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**Lake Ridge Facts:**

- 3,200 total acres
- Over 50 miles of street not including The Summit, The Greens, The Preserve or The Sanctuary
- 23 acres of manicured, fertilized turf not including the gated communities
- 30,000 square feet of flower bed area
- 8,200 pots of plants needed for change in seasonal plants
- 1,200 homes in the Lake Ridge community

## Lake Ridge Management Office Update

By John Westmoreland



We, the Lake Ridge Property Owners, have been given a tremendous opportunity by the current developer, Southstar, to purchase the office building and its entire site, including the pond, at the entrance to our community on Lake Ridge Parkway.

When the original developers of Lake Ridge began digging the first dirt and putting in the original roads, they built this unique building as an entry feature to be used for their sales office. It was to reflect the pastoral site of our community and set the stage for the future growth to come. The deck over the pond and the upper deck were used for special events.

Several years ago we moved our Property Owners offices into a small portion of this building. We currently rent two offices, a storage room, and share the conference room, kitchenette and copy room. The remainder of the building is used by Southstar for their sales and administrative offices at this time.

Southstar came to the Lake Ridge Property Owners Board, several months ago, with an offer to sell the building. We have an agreement for this purchase and are moving ahead with finalizing the terms. The Board determined that it was imperative that the owners of property in Lake Ridge needed to own and control this site and this structure when the Developer is complete and move away. With this purchase we have an opportunity to use this building for our community.

Now here are the questions I want to ask all of our fellow property owners:

1. What would you like to see this building used for in the future? What would you not like to see it used for!! We will keep our Management offices in the building. The Developer may need to keep one or two offices until they complete their sales of the remaining lots they have developed. This leaves five or six existing offices, and a large room for future use.

The following ideas, for the future use of the building, have been suggested to date:

- A. Rent the available offices to homeowners or other businesses that would like to have an office close to home.
- B. Allow homeowners to rent the large entry room and the outside deck space for special functions, such as birthday parties, weddings, special occasions, etc.
- C. A small restaurant with tables inside and out on the decks.

# Lake Ridge Financial Update

by Bill Braas

As of July 31, 2014 our outstanding owner assessment balance for 2014 was \$28,821.97. This equates to approximately 115 delinquent owners. However, we continue to collect on these past due amounts. As you may know our Property Owners Association (POA) runs on a zero based budget. In other words our budgeted cash collections are equal to our budgeted operating expenses. Therefore, when owners do not pay their dues we are using other available funds to cover our current year operating expenses. I am pleased to inform you that for the period Jan. 1-July 31, 2014 our actual operating expenses are well below our budget. There is a positive variance of \$23,596.45. (Actual expenses were \$278,560.07 and budgeted expenses were \$302,156.52). We continue to monitor our expenses to ensure we are staying within our budget.

In addition to the uncollected dues for 2014 we have the following amounts outstanding for prior years:

2013	\$17,400.55
2012	11,429.38
2011	8,343.75
2010	6,726.25
2007-2009	<u>4,494.43</u>

Total Prior Year Dues Outstanding \$48,394.36

Last year the Board voted to use another law firm for our collection activities. This change has increased our collection of past due amounts and reduced our legal fees for collection activities. Collection and legal fees are not budgeted costs and we have to fund those expenses from our available cash balances. These amounts are then charged to the delinquent owners. Year to date we have incurred collection fees of \$6,650 attempting to collect current and past year dues owed to the POA. This is approximately \$3,000 less than we spent last year as of July 31. We will continue to keep you updated on our financial results.

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Please make note of the following phone numbers for the Property Owners Association of Lake Ridge offices:

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## Lake Ridge Management Office Update - continued from page 1

- D. A small 7-11 type store with limited groceries and sundries.
- E. A pool house with an added adjacent community pool.
- F. A cleaners, service station, hair salon, Star bucks, etc?????

2. Secondly, when we take control of the building, we need to name it. What would you suggest for the name? We may have a contest for the best name that is selected.
3. Finally, let us know what you think of this purchase and of the work your Homeowners Board is doing. We are always looking for input from all homeowners and suggestions of how we can make our community an even better place for all of us to live. Lake Ridge is the most beautiful community in all of Dallas. We are all seeing it grow with beautiful new houses and maturing landscaping that just keeps making it a more wonderful place to live.

