



SPIRIT

OF LASCOLINAS

INSIDE: Las Colinas based non-profit MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving), Walk like MADD next month.



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SAFETY IN LAS COLINAS: DOOR TO DOOR ALARM SOLICITORS

A few of the many benefits of living in Las Colinas are the alarm monitoring service and the 24/7 general area patrol provided by LCA. We operate an Underwriters Laboratory (UL) listed alarm monitoring center to provide quick and local response to our members. While we do monitor alarm systems, it is important to know that LCA does not install or sell alarm systems. Likewise, LCA does not send alarm salespeople door-to-door.

When buying an alarm system, Kelly Ryan, president of the Texas Burglar & Fire Alarm Association (TBFAA) says that, "all professional alarm companies that install, service, and/or monitor burglar alarms,

surveillance systems, or electronic access control systems are required to have a DPS (Department of Public Safety) private security license, and all employees are required to be registered to the company's license." Alarm companies may solicit door-to-door. However, not all of these solicitors are legitimate representatives of an alarm company.

Alarm scams are common, but credentials can be authenticated by asking for the solicitor's registration to an alarm company license. Ryan says "The DPS has a Private Security Administrative Rule (35.10) that covers residential solicitation. Within rule 35.10, any alarm company



employee that is performing residential solicitation must be able to present to the homeowner or resident their DPS pocket card (registration to an alarm company license), provide the name, address, phone number, and license number of their employer, and they must inform the local law enforcement agency with a list of all the solicitors that are operating in the area."

Penny Hayter the Director of

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Commercial Property of the Month



Tuscan Professional Building, 701 Tuscan Drive

CONSTRUCTION

The Pavilion at Music Factory will open August 31st of this year! Construction for [Gables Water Street](#), the mixed-use development in the Urban Center is ongoing and making great progress. Some Water Street tenants will open up the month of August with other Water Street tenants continuing to open till the end of this year. The anticipated project completion date is July of 2018. Visit <http://retailstreetadvisors.com> for updates. For apartments, check out <https://www.apartments.com/gables-water-street-irving-tx/8v0t9l1/>.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

- Irving ISD
August 21, 2017
- Carrollton-Farmers Branch
August 28, 2017
- North Hills Preparatory
August 8, 2017
- Coppell ISD
August 21, 2017

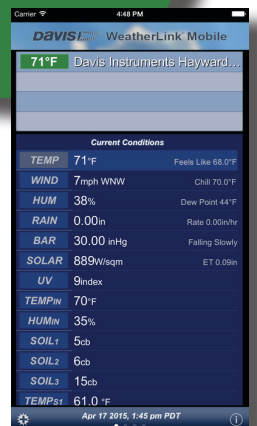
AREA EVENTS

[DogFest Walk 'n Roll DFW](#) will take place at the Canine Companions Baylor, Scott & White Kinkeade Campus at 7710 Las Colinas Ridge, Irving on Sept. 30th at 9:00am.



On your iphone:

- Go to apps
- Search and add 'Weather Link' by Davis Instruments Corp.
- Click on the lower left hand icon.
- Search and add Las Colinas/Customer Way.



FEATURED NONPROFIT

MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING (MADD)

Since Mothers Against Drunk Driving's (MADD) inception in 1980, the unwavering non-profit has contributed to cutting the number of deaths by impaired drivers in half. MADD's mission is to end drunk driving, help fight drugged driving, support the victims of these violent crimes, and prevent underage drinking. They carry out this mission by launching campaigns, offering victim services and education. MADD's Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving was launched in 2006 and focuses on three



initiatives: 1) High visibility of law enforcement, 2) in-car breathalyzers called Ignition interlocks required for first time drunk driving offenders and 3) alcohol detection technology for every single driver.

Affiliate executive director for north Texas division of MADD, Ron Sylvan, says, "Our constant pushing and prodding is responsible for putting a huge dent in the issues, and frankly we won't rest until we get to the point where there is no more drunk driving and fatalities caused by drunk driving".

