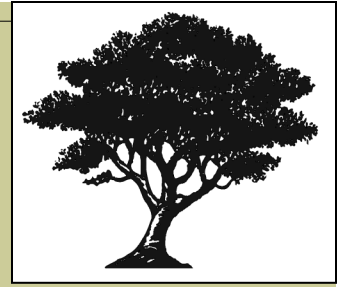


# CFJM HOA Newsletter



## Schedule of Events

- **BULK TRASH**  
(out by 7am Monday)  
October 26  
November 23  
December 28
- **HOA BOARD MEETINGS\***  
October 27  
November 24  
December 22

\*All are welcome to attend monthly board meetings

## You asked for it.....

...and you got it. As our membership drive comes to an end for 2015, you should know that the folks who have paid their dues in 2015 are ALSO funding an increase in police patrols for the next 12 months. In addition to supporting the HOA with their \$125 annual dues contribution, an additional **\$3392.50** has been donated to increase security in the neighborhood. This translates to approximately 80 more hours of patrol by off-duty Dallas Police officers in official Dallas Police Department vehicles. The Board voted at the June meeting to begin these extra patrols immediately. Thanks you to all of you who continue to provide financial support and to the 40 NEW MEMBERS who have joined this year.

## 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)

## CFJM HOA "State of the Neighborhood"

The annual CFJM HOA "State of the Neighborhood" Social and Business meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 15 at the Aikin Elementary cafeteria. You can nominate a candidate to fill one of the Board positions or you can volunteer to help one of our committees (Children's Play Group, Newsletter Support and Delivery, Safety, Membership, Welcome Committee & the Aikin Liason Group). We are looking for help with advertising, graphics, landscaping, event planning etc.

We have a bunch of new neighbors so we hope that you will come and get involved. Let the HOA provide dinner and come meet some of your neighbors and hear about what's going on in your backyard. Food will be served at 6:30pm and the business meeting starts at 7:00pm. You DO NOT have to be a dues paying member of the HOA to attend (but we hope that you join in 2016!). RSVP with your name, the number attending and the number of adults and children for food: [chuckand-dee@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chuckand-dee@sbcglobal.net) or call Dee at 972-841-1977



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## CFJM Real Estate Review

### DALLAS HOME PRICES RISE

According to the latest S&P/Case-Shiller Home Price Index, prices for pre-owned homes in the Dallas area increased at twice the national rate and were up 8.6% in February 2015 compared to the previous year.

S&P's David M. Blitzer noted in the report that while prices are certainly rebounding, only two U.S. cities, Dallas and Denver, have surpassed their pre-recession housing boom peaks, Dallas Prices in the Case-Shiller are now significantly higher than before the recession.

"A shortage of homes for sale has pushed up prices by more than 20% over the last year in some Dallas neighborhoods", noted housing analyst Ted Wilson of Residential Strategies Inc. "With the persistently short supply of housing inventory for both new and pre-owned homes, it's hard to imagine that prices won't continue to rise".

David Brown, with housing analyst MetroStudy, Inc. also indicated that "The problem is exaggerated at the lower price points under \$250,000. Inventory is shrinking in the lower price ranges."

	<b>Current Statistics for CF/JM</b>	
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>HOMES SOLD</b>	8	9
<b>PRICE RANGES</b>	\$170,000 - \$350,000	\$189,500 - \$247,000
<b>AVG DAYS ON MARKET</b>	46	44
<b>AVG SALES PRICE</b>	\$270,714	\$218,961

## News from Aikin Elementary

Thank you Ms Pointer

After 13 years at Aikin Elementary, Sandra Pointer has accepted a position as "Executive Director of Recruiting, Mentoring and Retention" in RISD. We would like to thank her, not only for her enormous achievements as the Principal of Aikin, but especially for her efforts over the years working with our HOA as an invested partner. We will miss her but have no doubt that she will be as successful in her new position as she has been as Principal at our neighborhood school.

## Around the Neighborhood

Jeff and Joan Friedman on Glen Canyon noticed a handsome, but scruffy looking gray cat that started hanging around the house begging for meals. The cat was friendly, but looked as if he had been left to fend for himself for too long. One day the Friedmans noticed that the cat was limping, and they posted a notice on Nextdoor wondering who this friendly guy belonged to. Turned out that no one claimed him, yet a number of families in the neighborhood had been feeding him -- even giving him a variety of nicknames including Smokey and Romeo. Well-known throughout the neighborhood, the cat had a habit of eating breakfast with the Friedmans before politely watching the birds eat out of a feeder at another neighbor's before stopping at another family's house to lay out by their pool in the afternoon. He was such a friendly, outgoing cat that he had a number of feeding stations scattered throughout the neighborhood that he visited regularly.

The Friedmans notice on Nextdoor brought an immediate response from Virginia Stuart, a neighbor on Hickory Crossing, who had been diligently feeding the friendly stray. Stuart sprung into action volunteering to head up the save the Smokey Blue cat campaign. She canvassed the neighborhood, located many of the cat's hangouts, and solicited the help of neighbors to catch him. Smokey was such a sweet cat, that no one could bear the thought of him being picked up by the humane society (which is usually a death sentence to many animals). "I already have a couple of dogs and cats that I've rescued in recent years, and didn't have room for any more pets, but Smokey stole my heart, so I was willing to make room for him if no one else wanted him. I had become attached to Smokey, and was absolutely determined that this beautiful cat would not be carted off and put down," said Stuart.

Once Smokey was captured, Stuart took him to the SPCA in McKinney to have the cat thoroughly checked out and neutered under the reasonably-priced feral cat program. Despite Smokey's months of living on the street, the kindness of his Country Forest neighbors saved the cat's life. Smokey was lucky. He was young and strong, and hadn't been on the street long enough to contract any deadly diseases that typically befalls homeless animals. And, while he now sports a jaunty clipped ear which is a testament to his years on the street, he is as handsome as ever, and is living with the Friedman's who have renamed him Jake making him one of the newest four-legged neighbors on Glen Canyon.

The moral of this story is, we live in a nice neighborhood with terrific neighbors willing to help one another and help some of our four-legged friends too. All too often animals "find" their way into Country Forest / Jackson Meadows, and helping those lost souls unites neighbors and helps find forever homes for homeless animals.

### Did you know.....

Are street lights out on your street? Go to [oncor.com](http://oncor.com). Click on street light issues and follow the instructions. They'll have it fixed in no time.

Is there graffiti on a nearby wall or fence? Go to [DallasCityHall.com](http://DallasCityHall.com). Click on Graffiti Abatement program. Tell 'em where it is, and they'll paint over it.

Are you paying too much for electricity? Check your energy bill and find out what you pay per kilowatt hour. Currently, several energy companies offer plans with power for less than 5 cents/kwh. Go to [Power-toChoose.org](http://Power-toChoose.org), fill in your zip code, and click on "show me the plans." In the CFJM area a typical house will use in excess of 2000 kwh/month.

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