

SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- Join us for our next meeting on Monday, March 21.
- Easter Sunday is April 24. Happy Resurrection Day!
- Mayoral and city council elections are in May. Be sure to get out and vote!

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Barton Estates

Neighborhood Newsletter

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A Letter from Our President

Greetings, Barton Estates Friends, Neighbors and Business owners,

I am pleased to announce that our National Night Out and Christmas Dinner were a great success. This would not have been possible without the kind donations from our neighborhood and local businesses.

This year we requested \$900.00 dollars in grant money from the City of Irving, and I am pleased to report that the city has granted Barton Estates with the entire amount requested. This grant will be used to build and to update the Barton Estates website, as well as to provide door prizes and newsletters. Please remember

that this grant has to be met by volunteer hours.

We are seeking volunteers to serve as block captains for each street. These captains will help our crime watch program, put out flags and distribute newsletters. If you would like to volunteer for your street, please email us at barton.estates@gmail.com or call us at 972-986-9494.

We welcome our new neighbors on Beacon Hill, Cambridge and Wyche.

Thanks to our board members, to Milissa Kukla, our newsletter editor, to Dennis Harmon, our web designer and editor, and to Chambers Nursery for sponsoring our yard of the

month.

Please note our meeting's start time has changed to 6pm. Our first meeting of the year is scheduled for **Monday, March 21, 2011**, which will be a meet, greet and eat at **6pm**. Mr. Dan Vedral will be our presenter. He will tell us about the Highway 183 expansion. I hope to see you at the very important meeting March 21st.

Look for website updates at bartonestates.com by April.

Thank you, it takes all of us to keep our neighborhood safe, clean, and nice.

Sincerely,

Johnny Jackson

Underwater Easter Egg Hunt

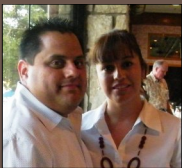
The Parks and Recreation Department will host its annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt from 6 to 8 p.m. April 8 at North Lake Aquatic Center, 5001 N. MacArthur Blvd. The event will feature aquatic egg hunts

for ages 1-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-11. Children will search for 10,000 plastic eggs filled with candy, take photos with the Easter Bunny, and enjoy magic shows, balloon art, games and prizes. Advance registration is required at

Irving recreation centers. Admission is \$1 or one canned food item per child to be donated to the Salvation Army. Call (972) 721-2501 for more information.



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6-year-old makes stunning recovery from brain injury



Misael Riso is finally home with his family after a two-month hospital stay and recuperation.

(CNN) - A little boy is inspiring those around him with every step he takes as he recovers from a brain injury that he suffered when he was hit by a car two months ago.

Misael Riso, 6, is finally home with his family after a long hospital stay.

"They are my friends and they help me a lot, and walk," Misael said of his

caregivers while he was in the hospital.

He walked down the halls and into the therapy room at Our Children's House at Baylor to say goodbye.

He's showing off his progress.

"Oh, and I can already do jumping jacks," he exclaimed.

Paramedics rushed Misael to the hospital in January after a car slammed into him and his mother as they were walking on the sidewalk in front of Farine Elementary School in

Irving.

"He had a really traumatic brain injury with fractures in his skull, his face. He wasn't speaking, he couldn't swallow effectively to safely eat and he wasn't walking either," Pediatrician Casey Drake said.

"He just made such a dramatic improvement, especially in the last three weeks.."

The first-grader still needs more therapy and has to wear an eye patch for his double vision, but he can't wait to go back to school and they can't wait to see him.

The Irving Police Department provides the city with: Family Counseling Services, Play Therapy for Young Crime Victims, Family Violence Counseling, First Offender Program, Parent Education Classes & Resources and Referrals

Police Awards Banquet

Tickets are now available for the 15th Annual Police Awards Banquet, which will kick off at 6:30 p.m. March 29 with a silent auction at the Dallas Marriott Las Colinas, 223 W. Las Colinas Blvd. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Proceeds from the banquet will benefit the Irving Family Advocacy Center. More in-

formation is available at www.irvingpd.com.

In addition to being an excellent opportunity to honor the men and women in blue, the proceeds from the banquet will go to support the Irving FAC. The FAC has been partnering with the Irving Police Department for nine years by providing criti-

cal family support to the Irving community.

For information on sponsorship opportunities or tickets, please contact Darlene Jenkins at 972-721-2598 or Carol Susat at 972-721-4837.

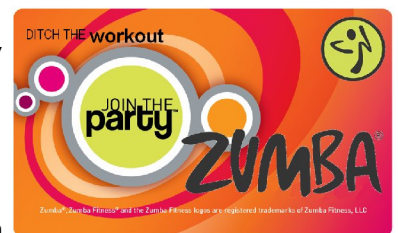
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Zumba Fitness has grown to become the world's largest – and most successful – dance-fitness program with more than 10 million people of all shapes, sizes and ages taking weekly Zumba classes in over 90,000 locations across more than 110 countries. A Zumba fitness class is being offered at 10 a.m. Mon-

days and Wednesdays at the Georgia Farrow Recreation Center, 530 Davis St. This class is free for first-time attendees throughout the month of March. For more information, call (972) 721-2519.