(Email your suggestions and comments to Carolyn, our Property Owners Association Manager - [crollwitz@cmamanagement.com](mailto:crollwitz@cmamanagement.com))



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# Fore . . . Tournament Time Again!

by Chad McCurdy

The years just seem to go by faster every year. It's hard to believe that fall is almost here, it's almost time for the State Fair, corny dogs, the Red River Rivalry and our annual charity golf tournament. This will be our 7<sup>th</sup> charity tournament. We have seen the participation from our tournament go from about 60 players to almost 120 this last year. We have raised and donated \$60,041 to local charities through contributions from our Sponsors. We have brought new people to our community that might not have otherwise visited. We have created immeasurable goodwill towards our community.

Each year we send out applications to various local charities to determine who we are going to support with the proceeds from each years tournament. We ask them to tell us how much money they need, what they intend to use it for, and how many volunteers they are going to be able to bring to help with tournament activities. We want to reach out to the local community, but we need their involvement too. We have volunteers from Lake Ridge Elementary school, the Fire Department, the neighborhood and we ask that each charity that wants support to supply some assistance as well. We could not pull off the tournament if it were not for all the volunteers and all the sponsors that support us each year.

We have given away \$60,041 to local charities, but that would not be possible without the players that come out and the sponsors that donate. Many of the sponsors for the tournament have given each year, and many of them have increased what they have donated over time. Our sponsorships range from a hole at the tournament at a cost of \$200 all the way to a premier sponsorship at a cost of \$2,500. The fees the golfers pay only cover the cost of their participation in the tournament and so we rely upon the sponsors for all the donations. Every single one of those sponsors makes this all possible and we are truly thankful for their support.

There is no one that works on the tournament that receives a single dime of salary or benefit from the tournament. I believe this is one of the reasons why we have been so successful and have seen donations rise over the years. The only expenses that come out of the proceeds are those directly related to the charity event.

The message that we really want to convey here is that this entire process is not really about golf. Yes, we do play golf and we have a great time but this is about making a difference in our community. Last year we decided to start holding the tournament every first Saturday in November. Our hope is that this will make it easier to remember and it takes away any conflict with the State Fair or the Texas vs. OU football game.

The registration site is still the same:

<http://lakeridgecharitygolf.org>

so please register and join us for a great day of golf.



*Pictures from last year tournament:*

*Bill Bates*

*Chad McCurdy and Ron Jackson with last place team*



# Good News on the Real Estate Front

by Elaine Cook, Realtor - The Michael Group

Prices are going up and days on market are going down. In the 90 days ending Aug 20, 2014, the highest price per square foot was \$114 and it sold in 18 days. Every house that sells quickly at a high end improves values for all of us. Six of the 15 MLS listings that sold were over \$100 psf. Average days on the market ran a little high because one house took over 400 days, but one house sold in one day.

Another good piece of news is that ALL the houses sold within 5% of the list price. Even the seriously discounted houses are being priced, (eventually) at a price the market will pay in a reasonable time. Remember, it hasn't been that long ago that houses were selling for 75-80% of the list price. Prices are finding real market value.

Today 21 houses are on the active list. Prices range from \$77 psf to \$148 psf. List prices are from \$349,900 to \$1,695,000. Size also varies from 2700 sf

to 9675 sf. This selection provides a wide variety of choices for the buyer that is looking to join our great neighborhood.

Another measure of the health of the real estate market is the number of new builds and home projects. Thirty-nine new builds and a wide variety of other projects were submitted for approval. That is a good healthy number. Houses are selling and owners are upgrading the houses they live in.

And by the way, there are about 21 houses actively for sale, so keep talking up the neighborhood.

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# Premier Neighborhood Award

by Tara Powers

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# The Lake Ridge Riding Club

by Maxine Batie

The Lake Ridge Riding Club is a voluntary group of riding enthusiasts who live in Lake Ridge. We enjoy getting together with others in the neighborhood to spend a few hours a month, enjoying our love of bikes and fellowship. It is open to riders of any caliber, and any type of bike is welcome. We “don’t care what you ride, but that you ride”.

