

## **CRCA NEWSLETTER- January 2015 issue**

### ***Developer's Corner by David Craig***

Happy New Year! 2015 should be another banner year for Craig Ranch. In fact, we will be celebrating the community's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year! It's hard to believe that it's been 15 years since I closed on the very first 1,100 acre piece of land that would eventually become the award-winning, 2,200-acre master-planned community of Craig Ranch. While the national recession that hit the DFW market in 2008 and lasted until 2012 slowed us down a bit, the activity and transformation that has occurred in the last two or three years is truly amazing. From the residential construction activity that has dirt flying in every corner of Craig Ranch to the new retail, new office and new corporate campus we recently completed, Craig Ranch is thriving in every sector. As a final wrap up for 2014, consider the activity of just last year:

- The McKinney Corporate Center Craig Ranch opened a beautiful new entrance from Sam Rayburn Tollway with beautiful landscaping, a pond and additional trails that added to our miles of available trails in and around Craig Ranch.
- The Villas was sold out –Thank You K. Hovnanian Homes and Highland Homes for creating such a beautiful neighborhood!
- The Estates has extensive activity as relocating corporate executives are choosing Craig Ranch due for its signature amenities, lifestyle and location.
- New residential neighborhoods are open or underway on the north, south, east and west sides of Craig Ranch bringing beautiful new home designs to the community.
- Two builders opened new model homes in 2014: Our Country Homes in The Settlement and Landon Homes in The Fairways.
- Upcoming neighborhoods under development will include the following builders:
  - Ashton Woods Homes
  - Beazer Homes
  - David Weekley Homes
  - Darling Homes
- The Avenues and Parkside opened luxurious new communities last year.
- Craig Ranch North annexed some additional land to include new homes by Megatel.
- A lot of land was sold for office, retail and residential uses.
- Piazza on the Green-a new wedding venue overlooking the fairways of TPC Craig Ranch started construction at TPC Drive and Collin McKinney and is projected to be open by summer.
- A future Frisco ISD high school site was purchased in Craig Ranch.
- Moviehouse & Eatery, a premier dine-in cinema was announced in November that will bring a fun entertainment and dining experience to our community.
- McKinney Corporate Center I opened with Barclays becoming our newest corporate resident.

Look forward to a busy 2015 around Craig Ranch and pardon our construction as we continue to grow. We wish you a healthy and happy new year!