

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Area #: 4

Mayor's Southern Dallas Task Force



City of Dallas

Projects

- In October 2008, two nuisance hotels were demolished as part of a rejuvenation effort of Lancaster Road. Dallas City Council approved an \$850,000 forgivable loan to the City Wide Community Development Corporation (CWCDC) to purchase and develop the property. Motel owners agreed to sell their property directly to the CWCDC. In the motels' place, the CWCDC will construct a new 30,000-square-foot building to provide much-needed rentable commercial space. The Urban League will also develop a 50,000-square-foot facility designed to assist in job skills training and workforce development.
- In March 2008, the East Dallas Community Organization broke ground on several new homes to be built in East Oak Cliff on Claude Street. The energy-efficient homes average 1,450 square feet with a total mortgage of \$125,000, but grants up to \$40,000 will be available.
- A new senior living community called the Sphinx at Fiji Seniors, located at 201 Fran Way, is in pre-development stages. This new construction will be a mid-rise, elevator accessible, elderly community comprised of approximately 130 units. The project is a mixed-income community targeting low-to-moderate income families, with a projected completion date of November 2009.
- The Fiji Seniors is an initial phase of Sphinx at Fiji/Compton. The master planned community will comprise live/work space products, single and multi-family residential communities and commercial retail strips.
- Habitat for Humanity has built a number of new homes in Joppa in recent years, and the organization recently announced that Joppa will be one of the recipients of a \$50 M campaign to build 400 houses in five areas of Dallas.
- Dallas Fire-Rescue opened Fire Station #38 at 2839 Wilhurt Avenue in May 2007. The 12,000-square-foot facility replaces a nearby station that was built in 1955. The new station follows sustainable building practices such as erosion and sedimentation control, encouraging alternative transportation with bicycle storage, carpooling and electrical connectivity for hybrid/electric vehicles, stormwater management and treatment, light pollution reduction, and reduction of the heat island with reflective roofing and paving. The native, water-efficient landscaping and innovative irrigation limits the use of potable water for the site.
- In 2006 the City of Dallas completed a new bridge on Linfield Road at the entrance to the Joppa neighborhood, named the Freedman's Town Memorial Bridge.