We typically try to meet monthly for a 4-5 hour outing, which always includes stopping somewhere for lunch and friendship. We all see neighbors who have bikes, and this is just one more way to come together as a community group. We typically



will meet one Saturday morning a month, but there is no hard and firm schedule. We like to have different volunteers chosen to be ride captain for the day. That way it’s not too hard on any one person, and it allows everyone who desires, to plan a round trip adventure. There are plenty of beautiful back roads nearby, and certainly no shortage of restaurants to make it a fun and enjoyable ride. Please feel free to contact me to be added to our e-mail list of interested riders. Even if you can’t make a particular ride, maybe you can catch us the next time. Until then, safe riding.



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# Dog Separation Anxiety - 6 Tips That Can Help

by Stacey Copeland

It's that time of year again...the kids are going back to school after an action packed summer. It's been fun for the children, and your pup has been so happy with the extra attention and playtime. Then one day, his world completely changes. The house is empty and he's left home alone.

The stress of suddenly being alone may cause behavioral changes...excessive barking, destruction, escaping, pacing, chewing, scratching, and even the inability to lie down and rest. Separation anxiety in dogs is a very common and distressing condition but one that can be effectively overcome. While there is no evidence showing why some dogs have separation anxiety and some don't, dogs are naturally social animals.

Here are 6 tips to help with your dog's separation anxiety:

## 1. Departure Cues - Mix Up Your Patterns

Dogs are smart. They are constantly studying all of our behaviors, actions, and routines. If you always put on your coat right before you leave the house for the day, the coat tells your pup that you are leaving. If picking up your car keys is always a precursor to leaving, he may start to panic just at the sight of your keys. Start mixing up your routine. Pick up your keys and start cooking dinner. Put on your coat and walk to your computer. Do the opposite and put on your coat, open the door, but don't leave. The idea is to keep your pup guessing so that he starts to unscramble the patterns you've already set in place. Sit back and just stay there for a bit. Continue doing this until he is no more reactive. Please be aware, though, that your dog has many years of learning the significance of your departure cues, so in order to learn that the cues no longer predict your long absences, your dog must experience the fake cues many, many times a day for many weeks. When the dog remains peaceful, give him an incentive and give him positive encouragement

## 2. Out-of-Sight - A Little at a Time

Start practicing with very short departures today. Train your dog to perform out-of-sight stays by an inside door in the home, such as the bathroom. You can teach your dog to sit or down and stay while you go to the other side of the bathroom door. You can teach your dog to sit or down and stay while you go

to the other side of the bathroom door. If all goes well, start increasing your time, little by little. You can also work on getting your dog used to pre-departure cues as you practice the stay. For example, ask your dog to stay. Then put on your coat, pick up your purse and go into the bathroom while your dog continues to stay. Progress to doing out-of-sight stay exercises at a bedroom door, and then later at an exit door, increasing time away by only minutes at a time. A human minute may equal a dog hour, so take puppy steps when increasing your time away incrementally.

## 3. Tire Him Out – Lower Energy Level

A tired dog will less likely be inclined to tear up the linoleum while you are gone. Get up extra early to take him for a long walk. Play ball with him. The amount and length of activity depends on breed, size, and age. If you are not able to walk him before leaving for the day, consider placing him in a

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social play daycare environment where he can be with other dogs, expend his energy and be safely monitored. 1 or 2 days a week should be enough for you to see lower anxiety. Arrange for a family member or pet sitter to come to your home and stay with your dog when you're not there. Most dogs suffering from separation anxiety are fine as long as someone is with them. That someone doesn't necessarily need to be you.

#### **4. Crate Training and Dog Tricks**

Crate training can be helpful for some dogs if they learn that the crate is their safe place to go when left alone. However, for other dogs, the crate can cause added stress and anxiety. In order to determine whether or not you should try using a crate, monitor your dog's behavior during crate training and when he's left in the crate while you're home. If he shows signs of distress (heavy panting, excessive salivation, frantic escape attempts, persistent howling or barking), crate confinement isn't the best option for him. Instead of using a crate, you can try confining your dog to one room behind a baby gate.

While exercise and long walks are great at keeping him in shape, he'll get just as tired from mental stimulation combined with exercise. Providing lots of physical and mental stimulation is a vital part of treating many behavior problems, especially those involving anxiety. Exercising your dog's mind and body can greatly enrich his life, decrease stress and provide appropriate outlets for normal dog behaviors. Additionally, a physically and mentally tired dog doesn't have much excess energy to expend when he's left alone. Play fun, interactive games with your dog, such as fetch and tug-of-war. Get involved in dog sports, such as agility, freestyle (dancing with your dog) or flyball. Teach him some new dog tricks daily.

