



# City of Irving *City Manager's Report*

**November 1, 2006**

## **Projects/Activities Updates**

**Pet Adopt-a-Thon** – Animal Services' first Adopt-a-Thon, held Oct. 21 at the Animal Shelter, was very successful. The daylong event was attended by hundreds of people, and a total of 35 dogs and cats were adopted from the shelter. In addition to the informational booths and live entertainment, shelter attendants also provided microchips for animals at a reduced rate. With the high participation rate at this event, Public Health and Environmental Services is considering another event of this type next spring.

**Fire Chief Interviews** – Plans are being finalized to interview candidates for the position of fire chief. Interviews will be conducted Nov. 7-8, with a reception planned for the evening of Nov. 7. One interview panel will consist of city department directors, and representatives from the Greater Irving/Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce and Irving Fire Union. The second panel is made up of the executive management team.

**Bond Election** – Early voting on 11 bond propositions continues through Nov. 3. The \$335 million package addresses infrastructure projects, storm drainage, parks and libraries, city facilities, communications, public safety, and youth and senior services. The program is based on recommendations by a citizens' bond task force, which spent six months studying the future needs of the city. Election day voting is from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 7.

**3CMA Annual Conference** – Irving hosted a national conference of communications and marketing professionals last month at The Westin Dallas Fort Worth Airport. More than 400 people attended the annual conference of the City-County Communications and Marketing Association (3CMA), generating more than 1,000 room nights. Corporate Communications Manager Laurie Kunke, the immediate past president of the organization, served as chair of the conference planning committee. The Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau also provided assistance to the organization.

## **Recognitions/Awards**

**Police Department** – Officer Eric Mosby has been honored by the Irving Branch of the NAACP as its "Officer of the Year" for his work as a crime scene investigator for the Police Department.

**Irving Community Television Network (ICTN)** – The National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) has honored ICTN with two awards: second place in the Performing Arts category for a performance of the Irving Symphony Orchestra and an honorable mention in the Ethnic Experience category for "Stories into America." More than 180 cities/counties/agencies from 28 states submitted 1,100 entries for this year's competition.

**Fire Department** – Fire Department employees were honored Oct. 29 during a special Irving Firefighters Ball. Following are those employees who received special recognition:

- Valor Award – Capt. James Mobly
- Lifesaving Award – Lieut. Rodney Lovett
- Firefighter of the Year Award – Firefighter Joel Brockett
- Paramedic of the Year Award – Fire Equipment Operator David Dunafan
- Leadership Award – Capt. Bobby Willingham
- Community Service Award – Fire Prevention Specialist Mike Harris
- Customer Service Award – Fire Equipment Operator J.R. Duncan
- Outstanding Firefighter Award, A-Shift – Firefighter David Jennings
- Outstanding Firefighter Award, B-Shift – Capt. Danny Kirkpatrick
- Outstanding Firefighter Award, C-Shift – Firefighter Nick Franco
- Outstanding Dispatcher Award – Lieut. Richard Stewart
- Outstanding Fire Prevention Award – Fire Prevention Specialist James Malone
- Outstanding Support Person Award – Property Coordinator R.C. Etheridge
- Outstanding Physical Fitness Award – Firefighter Bob Klassen
- “Shakey” Holder Award – Gene “Shakey” Holder

### **Upcoming Events/Activities**

**Irving Hispanic Civic Forum** – Nov. 15, 7 p.m., Irving Central Library Auditorium. This bi-annual event will be the eighth discussion hosted by “Vida Hispana,” Irving Community Television Network’s monthly Spanish language program, and can be seen live on Time Warner Channel 95, Verizon Channel 31, or over the Internet at [www.ictn.tv](http://www.ictn.tv). The range of available library services is the focus of this upcoming forum. Joining moderator Rene Castilla, executive dean of educational partnerships at North Lake College, will be library staff members Jose Ruiz-Alvarez, Robert Salinas and Genevieve Ramos; Dallas ISD ESL Coordinator Cindy Trevino; and Joaquin Esqueda, a volunteer teacher.