

# City's revitalization awards program recognizes 10 improved properties



*Lennox Retail Village*



*Richardson Heights Shopping Center*



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*Breckinridge Montessori School*



*Novak Residence*



*Stegich Residence*



*McKeen Residence*



*Johnson Residence*

One infill project, four nonresidential properties and five residences were recognized in February as part of the 14th annual Community Revitalization Awards program. The program allows the City to say "thank you" to property owners who have completed revitalization projects having a significant, positive impact on their property and the surrounding area.

The judging committee included Council Member Pris Hayes and Council Member Dennis Stewart, City Plan Commissioners Janet DePuy and Chrissi Gumbert and Erik Wyes representing the Chamber of Commerce.

The properties that received the award included:

**Lennox Retail Village**—The property, at the intersection of Coit and Campbell, sat idle until Lennox secured retail zoning in 1996 to develop a retail village through a comprehensive building design that incorporated tile roofs, decorative tiles, sconces and corner features. The property was recently purchased and the new owners wanted the development to reflect an Italian village, which was accomplished by repainting the buildings using 15 different colors. Each lease space uses a different color, which gives the impression of separate smaller buildings. In addition, the extensive landscape was restored throughout the development and additional canopies further complement the new color scheme and building accents.

**Richardson Heights Shopping Center**—Richardson's first major shopping center is 50 years old and had begun to show its age. Recently, Schafer Properties undertook an extensive facelift to enhance the center's image. The new design features a higher sign band and prominent corner towers. Decorative pavers define the main driving aisle and provide detailing within the sidewalk. Shoppers are protected from the Texas weather by a wide covered walkway and the building façade now incorporates stone, stucco and painted brick. Several landscaped islands throughout the parking area incorporate drought-tolerant plant material while retaining mature live oak trees.

**Dal Rich Shopping Center**—This prominent retail shopping center, at the intersection of Coit and Belt Line, was originally built in the 1960s. To create better identity for the tenants, the front façade and sign band was raised. The façade incorporates

faux windows trimmed with slate and crown molding, while a colorful painting scheme and awnings further create interest for the center. Other improvements include replacing the tile roofs, gutters, columns and sconces.

**Richardson Village Shopping Center**—This early 1970s retail center was largely vacant when it was purchased by a new owner in 2006. Approximately two-thirds of the main building was demolished to make way for a new LA Fitness as the anchor tenant. The remaining buildings were re-skinned to tie the entire center together. The buildings feature several colors of masonry with standing seam metal awnings. The distressed asphalt parking lot was resurfaced and landscaped islands were incorporated throughout the site. In addition, landscape was provided within buffers along the streets.

**Breckinridge Montessori School**—This industrial property in the panhandle remained undeveloped because of its very narrow and deep dimensions. A child care facility with a residential character has been developed on the property. The building exterior and porte-cochere feature stone, brick and extensive cast stone accents. A "turret" element provides natural light into the main lobby and a wide landscape buffer is provided along the street while parents and children are greeted by a decorative entry fountain.

**Novak Residence**—This Canyon Creek home was originally built in the 1960s and was demolished in 2007 to accommodate this Hill Country-style home. The Novak home is constructed of limestone and features dark cedar wood elements, including two individually articulated garage doors, decorative gas light fixtures and a steeply pitched standing seam metal roof. Landscaped beds decorate the large covered front porch.

**Stegich Residence**—The Stegichs also demolished a late 1960s structure to make way for their home, which features a gable front porch with heavy timber supports, stone, brick and stucco veneer, timber accents, cedar shutters and decorative roof brackets. Existing mature trees were supplemented with newly installed landscaped beds and an inviting stone walkway.

**McKeen Residence**—This original Canyon Creek home was built in the mid 1960s. Builder Joe Scolaro with Fairview

Homes purchased and cleared the property and recently completed this European-inspired home, that was purchased by the McKeens in August of 2008. The façade features a combination of brick and stone, steeply pitched rooflines, a dormer and a covered entry. Beautiful mature trees were retained and additional landscape further enhances the home.

**Johnson Residence**—The original home in this quiet Heights Park neighborhood was constructed in the mid 1950s. Builder Todd Shaddock of Shaddock Homes also purchased and cleared the property and began constructing this new traditional-styled home, which was purchased by the Johnsons. The home features an arched entry, a large covered porch, gables and cedar accents. In addition to new landscaped bed areas adjacent to the home, several mature trees were retained.

**Hammel Residence**—The Hammels purchased this 1980s J.J. Pearce home in August of 2007 and recently completed extensive interior and exterior renovations. Exterior enhancements include a large swooped gable roof as the main focal point. The flat and low front façade was replaced with two large Granbury stone arches with a river-rock water table. The new gutters accent the new painting scheme and the decorative corbels under the roof soffit. The custom-made stained glass windows in the front dormers include tulips which represent their four children, wealth, success and the tulips that will bloom in the spring within the front planting beds. The plant material was completely replaced and a decorative water feature with a "dry river bed" design further complements the landscape.

Nominations are already being accepted for the 2009 awards. For more information, contact Israel B. Roberts at 972-744-4246 or israel.roberts@cor.gov.

## Foundation celebrates success of \$5-million capital campaign

The Richardson Regional Medical Center Foundation recently completed its largest ever fundraising effort—the "Cancer Should Not Have the Last Word" capital campaign. On the final day of the campaign, an anonymous donor came forward with a major gift that helped the campaign surpass its \$5-million goal.

The Foundation raised nearly \$5.1 million through private contributions, corporate donations and grants, including a \$250,000 grant from The Meadows Foundation and a \$1-million challenge grant from the Rees-Jones Foundation.

The Cancer Center features unique artwork in several areas and a meditation room

on the second floor. An art case displays images and items related to Lance Armstrong's cycling career, along with items related to the WildRide! Against Cancer, the Foundation's annual bike rally charity event.

Armstrong's mother Linda Armstrong Kelly and her husband, Ed Kelly, served as honorary chairs of the "Cancer Should Not Have the Last Word" campaign.

The total cost of the Cancer Center development project was \$23 million and was funded through a combination of tax-exempt bonds, a \$2-million economic challenge grant from the City of Richardson and the "Cancer Should Not Have the Last Word" private donations.



**RICHARDSON  
REGIONAL  
MEDICAL CENTER**

**2009 WildRide! Against Cancer and introducing the 5K Trail Walk**  
Save the Date: Saturday, May 16

The Richardson Regional Medical Center Foundation is hosting its 6th annual WildRide! Against Cancer bike rally in conjunction with the *Wildflower!* Arts and Music Festival. And a new event has been announced this year for those who enjoy walking or running, the 5K Trail Walk (a non-timed fun run/walk). Sponsorship and volunteer opportunities are available. For more information, please visit [WildRideBikeRally.com](http://WildRideBikeRally.com) or call 972-498-7678.

**I Can Cope—Managing Cancer-Related Fatigue**  
6-7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 24

**2805 E. President George Bush Turnpike, Richardson**

This is a free educational program that offers cancer patients and their caregivers a chance to learn more about cancer and how to cope with the challenges of a cancer diagnosis. The program, sponsored by the American Cancer Society and the Richardson Regional Cancer Center, is led by social workers, nurses and other health professionals who are experts in cancer care. The six-session series runs on the fourth Tuesday of every month. To sign up, call 469-726-6100.