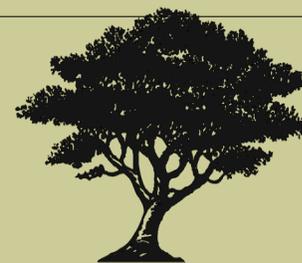


# CFJM HOA Newsletter



## Schedule of Events

- **BULK TRASH**  
(out by 7am Monday)  
May 22nd  
June 26th  
July 24th
- **HOA BOARD MEETINGS\***  
May 11th  
June 8th  
July 13th

\*All are welcome to attend  
monthly board meetings.  
Start time is 7pm\*

## Keep Up with HOA

### Yahoo Groups:

www.groups.yahoo.com/group/  
CFJMHOA/join and click on "Join  
this group" tab

### Facebook:

www.facebook.com/CFJMHOA

**Web:** www.cfjmhoa.org/

**NextDoor:** www.nextdoor.com



**214-916-7870**

## A word from our President

I can't believe that we are already putting out another newsletter! The days in this year seem to be flying by, but that also means that our annual neighborhood get-together is rapidly approaching. Be sure you look at the flyer inside this newsletter for the details on Casino Night, and be sure to RSVP on our website at [www.cfjmhoa.org](http://www.cfjmhoa.org).

We have lots of exciting things happening this year and this summer will bring a flurry of activity as we raise funds for the Audelia Wall Project and continue improving our beautiful CF/JM Community! In order for us to continue pushing improvement project forward, we need your help – please let us know by emailing me at [cfjmhoa@gmail.com](mailto:cfjmhoa@gmail.com) to let me know if you are willing to help out with organizing people and fundraising for our community. See you May 20<sup>th</sup>!

Damon McCall

CF/JM HOA President

## Nextdoor.com

If you want the latest neighborhood news, then join our neighborhood communication network on Nextdoor.com. Nextdoor.com allows us the option to share communications within our neighborhood only or to a wider network of neighborhoods in Dallas. Did you know you have the option to see only the discussion in your own neighborhood or you can see what other local neighborhoods are talking about as well? On your computer, click under the heading "Local" on Country Forest-Jackson Meadows and it will narrow the discussion to only CFJM. Country Forest/Jackson Meadows neighbors, CFJM neighborhood association, and even the Dallas police department keeps us up to date through Nextdoor.com. If you want to join a CFJM Dines Out event with your neighbors, wondering if your neighbors' have lost power too or why the sirens are still going off, or to get the latest chatter about new developments in the area, then check out Nextdoor.com. It's like Facebook, but dedicated to neighborhoods. Lots of neighbors have asked and given recommendations for local restaurants, home repair and other home service providers, pet sitters, etc. Neighbors also post lost and found pets on Nextdoor.com!

In fact, Nextdoor.com has added a **Pet Directory** so you can post a picture of your pet so your neighbors can easily recognize your beloved four-legged member of the family. I just added my sister's rugrats – a cat and dog that I will be pet sitting until June. ***All you need is a good picture of your pet to upload to Nextdoor.com and to add a little information about your pets!***

**What are you waiting for? Join the conversation today at [www.nextdoor.com/join](http://www.nextdoor.com/join) and use code: ZQQKMZ to verify you are a CFJM neighbor!**

*You can also connect online with Country Forest/Jackson Meadows Neighborhood Association at:*

<http://www.cfjmhoa.org/home.html> (See the Resources tab for helpful local information)

<https://www.facebook.com/CFJMHOA/>

## CFJM Real Estate Review—Dallas Area Home Prices

North Texas' attractive quality of life, strong economy and low cost of living ensure that Dallas - Fort Worth will continue its steady rise to prominence among the worlds leading metropolitan areas in 2017.

These are the first quarter statistics for our neighborhood compiled from North Texas Real Estate Information Systems.