Zumba is a Latin-inspired dance-fitness class.

New Net Zero Library Brings Advanced Technology to Irving



West Irving Library,
4444 W. Rochelle
Road

Final touches are being added to the West Irving Library, 4444 W. Rochelle Road, in anticipation of its grand opening from 10 a.m. to noon April 9.

Grand opening festivities will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony, presentations, building tours and children's activities. Following the grand opening, the library will close from noon to 2 p.m. and then re-open for regular business hours.

More than \$8 million was invested in this 25,000-square-foot facility that sits on a 6.5-acre site on the corner of Rochelle and Esters roads. Completion of the environmentally friendly, technology rich facility marks another milestone in the city's master plan for four stand-alone libraries.

"We are looking forward to opening the West Irving Library for the community," said West Irving Library Manager

Tracy Bearden. "At the new library, residents, visitors and businesses will enjoy traditional library services and experience amazing technology."

The new facility is three times larger than the storefront Northwest Branch that it replaces. In fact, the West Irving Library will open with 100,000 items that may be checked out including books, audiobooks, DVDs, music, newspapers and magazines.

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average retail
value of \$60.*

Angel Food Ministries Comes to Barton Estates

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing food relief and financial support to communities throughout the United States.

Angel Food is available in a quantity that helps feed a family of four for a week at \$30 per unit. Each month's menu is different than the previous month and consists of both

fresh and frozen items with an average retail value of approximately \$60.

There are no qualifications, minimums, income restrictions, or applications. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Some churches even encourage participants to apply the money they saved to help someone else in need.

Orders are collected by the

host sites during the first part of each month. Then orders are picked up by participants later in the month at a specified host site.

A new host site has just started on the corner of Pioneer & Story at St. Mary's Anglican Church. To place an order, visit angelfoodministries.com or call 972-790-4644.

The system was purchased as part of a Homeland Security Grant received by the city.



of a 13-year-old runaway who suffers from Asperger's syndrome.

Child Recovered with iALERT

The city's new iALERT callout system was used for the first time Jan. 30, resulting in the safe return

The Police Department was notified of the missing child and assisted with sending the iALERT message. The child was located less than 90 minutes after the message was sent. The system called 25,000 phone numbers to alert residents of the situation, asking for assistance if they had seen

the child.

Through iALERT, residents are quickly notified of incidents such as unexpected road closures, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods. Residents are encouraged to sign up for the free alerts at www.cityofirving.org.

Barton Estates Neighborhood Photos



National Night Out October 5, 2010



Vice President Marcos Jimenez grilling, National Night Out October 5, 2010



Joy Jackson and friend, National Night Out October 5, 2010



National Night Out October 5, 2010



October Yard of the Month, 802 Beacon Hill



Snow Storm Winter 2011



Christmas Dinner, December 2010



Christmas Dinner, December 2010



Christmas Dinner, December 2010



December Yard of the Month, 802 Beacon Hill



December Yard of the Month Runner-up, Lexington

Look for all your neighborhood information online by April at www.bartonestates.com



Upcoming Neighborhood Meetings

- Monday, March 21
- Monday, June 20
- Monday, September 19
- Monday, December 5

All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. at Barton Elementary School, 2931 Conflans

Get to know your neighbors

The goal of the Barton Estates Neighborhood Association is to increase the opportunities for concerned neighbors to get involved and help the City Council and Mayor's Office in the planning and development of programs that would impact the future direction of our neighborhood.

Do you know your neighbor? Likely, you share common concerns regarding improvements for your neighborhood, planning and zoning decisions, crime prevention and other issues unique to your area.



60th Annual National Day of Prayer

"Fasting and prayer are religious exercises; the enjoining them an act of discipline. Every religious society has a right to determine for itself the time for these exercises, and the objects proper for them, according to their own particular tenets; and right can never be safer than in their hands, where the Constitution has deposited it." Thomas Jefferson, 1808

Because of the faith of many of our founding fathers, public prayer and national days of prayer have a long-standing and significant history in American tradition. The Supreme Court affirmed the right of state legislatures to open their sessions with prayer in *Marsh vs. Chambers* (1983).

The National Day of Prayer is a vital part of our heritage. Since the first call to prayer in 1775, when the Con-

tinental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation, the call to prayer has continued through our history, including President Lincoln's proclamation of a day of "humiliation, fasting, and prayer" in 1863. In 1952, a joint resolution by Congress, signed by President Truman, declared an annual, national day



The National Day of Prayer will be Thursday, May 5.

of prayer. In 1988, the law was amended and signed by President Reagan, permanently setting the day as the first Thursday of every May. Each year, the president signs a proclamation, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day. Last year, all 50 state governors plus the governors of several U.S. territories signed similar proclamations.

This year, the National Day of Prayer will be Thursday, May 5.

See www.nationaldayofprayer.org for more information and to find local observances.