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FRI's NEXT BIG THING – REGIONAL RECREATION CENTER

FRI is Building on our Past, Focused on the Future

By Vikki J. Martin, President, FRI

FRI continues to make a tremendous impact on Far East Dallas. Serving more than 70,000 diverse people, over 2000 unique businesses, 35 neighborhoods, public schools and faith centers, here are a few top accomplishments:

- Reduced violent crime by 61% and overall crime by 25% in targeted areas
- Unified neighborhoods by growing from 5 to 35 neighborhood associations and crime watch groups
- Provided school mentoring and tutoring programs
- Secured \$37M in capital bond improvements for our streets, bridges, flood mitigation and neighborhood amenities
- Facilitated more than \$200M in economic development in housing and retail
- And together, successfully made the White Rock Hills Branch Library a reality in 2012!

2013 is the kickoff of our five-year plan to bring a stateof-the-art Regional Recreation Center (The Center) to Far East Dallas! Rather than a standard 15,000 sq. ft. facility, we envision a 40,000 to 100,000 sq.ft. versatile facility with indoor and outdoor features, the first of its kind in Dallas.



L-R: Neighbors Ann Teague (Casa View Haven NA), Lee Barron (Braeburn Glen NA), and Darrell Wood (NE Division Crime Watch and VIP Coordinator) greet one another at the February FRI Community Connection Townhall Meeting.

Before FRI, there had been no significant investment in Far East Dallas for decades. Amenities like libraries and recreation centers were few, with no plans for construction of additional facilities. We were a forgotten community with many needs, and we decided "We Deserve Better!" FRI got busy mobilizing community support; advocating, educating and cajoling our city officials; obtaining funding; and staying focused on the goal. The result: the beautiful and environmentally efficient \$8.5M White Rock Hills Branch Library.

Now it's time to turn our attention to the gap in recreational, wellness, education and other services for our youth, families, seniors and all residents, because We Deserve Better! The City of Dallas supported our efforts to build the library and is working closely with us again to make The Center a reality. FRI's Economic Development Committee has met with the Mayor, City Manager, City Councilmembers, and Parks Department to explore a public-private partnership to raise the funds needed, as much as \$40M, to realize our mutual vision of this flagship facility. The first step is to conduct a feasibility study and business plan to determine The Center's cost, programs, design, and construction.

In 2006, FRI successfully secured \$5M in bond funds to design and build a standard recreation center, but in 2010, the community reached higher and voted to direct the City to use the bond money to purchase the land required for an enhanced regional recreation center – around 8 acres. About half of that land has been secured, and the remainder will be acquired this year. Awaiting development of The Center, FRI will explore options for a mixed-use development in the area anchored by The Center and construction for the trailhead for the new White Rock South Trail along Ash Creek.

FRI will create opportunities for the community to participate in the plans and process through a series of townhall meetings and surveys to gather input on the types of programs and services the community needs and wants. Other similar-sized facilities offer indoor/outdoor running tracks, aquatic features, basketball courts, exercise spaces, rock climbing, arts, health and wellness programs, youth literacy and leadership programs, ESL and GED classes, and activities for seniors. What features should be incorporated into The Center? Working together, and with the City and other partners, the community will decide, as "We Deserve Better!"

In order to laser focus on our main goal – The Center – FRI operations are being restructured, but we are going to continue to do what we do best – Advocate for Far East Dallas through Visionary Leadership, Community Participation and Involvement, and continuing Communication between the Community and City Hall. With a renewed commitment from our Board, FRI has reorganized with a strong committee system to meet its operational, membership and community goals. But we need your help. (continued on page 3)



L-R: David Lear (Personal Banker) and Chris Binion (Store Manager) of Wells Fargo Bank present a \$3000 Founder's Circle membership to FRI at the February 12, 2013 Community Connection Townhall Meeting. FRI President Vikki J.Martin is pictured at right.



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Our Call to Action! Strong organizations like FRI depend on a strong, active base of members who share a vision for this community and who are committed to the realization of that vision. In February, the FRI Board of Directors offered a challenge grant of \$10,000 if a matching amount of community contributions could be raised by June 15. I am pleased that we have exceeded that goal, but we still need your help.

Support FRI and the Far East Dallas community by taking the following simple steps...
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- Founder's Circle. Step 3 – VOLUNTEER to participate on a board committee
- Step 4 SIGN our online petition supporting THE CENTER.

Join us and invest in the future of YOUR COMMUNITY! To learn more about The Center and FRI activities, contact FRI at www.fergusonroad.org.



