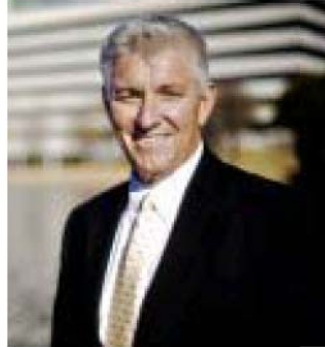


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Have you ever contemplated what it would have been like to live in historic times? I was recently watching a great PBS series on the creation of our National Parks and I was awestruck by the actions taken by so many passionate individuals to preserve these landmarks for the future use of its citizens. As President Teddy Roosevelt said, "For the benefit and enjoyment of the people".

I often find myself wondering what it would have been like to live at a time in the past. Would I have realized at the time what incredible opportunities were available to me? Would I have prospered if I lived during the industrial revolution? What would it have been like to start a ranch on the western frontier? What legacy would I have left my children and grandchildren? Or would I have been smart enough to invest in AT&T the day after the 1929 collapse of the stock market. OK, so my record in the stock market would clearly point to "no"...

So often the question is, do people recognize history when it's happening? Do they recognize it when they see it?

For example, I grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio in the 60's and 70's. I knew when I was watching the Cincinnati Reds, "The Big Red Machine", I was watching something special. Side note: I still contend that Pete Rose should be in the Hall of Fame, but I'll leave that argument for another time. Moving to Texas in the mid-80's, I slowly became a Cowboys fan and again I knew the Superbowl runs were special, but I'm not sure I recognized "the history".

With maturity (ok, age) I have begun to develop an appreciation for the history we are living every day. In Frisco, we have the Heritage Association to preserve our history, but the reality is we are the history. Every person that has moved to Frisco in the past 15 years is part of the population boom that is making Frisco's history today.

Another example of how we can know that history is happening today, can be seen in the naming of many of our new schools within the Fisd. Ruth Borchardt Elementary was named after an incredible woman that touched the lives of many. Before she passed away, I spent many a Sunday morning helping her from her car to her Sunday School class and church services. She was as sharp as could be and shared much of her own history with me. Pink Elementary was named for Dr. Erwin and Elisabeth Pink. Before Dr. Pink passed away, he and I would have long (let us say passionate) discussions about the naming of a road or a particular project that we may or may not have agreed on. The list goes on and on. Bledsoe, Carroll, Isbell, Mooneyham, Fowler, Roach, Scoggins, Stafford, Wakeland and even Isabel Pierce Sem are all people that have made a difference in the community in our lifetime and we've had the unique opportunity to personally know each one of them. 25-50-100 years from now they will be names on buildings, but each of us have the opportunity to know them today, to know history.

Another project that I hope will be long remembered in history, yet experienced by each of us is the Grand Park. Grand Park is represented today by the city's purchase of about 400 acres located near the geographic center of the city. Located immediately west of the DNT (connecting to the old Beal building property, the future Train Museum, City Hall and the Heritage Center of Frisco Junction), Grand Park is the beginning of a long-term project to create a special place for our citizens. The day will come when visitors can ride a bicycle from the old downtown area to Lake Lewisville, thanks to the Grand Park project.

But, in my opinion Grand Park isn't about what happens there today or even tomorrow. It isn't intended to be a project that forces development there quickly, for the sake of development. The most important work has already been completed on Grand Park, the land was purchased and preserved. Again, it's only my opinion, but to me the Grand Park project isn't about what happens there today; Grand Park is about building something for the generations to come. I am convinced the time will come that you and your grandchildren will walk the trails and talk about the history of this city and how you were here to see so many changes. To live the history.

I'm often speaking with people and they tell me they wish they had taken a picture of this area or that area before it changed so dramatically. I always tell them the same thing. It's not too late, get the camera out and take the pictures today, because it too will change. I also encourage them to meet with and speak to those citizens among us that have made such major contributions to our history. For example, on almost any given Sunday you too can be greeted at the First United Methodist Church by a warm smile, a handshake, and a hug from MS Isabel Sem. Not only is it a great way to start your day, but it's a chance to touch history.

Special thanks to Jeanne Rubin for allowing me the privilege of sharing some thoughts with you here. I hope that each of you will always feel free to contact me directly if I can be of service and I look forward to meeting you all again soon. Finally, I thought about sharing information on a wide variety of City Council related issues, but I guess I really just wanted to put in my plug for Pete Rose.

