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## Special Point of Interest:

### The Trinity River Wind Festival

Saturday, May 14  
12:00p to 6:00p at  
the Trammel Crow  
Lake Park - Free  
Event to celebrate  
the beauty and spir-  
it of the wide open  
spaces along the  
Trinity River!

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## ***Mayoral Debate - Wednesday, April 20th 7:00 pm!!!***

**We have a great opportunity to attend a Mayoral debate scheduled Wednesday, April 20th at 7:00 located at Thomas Jefferson High School, 4001 Walnut Hill Lane.** We hope all of you can attend and find out more about our next Mayor of Dallas. The 3 candidates debating will be David Kunkle, Ron Natinsky and Mike Rawlings.

#### **About David Kunkle:**

David Kunkle has been a public servant and leader in law enforcement and municipal government for nearly 40 years. He started as a beat patrolman with Dallas Police Department in 1972 and became the youngest Captain in the history of the Department.

Before becoming Dallas' Police Chief, Kunkle served as the Chief of Police in Grand Prairie and in Arlington for a total of 17 years. Kunkle also worked as Arlington's Deputy City Manager for five years. He was responsible for managing Arlington's police and fire departments, code enforcement, convention center, the city's budgetary and financial concerns, parks and libraries, as well the housing department.

#### **About Mike Rawlings:**

Over the past three decades Rawlings has served as the chief executive of three companies, the largest being Pizza Hut. In 1999, *D Magazine* recognized Pizza Hut as "The Best Company to Work for in Dallas."

Rawlings served as Chair of the Dallas Convention and Visitors Bureau and brought in events that generated \$400 million in direct economic impact to Dallas. He served as President of the Dallas Park & Recreation Board, and was Dallas' Homeless Czar for four years, Mike oversaw the construction and opening of The Bridge. This facility is the cornerstone of our city's long-term plan to help the homeless. Rawlings worked to raise more than \$12 million to operate this non-profit that helps more than 700 homeless men and women every day.

Rawlings was awarded the Dallas Historical Society's Award for Excellence in Humanities, the 2010 Anti-Defamation League's Humanitarian of the Year Award and 2011 St. Philip's School and Community Center's Destiny Award.

#### **About Ron Natinsky:**

A long-time resident of Dallas, Natinsky attended Hillcrest High School and the University of North Texas (at the time, North Texas State University). His business endeavors have taken him around the globe multiple times. He is currently the Dallas City Councilmember for District 12, 2005-2011. His current positions:

Chair:  
City of Dallas' *Economic Development Committee*  
Member  
City of Dallas' *Budget, Finance & Audit Committee*  
City of Dallas' *Legislative Committee*  
City of Dallas' *Public Safety Committee*  
City of Dallas' *Transportation & Environment Committee*  
Current Chair:  
North Central Texas Council of Governments' *Regional Transportation Council (RTC)*  
Current Member:  
Executive Committee, *Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition*  
Management Committee, *Vision North Texas*  
Board of Directors, *Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau*  
Board of Directors, *National League of Cities*  
*North Dallas Chamber of Commerce*  
*Greater Dallas Planning Council*

## Spring Shredding - Community Service Event

Saturday, April 30th 8:00 a.m. to Noon at St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
5923 Royal Lane at Jamestown



Cintas Records Management will be on site to receive your old documents and will shred all documents for security purposes. Clean out your drawers, boxes, and file cabinets! This is your chance to have old paperwork and financial records\* securely disposed of in an easy and efficient manner!

This is a Community Service/Fundraising Effort for the Michaelson Fund!  
Minimum donations of \$20 per person/family is appreciated!

\* Check with your financial advisor regarding the time requirements for retaining your records

### ***Wear Reflective Clothing in Evening or Early Morning!***

Even though we are now in Daylight Savings Time, there are many of us who are walking our dogs, riding bikes, or just walking after the sun sets, or very early before the sun rises. For your safety, we highly recommend wearing very light clothing or attach some type of light clothing, or perhaps even carrying a light. Pedestrians are very difficult to see in the dark, and a car driver may have a very short time to respond. Accidents happen quickly and cannot be reversed!!! Please make yourself as bright as possible! And that goes for your pet as well. There are reflective wear dogs can wear!