L-R: Dr. Israel Aguilar (Assistant Principal, Bayles Elementary), Dr. Juan Nino (Instructional Coach), Ms. Francy Tafur Fulbright (retired Bayles Principal), and Ms. Francesilia Rodriguez (Teacher, Bayles Elementary) represent DISD at the February Community Connection meeting.

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LIBRARY SCULPTURE TO BE DEDICATED IN SEPTEMBER

The long-awaited Jon Hudson Barlow sculpture, "FENESTRAE AETERNITATIS: DOORWAYS TO KNOWLEDGE" was installed in front of the White Rock Hills Library in April. The sculpture is constructed of stainless steel panels and Texas pink marble from the Cold Spring Granite Company in Marble Falls, TX. A diamond wire saw was used to create the openings. The sculpture recalls a book form.



A formal dedication will take place on Tuesday, September 10, 2013, between 6:30 and 7pm. The artist will be in attendance.

The dedication will be followed by an FRI Community Connection Town Hall meeting from 7 to 8:30 pm in the library auditorium. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

"We do LOVE the new library. Every time we go, we run into a neighbor we know. Also, for the past two years, I have been a part of a MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) group that meets at Lakeside Baptist Church. At our first meeting of the year we had almost 40 moms and most of them live somewhere in the White Rock Hills, Casa Linda, or Greater Casa View area. The group has tripled since I joined it.

Between the library, the MOPS group, Monster Yogurt, and an improved Albertson's, I am loving how we rarely have to leave our neighborhood to go to our favorite places. That is a notable change from just three years ago!

Thank you!"

Candis Grover Hillridge Neighborhood resident



ACCESSING EBOOKS

By Sandra King, Branch Manager, White Rock Hills Library

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- Each item's cover art is provided. Found an item of interest? Just click on the cover art for more details about the item and availability.
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Four items can be checked out at one time, and some items allow the user to choose shorter checkout times. This can be helpful if you are a quick reader and know you may finish an item in 14 days rather than the maximum checkout time of 21 days. Want more help? Stop by any Dallas Public Library location where staff will be happy to give you hands-on assistance.

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Q & A FOR SCULPTOR JON BARLOW HUDSON

By Vikki J. Martin



Jon Barlow Hudson is an artist from Ohio who creates sculpture for public, private and corporate environments. He has been creating large-scale site-specific sculptures since 1976 in a variety of materials that have been installed around the world.

His work, commissioned by the Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs for our White Rock Hills Branch Library, is titled "Fenestrae Aeternitatis: Windows to Knowledge" and is made from Texas pink granite and stainless steel. The stone was quarried from Marble Falls, Texas and Jon rented space at the studio of Eliseo Garcia in Dallas to create the work in April of this year.

He states, "This sculpture is inspired by the ancient alchemical concept of the 'windows into eternity.' One window opens into another in an interconnected series. These forms give shape to the experience of ideas within one's mind leading into other ideas: the 'inner mansions' as it were, opening through time. In this sculpture the empty spaces of the windows reflect the colored panels on the auditorium of the library."

The following questions regarding the library art piece were submitted by Vikki Martin to the artist:

(Q)You write that "Fenestrae Aeternitatis: Windows to Knowledge" not only represents open windows, but when each of the four rectangular forms is viewed from the side, they mimic the pages of a book. How important was it to you that your sculpture reference the library in this way rather than simply creating a nonobjective work?

(A) Since the modern concept of "public art" began around the middle of the 20th century, it evolved into "site specific" works. This aspect asks the work of art to respond to some quality and characteristics of a given project site in order to be better integrated into that place, to somehow activate it and tell its story. So for this project, given the newness of the library and not a long history with which for me to work, really about all I had to work with was the space of the site and the character of the library building design to refer to, so I designed the forms and proportions of the sculpture, as well as its colors and materials, to relate to and reflect or complement the building.

(Q)Art sometimes seems to be separated from life and for some folks the museum experience can be intimidating. You indicated in your proposal for the sculpture that you want people to interact with the piece. In other words, instead of creating something that we cannot touch, you wanted to create a work that invited viewer participation, perhaps a child reading a book in one of the "windows?" Can you explain why this was important to you?

