

0ur District 1 City Council member Charlie Parker hosted a Town Hall Meeting at Shackelford Junior High School on Thursday, April 23rd. I was unable to attend, but Deanna Palla shared some great notes with me and I am including some of that material in this newsletter as an update.
A representative from the Arlington Police Dept. spoke about recent thefts of catalytic converters from Dodge trucks and pickup tailgate thefts. He also cautioned everyone about meeting buyers or sellers from Craig's List. Because of criminal acts that have taken place during some transactions, the police department is planning to establish a "safe zone" in Arlington for these transfers. Until that happens, they suggest meeting at a police station for one's safety. Bedford and several other cities have established "safe zones" for these transfers where they can be made in view of a surveillance camera.

Charlie presented a review of the effectiveness of red light cameras. Although Charlie has been a strong supporter of red light cameras, voters in the May 9th election approved a proposal to have them removed.

Charlie reviewed a proposal with the audience about the General Motors expansion in Arlington. The expansion will consist of a $\$ 1.2$ billion investment and 10
year city tax abatement for the company. Following the expansion, the facility will employ at least 589 new workers. The new expanded facility will be bigger than AT\&T stadium.

Roquemore Elementary, which is being renamed the Jimmy and Laura Jones Fine Arts \& Dual Language Academy, will be repurposed for a total of 600 students. The new elementary on Baird Farm Road will be built to accommodate 900 students and will open in August 2016. This facility will alleviate overcrowding at Ellis, Larson and Sherrod and incorporate many of the students who now attend Roquemore.
Charlie reported to the group that a new MGM Grand Hotel may be coming to Arlington and will serve as our new Convention Center Hotel. If the contract for the hotel is signed, the design drawn up
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for the hotel will have it wrapping around the lake and will enclose Dr. Pepper Park. The plans for the hotel would incorporate 9 high quality restaurants and would quadruple the current convention center. If the deal goes through, the present center

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## From the Chairman

Chuck McCoy

since our last newsletter we have completed our Association Annual Meeting which was held at Rolling Hills on March 29th. We had a good slate of speakers and reports from Board officers. The meeting was not as well attended as some in the past, but we appreciate everyone that came out. New Board members introduced at the meeting were Todd Bailey, Judy Ballard, Richard Gruerholz and Van Stout.
Following the Annual meeting, the Board met on April 21st to elect officers for the 2015 - 2016 fiscal year.
Those officers are:

| Chairman | Chuck McCoy |
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| Vice Chairman | Judy Ballard |
| Secretary | Beth Harris |
| Treasurer | Todd Bailey |

The Board discussed the current process used to produce and deliver our neighborhood newsletter. While our Block Captains have always delivered the newsletters, there is more and more a feeling that we need to look at alternative methods of get-
ting the newsletter to you. We have had some residents indicate that they would prefer electronic delivery via e-mail. We also post the newsletter on our Nextdoor neighborhood site as well as our website. We are looking into some kind of bulk mailing for those who want to continue to receive the paper copy. Some of the issues associated with personal delivery include people having little time to do it because of work schedules and leaving taped copies on doors which is an indication that no one is home. No final decision was reached. We did map out a plan to encourage more electronic delivery and, hopefully, at some point reach everyone with e-mail. We will also move to some sort of mail system to deliver the paper copies. I would encourage everyone to sign up for electronic delivery via e-mail. You can notify me at chuckmccoy@outlook.com if you would like to receive it by e-mail.

Following the Board meeting, Beth Harris submitted her resignation to the Board. We appreciate the time Beth dedicated to working with the Board. Following her resignation, in accordance with our By-Laws, the Board appointed Deanna Palla to fill Beth's seat for the remainder of her term.
An updated listing of Board members with their block assignments and contact numbers is included in this newsletter.

## PCHA New Residents

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new residents and invite them to become active within our community and participate in our neighborhood activities.
Todd and Nicky Bailey
2120 Wilson Dr. (Listed incorrectly in last newsletter)
Chuck and Dee Ann Hirsch 2218 Franklin Dr.
Trenton and Benna Porter 2228 Franklin Dr.
Kevin and Sue White
2201 Coolidge Dr.

## Jerry and Ruth Kitts

2209 Franklin Dr.

## Neighborhood Obituaries

We have recently lost two of our long term residents and the members of the Board would like to express their condolences to the families of: Donald Vouklizas
Don, a longtime resident lived on Wilson Dr., passed away on March 16, 2015 at home. Don was married to Carolyn for 57 years.

## Dana Hale

Dana, a longtime resident lived on Franklin Dr., passed away on March 17, 2015. Dana was married to Howard for almost 48 years

## PCHA ANNUAL MEETING

The Association Annual meeting was held at the Rolling Hills Country Club on Sunday, March 29th starting at 6:30 PM. Although attendance was somewhat low with only 38 residents signing in, the program was excellent with reports from Charlie Parker, our District 1 City Council representative, and Dr. Stephen Wurtz, Chief Academic Officer from the AISD.

Charlie reviewed activities in North Arlington including an update on the Lamar Apartment project. The first renter
should be in place about June, 2016.
Dr. Wurtz reported on changes to the AISD following passage of the bond package last year with an emphasis on the conversion of Roquemore Elementary to one of Arlington's two Fine Arts/Dual Language Academies. Student applications for the inaugural kindergarten class were accepted during January and early February, this year and the class will begin with the 2015 - 2016 school year.
A treasurer's report was given by the Association Treasurer, Marlene Hutchison
and Chuck McCoy presented the Chairman's report.

