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## Repairs, new member top flood district news

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In keeping with the organization's priority for safeguarding our homes and businesses in Valley Ranch from high water runoff and flooding, Irving Flood Control District Section III 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 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," IFCD 3 president Kim Andres said.

"The board identified the project as an emergency repair and our timely response resulted in less damage to the remain-



Mazhar Islamraja

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IFCD 3 is responsible for providing flood control facilities and operations and preserving the quality of life provided in Valley Ranch. The District constructs and maintains 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.

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ing 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.

The Irving City Council recently appointed the board's newest member, Mazhar Islamraja. Islamraja is a Valley Ranch homeowner and is 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," Andres said. "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."

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