

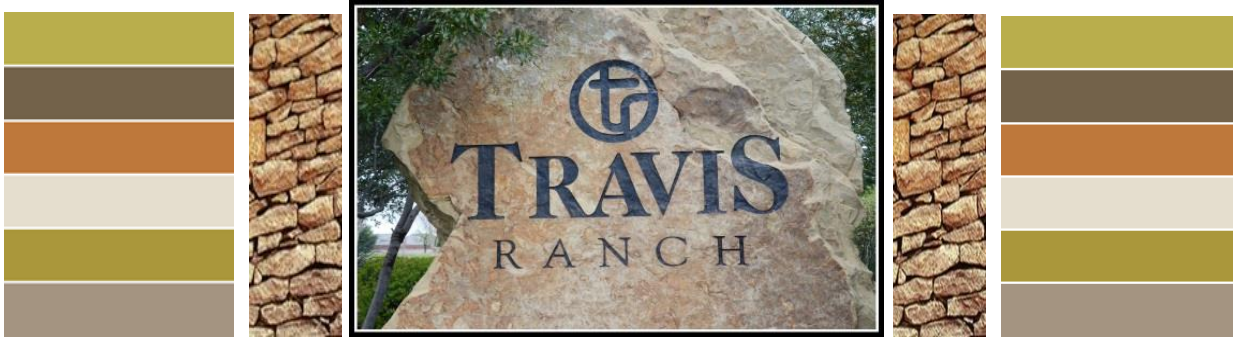
# Travis Ranch Beacon

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Join your neighbors - Come on Over to the.....

Travis Ranch Community

2014 *Colossal* Holiday Party!

Saturday, December 13 - 4:00 to 6:00 pm

Lewis Elementary School

Fun + Games + Contests... + Santa (& Mrs. Claus, too)

Pizza, Cookies & Hot Cocoa - Letters to Santa

Carolers - PHOTOS of your kids with Santa

Big Raffles: One for Kids ...and one for adults, too!

"Ugly Sweater" Contest (wear yours!)

**ALSO:** *Share your holiday fun by bringing . . .*

- "Toys for Tots" - Bring your new, unwrapped toys and they'll get to needy children in the area. (You will get 5 raffle tickets for each toy)
- Food Items for the Forney Food Pantry: Bring Non-Perishable foods including oatmeal, mac n' cheese, canned vegetables, canned meats, boxed potatoes, rice, canned fruit and canned soup. (Help the less fortunate to have food on their Holiday, and you'll get 1 raffle ticket for every TWO items!)

**2014 Holiday Decorated Home Contest**

Winner selected at the Holiday Party – See next page for HOW TO ENTER...

## Here's how to *enter your home in the*

### *2014 Holiday Decorated-Home Contest:*

To enter your home in the contest you must either call "Katie" at: **801-362-7813** or, send an e-mail to [taco0321@aol.com](mailto:taco0321@aol.com) (with your name and address).

**NOTE: You should register by December 10**



## Here's how the **WINNER** will be selected in the

### *2014 Holiday Decorated-Home Contest:*

The registered homes will be posted with an identifying number and the Judges will tour all homes and record their votes on December 11 and 12. Photos will also be taken. Residents should review the decorated homes these two evenings and record their votes at the Party. (Record 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>). The photos will also be on display the

## STAY CONNECTED ON THE WEB



### **Travis Ranch HOA Website**

The "Official" HOA website for information from your HOA including events in Travis Ranch and notices from Essex Management. <http://travisranchhoa.com/>

The following four sites have no official connection to Travis Ranch HOA or its management, but are the work of concerned and creative independent residents within Travis Ranch. They are very current and can provide valuable information to all residents.

### **Travis Ranch Insiders**

This group provides residents a way to meet new neighbors coming into Travis Ranch as well as a means of information sharing including neighborhood issues, crime reports, local events and even local business reviews. <http://tinyurl.com/cczqyb9>

### **Travis Ranch Forney Moms**

An organization of Moms in Travis Ranch intending to inform, unite and support all residents. It's often very up-to-date on recent events and situations within Travis Ranch, and represents a variety of opinions.