(A)For me, public art is such that one hopes it will be accessible to the public, both in understanding and in relationship, not like a famous soldier sitting atop his horse high atop a large plinth. For this project, given the design and scale of it, it allows for people of all sizes to sit on it and

to step through it, weave thru it, play around it. Rather than place the base floating out in the middle of the yard, I placed it close to the sidewalk in order to provide ease of access, and to actually invite in. By being accessible, it will more easily become part of the identity of the library and help to activate and make being there special. By being accessible it should have a better chance of becoming part of people's lives and opening them up to the possibilities of art. By being not totally abstract, but by providing reference to the function of that place, and symbolizing the subject, books, and illustrating how one can connect to the other and so on, this will hopefully, either obviously or intuitively, convey to the public the idea of books, learning, exploring knowledge, questioning and creativity. It symbolizes books, learning, how ideas in our minds flow from one to another, even the passing of time, from one event to the next.



Jon Barlow Hudson at work on "Fenestrae Aeternitatis: Windows to Knowledge"

(Q)I see many influences in your work. What period of art or artist do you most admire and feel has inspired you as an artist?

(A) If I was to name a single sculptor as being a favorite it would probably be Michelangelo, followed closely by the Greek artist, Praxiteles. My next major inspiration was Henry Moore of the UK, probably followed then by Brancusi and on to all the other sculptors . . . As a youth, since my dad was a ground water geologist and his career took us overseas all the time I was growing up, I was able to clamber around such places as Machu Picchu, the Roman Coliseum, Stonehenge, Petra, the Acropolis, and others. So being around and climbing on great stone structures was a significant influence in my becoming a sculptor and in my use of stone and creating large scale works. While I enjoyed the Minimalists works when they were coming out in the 1960s, I don't think of my sculpture as minimalist. To me, their works are just that, minimal, both in form and meaning. I strive to create sculptures that are meaningful, that convey ideas, feelings, experiences, intuitions, history, and whatever aspects I want to communicate at that time and place.

For more information on the artist, visit: http://www.hudsonsculpture.com

MORE HEALTH INSURANCE OPTIONS FOR AREA RESIDENTS ENROLLMENT BEGINS OCTOBER 1

The new health care law taking effect next year will greatly expand the health insurance options available for millions of Texans. It is aimed at making health coverage more affordable and accessible to the uninsured in our state and will provide more benefits for those with existing coverage.



Maria Valenzuela (right) with the Ferguson Road Initiative talks with a parent about the Affordable Healthcare Act.

The new law takes effect January 1, 2014, and enrollment for plans being offered begins this October 1st. To enroll, families and individuals will need to go to the on-line Marketplace or to an enrollment site. Every health insurance plan in the new Marketplace will offer comprehensive coverage, from doctors to medications to hospital visits. For a full list of the essential health benefits offered in the plans, visit www.healthcare.gov.

There are expected to be many plans available to choose from and you and your family may qualify for subsidies to help make your health care more affordable by lowering your premiums.

Signing up will be easy. Anyone can go online to enroll, or individuals and families can also sign up for health insurance at a series of enrollment sites across North Texas. At enrollment sites, there will be trained individuals to help families navigate their health insurance options and sign up for plans.

Be Covered Texas campaign is partnering with the Ferguson Road Initiative to help provide information to the Far East Dallas community on the new health care law. Be Covered Texas is a grassroots campaign introducing uninsured Texans to the new health insurance options available under the Affordable Healthcare Act. The campaign is focused on providing user-friendly information and on-the-ground guidance to help families understand the new health care law.

Over the course of the next few months, be sure to look for more specific information on the plans available in Texas and enrollment site locations from the Ferguson Road Initiative. For now, check out the Be Covered Texas website to access information on the changes ahead. FRI offices also have literature available on the new law.

- To find out how the new healthcare law affects you, visit www.BeCoveredTexas.org.
- 'Like' Be Covered on Facebook: www.facebook.com/ becovered.org
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By Ellen Childress



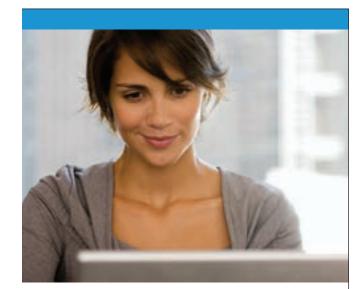
On February 9, 2013, three and a half years of work was wrapped up when the Land Use Study commissioned by Councilmember Carolyn Davis was completed and presented to the City Plan Commission for approval. Peer Chaco made the presentation, telling the Commissioners that ours is the first (and only) completely neighborhood, grassrootsdriven Area Land Use Study to ever be presented to the City

Plan Commission. The document was referred to by some as "War and Peace" because of its 300-page length, and I would like to suspect, its inspiring and impressive depth and breadth.