Presently, MADD's current legislative priority is to require cars of drunk driving offenders to have the Ignition Interlock device which stopped over 245,000 drivers in Texas from drunk driving in 2016. The goal is to bring 22 states on board the interlock program with similar laws. "Our hope is, we already

have the technology - it exists! It becomes a matter of cost, but we would love to see the day when every car is equipped with sensors, whether they're in the

steering wheel or otherwise...so that it will sense it and not allow you to start your car." Suspending licenses of offenders seems like a practical idea, however, 50-75% of drivers with suspended licenses still continue to drive so the Ignition interlock device would prevent that.

Aside from lobbying efforts and legal advocacy, MADD offers victim services to people affected by impaired driving accidents. Two out of three individuals will be impacted by drunk drivers at some point in their lives. "Anybody who has been a victim of a crash involving drugs or alcohol is eligible for our services, All of our services are free...its a little bit of a secret, if you will, because the general public doesn't realize the extent of the services that we have to offer." MADD helps victims by providing advocates to help accompanying victims to court, provide therapy, connect them with other victims and even assist with funeral expenses.

Ethan Couch, otherwise known as the "Affluenza Teen" is the drunk driving offender who was indicted on four counts of intoxication manslaughter. MADD's outpost in McKinney, Texas is directly connected to the case and continues to closely monitor the ongoing situation.

"There's enough technology available now, as well as ride sharing and other services that there's no reason" why drunk driving cannot be eliminated.

For more information, go to www.madd.org or call 214-637-0372. MADD is located at 511 E John Carpenter Fwy #700, Irving, TX 75062. MADD's signature fundraising event is Walk like MADD and will be held on September 16, at 8:30 am on Lake Carolyn in Irving/Las Colinas.

Every **51** minutes someone dies from a drunk driving crash.

76% of drivers in fatal D.U.I. crashes are male.



Most D.U.I. Crashes occur Saturday mornings from **2:00** am to **2:59** am.



AFTER 5 IN LC



The LC mainstay, [Cool River Café](#), has been serving great food and drinks for almost 20 years. The upscale steakhouse has a high-energy bar where one can expect to sip classic and modern cocktails, wine or brews.

The bar top can accommodate 26 but there are large venue rooms that can be blocked off to create the perfect corporate event space. In fact, the entire bar area can hold up to 400 guests. There is the option of booths, intimate gathering and networking too. Several big screen TVs that can feature movies, sports games, Tony's, Grammys and maybe even the next Senate hearing, are mounted throughout the open space. If you aren't in the mood for politics or business, there are a few pool tables that might be available for a game.

When it comes to happy hour specials, you can't go wrong with their sharables: calamari, tuna tartare, maple black-pepper glazed chicken wings and wood-grilled Kobe beef sliders. Cool River Café is a steakhouse so you may want to order dinner while you enjoy the happy hour fare. Perhaps some Hickory-Smoked Prime Rib or maybe a plate of Nueske's Bacon-Wrapped Gulf Shrimp?

What you should order:

One of the signature drinks is the Oaks Lilly which is a seasonal selection cocktail made with Grey Goose Vodka, Triple Sec, Fresh Sour and Cranberry juice. Think Starburst/Cape Cod style but more refreshing. Highly recommended.

The most popular drink is the Kettle One Mule and don't

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Crab Cakes



Tuna Tartare



Moscow Mule



Oaks Lilly

THE TASTE

By Amanda Star Cline



Via Real offers upscale gourmet Santa Fe style cuisine without the upscale gourmet prices. Think table cloths and cloth napkins. That's the kind of refined detail you can expect to experience, in addition to indoor fountains embedded in a vintage brick wall that serves as a statuesque back drop for patrons. From the description, you might think that only the corporate crowd dines at Via Real but I personally witnessed a group of women wearing visors and tennis clothes that were seated at a table across the room. Great minds think alike! They were probably grabbing a bite to eat between their tennis matches at the Four Seasons across the street. Via Real is definitely upscale but attracts a diverse crowd. Whether you're in jersey or a suit, you will feel comfortable.

