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WRIGHT INSPIRED HOMES EMBODY UNIQUE BEAUTY

By Amanda Star Cline

Las Colinas has many neighborhoods, and the wonderful thing about them is that they are all different. One neighborhood might have Mediterranean style homes, while another one might have Dutch Colonial homes or a mix of several styles. No two neighborhoods look entirely the same.

Over our 45+ year history, many beautiful homes have been built. However, Las Colinas has a few interesting homes that have elements influenced by the style of architect Frank Lloyd Wright. These homes were built before 1975. Wright designed offices, churches, homes, hotels, New York's famous Guggenheim Museum, and many other structures. Wright also trained many students at his studio, Taliesin – West in Scottsdale, Arizona, which would later become the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture. But what does this have to do with Las Colinas?

There are several styles of homes in University Hills. One particular home was showcased in Southern Living Magazine in March of 1971. The home on Northgate was designed in 1965 by award-winning architect David Webster George, who studied with Wright at Taliesin West. George was inspired by numerous architects and movements, but he preferred Craftsman-style architecture. This is revealed with low-pitched roof lines, exposed rafters and vaulted ceilings in the Northgate home. Other elements of Craftsman-style architecture include shingles, hand-crafted stone and/or woodwork, and mixed materials throughout the structure. Modular grids, which are common in George's work, direct terra cotta colored floor tiles and it is important to note that there is not a half tile in the house. Symmetry was very important to George and each tile was laid in its entirety.

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Property of the Month

4215 St. Andrews



LCA NEWS

SAFETY: October 7th-13th is **National Fire Prevention Week** which means it's time to check your smoke detector. Push the test button on the detector, on most detectors, it's the only button. Do you hear a loud noise? If so, your smoke detector works! But if you don't hear anything, change the battery or get a new smoke detector. If your smoke detector is connected to your monitored alarm system, place it on test first with your monitoring company. You can call LCA Dispatch any time (972) 541-1312.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL: Thinking about adding an outdoor firepit or hot tub? Make sure you submit your ACC application first! The ACC submission form can be found at our website at <https://lascolinas.org/architectural->

[control/](mailto:plans@lascolinas.org). For questions, email plans@lascolinas.org.
HOURS: LCA offices will close at noon on Wednesday, November 21st and reopen on Monday, November 26th in observance of Thanksgiving.

PROPERTY COMPLIANCE: Las Colinas has lots of dog lovers! Please remember to always pick up after your pet.

COMMON PROPERTY: Younger trees need tree stakes for stability, but when the trees are over 2 years old, the stakes are no longer needed. As we prepare for winter, please remove tree stakes for older trees to ensure optimum conditions for growth. When it comes to plants, October is a great time to winterize yards and replace declining plants and trees.

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER COMMUNITY EVENTS

The **Park Place Luxury & Supercar Showcase** will be at the Four Seasons Resort and Club Dallas at Las Colinas on October 13, 2018. View luxury cars from brands Rolls-Royce, Bentley, Mercedes-Benz, Jaguar, McLaren, Bugatti, Maserati, Porsche, Land Rover, Volvo, and more! Get your tickets at <https://www.parkplace.com/Supercar-Purchase-Tickets>.

Pavilion at Toyota Music Factory will host A **Paranormal Evening with Alice Cooper** on Tuesday, October 16th at 8:00

pm. Through October and November, you can anticipate **4U: A Symphonic Celebration of Prince, Blue October, Nine Inch Nails, and many more!** Check out the Pavilion at Toyota Music Factory schedule at www.livenation.com.

The **Pet Paradise Las Colinas Puppy Social** will be held at 6150 Riverside Drive on October 27th from 2 pm to 4 pm. For details, call (972) 401-3647. Vaccines and RSVP required.

FEATURED BUSINESS We Yogis



We Yogis opened July 14th to add to the eclectic group of shops and restaurants in the Water Street development across from Williams Square. They already have three locations in Dallas but now are catering to Las Colinas residents with their new studio on O'Connor Blvd. They offer classes ranging from beginner level to advanced level and seek to fit all types of schedules with classes offered seven days a week at a variety of times. The founders of We Yogis wanted to create a yoga studio that could accommodate everyone and provide "yoga for all" in a non-judgmental and non-intimidating environment.

We Yogis instructors have years of experience in instructing yoga and other types of fitness. Some have 16+ years of experience. They have sculpting classes along with their many different types of yoga classes. They have deep relaxation classes, beginner's yoga, and fast-paced yoga classes.

The atmosphere of We Yogi's lives up to its founders' principles; upon walking in you are greeted

warmly and checked in for your class. The interior is comfortable and calming. They have a changing room and two restrooms; perfect if you want to come straight from work and change into your yoga clothes there. You can rent a mat if you don't have your own and they have bottled water and a water fountain. They also have yoga apparel, mats, water bottles, and other yoga goodies for sale. The studio makes you feel at home and tries to assist you in any need you may have.