Then, on March 27, 2013, our White Rock East Area Plan became a part of Foward Dallas when the City Council adopted it unanimously. The presentation to the City Council was made by Robert Prejean, one of the planners whose knowledge, skill, and vision, offered pro bono to the Area Plan Committee for White Rock East, guided us through the three and a half year project. Ellen Childress, coordinator of the Leadership Team for Truett Crime Watch, was asked by Councilmember Davis to tell the City Council how this ambitious vision for the revitalization and redevelopment of Far East Dallas came about and to describe the passionate devotion of these old neighborhoods that drove it to completion. The next step will be the beginning of bringing this recorded vision for this area to life.

A Land Use Study is a living document, recording the ideas, beliefs, needs, and dreams of a group of residents who want to see their community thrive. It provides a guide in future zoning and offers the community some oversight and options for future development. Those ideas and the Action Plan that comes next will grow and change over time as one project comes to completion and others begin to take shape. There will be an ongoing dialogue within these neighborhoods and with the City of Dallas, DISD, DART, TxDOT and others whose contributions and assistance and planning/design capabilities will be sought for various projects for highways, streets, schools, retail, housing, and industrial changes.

We wish to thank Councilmember Davis, Robert Prejean, Kerry Goodwin (Director of our *Weed & Seed* program at the time this Area Plan was conceived), and a host of other wonderful people who graciously gave their time, their gifts and their support to this project, including City of Dallas staff and officials and many business owners in the area.



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By Virginia Ellsworth, DVM



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We serve our community through presentations to homeowners' associations and schools, as well as participating in National Night Out and other local functions. Dr. Virginia Ellsworth purchased the practice in 2008 from EDVC founder Dr. Ken Cantrell. Drs. Ellsworth and Cantrell recognize the benefits Ferguson Road Initiative (FRI) provides to our community and support the organization as a Founder's Circle member.



Left to right: Dr. Hari Velineni, Dr. Ken Cantrell, Dr. Virginia Ellsworth, Dr. Yvette Pedroza

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MASONIC LODGE CONTINUES TO SERVE

By Gary Lawler

Established in 1956, the Roy Stanley Masonic Lodge is a member of the largest and oldest fraternal order in the world open to all races and creeds. Serving the Far East Dallas area at its present location, 9225 Ferguson Road, for more than 40 years, Lodge Master Michael Dyer describes, "Masonry as a fraternal group that takes good men and makes them better."

Michael should know, he's been a Mason since 1969. He's a proud member of Roy Stanley and discloses that the lodge not only raises money for charitable organizations such as the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas and the Shrine Burn Hospitals, but is also actively involved within this community.

Along with providing school supplies for 12 area elementary schools, they have provided the Fantastic Teeth Program for first graders, honored area firefighters, and conducted blood drives for the S.R.H. They awarded Lamar Award scholarships to two Bryan Adams High School seniors, Rachel Gullotta and Juan Carlos Sanchez. Sharon Kraus, a counselor at Bryan Adams, was awarded the Lodge's "Lamar Excellence in Teaching Award." They presented U.S. Capitol flags to four community high school J.R.O.T.C. programs

Roy Stanley Masonic Lodge is a valued member of the Ferguson Road Initiative and provided security for FRI last summer during the grand opening celebration of the White Rock Hills Branch Library. For more information about the good work of the Masons in Far East Dallas, visit http://www.roystanley.org/index2.html.



Roy Stanley Master Lodge Member, Michael Dyer, presenting Vikki Martin (FRI) with their Masonic Community Builder Award in April.



KITE DAY IS BIG SUCCESS

Bayles Elementary School held Kite Day on Saturday, May 4, at the Lakehill Preparatory School Sports Complex on Ferguson Road. In addition to providing the location, Lakehill Community Service students helped the younger Bayles students fly the 400 kites Lakehill donated to the event. The White Rock Lions Club provided food, and Doug Hunt of Access Storage and Kerry Goodwin provided advertising and flyers. FRI and Reading Partners also helped with the event.



Lakehill students have hosted Kite Day for 10 years.





"Kite Day is a great outreach event for Bayles' students and families. Otherwise, they might never get to fly kites and have volunteers to help them. It is great to see so much of the community come together to make this project such a big success."