Now on to the food! I followed my waiter's recommendation and ordered the blackened salmon and adobo shrimp, with mashed Yukon gold potatoes and buttery lobster cream. Oh, my goodness! I cleaned my plate and probably ate faster than my distant visor-wearing, tennis player companions. I loved the adobo seasoning and the moist salmon, the creaminess of the potatoes and the portion was perfect for lunch. Obviously, I can always make some room for dessert. Ha!

The waiter brought a dessert menu featuring Cream Brulee, Chocolate Cake, Key Lime pie, classic Tres Leche, and Flan. Again, I took his recommendation and ordered the Key Lime pie. If you love Key Lime pie like me, you need to go to Via Real. Custard tart filling topped with homemade vanilla whipped cream...to die for! But this is layered



Key Lime Pie (left) and blackened salmon and adobo shrimp with mashed Yukon gold potatoes and lobster cream (right).



Ceviche- refreshing shrimp and bay scallops marinated in lime and tomato juices.

on a special graham cracker crust with very subtle bits of toasted coconut and almonds. You can't taste the coconut or the almonds but it adds a very nice

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USE CAUTION WITH ALARM COMPANY DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITORS

- Ask for DPS issued ID.
- Do not describe your security system.
- Call your current security system company to make sure they were the ones who sent a representative to your home.
- Always read all contracts and documents involved with the potential sale.
- Check the DPS website to confirm the company is licensed before you sign anything <https://tops.portal.texas.gov/psp-self-service/login/auth>
- Check with the Better Business Bureau for complaints against the company.
- Texans have the right to cancel a sale within three business days.
- Do not sign a contract with any blank spaces or that is undated.
- Always keep copies of anything signed or initialed.

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Security Services for LCA says, “not everyone deals with alarm systems daily and we understand that. We encourage members to call or email LCA’s Security Services Department (safety@lascolinas.org) with any questions; let us be a resource. LCA is not your typical alarm monitoring center as we sell nothing and work only for LCA members. If we cannot help a member directly we will work with them to try and find the solution. We are often surprised to find that people will believe alarm company salespeople regarding what services we have available for them without contacting us or even visiting our web-site. We by no means discourage all alarm system sales as a member’s needs may be outside our monitoring scope or they may want some additional added services. We know that the options for services continue to grow and hope we can assist our security system company to make sure they were the ones who sent a representative to your home.

If you suspect that an alarm company is misrepresenting their service, or violating the DPS residential solicitation rule, you are encouraged to submit a complaint through the DPS Regulatory Services website at https://www.dps.texas.gov/rsd/psb/consumer/info_complaints.htm. https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/files/epress/1_5.24.17_AVC.pdf.

