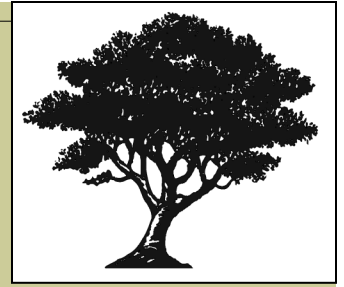


# CFJM HOA Newsletter



## Schedule of Events

- **BULK TRASH**  
(out by 7am Monday)  
**23 March**  
**27 April**  
**25 May**
- **HOA BOARD MEETINGS\***  
**24 March**  
**28 April**  
**26 May**

**\*All are welcome to attend monthly board meetings**

## Keep Up with HOA

### Yahoo Groups:

[www.groups.yahoo.com/group/CFJMHOA/join](http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/CFJMHOA/join) and click on "Join this group" tab

### Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/CFJMHOA](http://www.facebook.com/CFJMHOA)

**Web:** [www.cfjmhoa.org/](http://www.cfjmhoa.org/)

**NextDoor:** [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com)

## Message from CFJM President

Last year was a busy year for the neighborhood and our HOA. I want to thank all of our board members and volunteers for their efforts. I also want to thank our residents for the fantastic turnout at October's annual meeting. We had more of you attending than any time in recent memory. It is encouraging to see that so many of you are taking an interest in your community and providing feedback and suggestions on how we can all continue to make it a better place to live. Completing the entrance sign project is one of our higher priorities this year. Jonathan Grefaldon, who presented designs at the annual meeting, will be sharing some revision ideas with you for your feedback and comments before we move to the next phase of the project. A special line has been added to the 2015 Dues form for contributions to this project. Community support is very much needed to finalize this project.

We put in requests with the City of Dallas last year for traffic studies at our Chimney Hill intersections to see if traffic lights or something more effective than stop signs could be installed. They advised it would take around 9 months for the studies to take place due to backlogs, but hopefully once completed we will have some options available to address the speeding and other safety issues on that road.

Last summer we switched to off-duty Dallas Police officer patrols and we've seen positive results from that program. Especially helpful has been officer interaction with strangers and non-residents in our alleys and other areas. Officers identify and escort them out of the neighborhood if they have no valid reason for being there. Your continued feedback on how this program is working is important, so please continue to share your own experiences.

If you have not already, please join our neighborhood community and stay in touch! You can subscribe to our Yahoo email group, like us on Facebook, or join our neighborhood portal on Nextdoor.com, a social site devoted to neighborhoods like ours. You do not have to be a dues-paying member to join any of these and they all provide a great way to stay informed about what is happening in and around our neighborhood. Links and information on how to subscribe are included inside.

With this newsletter you will find the 2015 Membership Dues form. The CF/JM HOA is an entirely voluntary and member-funded association and it needs your support to continue working to protect and improve our neighborhood. It is funded solely by your voluntarily contributions. If you are able to contribute financially this year, please consider joining and help us continue to maintain clean common areas and entrances, upkeep our neighborhood walls, and continue to provide security patrols and other services. If you aren't able to contribute financially, please consider volunteering some of your time or expertise.

Dale Rose, President CFJM HOA

## CFJM Real Estate Review

### State Of The Real Estate Market

The Dallas-Fort Worth and North Texas residential real estate market continued 2013's record-setting pace in 2014 with 83,000+ home sales at a total market value of \$20 Billion changing ownership.

During the past two years, DFW area average home values have increased more than 20%. In the same period, the average time it takes to sell a home has decreased to less than 60 days.

It appears 2015 may be another stellar year for the Dallas-Fort Worth and North Texas residential real estate market.

### Neighborhood Real Estate Statistics

Currently on the Market:	Properties 3	Average List Price \$233,133		
Sold in 2014:	Properties 26	Avg. List Price \$234,733	Avg. Sale Price \$229,953	Avg. Days on Market 62

## HOA Entrance Sign

Identity, Community, Recognition - All added values that you can count on when we build the new Entrance Sign for our Neighborhood. We received all your great comments to the preliminary sign design and are continuing to refine the finish details with our Signage Vendor. Next, we will submit the final plans to the City of Dallas for review and permit approvals. With real estate prices at its strongest in years, this is an exciting opportunity to reinforce our home values and our "community roots."

Jonathan B. Grefaldon

## News from Aikin Elementary

Dear HOA,

Happy New Year from Aikin Elementary! We had an amazing first semester. Our new parking lot looks fantastic and we appreciate your support. Aikin is celebrating Texas Public Schools Week March 2nd - 6th. This is the week we are excited to start enrolling any new incoming Kindergarten students. Please visit the front office to pick up enrollment packets and schedule a tour of our building. We will be on Spring Break the week of March 9th - March 13th. Don't forget to mark your calendars for our Town Hall meeting on April 10th at 8:15 am, in the cafeteria, for an update on the 2016 Bond and campus renovations.