#### **5. Let Music Soothe His Fears**

Don't leave your pup home alone. Leave him with his own music. Thousands of veterinarians and dog trainers worldwide have recommended the slowed down, simplified, classical compositions. Leaving the TV on can also provide a human voice that can lessen anxiety. Try talk radio or classical stations or look for specific music therapy for anxiety, such as Through a Dog's Ear.

#### **6. Medications and Calming Aids**

The use of medications can be very helpful, espe-

cially for severe cases of separation anxiety. Some dogs are so distraught by any separation from their pet parents that treatment can't be implemented without the help of medication. Anti-anxiety medication can help a dog tolerate some level of isolation without experiencing anxiety. It can also make treatment progress more quickly. Most dogs need a combination of medication and behavior modification to treat this level of separation anxiety. *NOTE: Always consult with your veterinarian or a veterinary behaviorist before giving your dog any type of medication for a behavior problem.*

Other aids that help help anxiety include the Thundershirt. They can be useful for dogs with noise phobias, separation anxiety, travel anxiety, and other anxiety-related behavior problems. Dog Appeasing Pheromone (DAP) is a product which is meant to chemically replicate the natural calming pheromones a mother dog releases to her pups. DAP has been clinically proven to substantially reduce barking behaviors in the shelter environment. There are a variety of alternative and holistic therapies which may be helpful in reducing your dog's anxiety problems, including but not limited to: acupuncture, homeopathy, Flower Essence therapies, Traditional Chinese Medicine, herbal therapies, and aromatherapy.

When treating a dog with separation anxiety, the goal is to resolve the dog's underlying anxiety by teaching him to enjoy, or at least tolerate, being left alone. This is accomplished by setting things up so that the dog experiences the situation that provokes his anxiety, namely being alone, without experiencing fear or anxiety. It is very important to know what not to do with your anxious dog. Do not scold or punish your dog. Anxious behaviors are not the result of disobedience or spite. They are distress responses! Your dog displays anxious behaviors when left alone because he's upset and trying to cope with a great deal of stress. If you punish him, he may become even more upset and the problem could get much worse. With a little dedication and consistency, these tools should help your fearful dog grow confidence in his trust and trust in you as his advocate and best friend.

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**Mortgage-free home dedicated to wounded veteran in Dallas**  
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(SEPTEMBER 8, 2014—Grand Prairie, TX and Cedar Hill, TX) Marine Sergeant Ken Kalish, an American hero who lost both legs and an arm in Afghanistan, was given the keys to his new home today in the Dallas-Fort Worth community of The Sanctuary at Lake Ridge. Kalish is getting a fresh start thanks to several local organizations that teamed up to build him the new mortgage-free, custom home. [Operation FINALLY HOME](#), the Former NFL Players Association, the Dallas Builders Association, [SouthStar Communities](#) and Victory Custom Homes presented the keys to Sgt. Kalish at a dedication ceremony this morning.

“We will never be able to repay U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Ken Kalish for the numerous sacrifices he made and the injuries he sustained while in combat,” said Dan Wallrath, founder of Operation FINALLY HOME. “But the donation of this home is our token of gratitude for this hero who gave up so much for his country.”

Sergeant Kalish and his dog Fynn were trained to detect IEDs (improvised explosive devices) or “road-side” bombs. He only had 30 days left on his tour of duty when he stepped on an IED and was severely injured.

SouthStar Communities provided a one-acre homesite for Kalish in its Lake Ridge community on Joe Pool Lake. The homesite features a beautiful view of the lake and is located inside one of the community’s gated neighborhoods.

“We are proud to welcome Sgt. Kalish and Fynn to our Lake Ridge community. Our residents have strongly supported this project and are looking forward to having an American hero as their new neighbor,” said Thad Rutherford, COO of SouthStar Communities. “This project could not have happened without the community-wide support of so many volunteers and businesses, and we are thrilled to have been a part of it.”

Sgt. Kalish received a hero’s welcome with neighbors, contractors, sponsors and organizations on hand to show their support. Several former NFL players also were in attendance.

Operation FINALLY HOME builds homes for veterans who are 90-100% disabled but want to get their lives back on track. The non-profit has built more than 50 homes for veterans in Texas to date and relies on the donations of developers, homebuilders, contractors, corporate sponsors and individual contributors to continue building homes for those who have given so much for our country.