We Yogis is located at 5240 O'Connor Blvd. Suite 166. They teach classes seven days a week. You can access their class schedule at <http://weyogis.com/pages/we-yogis-las-colinas-schedule>. Their schedule will be changing soon to help accommodate professionals trying to make it to a class after work. They offer memberships and per class pricing. Child care is available as well! They also have pricing for couples or friends who want to get monthly memberships together.



Inside the Wingren home that was designed by Gary Shaffer. Notice the natural lighting and unique angles.

Photography by Jessica Hubble



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Another notable feature is the foldable wooden shutters affixed to the larger windows. They can be folded to the sides, revealing the entire window or brought in towards the center to block out the light. There is a second house in Las Colinas, not too far away, with several of these distinct details, but this house wasn't built by George. It was built by George's protégé, architect Gary Shaffer.

Gary Shaffer studied with David Webster George and in 1971, a young couple commissioned him to build their special house on Wingren. From the outside, passersby would never know there was a second story to the home. Inside, it's a large spacious loft with floor to ceiling windows and exposed rafters. The first floor has glazed concrete squares throughout the home, signature exposed rafters and vaulted ceilings. The architect didn't venture far from Las Colinas to find light fixtures, the custom decorative sconces were created at the University of Dallas Art Department. During daylight hours the home fills with natural light, picturesque views that pour in from skylights, and floor to ceiling windows from just about every room.

Each home has its own story. From Ranch style houses to luxury townhouses, Las Colinas has many kinds of neighborhoods and the wonderful thing about them is that they are unique. Our architectural masterpieces extend behind our Urban Center cityscape into our neighborhoods.

Does your home have a unique story? Share it with us! Contact Amanda Cline at acline@lascolinas.org.





AFTER 5 IN LC

El Famoso, located at Gables Water Street at 5228 N O'Connor Blvd is your tequila destination in the Las Colinas Urban Center, boasting over 22 different types! Their signature tequila, Avion Reposado, was hand selected by the owner from 12 select barrel tequilas at Avion's distillery in Jesús María, Jalisco, Mexico.

This Southern California-Mex inspired restaurant/bar has the sublime feeling of being on a resort in Cancun. The roomy patio has bright teal and lime green chairs, tables and even palm trees! The patio can hold up to 45 patrons. Inside, tropical leaf patterned bar seats, a blue and white tiled bar, with a glossy wooden bar top line the wall to the right. Three window garage doors can retract up or down, create the inside/outside vibe.

As far as bites are concerned, El Famoso has Tex-Mexicali food made from scratch. You can order street tacos, nachos, quesadillas, enchiladas, burritos, or Chili Rellenos. They also have offerings like Lupita's Mac and Cheese and a few different types of queso, some with chorizo or ground beef.

What you should order:

When it comes to Happy Hour offerings, you will find a grand selection of Mexican beers, a few wines, and several signature mixed drinks. Their most popular mixed drink is their Barrell Select Margarita which is a heavenly concoction of their own signature Avion Tequila, Gran Marnier, and fresh citrus! For those who like to strike out on their own, try the Jalapeno Cucumber Margarita. But if you're not feeling like a 'rita, definitely try the Orange Crush Dreamsicle made with Absolute Vodka, Orange Crush, and Cruzan Velvet Cinn.

Here's a tip! You will want to get to Happy Hour early because all the tables may be occupied by 5:15 pm. Happy hour starts at 2 pm and ends at 6 pm, Monday thru Friday. Their reverse Happy Hour starts at 8:30 pm and ends at 9:30 pm.

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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THE TASTE: Desi District

Desi District at 6451 Riverside Dr #100, Irving, TX 75039 is both a neighborhood market and an eatery serving up made-from-scratch, modern, urban, Indian street food.

Black, white, and yellow metal industrial chairs dot the eating area alongside light wood tables with benches. Mason jar lighting fixtures containing Edison bulbs make the space feel very upscale. When it comes to culinary offerings, you can find pastries, juices, popsicles, indo chinese, Curry Platters, kebabs, wraps, and even burgers!



What you should order:

The Chicken Tosa is a pancake type wrap layered with cabbage, special sauce, bell peppers, and tender chicken. The special sauce really elevates this! It's creamy with a buffalo-type kick. The Lamb Kathi Roll is Desi District's take on a dish from Kolkata, India. Caramelized onions, peppers, carrots, cabbage, lamb, and special homemade sauce are all rolled into a rich, hearty flatbread. Delish!



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

JOIN US!

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LAS COLINAS ARTIST



Brenda Hatter



"Dragon 15"

Brenda Hatter is a muralist and art educator residing in Las Colinas. She enjoys painting murals for children. Her murals reflect what children love most about the world—real and imagined. Brenda and her husband foster dogs for the humane society. Recognizing a need to help area animals she paints pet portraits to benefit area rescue groups. Brenda is currently pursuing her Master's of Fine Arts degree. Brenda and her husband moved to University Hills 12 years ago enchanted by the walking trails, ponds, and ducks. To view Brenda's work, go to: www.madhatterart.org.