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DFW Flight Operations Update

This information was gleaned from Dallas Morning News, The Star Telegram and conversation with DFW Noise Control Board members. I think this is largely great news for our neighborhood.

American Airlines announced on 12/20/11 that jet aircraft will be replacing all of its ATR turboprop planes that operate out of Dallas/Fort Worth Airport. Travelling passengers will now enjoy jet service to the 14 markets in surrounding areas that were previously served with the ATR turboprop planes. The ATR planes will slowly relocate to other markets for service starting January 31st.

What does this mean to us as a neighborhood? Well, the ATR's were allowed to make their turn after takeoff in a direction that brought them close over our houses and the ATR planes are loud. Now, using jets instead of ATR's, the jets have a different takeoff route that requires the jets to proceed for five miles before they make their turns. This means that they are at a higher altitude and generally are over Arlington or Coppell when the turns are made. So, we should expect much quieter living for all of us.

This is all wonderful news. But before we get too excited, I need to remind you that other airlines and/or private companies could still have turboprops like the ATR which will have the same pattern as we've experienced in recent years. And there is nothing that says that American Airlines couldn't bring back the ATR Turboprop plane or another type of turboprop aircraft sometime in the future. But for now, this is really great news for us. Enjoy the peace and quiet of your backyard again!

TV Documentary Airing

By David Carter, Crossgate Circle

"*The Buffalo Soldiers, An American Legacy*" begins airing across the country on February the 1st for Black History month. Here's the air schedule for Dallas. As usual, times and dates can change but as of now,

DALLAS: FEB. 11 12 NOON KDFI
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For those who are unaware of the history of the Buffalo Soldiers, they were the first peace time Army regiments composed of black volunteers. Formed just after the Civil War, their first mission was to return to the west and protect settlers from the threat of Indian attack. In fact, it was the Native American's who gave them the name buffalo soldiers. It was in honor of how they fought, their black curly hair and buffalo winter coats. Their stories were buried in the nation's archive, overlooked by text books and almost lost to time. Men like Sgt. Emanuel Stance, awarded the Medal of Honor for 3 times charging into the enemy to rescue 2 captive children. Or Private Augustus Walley, who received the Medal of Honor for helping to rescue fallen troopers under heavy fire AND was later nominated for a second Medal of Honor for rescuing his commanding officer under fire in the Spanish American war. The Buffalo Soldiers paved the way for blacks in America, opening doors and paving the way for others to follow. 80 years after they were formed, the Tuskegee Airmen would walk through one of those doors. Their commander, Benjamin O. Davis Jr. was not only the first black US air force general but he was also the son of the first black US Army General Benjamin O. Davis Sr. a Buffalo Soldier. Although the documentary is really a broad overview we hope that it encourages people to research and read more about these brave men and women. After all, their story is not just black history, its American history. The show is hosted by Judge Joe Brown, a descendant of two of the troopers, and narrated by actor Barry Corbin.

Editors Note: You may remember that David Carter and his wife Debbie were the subjects of our November 2011 Spotlight On article. Their house was decorated for Halloween which attracted my attention. Learning that David has his own production company, I thought it would be nice to follow up so that we can see our neighbor's work on display. Enjoy the program!

Happy Valentine's Day!



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Spotlight On... Karen Dielman 3201 Wilton Woods Court

submitted by Kristen Isensee

While most people don't like change, Karen embraces change.... always wanting to learn something new. During her 27 years in Texas she has changed careers three times, enjoying each experience for what it taught her. After graduating from Penn State and completing an internship at Johns Hopkins, she moved to Texas to become one of the first Child Life Specialist (Play Therapists) at Cook Fort Worth Children's Medical Center. "I always wanted to work with special needs children and loved the medical field." Karen says to explain how she picked this profession.

After marrying her husband Terry, a statistics professor at TCU, Karen decided to go back to school and get her MBA. Career number two lead her to Sabre Holdings. After 12+ years working for Sabre, and realizing how much she missed helping children, she combined her past work with children and her business experience to go to work for a family foundation that supports disadvantages youth nonprofits. She loves her job at a portfolio manager with the foundation. "We provide financial support to national nonprofits that help inner city kids build a better life for themselves. What could be better than that?" says Karen, "I get to offer not only financial support, but business consulting to help the nonprofit improve their impact on kids."

