



Irving Flood Control District completes emergency repairs, inducts new board member

Provided by Loren Rutledge

In keeping with safeguarding homes and businesses in Valley Ranch from high water runoff and flooding, Irving Flood Control District Section III (IFCD 3) recently completed emergency repairs to a portion of the Canoe Canal wall between Santa Fe Trail and Cimarron Trail. The District also recently inducted Mazhar Islamraja as a new member to the board of directors to serve a two-year term on behalf of the district.

Through a strategic relationship with the Valley Ranch Association and to preserve the unique mix of functional and aesthetic improvements delivered by the community's system of canals and sumps, IFCD 3 recently was alerted of the beginning stages

of deterioration in areas of the Canoe Canal wall. Once aware of this situation, the IFCD 3 team surveyed the canal wall and surrounding area and determined that the internal structure of the wall was failing. The resulting structural damages caused erosion along the bank of the canal and the pedestrian walkway.

"Once the board learned of the beginnings of a wall failure along the Canoe Canal, we knew we needed to act quickly to protect both business and residential properties, as well as District assets," said Kim Andres, IFCD 3 president. "The board identified the project as an emergency repair and our timely response resulted in less damage to the remaining canal wall structure, prevented the banks and pedestrian

walkway from further erosion and, of equal importance, used District resources in the wisest manner possible."

The repairs were completed in less than one month, and the IFCD 3 team worked to complete the job without interrupting the surrounding neighborhoods and its residents. In an effort to sustain the wall for many years to come, the IFCD 3 team took extra precautions when rebuilding the structure. Extra support features were added to prevent erosion of the pedestrian walkway and additional anchors were placed in the wall structure to prevent wall movement.

A crucial element to this fast response process is having appointees who not only understand the needs of District residents,

but also recognize the technical issues that require guidance by the board.

The Irving City Council recently appointed the board's newest member, Mazhar Islamraja. Islamraja is a Valley Ranch homeowner and serves as the president of Mach B Technologies, an information technology solution provider based in Irving.

"We're very pleased the City Council appointed Islamraja to serve on the board, said Andres. "His knowledge and approach to the assignment, as an engineer, and his dedication to the community where he lives and works makes

Islamraja an ideal addition. We know he will continue to help us as we transparently administer the business of the IFCD 3 in an operationally and fiscally sound manner."

The five-member board of directors meets and conducts business monthly during board meetings. Valley Ranch citizens and property owners are welcome to attend and encouraged to ask questions and share their views. Meeting dates, times, locations and agendas are posted in compliance with state law. For more information visit www.ifcd3.org.

CLUBS

Buttons & Bows
Square & Round Dance Club
1st & 3rd Saturdays at 8:00 pm
Senter Park East
228 Chamberlain

Circle 1 - Square & Round Dance
Club
2nd & 4th Fridays at 8pm
Senter Park East

Irving Noonday Lions
2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesday at Noon
New Panda Café
West Hwy 183 at Story

Irving Sunrise Rotary
Thursday at 7 am
Las Colinas Country Club
4400 N. O'Connor Rd.

Yellow Rose AMBUCS
Wednesday's at 6:00pm
IHOP Restuarant- Beltline Rd.
1801 N. Beltline Rd.

VFW Post 2494 IRVING
Post Meeting - 1st Thursday at 7pm
Ladies' Auxiliary - 1st & 3rd Wed at 7pm
Men's Auxiliary - 4th Wed at 7pm
Junior Girls - 2nd Sunday at 12:30pm

