



IRVING FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT SECTION III COMPLETES FENCING PROJECT

District teamed with Valley Ranch Association for efficient and effective completion

Irving, TX (August 3, 2010) — In keeping with the organization’s mission to preserve the economic value of property by constructing and managing flood control assets throughout the community, Irving Flood Control District Section III (IFCD 3) recently completed the installation of new fencing. The District replaced approximately three miles of chain-link and wood mixed fencing with new, uniform, wrought iron perimeter fencing.

The new, six-foot fencing extends along the inside perimeter of the levee from the Lakes subdivision north and west to connect with MacArthur Blvd. Beyond securing the area, the fencing provides distinction between District assets and residential property.

The District originally developed plans to replace the previous fencing with four-foot wrought iron fencing, and requested input and feedback from the Valley Ranch Association (VRA). Early in the process, the District learned that the VRA also had interest in replacing the fencing, opening the door for a collaborative effort between the two organizations. At the VRA’s request, the District agreed to increase the height of the fencing to six feet and, in exchange, the VRA paid the cost difference.

“The VRA wanted a slightly higher fence to provide better security for our residents,” said Owen DeWitt, president of the Valley Ranch Master Board of Directors. “The resulting installation of six-foot fencing along the northeast side of Valley Ranch is a great example of a win-win situation for both organizations.”

The teamwork between IFCD 3 and the VRA is a testament to both organizations’ commitment to benefiting Valley Ranch property owners.

“This project is another great example of how the District is dedicated to teaming with the VRA for the betterment of our community,” said Kim Andres, IFCD 3 president. “The new fencing provides an aesthetically pleasing means of defining and protecting the unique system of canals and waterways that make Valley Ranch an attractive community in which to live and work.”

In response to feedback from community members, the District has also installed gates and automatic gate closers to facilitate continued access to the green space by residents while also providing a barrier between the developed and undeveloped properties.

-more-

Some of the gates will also be used by the District, whose marked trucks and lawn maintenance vehicles access the levee to perform routine maintenance and repairs. To preserve District assets and, more importantly, for resident safety, unauthorized vehicles are not allowed to access the levee and other District property. **Passenger cars, motorcycles, four-wheelers and other vehicles are prohibited under regulations governing the maintenance of the levee.** The District works with the Irving Police Department and the City of Irving Parks Department to monitor the levee for unauthorized vehicular traffic, and citations may be issued to individuals who do not comply with this law.

District board members are committed to serving the citizens of Valley Ranch and value opportunities for communicating with members of the community. Residents are encouraged to contact the District at 972-556-0625 to report any unauthorized vehicles on the levee or give notice of a potential maintenance issue in a canal or waterway. If the situation is an emergency, residents are encouraged to dial 911 and report the information to City of Irving public safety officials.

About Irving Flood Control District Section III

Irving Flood Control District Section III (IFCD 3) is responsible for providing flood control facilities and operations and preserving the high quality of life provided in Valley Ranch. The District safeguards people and enhances the economic value of property by constructing and maintaining canals, ponds and other natural water management facilities throughout the community. A publicly funded organization, IFCD 3 is led by a five-member board appointed by the Irving City Council. District board members are committed to serving their fellow residents of Valley Ranch in an efficient, effective and transparent manner.

To contact the District:
Phone: (972) 556-0625
e-mail: info@ifcd3.org

###