Best regards, Bob Allen - Frisco City Council and Deputy Mayor Pro-Tem
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RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Bernadette Helton

Bernadette and her husband, Will, are from Arkansas and moved to north Dallas when they got married, 7 years ago. She taught 5th grade in Allen and Plano. Will works for Bridgestone/Firestone and currently is a Managing Partner of a store in Irving. The Heltons lived in Houston for almost 2 years where Bernadette worked in

HR for David Weekley Homes. When the family moved to Frisco in June 2007, Bernadette didn't return to work and is now a full time mom. Bernadette and Will have two sons, Jaxon and Jimmy.

The Helton's love to travel to Mexico and other tropical destinations, to New York/Pennsylvania to see Will's parents, Arkansas, and anywhere else they aren't afraid to take their children. Bernadette also enjoys walking with the kids, swimming, and working out. The family attends Stonebriar Community Church and Bernadette participates in the Ladies Bible Study classes.

Bernadette is an invaluable member of the PCE Homeowners Association core of volunteers. At first, she started meeting friends at the neighborhood Bunko games.

She has been a member of the Social Committee for about two years. "I enjoy helping to plan events for our neighborhood," says Bernadette, "I recently got involved with the Pool Committee and can't wait to see this project get off the ground!"

In July, Bernadette helped another mom get people together for the first meeting of the PCE Playgroup. Since then, the group has grown and grown. Bernadette explains, "It's so wonderful that our kids (and moms!) are getting to know our neighbors and turning them into good friends!"

Bernadette was also the Block Captain for the National Night Out Block Party last year. There were only 3 Block Parties last year and all reported having a terrific time. Hopefully more blocks will join in this year.

> What is the best thing about living at PCE?

I have to say the people here are really great. I love my street and my neighbors. The ladies and children I've met in Bunko and Playgroup are all really wonderful and we have a lot of fun! Not only could I go borrow a cup of sugar, but I know my neighbor's names and phone numbers and we watch each other's children and get their mail when they are gone. That is a good feeling.

Is there a Panther Creek Estates resident you think we should spotlight? Email us his or her name and contact information or better yet write it up yourself and send it in along with a photo! Be sure to include the question "What do you enjoy most about living in PCE?" We will print one in each newsletter and put other submissions on the website.

GO GREEN PCE (WAYS TO SAVE MONEY AND HELP THE ENVIRONMENT)

Hello Friends and Neighbors, you won't be saving any money with this idea but you will be helping our environment. Did you know that cell phones contribute to the solid waste problem to the tune of millions tossed away each year! They may contain toxic materials in their circuit boards (lead), liquid crystal displays (mercury), batteries (cadmium) and even the plastic may contain brominated flame retardants. These are all toxic to our green planet. So if you would like to recycle your old cell phones, cell phone accessories, boxes, manuals, really anything cell phone related (any condition) you can drop them off at our house (11699 Kingsville Dr) and I'll take care of the rest. There is no end date on this offer, well at least not for the next 10 years. You can put them in a bag and place them on the porch, we'll check each day. If you have a lock on your phone please remove it or provide the number. Some of the phones may be re-used by older Americans who do not need service to call 911 and others recycled with the proceeds going to charity. Who knows, the phone you donate might actually aid in saving a life. Going, going, Green! *Lifetime Girl Scout, Lisa Mashigian*



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10 minutes, 10 questions. The Census Questionnaires will arrive in your mailbox in mid-March. Take a few moments to complete your form and mail it back, then encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same. Mail-back responses are the safest and most accurate, and save your tax dollars. Census takers will only come to the homes that do not mail back their forms.

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The Panther Creek Estates Homeowners Association Board of Directors would like the residents in our community to be well informed, civic-minded citizens of the City of Frisco. To that end we encourage voter registration and participation in elections. Further we invite all current elected officials and candidates for office to join us at any of our social events or meetings. We will introduce and encourage all guests to get to know homeowners before and after a meeting or during an event.

On occasion we may invite an elected official to discuss a particular topic of interest to our homeowners.

In order to vote in Texas you must be registered 30 days prior to an election. If you have moved from another county you have to re-register. We have a Deputy Registrar in the neighborhood-email pcevot@panthercreekestates.org.

For more information contact: Collin County Elections Department at 972.547.1990 or collincountytexas.gov/elections.

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