<http://tinyurl.com/co9wb9m>

### **Travis Ranch'ers Business N Bartering**

This page is strictly for Travis Ranch residents to shop, trade, or serve one another with their businesses, services, products or talents.

<http://goo.gl/MoyGkZ>

### **Travis Ranch Home Businesses**

This is a site to post your business, classes and activities that are going on in our neighborhood!

<http://tinyurl.com/ox3ucje>

## HOA Annual Meeting: Turnout Well Below 10% Fails to Achieve Quorum

“Do we care about our community?”

On September 25 the Travis Ranch HOA held what should have been its “Annual Meeting” but that didn’t happen. Since the turnout of residents was well below 10% of the current total a quorum was not achieved and an official meeting could not be held.

If we cannot get even 1 in 10 of our residents to come to a meeting of the Travis Ranch HOA (or simply send their proxies) one has to ask, “Why?” You can be sure they would turn out in droves if there was some obvious threat to the community, whether internal or external, or if some tragedy happened to the community. We can achieve more for the benefit of our community and everyone in it if we can speak with a strong voice. If problems come our way we can cope with them far better as an organized group which we can become by fulfilling our role in our HOA - After all, it’s spending our money without our input.

You have the right to be heard. Exercise that right. Resolve to be personally present at the next meeting - and if you were one that did come, you should talk to your neighbors and urge them to come too.

If you have any comment, objection, or problem with the above, send an e-mail to [kduding@yahoo.com](mailto:kduding@yahoo.com). I’ll get back to you.

Ken Uding  
Chairman, Communications Committee

## Lightning strikes home on Enchanted Rock - Sets Fire

In October, during a rainstorm in the night, lightning struck a home on Enchanted Rock Drive igniting a fierce fire with flames shooting into the air from the roof. It burned through the entire attic and presumably some of the main floor before the Forney Fire Department could stop it. It rendered the home unlivable, and the owners are now living elsewhere. It was sufficiently bad that, according to report, it will be largely taken down (extent unknown) before being rebuilt. At the time of writing almost the entire roof has been removed including shingles, sheathing and rafters.

## 2014 Garage Sales Big Success

The Fall Garage Sale, held October 3, 4 and 5 was the equal of the Spring Garage Sale and had almost the identical number of participants.

Over the three days of the sale, 127 Travis Ranch homes participated, (one more than in the spring) a few for all three days but most for only two or even only one. While it’s impossible to count the buyers, it seemed the streets of Travis Ranch were again full and there was plenty of action. Most sellers were enthusiastic over the many serious buyers and some even sold out in just a few hours.

On Friday, 36 homes opened their garage and/or yard to sell their excess goods and on Saturday most re-opened along with 88 new participants. On Sunday there were 3 new sellers (along with 18 re-opens) for a total of 127 separate participants.

The Garage Sales for 2015 are being planned for already; consideration is even being given for one or two additional sales next year. Start getting ready now! Here’s your chance to clean up your closets, attic and the garage - and make money while doing it! Get ready for next April!

**Please Sign-Up:  
BEACON by e-mail**

Just 127 Travis Ranch residents have signed up to receive the BEACON by e-mail so far. That's about one in ten! You will get your information sooner, and will also help us reduce printing costs by signing up for e-mail.

Starting in January, the newsletter will be published on the HOA Website, and also sent by e-mail to those who have signed up. It is not sure how long we can continue to incur printing and mailing costs so, please help us to cut these expenses now and **SIGN UP!**

Just go to the link below and complete the information. You'll get the 2015 issues of the Beacon by e-mail!!

<http://goo.gl/PrPgXu>

*When it's "RE-Cycle Day"--and when it's not!*

<i>(Post by your Garbage)</i>	Dec			Jan			Feb		
<b>Garbage &amp; Recycle</b>	3*	17	31		14	28		11	25
<b>Garbage ONLY</b>	10	24		7*	21		4*	18	

*\* = also "Bulk" items pickup*

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