Karen Burt, Bayles' Librarian



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RE-OPENING OF HARRY STONE RECREATION GENTER

By Ellen Childress



On Saturday, May 4, 2013, at 10 am, a growing crowd gathered at 2403 Millmar Drive for the grand reopening of our much beloved Harry Stone Recreation Center. The center had been closed for over a year for a complete renovation. The center serves more than 75,000 people in Far East Dallas in the vicinity of Casa View, Eastfield College, and the Ferguson Road corridor.

Councilmember Sheffie Kadane was present for the ribbon-cutting as were the new Director of Parks and Recreation Willis Winters, President of the Parks and Recreation Board Max Wells, Park Board Member from District 9 Gerald Worrall III, Vikki Martin of the Ferguson Road Initiative, members of the Greater Casa View Alliance, and community leaders and residents. Jennifer McRory, Assistant Director of Dallas Parks and Recreation, told how her first position with the City of Dallas some 26 years ago was at Harry Stone.

Brenda Myers-Wilson, the new Center Manager, welcomed guests and introduced speakers. Entertainment included the Bryan Adams High School Band; Senior Folklorico Dancers; and demonstrations of Zumba, Karate, and other sports and dance routines.

The center now offers a state-of-the-art fitness area and a dance studio with mirrors and barres in place for ballet. The new kitchen is all stainless steel with lots of storage, a commercial range, and spacious counters. An attached open area can be used for dining or divided in half for meeting rooms, luncheons, etc. The gymnasiums have been refurbished, office space is now larger, and the front of the building is lighted by softly stained glass windows that lend a subtle ambiance of color. And a quiet nook set off from the rest of the entryway is a Wi-Fi zone.

After-school programs will be resumed, as will the Summer Camp for kids and the Day Out of School program. There will be the usual card games and side trips for seniors, but there are also offerings of Adult Yoga, Zumba, aerobics and other active programs. A LEGO Engineering Camp for kids is planned plus soccer for all ages, ballet, story times, and a host of other interesting offerings.

Do go by the center and pick up a brochure, and if you can teach something special that others might like to learn, let the staff know. The newly designed building is beautiful. The manager and her staff are exceptional. Now it's up to the rest of us to enjoy it to the fullest extent possible.



The new building front with colored glass panels.



The well-lit workout area.



Harry Stone ribbon cutting participants, from left to right: Mike Nurre (Greater Casa View Alliance), Willis Winters (Director, Parks and Recreation Dept.), Max Wells (President, Park Board), Gerry Worrall (District 9 Park Board appointee), Sheffie Kadane (City Councilmember, District 9), and Tiffani Young (District 7 Park Board appointee).

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• The FRI Branding and Communications Committee is looking for someone to edit our news magazine. The editor coordinates the efforts of the publisher, writers, photographers, layout person, ad sales, and the printer. This is a paid position and normally covers a 13-week period twice a year. For more information, contact Ed Snyder at eddiesnyder@gmail.com. • Reading Partners needs reading tutors for Bayles or Truett Elementary Schools. Children who do not read at grade level in elementary school are less likely to graduate from high school and less likely to succeed in the workplace. By volunteering for just one hour a week this coming autumn, you can make a real difference in a child's life and in our community. For more information, contact Chrissie McBryde at chrissie.mcbryde@readingpartners. org.

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Bill Coleman watches as Susan Ayoob of the Hillridge Neighborhood Association signs up to volunteer for the FRI Membership & Programs Committee at the February Community Connection meeting.



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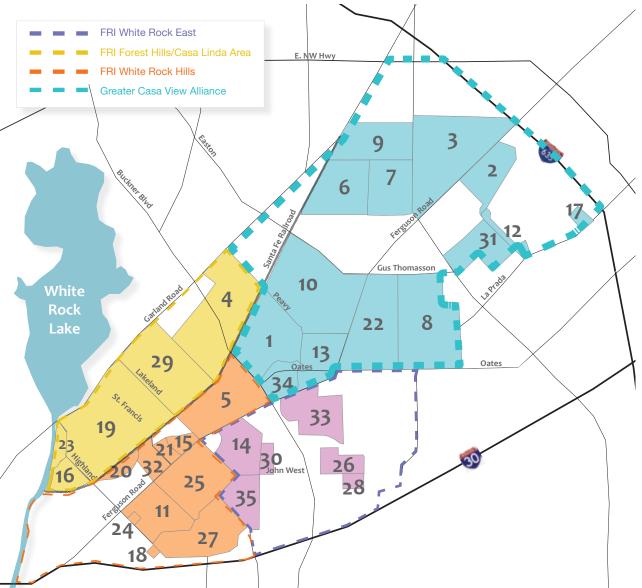
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