New Board members were introduced. They are, Judy Ballard, Todd Bailey, Richard Grauerholz and Van Stout. Since the Annual meeting, we have had a Board member resign and, in accordance with our By Laws, the Board has appointed Deanna Palla to fill that vacant seat. Contact information along with section assignments can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.
I look forward to working with the new Board this year.

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will be renovated by MGM and they will begin work on the project at the end of this year.

Bob Kimbell, developer of the Lamar Commons project, spoke to the group and said the first custom 8,200 square foot house is currently being built in Veridian. In March, 4 houses ranging from 5,000 to 8,000 square feet were sold in Veridian. They have been selling homes there at the rate of 25 per month and, in the month of March, they sold 40 homes. Although they have put aside 100 acres of land for retail, they won't be trying to solicit any retailers until they have enough rooftops to support high quality restaurants and shopping. There will also be a senior housing facility which will include assisted living and nursing care. He also talked about townhouses, which will be selling for around $\$ 180,000$.
Bob also talked about the Lamar Commons project. He anticipates the bulldozing of the old apartments will be finished by the end of May and the first apartment move-in date will be in June 2016. The first phase of this project will cost $\$ 50$ million. When asked about Parkway Central Park, he said money has been set aside to upgrade the park, but this project is on hold for now. Improvements probably won't start before 2017. He didn't comment on how much money will be going into the park improvements.

An Architectural rendering of the new Central Library was shown. Charlie explained that the reasoning for building a completely new library and city council meeting center was due to a need to meet the government's requirements for the disabled and a need for more room. Rather than renovating an old building to meet these needs, it didn't cost that much more to rebuild.
Ditto Golf Course will have an $\$ 18$ million investment in renovations to the course and the construction of a new clubhouse/ban-
quet facility. The council feels that the entertainment district can benefit from this because we will be able to hold tournaments at this facility and generate more money for our city. Although many golf courses have failed in Fort Worth, and Arlington, it is believed that Arlington's Ditto Golf Course can be successful due to its proximity to Arlington's Entertainment District. Once the

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golf course has undergone renovations, which will include the addition of a new clubhouse with a restaurant and banquet facilities, it will attract out-of-town golfers who come to attend events being held at the AT\&T Stadium and the Globe Life Park. With these new amenities, Arlington will also be able to host out of town golf tournaments and provide a beautiful site for weddings and other special events.
Charlie also talked about the possibility of a senior recreation center and/or a multi-generational recreational center, which he has long supported. This could be done with a $1 / 8$ cent sales tax for one facility or a $1 / 4$ cent sales tax for both facilities to be built. If a multi-generational center is built, the preferred location would be at Vandergriff Park off of Center Street. A Senior Activity Center would probably be located at Veteran's Park off of Arkansas. These locations are the only two that seem to be viable because of the size of these parks. Unfortunately, if a Senior Activity Center is built at Veteran's Park, it would probably be a longer trip for those living in north Arlington than driving to the Summit in Grand Prairie.

## Meet 3 Of Our New Board Members



## Judy Ballard

Judy was born in Dallas, grew up in Irving, settled in Arlington in 1971 and moved to the Parkway Central neighborhood in 2006. She previously served on the PCHA Board as a block captain and Board secretary before this 2015 term. Judy worked at Southwest Airlines for 32 years and retired in 2011.


## Todd Bailey

Todd and his wife, Nicky, recently moved to the Parkway Central neighborhood from Keller where they lived for the past 10 years. Todd worked for BNSF Railway in Fort Worth for 22. He currently works at Guitar Center in Arlington. He has an undergraduate degree in Economics from Indiana University and a Masters of Business from TCU.


## Richard Grauerholz

Richard is a native North Texan and he and his wife, Michele, have lived in Park Central for 2 years. Richard is an audio technician at NBC5 and you can usually find him working in the yard or tinkering with his computers.

Meet our other board members in the next issue of "The Conntection".

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Below is a listing of service companies recommended by resident in our neighborhood, Parkway Central. Recommendations are based on the companies' quality of work, performance and pricing.

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Mansfield, Tx 76063
817-516-0064
www.tutorelectric.com
Lane Strickley
Pool Service and Repair
972-965-7238
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Aqua Medics
Pool/Pump Repair
5520 Emerald Ct.
NRH. Tx 76180
817-788-0744

North Texas Pool
Remodeling Owner Monty Davis NRH, Tx 817-428-1958
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Lawn Sprinkler Repair and
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Air Care A/C and Heating
Service and Repair 1232 Brookside Hurst, Tx 76053 817-282-2445
J\&J Painting Juan Campos 817-313-5316
Independent HVAC
Douglas Anderleson 817-812-6048

All Pro Heating and A/C 835 E. Lamar, \#154 Arlington, Tx 76011 817-380-3815
Brags Enterprises
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Pool Maintenance 817-825-1069

All Nedz Plumbing 710 S. Main St Ft Worth, TX 76104 Perry Hoover and Justin King
817-589-1322
As we are notified of additional companies, we will expand the listing. If you have experience with a company that you would like to add to the listing, please email Chuck McCoy Parkwaycentralhoa@gmail. com or chuck-mccoy@outlook.com

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