Victory Custom Homes, co-founded by former Dallas Cowboys player Bill Bates and Alan Dulworth, built the home.

“It was an honor to be able to build this home for Kenny, who has sacrificed so much for our country,” said Bill Bates, Victory Custom Homes partner and Super Bowl Champion. “So many companies and organizations donated their services to make this happen, and the finished product is truly a beautiful home that we hope Kenny will enjoy for many years to come.”

The 2,500 s.f., custom-built home features four bedrooms, three baths, a formal dining room, granite countertops and wood floors throughout. The home was built with custom accessories for Kalish including pull-down shelving and a wide master shower. Fynn also has plenty of room to run in the large, fenced backyard.

The home will be the first time Kalish has lived alone and he said he is looking forward to the peace and quiet.

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# Community News



## Country Day on the Hill October 11, 2014



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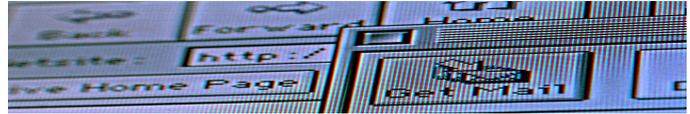
## Holiday on the Hill Thursday, December 4th

Historic Downtown sparkles the first Thursday of December when the City of Cedar Hill, Main Street Development and Preservation Board, Parks and Recreation, and downtown area businesses present Old Town Holiday on the Hill, the annual tree-lighting and holiday celebration. Santa will arrive at 6:30 p.m. to help the Mayor light the tree, then he will pose for pictures with children in his sleigh - pictures are free. Downtown merchants will provide holiday activities, specials and treats, and smart shoppers get a head start on holiday gift purchases! .



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## BY-LAWS AMENDED

The Property Owners Association of Lake Ridge Board of Directors amended the by-laws on September 9, 2014. Members may review the Fourth Amendment to the By-Laws by visiting the POA of Lake Ridge's website at [www.lakeridgepoa.org](http://www.lakeridgepoa.org), and go to the Governing Documents drop-down tab.

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# Lake Ridge Parkway Hike & Bike Trail Opens

by Tara Powers

The Property Owners Association of Lake Ridge Board Members, SouthStar Communities, along with the City of Cedar Hill and local officials, celebrated the opening of the Lake Ridge Parkway Hike & Bike Trail, a three-and-a-half mile bike trail that runs through the community and is part of a larger \$12 million road-widening project.

The Lake Ridge trail connects Mansfield Road to Highway 67 along Lake Ridge Parkway and, once the \$80 million Cedar Hill Trails Master Plan project is complete in the Fall of 2017, it will connect to 300 miles of hike and bike trails throughout the city. The city currently has 36 miles of trails.

connecting Lake Ridge to Highway 67. That project is in the early stages and should be complete in 2016.

Mansfield Road at Lake Ridge Parkway is the entrance to the Lake Ridge community and will be the gateway into Cedar Hill. The Mansfield Road project includes a new entry design and future traffic signal at the intersection.

As part of the Trails Master Plan, the city has also created a free [Trails of Cedar Hill app](http://tinyurl.com/ppejkbo) (<http://tinyurl.com/ppejkbo>) on iTunes. Once the app is downloaded, you can select your sport – cycling, hiking, walking, etc. and it maps all of the trails in the city as well as your progress on the trail in case you get lost.



*"I saw people running along the trail and cyclists as I came here today and that gave me great joy to see it being used," Mayor Rob Franke said.*



The city received a \$2.5 million federal grant for the Lake Ridge Parkway trail. The project was a partnership between multiple entities including the city of Cedar Hill, Dallas County, and TxDOT.