2015 will be a great year for our community!

Sandra Pointer, Principal

## Spring Clean-up Volunteers Needed

Every Spring, we take a look around and notice things that we didn't see during the "dark days of winter." How can you help?

You can neaten up your own half-acre by mowing, trimming and landscaping now that weeds are sprouting. You can help make the alleys look much better by picking up the trash that spilled out of your trash bins. Most of all you can help join our volunteer team to clean up our common entrances. The next project will be to mow, trim, mulch and clean up all of the Audelia entrances. Bring a mower, rake or pruners and spend an hour or 2 with the team. Call C.A. Hiscock for more details and to add your name to the list 972-235-7434.

## Showcasing CFJM Talent

Jeff Herring is a CFJM resident and has a wonderful carpentry talent. The photos show 2 custom made bar stools each made of solid maple taking 3.5 months to complete. The curved seats were made by cutting 4 narrow strips of wood, gluing them together while clamped to a curved wooden form. 14 of these sections were created and glued side by side to form the seat. The backs were made in the same way. Each chair is made of 80 pieces of wood.



## Christmas Decorations—Yards of the Month

There were three great Holiday Decoration Award houses. The committee liked lots of color, depth of decoration, and lots of lights! Many of the houses that received past awards are also looking good. And there are many charming, if quieter, displays. They enjoyed driving around and seeing what people had done.

10223 Chimney Hill



10006 Hickory Crossing



10010 Silver Creek



## Helping Hands

Three girls knocked on my door wanting to earn a little money before school started. Was there anything I needed help with? Well, I need all kinds of help!

Brianna, Sky and Kaitlyn who are neighbors from the St Croix apartments came one afternoon and the four of us swept, vacuumed, mopped, folded clothes and cleaned bathrooms. The next day I drove them to my sister's third grade classroom, where they labeled and organized all the school supplies for her incoming class. Another day they walked over at 8 AM to begin helping me weed, trim hedges and clip rosebushes-HOT work in August!

Brianna and Kaitlyn were both born in Nigeria and speak Ebu and perfect English. Sky's family is in Kenya and she speaks perfect English and Swahili. Brianna is an eighth grade honor student at Forest Meadow. She is saving for a cell phone and hopes to become a doctor. Sky and Kaitlyn planned to buy school supplies and jeans with their hard-earned cash. Sky, a seventh grader at Forest Meadow wants to become an actress or a detective. Kaitlyn, in sixth grade at Aikin wants to be a singer someday. They are all very well mannered, diligent and eager and worked hard. I am very grateful for their help.

Rebecca Krueger on Glen Canyon



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## Patriot Paws



Patriot PAWS <http://patriotpaws.org> trains and provides service dogs at no cost for the benefit of disabled American Veterans in order to help restore their physical and emotional independence, and to provide a service for other American's with mobile disabilities. Patriot PAWS Service Dogs organization was officially designated as a 501 (c) (3) organization in February 2006 and is a certified member of Assistance Dogs International (ADI).

The founder of Patriot PAWS, Lori Stevens, is a Certified Pet Dog Trainer (CPDT), Karen Pryor Academy (KPA) graduate with over 20-years experience.

Patriot PAWS trains service dogs to perform various everyday behaviors that everyone does naturally. The following is partial list of some of the 35 services the dogs are taught to assist disabled veterans. To accomplish most of these daily tasks without a trained service dog would otherwise be difficult or impossible:

- Get help in emergencies
- Recognize and avert PTSD episodes
- Pick up and retrieve items
- Open and close doors
- Pull wheelchairs
- Provide bracing to stand, walk, and sit down
- Help with chores, such as laundry
- Take off shoes and socks

Patriot PAWS uses positive reinforcement training. Positive reinforcement is giving the dog a reward in the form of praise, play or food when it responds and offers an action or behavior that you like.

Patriot Paws Service Dogs is always looking for volunteers: general clerical, puppy raisers, assistant trainers and other opportunities are available. We have a volunteer application online at <http://www.patriotpaws.org> A background check and attending our volunteer orientation are required.

Patriot Paws volunteer David Shaw

### **Your Annual HOA Dues Pay for the Following:**

- Mowing and maintenance for over an acre of property at our entrances
- Redesigning the entrance beds with native plants and drought-resistant ornamentals
- Off-duty Dallas Police officers in DPD vehicles, randomly patrolling the neighborhood
- Publication & Distribution of a quarterly newsletter and bi-annual resident directory
- Block parties, event parties, and the annual business meeting & refreshments
- Past projects including street sign toppers, curb address painting, neighborhood wall painting/repair, and the construction of the baseball diamond at the Aiken Park.
- Nextdoor, Facebook, and the Yahoogroup registration and support


**HOA Board members are volunteers They do not receive any compensation for their work. 100% of your HOA dues go back to neighborhood efforts.**

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