

May 2012

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A Monthly AMLI Community Update

AMLI at Escena

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Meet the Authors @ AMLI at Escena

Stop by on **May 2nd from 6:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.** for a meet and greet with authors, Lakeshia Rivers Ekeigwe and Robyn Walensky. Lakeshia Rivers Ekeigwe is co-Author of “The Truth About Being Single, Learn to Reject the Lies, Become Honest With Yourself and Never Settle Again!” book and companion workbook. To reserve a signed copies, email lakeshia@thetruthaboutbeingsingle.com. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to WriteGirl for high school girls. Robyn Walensky is Author of “Beautiful Life?” The CSI Behind the Casey Anthony Trial. TShe had seat #1 for the entire trial in Orlando, Florida and was the frequent guest on HLN’s “Nancy Grace Show.” Robyn has been a Crime & Terrorism reporter for more than 20 years. To reserve a signed copy, please email rwalensky@aol.com. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to The Children’s Safety Village for ID kits for kids. Light refreshments will be provided.

Game Night

Join us for some fun and games on **Wednesday, May 9th from 6:00p.m. – 8:00p.m.!** We will have a wide variety of games for everyone to enjoy! The person who brings the most guest will get to choose the newest game for the Kinect! Pizza and beverages will be provided!

Brunch and Munch

Join us on **Saturday, May 19th from 10:00a.m. - 11:30a.m.** We will serve biscuits, gravy and eggs catered from Mama’s Daughters Diner! This will be the perfect time for you to get to know your neighbors and the Escena team. We won’t judge you if you come down in your PJs!

A Happy Beginning

Cooper, a beautiful Akita, started his life 7months ago in Kansas, where he was picked by Mark and Julie to be a valued addition to their family and was the last male of the litter. The Akita is a large spitz breed of dog originating from the mountainous northern regions of Japan. He does not let the fact he was last male chosen affect him from being first to volunteer for any activity going on. He could play outside all day or be just as content relaxing on the patio and greeting all his neighbors as they head to the gym, pool or out for the afternoon. He has a wonderful curiosity about birds and will give chase if one flies too low. He is extremely smart, a good listener and doesn’t bark unless he has something to share. Secretly he longs to be in the pool, but respects community policies and idly awaits the next trip to the lake when he can frolic in the water. Mark and Julie are probably glad he cannot get in the water as often as he would please. He has a double coat, similar to a Siberian Husky, which makes him super soft, but also requires extra time to make him dry as a whistle. *Cooper* offers the incredible gift of unconditional love and won’t let you walk past his patio without giving you a “heads up.”

Stay Connected

Follow us on facebook and twitter for community and neighborhood events. Facebook and twitter are the perfect way to keep you connected to the AMLI at Escena team as well as the Las Colinas community. Look out for offers from your PERKS and local retailers! Follow us at: www.facebook.com/AMLIatEscena and www.twitter.com/AMLIatEscena

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North Texas Beer Festival

Experience the world of fine beer. The North Texas Beer Festival seeks to educate the public about craft, specialty and import beers, while promoting craft brewers and recognizing excellence in the industry. Guests can sample beers represented, attend home brewing classes, culinary demonstrations, listen to speakers, relax to live music in the open air beer garden and participate in auctions and raffles benefiting local charities. Save yourself some money and purchase tickets in advance. Tickets are all inclusive. Join all the festivities at the *Irving Convention Center of Las Colinas* (500 West Las Colinas Blvd., 75039) from **3:00p.m. – 9:00p.m. on Saturday, May 12th**. We advocate responsible drinking. Please don't drink and drive. Taxis and shuttles can be arranged.

AMLI Rocks Out at Wildflower!

Wildflower! Is an award-winning multi-day eclectic arts and music festival that draws over 70,000. The festival is held at Richardson's Galatyn Park urban center off Central Expressway and Galatyn Parkway. Join AMLI in celebrating the festival's 20th anniversary **Friday, May 18th – Sunday, May 20th**. Help AMLI kick off the festival during the Friday Night Street Party on the Plaza with Le Freak. AMLI's booth will be located between AMLI Galatyn Station and the Eisemann Center with a photobooth and several give aways. There will be over 70 musical acts during the festival including Dashboard Confessional, Mark Chesnut, Nelly, The Commodores, Lou Gramm and Neil McCoy. For a full festival schedule including music lineup, visit wildflowerfestival.com.