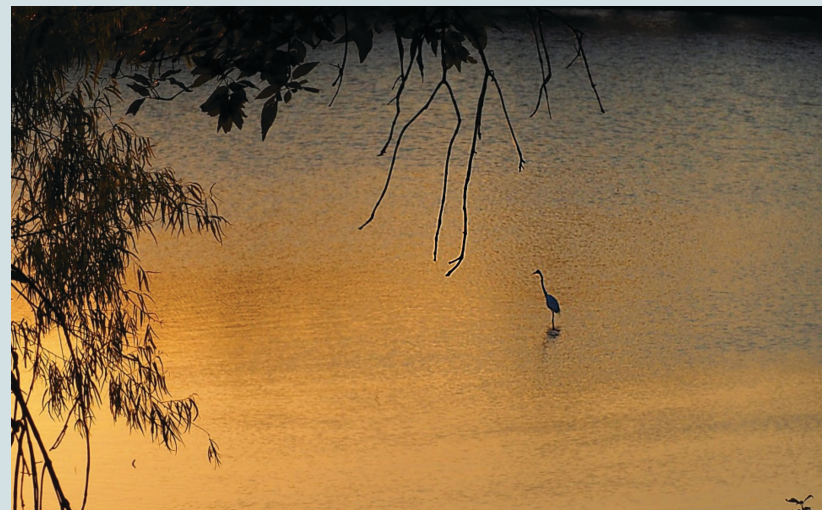


STREET LIGHT OUTAGES

Street lights improve safety for pedestrians and drivers alike. LCA has received many phone calls from concerned members about our community street lighting outages. It is important to know that the majority of Las Colinas street lights are owned by the City of Irving and not LCA. Oncor actually maintains the street lights.

You can “report street light issues” by going to <http://www.oncor.com/EN/Pages/Report-Streetlight-Issues.aspx> or by calling 1-888-313-4747. You can also use the interactive map at <https://www.oncorstreetlight.com> to report issues. Please do not hesitate to report street light outages to Oncor immediately when noticed.

ENJOYING THE SUNSET



These photos were taken along Campion trail by Las Colinian Tita Lamm.

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be afraid to venture out with a Black Cherry Crusta (Jim Beam Devil's Cut, Cointreau, Patron Citronge Liqueur, fresh sweet and sour, orange juice).

Happy Hour Info:

Monday thru Friday, 4 pm – 7 pm. Saturday, 11 am – 5 pm and all day on Sunday. Cool River Café is located at 1045 Hidden Ridge, Irving, TX 75038

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.

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textural component to the crust. I formally ended my lunch with a cup of the house signature coffee. I'm typically a dark roast drinker, this was dark enough to satisfy me but not too dark for an after lunch pick me up. It had a very velvety chocolate aftertaste that was delightful.

There aren't many brunch places in LC, yet. However, Via Real does offer a brunch buffet with bottomless mimosas. Oh, and don't forget to make reservations because this is a well-known popular hot spot.

The Taste is a section where I try local restaurants so you know where to go for great experiences and great food!

View/download our restaurant guide at www.lascolinas.org or call us at 972-541-2345 to request a hard copy.



OUR COMMUNITY

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.



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NEW MEMBER PROFILE

MIKE AND JESSIE PAXTON

Why Las Colinas?

Mike's office is headquartered in Las Colinas so that was the primary reason for moving here. We bought one of the newly constructed townhomes in Verona at Lake Carolyn and quickly decided how much we enjoyed a more urban style of living. We are members of Las Colinas Country Club which is a great and convenient option for us to meet many of our neighbors from the area and enjoy golf, dining and many of the social activities offered.

Favorite Food?

We consider Mexican food a "food group" and have more than our fair share of Mi Cocina, Taco Diner and Via Real. We really enjoy Italian Cafe and Jinbeh. Both places are so close to our house, good food, good service and just a neighborhood feel that we appreciate.

Hobbie's and Groups?

We both enjoy cycling and generally ride Saturday mornings with Greater



Dallas Cyclists. In the evenings we will ride around Las Colinas or on Campion Trail and in August we'll be riding in the Hotter'N Hell 100 in Wichita Falls. Mike enjoys playing golf and looks forward to his Sunday morning game and various tournaments at Las Colinas Country Club. Jessie loves retail therapy, SoulCycle and planning brunches around the city, all of which she

takes very seriously! We attend Fellowship Church in Grapevine, which is an uplifting and welcoming church. They have so many options to worship which makes it great to fit in our schedule. We love having the Saturday evening option.

Where did you move from?

We are both originally from Houston, although Jessie was born in El Salvador but has been a Texas native since 1994. Mike's company relocated to Las Colinas in 2013 and we bought our townhome in Las Colinas in December 2014. Even though Houston was home, we have fallen in love with the DFW area and Las Colinas specifically and hope to always call Las Colinas home.

What restaurants, stores, events or activities would you like to see here?

We are very excited about all the additional restaurants and venues coming soon to Las Colinas. Beyond that the only thing missing is a SoulCycle studio!