

City of Irving Co-hosts First-time Homebuyer Fair

IRVING, TEXAS, *Feb. 21, 2014* — The City of Irving is holding an information fair for residents interested in purchasing a home for the first time.

The Homebuyer Fair, co-hosted with Business and Community Lenders of Texas (BCL of Texas), will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 22 at Senter Park Recreation Center, 901 S. Senter Road. About 20 non-profit organizations, credit counseling agencies and lenders will be on hand at the event to provide information and resources to first-time homebuyers. Several state and local housing departments will also be represented, including the cities of Dallas and Grand Prairie, and Dallas and Tarrant counties.

“This event is a one-stop shop for people across the Metroplex who are looking to become well-educated in the home buying process,” said Community Resources Director Chris Hooper.

During the event, attendees will have the opportunity to speak to qualified professionals involved in the mortgage process and gain a better understanding of the benefits and requirements of owning a home.

Attendees also can learn how to qualify for different types of federal, state and local programs available, including down-payment assistance and home restoration programs.

Workshops will be held throughout the day to provide more detailed information on topics related to buying a home, including credit scores, mortgage loans, and money management. In addition, the City of Irving will present one workshop session in Spanish.

“Buying a home is a major commitment, and we want to ensure people are financially prepared to make that commitment. The goal of this fair is to give the community access to the tools, services and providers that can help them successfully become homeowners,” Hooper said.

The free event is open to the public. For more information, call BCL of Texas at (877) 688-7457. Registration is recommended and is available at www.homebuyerfair.com.

Participating Agencies:

- BCL of Texas
- City of Irving, Housing and Human Services Department
- Wells Fargo & Co.
- PrimeLending
- Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation
- MetroTex Association of Realtors
- City of Dallas, Fair Housing Office
- Quality Heating and Cooling
- Javier Villagomez, with GTO Construction
- Irving Community Development Corporation
- Bear Creek Development Corporation
- Dallas County Home Loan Counseling Center
- Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity
- Fannie Mae

- Tarrant County Housing Partnership, Inc.
- City of Grand Prairie Housing and Neighborhood Services
- Builders of Hope CDC
- North Texas Housing Coalition
- Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
- Brazos National Bank

About the City of Irving

Irving is the second city in the nation and the first in the State of Texas to receive the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (2012) as well as the first municipality in Texas' history to receive the Texas Award for Performance Excellence (2011). Irving is the 13th largest city in the state with 217,000 residents and is home to the largest office park in North Texas, where a number of Fortune 1000 companies are headquartered.

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