

January 2012

What's Happening?

A Monthly AMLI Community Update

AMLI at La Villita
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New Computers in the Business Center

We are excited to announce that we have new computers in our Resident Business Center! We have upgraded to two iMac computers and two of the Dell PC all-in-one sets. Come by and check out our newest addition for you to enjoy!

JumpstART

Explore new stories, fun art projects and a variety of exhibitions during this fun story time that combines art and children's literature. Each month a new theme is introduced that ties into an exhibition at the Irving Arts Center. Following JumpstART, create a take-home art project and then browse the galleries with your kids as part of this fun AND FREE morning activity. Ages 2 and up. All supplies provided. So, engage your creativity on **January 5th at 10:00 a.m.** at the Irving Arts Center (3333 N. MacArthur Blvd).

Christmas Tree Roundup

Residents will have an opportunity to properly dispose of their fresh-cut Christmas trees for recycling during Irving's annual Christmas Tree Roundup. Bare Christmas trees will be collected as part of the city's weekly brush/bulky waste pickup through **Monday, January 9th**. For more information, call 972.721.8059. Residents also may take Christmas trees to any of the following drop-off locations through **Sunday, January 8th**: Cottonwood Park, 4051 N. Story Road; Recycling Center Drop-Off, 8555 Home Depot Drive (The Home Depot parking lot); Hunter Ferrell Landfill, 220 W. Hunter Ferrell Road drop off daily from **7:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.**

Resident Happy Hour!

Join us for food and mingling with your AMLI team and neighbors on **Thursday, January 19th** at Boston's Pizza (1100 Market Place, Irving, TX). We will be there from **6:30p.m. to 8:00p.m.** They have great happy hour specials going on until 11:00 p.m. This will be the perfect way to wind down after a long day! We hope to see you there!

Saturday School: Mixed Media-Irving Arts Center

Experiment with paint, pencils and mixed media to learn artistic styles from cultures around the world including Japan (sumi-e brushstroke painting), China (calligraphy and scrolls), the Middle East (mosaics) and Africa (textile designs). These fun and creative classes are for ages 6-12 and the sessions are **Saturday, January 7th and Saturday, January 14th from 2:00p.m. – 4:00p.m.** at the Irving Arts Center. (3333 N. MacArthur Blvd).

Continental Breakfast

Here is a great opportunity to meet some of your neighbors and join us in the Social Hub for a complimentary continental breakfast. We will be serving coffee and an assortment of breads, yogurt and other goodies to start your weekend off right. Please join us on **Saturday, January 14th from 10:00a.m to 11:30a.m.**

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ZestFest 2012

Anyone who appreciates the hotter things in life is invited to indulge in a fiery food experience **Friday, January 27th – Sunday, January 29th**, as **ZestFest 2012** brings together the spiciest exhibitors and products from around the country for one sizzling weekend. ZestFest is the ultimate party for bold and flavorful food enthusiasts. Produced by Spicy Food Productions and taking place in Irving, Texas, ZestFest will be action-packed! Cooking demos by celebrity chefs, live music, interactive contests and thousands of bold food samples will make January 27th – 29th the zestiest weekend of the year! This event will be held at the Irving Convention Center in Las Colinas and begins at **10:00 a.m.** daily. (500 W. Las Colinas Blvd.)

Be Green

Green purchasing means buying smart. Shop with the environment in mind-that is, buy products that help conserve natural resources, save energy and prevent waste. Green purchasing also means not buying things you don't need. By educating yourself about the products you buy, you can make a difference in protecting the environment. Green purchasing involves learning about all the ways a product can affect the environment during the course of its "life cycle" – from materials used to manufacture it, to how you use it, to what you do with it when you are finished with it. *Be an Enviroshopper:* Use cloth grocery bags or reuse your plastic grocery bags, select products with the most purposeful, least wasteful packaging, avoid buying goods with unnecessary packaging, buy in the size that you can use and not waste, buy products that can be recycled and be sure to recycle them.

PERKS Program Spotlight

Each month we will highlighting businesses that are members of the AMLI PERKS Program! These businesses offer exclusive discounts to AMLI Residents when they show their AMLI PERKS Key Tag. Key Tags are available in the leasing office. For a complete listing of participating businesses you can visit www.amli.com/perks

Boston's Pizza is located at 1100 Market Place, Irving, TX 75063; Boston's is a full-service, pizza-themed, casual dining restaurant and sports bar offering incredible gourmet pizzas (18 varieties!) and gourmet pasta, along with a wide variety of other great dishes, such as wings, ribs, burgers, entree size salads, sandwiches and the largest kid's menu in the casual dining category. Boston's offers a contemporary, sit-down family dining atmosphere with a separate sports bar customized with local team memorabilia. The result is a fun, high-energy setting for families and sports enthusiasts alike. Stop by to receive your AMLI discount of \$5 off (minimum purchase of \$20).