When she isn't working, you can find her on any given afternoon playing kickball or soccer with neighborhood kids in the cul-de-sack of Wilton Woods or exploring the creek running through the park with her visiting grandson, William, and granddaughter, Rebekah.

As her neighbor I can also tell you that she not only likes helping kids, but is also an avid environmentalist and "health nut". Karen and her husband Terry have been married 22 years and have lived in Woodland Hills for almost 14 years.

Be Aware of Mail Theft

Submitted by Dejuana Babayan

My 14 year old son has seen this person twice at our mailbox on Chrismac Way. He described their vehicle as being a large shiny goldish/tan colored car, or SUV. He didn't know for sure the make and model but he did notice that it was a middle aged white male driving. My son was skate boarding in the drive-way about three weeks ago the first time he came upon these people at our mail-box and they had it opened, saw him and drove away slowly pretending they were going to stop at our neighbors house. Our mail was stolen Friday January 13th between 3-7 and this person pulled up to our mail box last night about 8 pm (when no one would notice), my son was in kitchen and noticed a car pull up in front of our house. He then went outside and saw them at our mail box (second time).

Colleyville police say that there has been an increase in identity theft in our city. Be sure to watch for your mail or perhaps consider a new locking mailbox for additional security.

What's Happening in Woodland Hills?



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Average Days on Market - 135

- ★ 1 Property Currently Under Contract
Average List Price - \$319,900
Average Price Per Sq.Ft. - \$132.30
Average Days on Market - 23

- ★ 8 Properties Sold in the Last 6 Months
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Maintenance & Improvements

The new pumps that were installed in 2011 are working very well in keeping our ponds looking good. The new pumps also meet safety codes and are more efficient. There has also been some landscape clean up along Martin Parkway and Woodland Heights in the common area to clear some dead shrubs and trim the Pine trees. Some replanting will be planned along that same area in the very near future.

The City of Colleyville is working with our HOA to improve the debris situation that occurs at our bridge after heavy rainfall. As things are today, we get clean out only twice a year and our new gabion system to deter erosion makes it more difficult for the City to safely get equipment in for debris removal. The City has proposed an attractive way to add a ramp that would go from our parking lot down to the creek for better cleaning access. Plans are being finalized and we hope to see this improvement soon.

Other plans for 2012 will be discussed at the Annual Meeting where residents will have the opportunity to help prioritize the improvements that have the most interest. Among those plans are continued erosion control efforts and repair or replacement of trails in our park.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Select Management has spent a majority of the year learning and implementing legislative changes that occurred during the 82nd Legislative Session. Many bills were proposed and passed during this legislative session that will change in many ways, the operations of Homeowners Associations and Management Companies. As a professional community manager, I have undergone extensive training and informational classes to familiarize myself with these new laws and I have taken my training of the legislative changes and communicated them to your Board of Directors. As a result of some of the new laws pertaining to HOA's, the Board and I had to develop several new policies to comply with the new laws. Copies of these policies can be found on your community website (www.woodlandhills-hoa.com) and copies will be available at the annual meeting in February. It is my belief that the new laws were passed for many reasons but the main goals being the following: (1) protect community association lifestyles; (2) limit financial burdens on associations and (3) encourage transparency. If you have questions about any of this information please feel free to email me sbritton@selectmgco.com and I will be happy to assist you with any questions that you may have.

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PERSONAL CLASSIFIEDS

Woodland Hills family **looking for nanny** to help with 6 month old child 1-3 days per week. If interested, please email Christy at box_cox_2003@yahoo.com. Thank you!

FOR SALE: Accent Table for Sale - Just did some redecorating and pretty little accent table has no place anymore! Approximately 28" high and 15" diameter. Looks like an antique, but isn't really. \$30 to good home. Call Helen Sink at 214-460-7072 if interested.

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Timely Tip for February Gardeners

February is a great time to gear up for Spring planting!