	2016	2017
<b>Homes Sold</b>	6	6
<b>Sold Price Ranges</b>	\$234,500—\$314,900	\$249,500—\$348,500
<b>Avg Days on Market</b>	17	25
<b>Avg Sales Price</b>	\$288,333	\$327,133

## Be a Neighborhood Ambassador!

If you are a new (or new-ish) neighbor, welcome to the neighborhood! Country Forest/Jackson Meadows is the kind of neighborhood where neighbors watch your house, pick up your mail, and even help take care of pets while you are away! It's even the kind of place you can go next door to borrow a cup of sugar. True story. Neighbors even help each other with building projects and fixing fences. We have a lot of fantastic neighbors, some who have been in the neighborhood since it was built and some that have just joined us!

If you would like to be part of a team that welcomes our new neighbors in person and helps get folks connected right away with their awesome neighbors, then check out CFJM Street Team at our next meeting. Every street in our neighborhood needs a team of ambassadors to facilitate welcoming new neighbors, to let us know if a neighbor is in need of a helping hand, and to help strengthen the social fabric of our neighborhood.

Email me at [CFJMSocial@gmail.com](mailto:CFJMSocial@gmail.com) or message Brandye Brown on Nextdoor.com to join the CFJM Street Team today! Our next meeting will be held on Monday, June 5, 2017 at 7 p.m. Details and updates will available on Nextdoor.com!

## CFJM Neighborhood Social House

Thursday, April 27, 2017 -- CFJM Dines Out @ Afrah  
 Saturday, May 20, 2017 – CFJM Street Team Ambassadors Meetup @ Casino Party  
 Wednesday, May 24, 2017 – CFJM Street Team Planning & Social  
 Thursday, June 15, 2017 – Shakespeare in the Park: Merry Wives of Windsor  
 Thursday, June 29, 2017 – CFJM Dines Out @ Richardson Food Truck Park  
 Sunday, July 16, 2017 – Shakespeare in the Park: Quixote (Set in West Texas)  
 Wednesday July 26, 2017 – CFJM Dines Out @ Spin Pizza

Check out Nextdoor.com for more details or email [CFJMSocial@gmail.com](mailto:CFJMSocial@gmail.com)!

## News from Aikin!

Exciting things are happening at Aikin. The framework for the new addition is finally in place. Inside ceiling and floor tiles have been removed for the installation of new ones. Walls are being prepped for tile, and some walls have been removed and reconfigured. We go home at the end of the day and return to see evidence of all the work done. It has been a real learning experience for our students to see what's above the ceiling tiles. The new addition will provide new offices for the principals, counselors, office staff, and nurse. Other areas of the building will also be reconfigured and updated.

While the floor tiles are up, we are offering our students and teachers a chance to leave their mark on Aikin. For \$2, they can buy and decorate a square of concrete. They will have the satisfaction of knowing that when the new floor tile is laid their decorated square will be there long after they leave Aikin.

We are aware of the added traffic into the neighborhood and want to extend our thanks for your understanding and patience while this construction is going on. We hope you will come take a look at our building in the fall so you can see all the changes. Even with everything being done to the building, our students are hard at work getting ready for the STAAR tests. Grades 3-6 will be holding "boot camps" each with a special theme for their final push before the tests.

Don't forget – We are still collecting Box Tops for Education and would love to have your support with this project. They can be dropped off in the school office!

## What's the big deal about Native Plants?

Native Texas plants are very hot right now – what's all the fuss about?

**Water conservation** – Native plants require less water and many are drought tolerant. Cue the choir. I'm not cheap, just thrifty.

**Low Maintenance** – Native plants are naturally disease and pest resistant and require little or no fertilizer. In addition, many beautiful native plants are perennials and so thrive year after year without replanting. Amen.

**Natural Beauty** – Who says native plants and xeriscaping has to look like a hard landscape without color? Texas Native Plants can provide a lush, colorful landscape in all shapes, sizes, colors, and heights! Check out <http://goo.gl/swRCYs> for inspiration.

**Promotes Biodiversity** – Native plants provide shelter and food for wildlife and support pollinators. Local birds, butterflies, bees, and beneficial insects all need Texas Natives for their traditional food and habitat sources. Many nonnative plants do not provide any sustenance for our local birds and bees. Traditional landscape plants are often from England or Asia and don't support our local pollinators and birds.

