Hotline: 972-523-9616** kchoward@verizon.net

**YES!** We want to participate in the **Flag Program of the Irving-Las Colinas Rotary Club.** It is my responsibility to advise in the placement for the plastic sleeve to avoid sprinklers, plumbing and electrical hazards or if the sleeve becomes a hazard to lawn equipment.

**Neighborhood** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_ .com .net

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Need Sleeve & Star**  or **Renewal of Last Year**  ~Home Flag(s) # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45 (\$40 prior to 4/5/18) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**YES, I also want to Sponsor a Flag(s) for our Gate or Common Areas # 1**  **2**  or \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**By Check**  MasterCard  Visa  Disc  CC# \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Amount Paid** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Exp \_\_\_\_\_ (CVC) \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Memorial Day DEADLINE please: May 3rd, 2018**

## LCA UPDATES: NEW ONLINE VOTING OPTION, NEW ACC MEMBERS

With so many new commercial and residential developments in the community, the Association has been keeping busy. Gables Water Street is shaping up and Toyota Music Factory has revitalized the Urban Center. The community can also look forward to two hotels and many more restaurants soon.

The Architectural Control Committee, along with Plan Review staff, are responsible for reviewing submissions. This time of year, Plan Review staff receive a lot of submissions on landscaping, pools, decks and outdoor kitchens. Once the plans are received and approved, they are brought before the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) Residential Review Committee or the Commercial Review Committee for formal review. Both committees are made up of members from commercial and residential communities. This year two new members have joined the Architecture Control committee. Dinah Kirkpatrick has joined the Residential Review Committee replacing Nora McCaa who served 2 years, 3 months and Residential Review Committee member Cheryl Feigenbaum has replaced Chris Allen who served 5 years, 2 ½ months.

Security Services still boasts a 5-second response rate from Patrol personnel and the Alarm Monitoring Service is rolling out a new wireless mesh radio alarm monitoring system this year. Our Security Services Department monitors members' existing security alarms for free. Members must have a City of Irving Alarm Permit and the alarm systems must be installed by a Texas State licensed alarm company. When Patrol is not responding to alarms or incidents, they are monitoring our community and responding to calls on open garage doors. In fact, in

2017, Las Colinas Association Patrol responded to an average of 366 open garage door calls per month! That's 366 times an opportunistic thief could have shopped for a new bicycle, weight set or maybe even try to get inside your living room to claim your big screen. Don't forget to close your garage door at night and when you leave your home. Open garage doors are an open invitation to property theft and it can be a costly mistake.

The Common Property Department is responsible for the beautiful uniform appearance of our green spaces, medians, shorelines, and parks throughout our community. They know their trees, ground covers, shrubs, and flowers! Now is the time to plant! This is a great time to plant ground covers, trees, and warm-season annual flowers. LCA's Common Property Department suggests that new trees should be fertilized to stimulate growth.

LCA's Community Relations Department, along with the Irving Economic Development Partnership and Dallas Business Journal, recently sponsored Corridors of Opportunity: Las Colinas, A Master-Planned Masterpiece. This event was held at Toyota Music Factory on March 1st and featured local top executive panelists: Krista Bourne of Verizon, John J. Hedrick of Pei Wei, Noah Lazes of ARK Group, Bill Lucia of HMS and Steve Van Amburgh of KDC Real Estate Development & Investments.

This year, the Administrative Department upgraded LCA's proxy vote system to allow both paper and online voting methods to better assist property owners in casting their annual meeting votes. Now property owners receive a code and website address via USPS mail.

### 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](mailto: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

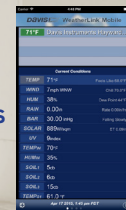
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Download at [www.lascolinas.org](http://www.lascolinas.org) or call us at 972-541-2345 to request a hard copy.



### WEATHER APP

- On your iPhone:
- Go to apps
  - Search and add 'Weather Link' by Davis Instruments Corp.
  - Click on the lower left hand icon.
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## NEW MEMBER PROFILE

### CHRIS & PAM ORTIZ

#### Where did you move from?

Chris was originally from San Antonio and Pam from Grapevine. We met in College 22 years ago at Southwest Texas State in San Marcos. After graduating and living in Austin for 5 years, we decided to move back up to Dallas to start our careers and build our family. We previously lived in La Villita for 12 years until just recently, when we purchased our new home in the Lakes of Las Colinas. We just couldn't leave Las Colinas as it holds such a special piece of our heart especially given both our children were born in this city. Our daughter, Viva, is now 5 and our son, Paz, is 3. We look forward to staying in our new home for many years and raising our family here.

#### Do you have a favorite food?

Anything Mexican, we love Mexican food! Two of our favorite Mexican restaurants, the famous El Ranchito and El Calle Doce. Our local favorites now are the Thirsty Lion, Gloria's and Boi Na Braza.

#### Do you have any hobbies or are you involved in any groups?

We enjoy being members of the Four Seasons Resort and Club in Las Colinas. We also recently joined Orange Theory Fitness that just opened in Las Colinas. We love being members of La Cima Club as well. That view on the 26th Floor...always a must for everyone. We are "Wish Granters" for the Make-A-Wish Foundation and we treasure attending our church, the



Cathedral Guadalupe in Downtown Dallas.

But what we love most is spending time with our children. Becoming parents late in life, you realize just how precious time is and how fast your children grow. Anytime we can take them with us, our hobbies are traveling within the USA, Canada and Mexico; and spending time in what we love to call "our 2nd home in Cabo." We love living life and always try diligently to never take a day for granted, living and loving with gratitude knowing every day is a gift.