AMLI at Escena's residents get half off single-day adult tickets! To purchase tickets, please visit <https://tix.extremetix.com/Online/?siteID=1722&memberID> and enter in Member ID **WF12AMLIF**. Scroll down to the section labeled "Good Any Day Member Ticket" and follow the purchasing instructions. For additional information, please contact the leasing office.

Payment Options

One of the ways we will bring more convenience to our residents in through our Auto-Pay option (new enrollment form available in leasing office), which is a reliable and confidential way to have your rent and other amounts due under your lease automatically debited from your checking or saving account each month on a recurring basis. No more remembering to write that check each month, and no more worries when you are out of town traveling. We also offer an Easy-Pay option to conveniently pay your rent and other charges with a credit card via the internet. Moving forward, we ask that you make all rent payments payable to AMI and please limit payments to one check per apartment.

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Baked Salmon Croquettes

One of my all time favorite recipes! It's super easy to make, a crowd pleaser, and easy on the figure. :)

Ingredients:

1 dash pepper
1/2 tsp salt
5 tbsps mayonnaise
1/4 cup chopped onion
2 tbsps red bell pepper
12 oz canned salmon
2 slices mixed grain bread
3/4 cup bread crumbs

Directions:

Blend all ingredients (except for bread crumbs) well, and shape into 10 croquettes.
Dip in dry crumbs. Set on ungreased pan.
Bake in hot oven at 450 °F (220 °C) for 20 minutes. (Flipping them over at the 10 minute point)

Get Your Green On!

Wondering how to green your home when it isn't technically yours? Green your rented apartment home with these simple ideas that add up to big results:

- **Get a Green Shower Curtain.** And get rid of the one that's green from mold! Go natural with an organic cotton shower curtain paired with a nylon liner. It's healthier than a PVC-coated curtain (PVC off gases potential hormone disruptors) and can be tossed in the washing machine for easy mold-preventing cleanup.
- **Kick the Bottled Water Habit.** Americans use 4 million plastic bottles every hour- but only 1 in 4 is recycled. Instead of reaching for bottled water, use a water filter and fill up a non-leaching, lined aluminum SIGG bottle with filtered tap water. If 10,000 gave up their daily water bottle water habit for a year, we'd keep the weight of a small elephant out of the waste stream.
- **Just Say "No" to Junk Mail.** Junk mail is more than just annoying, it's wasteful. If everyone in the US was able to reduce the junk mail they receive each week (average 10.8 pieces per person), we could save nearly 100 million trees each year. Check the internet for links on how to get forms to remove your name from junk mail lists.

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PERK Of the Month

Every month we will highlight businesses that are members of the AMLI PERKS Program! These businesses offer exclusive discounts to AMLI residents when they show their AMLI Perks keychain. You can pick up your keychain in the office. For a complete listing of participating businesses visit: www.AMLI.com/perks

Gold's Gym Irving -Valley Ranch (10010 N MacArthur Blvd., Irving TX 75063 972.401.8383) They're mission is to positively change people's lives by providing the ultimate fitness experience. Change your Body. Change your life. Their gyms are built to help people realize their goals and find their inner strength. They combine the most diverse amenities in the industry with the best personal training to deliver the ultimate fitness experience. Gold's Gym is where your commitment to goals becomes their commitment to results. They are offering month to month, cancel anytime, no contract plan for \$19.99 per month and \$1 enrollment. All classes, tanning and kids club are included with membership at no extra cost.

Office Closure

Our office will be closed **Monday May 28th**, in observation of Memorial Day. We will resume normal business hours on Tuesday May 29th. If you have maintenance emergency please call 972.910.0332 and follow the instructions, have a happy and safe holiday!