In fact, many traditional landscaping plants are actually invasive, like the benign sounding English Ivy, aka the bane of my garden. I didn't plant it and I pull it every chance I get, but still it springs up from the ground, climbs aggressively, and kills branches by blocking light. English Ivy (along with the dreaded invasives, Kudzu and Mistletoe) is even taking over forested areas and is the stuff of nightmares. Many types of bamboo are invasive and will spread and is almost impossible to control. Our National Forest Service as well as Texas and Arkansas State Forest agencies are fighting the good fight against the also benign sounding Privet, which many settlers introduced around their home sites and is now threatening the biodiversity of national forests. Invasives are nonnative plants that spread fast and are hard to eradicate. When they compete with our native plants for habitat, the invasive usually wins. The invasive plants also provide little or no sustenance for our native birds, bees, butterflies, and beneficial insects, which means invasives are like a vast desert that does not support life growing deceptively green and lush all around us.

**Milkweed is for Monarchs** – When Monarch butterflies travel thousands of miles in early autumn from southern Canada to Mexico, they stop off for fuel and supplies in Texas. There is a big effort in Texas to provide native milkweed to support these majestic, but threatened butterflies. Twenty years ago the migrating butterflies covered 45 acres of rainforests in Mexico after they finished their journey. Last year after a showing signs of recovery, the fragile Monarch population covered just 10 acres of trees. Unfortunately, milkweed sold by big box stores is usually a tropical variety and just not the right plant.

"What the butterflies really need, experts say, is native Texas milkweed, like antelope horns milkweed (*Asclepias asperula*) or butterfly milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*). They also need nectar from flowering plants like purple coneflower, frostweed, Gregg's mistflower and Maximilian sunflower to fuel their journey." <http://goo.gl/eVQ7YM>

**Interested in Native Plants for your yard?** For more info, check out these resources:

<http://texasbutterflyranch.com/>

[https://savedallaswater.com/pdf/naturalbeauties\\_eng.pdf](https://savedallaswater.com/pdf/naturalbeauties_eng.pdf)

[http://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/wildlife\\_diversity/wildscapes/](http://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/wildlife_diversity/wildscapes/)

<http://www.txsmartscape.com/>

### Native Plant Sales & Retailers

Saturday, May 6, 2017 Spring Native Plant Sale @ White Rock Lake's Bath House. For more info, visit: <https://npsot.org/wp/dallas/>  
The Heard Wildlife Sanctuary also has an annual native plant sale. We just missed this year's sale in April! For more info, visit: <http://www.heardmuseum.org/plantsale>

North Haven Gardens—7700 Northaven Rd, Dallas, TX 75230, 214-363-5316, [www.nhg.com](http://www.nhg.com)

Bruce Miller Nursery—1000 E Beltline Rd, Richardson, TX 75231, 972-238-0204, [www.brucemillernursery.com](http://www.brucemillernursery.com)

Rohde's Organic Nursery—1651 Wall St, Garland, TX 75041, 972-864-1934, [www.beorganic.com](http://www.beorganic.com)

## You May Want to Know.....

We've all been approached by the guy at the light  
Who asks that we listen to his woe and his plight.

He holds up a sign: "Will work for food."  
But offer a job and he's not in the mood.

But we don't have to accept this. It need not be.  
There are things we can do and I hope you'll agree.

The giving of money in a sense of pity  
Makes it all worse say the police of our city.

"I agree it's a problem, but what can I do?"  
You might ask yourself. Well here is a clue.

There's an app for your phone that reports violations  
Of city ordinances that cause consternation.

It's called "311" and you download it for free  
It works on high weeds and swarms of bees.

Some neighbors are using it. It really works  
On a variety of stuff, like the person who lurks.

If you're bothered by piles of trash that stink  
Then download the app at the following link: [dallascityhall.com](http://dallascityhall.com)

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