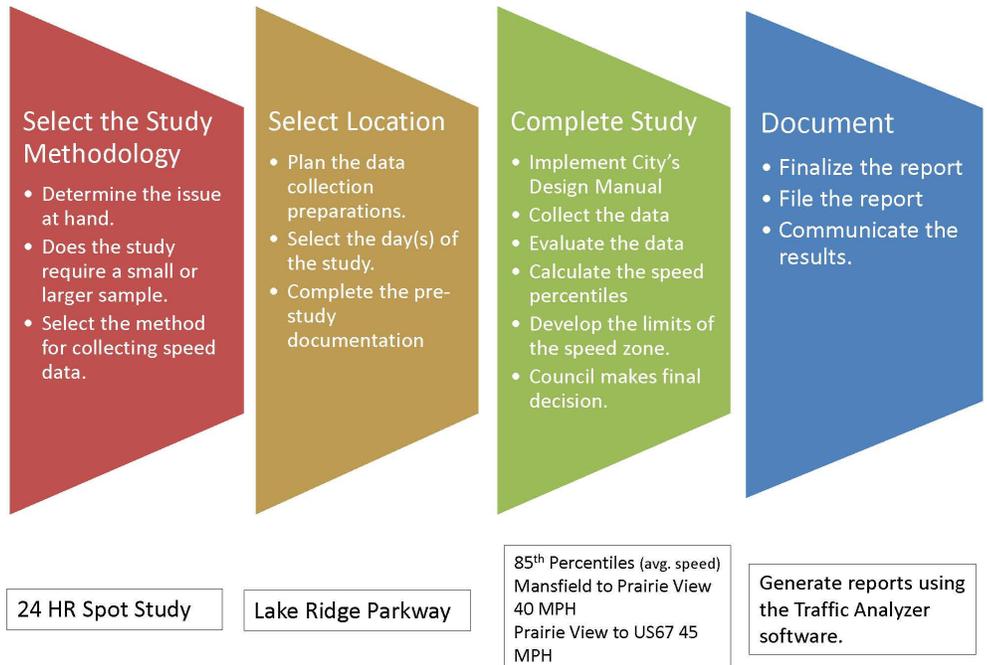
"This project is a beautiful example of the fruits of working together," Cedar Hill Deputy City Manager Greg Porter said.

One of Cedar Hill's next construction projects is to widen Mansfield Road to four lanes, which is the main artery

## From the City of Cedar Hill Public Works Department:

*The new speed limit on Lake Ridge Parkway is 40 mph from Mansfield Highway to Prairie View and from Prairie View to Highway 67 is 45 mph.*

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“This is the beginning of a new life for me and I can’t thank everyone enough,” Kalish said. “Where my new home is – it’s truly a sanctuary with the view, the quietness and the peace. I think I’m most excited about the open floor plan, which is going to allow me to move around easier, especially the wide doors in the bathroom. It all just means so much to me.”

The Dallas Builders Association adopted Operation FINALLY HOME as its charity of choice encouraging all 900 members in DFW to participate in building Kalish’s home. In addition, the Former NFL Players Association also teamed up on the project for Sergeant Kalish’s home.



### About Operation FINALLY HOME:

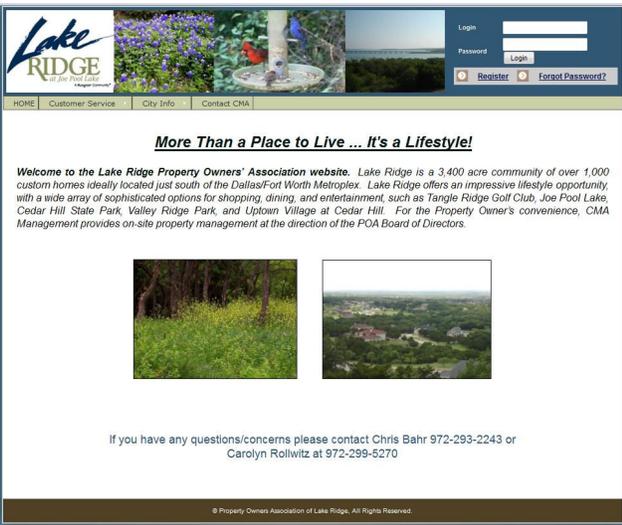
Operation FINALLY HOME was founded in 2005 as a non-partisan/non-profit organization with the mission to provide Americans the ability to honor and thank America’s wounded and disabled veterans and the widows of the fallen who have sacrificed to defend our country in the global War on Terror. Operation FINALLY HOME addresses the most pressing need of our returning heroes -- a home to call their own. The organization’s reach has expanded well beyond Texas, and includes projects in New York, Kansas, North Carolina, and Tennessee. In 2010, founder Dan Wallrath was named one of the year’s CNN Top 10 Heroes in honor of the program’s efforts. More information can be found at [Operationfinallyhome.org](http://Operationfinallyhome.org).

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