**Dallas Trivia:**  
**The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas is home to four Nobel Laureates: three in physiology/medicine and one in chemistry.**

### ***Air Conditioning Maintenance Check-Up***

It will soon be time to start up our AC systems. To make sure they're operating at their highest efficiency, and to keep your electric bills as low as possible, a maintenance check up should be scheduled.

#### **Maintenance should include:**

- Cleaning the evaporator coil
- Lubricating fans and motors
- Tightening or changing the belts
- Checking electrical safeties
- Checking the drain pan for leaks
- Testing the capacitors
- Check the condensate drain
- Test the crankcase heater
- Calibrating the thermostat

Visually checking the wiring for potential short circuits

These steps can help decrease the chance of fire, save money by making the system run more efficiently and help prevent breakdowns.

## ***Preparing for Inclement Springtime Dallas Weather!***

Springtime in North Texas is the season when severe weather in the form of damaging hail and winds, tornadoes, lightning, and flash flooding occurs most often. These threats can develop rapidly with little warning. With this in mind, now is an excellent time to focus on these threats, learn about them, and become familiar with the best safety rules. This includes safety at home, at school, and at the office. Every family and business should have a plan and the most important part of this plan is to make sure everyone understands it and knows how to put it into action. For more information on all hazards preparedness, please visit the following websites:

<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem>

<http://www.knowwhat2do.com/>

<http://www.srh.noaa.gov>

<http://www.Ready.gov>

<http://www.redcross.org>



The City of Dallas Office of Emergency Management operates several components of a comprehensive warning system that warns the public during times of emergency. Information on Reverse 911 is outlined below. Information is also included on the NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio which the Office of Emergency Management highly recommends as an additional tool for citizen's preparedness for emergencies.

The City of Dallas Reverse 911 Emergency Notification System is used to rapidly send telephone notifications to residents and businesses in an affected area in the event of an emergency. The system will automatically call listed and unlisted telephone numbers (including TTY/TDD) within the area affected by the emergency and deliver a recorded message. If phone lines are busy, the system will attempt to redial those telephone numbers to make contact. If an answering machine picks up the call, the emergency message will be left on the machine. The City of Dallas assumes no responsibility if an emergency message cannot be delivered or is not received. Cellular phone numbers are not automatically included in the system database, nor are Voice over IP (VoIP) phone systems. If you would like to be contacted on your cell or VoIP phone, you must register these phone numbers.

***Please note that the service being offered is for City of Dallas residences and businesses ONLY.***

To ensure that you are notified about emergency events affecting your area, citizens who wish to receive the emergency notification on a cellular or Voice over IP (VoIP) phone number should register by visiting this website:

<https://reverse911.dallascityhall.com/>

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**We're Looking to Fill 1 Officer Position!**

Want to volunteer with a great group of people and help make your community a better place to live?

We have openings for the Vice-President position.

Please contact Bob Noyes at 214-351-6925 to learn more!

## What the WHHA Has Done for the Neighborhood:

1975- The association was formed.

1980- Dues were \$1.00 per year, changed in or around 1991 to \$5 per year.

Preserved the "open land" at Midway & Merrell (now ESD, used for playing fields)

Fought cell phone tower at Walnut Hill Methodist Church

Annual picnics from 1992-1995

1997- Started the July 4<sup>th</sup>/ parade and picnic

1995- Fought the 335 public housing proposed by the Dallas Housing Authority

Date not known- fought two "dance halls", 1 Billiard hall, and 1 SOB (Sexually Oriented Business)

2009- Started the Enhanced Neighborhood Patrol to help cut crime, along with our VIP program. I strongly urge all to participate in these programs and to become members of the association

2011- Fought cell phone tower Church of Christ on Marsh Lane

We did this all for our neighborhood, operating on a limited source of funds. Imagine how much more we could do if every household joined. We have 1,056 homes within our square mile of our association. We publish a great newsletter now, in color, on quality paper at a rate that we would like to keep doing. We are selling "advertising" one per newsletter. If you have a business and would like to run an ad, contact me.

If you have an idea for an association meeting or projects contact me.

IT IS YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD- PROTECT IT!

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## Advertisements:

### Advertise With WHHA:

WHHA is now accepting paid advertisements to run in the quarterly newsletters. Business card format is available, as well as 1/4 page size. We mail to about 1,100 homes.

Please contact Bob Noyes at 214-351-6925 for pricing.