Treat your special Valentine this year with fresh, living flowers. America's favorite flower, the Rose, can be planted and enjoyed all year. Cool season flowers such as Pansies, Primrose or Cyclamen can also be planted in containers to give a burst of color to your landscape, patio or garden. And don't forget about indoor plants. Indoor houseplants can beautify your home and purify the air. Gloves, tools, wind chimes also make great gifts. The list is endless, let your imagination "grow green" as you peruse your local garden center! Please join us for FREE in-store clinics on informative and timely gardening topics this month. Clinics begin at 10:15 a.m. and are facilitated at every store.

- **Saturday, February 4: Spring Green in Your Lawn (10:15 a.m.)**
Be the envy of your neighborhood this year. Stop weeds with pre-emergents! Learn how to maintain a lush lawn.
- **Saturday, February 11: Creative Container Flowers (10:15 a.m.)**
Learn to design your own container garden using exotic blooms and foliage with plants like Orchids, Bromeliads, Cyclamen and more!
- **Saturday, February 18: Earth-Kind® Gardening (10:15 a.m.)**
Informal talks by Master Gardeners presenting conservative concepts including the beauty and practicality of Earth-Kind® Roses.
- **Saturday, February 25: Water-wise Gardening (10:15 a.m.)**
Learn the ways to conserve our precious water resources, yet maintain a glorious garden! Native plants and Earth-Kind® approaches.

Don't forget to join us for one of the biggest gardening events of the year – Gardenfest! Learn more at www.calloways.com/gardenfest.

For more gardening information, visit www.calloways.com.

Hope to see you in the garden soon!

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Fond Farewell!

By Helen Sink

It has been my great pleasure to serve as your Woodland Hills Newsletter Editor for the past four years. During this time, I have met so many great neighbors. I can't tell you how fun it is to meet new people and have a chat in order to create the "Spotlight On..." articles. Or walking around the neighborhood and spotting a new mom with her baby and getting the info for birth announcements. And going to many of the social events organized by Terri Nielsen on behalf of our HOA to meet lots more folks!

It was my goal when I first started in this volunteer position to make our newsletter more personal and focus on the events and lives of the people we live around. It took a while to get participation, but I am so thrilled and encouraged when people now will send me their news to include in the newsletter. That makes it more fun for everyone when you share your good news. It is my belief that getting to know your neighbors in what builds a true community.

There is also a portion of the newsletter that is intended to be content related to what is going on with repairs, maintenance, budgets, plans and so on from the HOA Board. It has been wonderful to work with such a great group as those currently serving on our Board and led by the very capable President, Mark Skinner. Our Board is doing a great job of keeping us fiscally responsible, keeping up the common areas for the benefit of everyone, and looking to the future for new requirements for Woodland Hills.

Hopefully, you can tell that I truly have enjoyed serving as Newsletter Editor. However, it is also my belief that change is a good thing! Every once in a while, we need a fresh perspective and new ideas! So, Kirsten Isensee has volunteered (truly volunteered – not coerced) to replace me as Editor. I know that you will all give her your full support and send your news for inclusion in the newsletter. Please let Kirsten know what YOU would like to see in the newsletter. Help her out a little – send in your news! And you might occasionally see a few articles submissions from me – just for fun!

BELINDA'S CREAMED CORN

Recipe Shared, OK – you can all thank me later for getting this recipe for you! BeLinda Nikkel of Glendale Drive brought this tasty dish to a New Year's Day Brunch Block Party. It was the best thing I've ever tasted, really! And when BeLinda generously shared her recipe and I saw how easy it was, I had to ask her if we could publish it. Lucky us – BeLinda said sure! Enjoy!

*Put all ingredients in Crock pot
- low 3-4 hrs.*

- 1/2 stick of butter
- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 1/3 c. half/half or evaporated milk
- 2 lbs. frozen corn
- 1/2 tsp. salt/pepper
- 1 T sugar

CUTE PUPPIES!

The Booth family of Glendale Drive has a yard full of new Labrador puppies! I was walking one evening and saw eight of the cutest, round belly, playful puppies out for some fun. I asked Teri Booth to send me a photo and she sent this great photo of the whole family with puppies in hand from the Christmas holidays. Mother dog "Trog" is not shown. (and don't ask me how they got that name. Not a very girlie name!) The Booths were finding homes for the little ones so by the time you see this in print they will probably all be spoken for since all the Booths wanted was recovery of costs, rather than selling the pups. But if you are just dying for a cute puppy, you could still check to see if any are available.



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