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## Preservation Updates

**Lakewood Shopping Center** - Several callers have asked Preservation Dallas about the rumored demolition of several buildings in the Lakewood Shopping Center. Michael Cox, CEO of the MCrowd Restaurant Group, which is developing Mi Cocina there, said that the group does not own the theater or the old library building and has no ability or desire to see either building demolished. He further indicated that MCrowd has no plans to seriously modify the footprint of the building currently occupied by Matt's El Rancho and wants any decorative changes to reflect well on the historic structure.



Photo Credit: Steve Butler

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**Calvary Baptist Church** - Preservation Dallas, the Old Oak Cliff Conservation League and Partners for Sacred Places have met with church members to tour the building, talk about preservation strategies and offer thoughts about how this work could help revitalize the congregation. The church is very interested in seeing the building become a community space where arts and neighborhood groups could share space and help maintain the building.

## New Members

### Individual:

G. Cook  
Larry Lockhart

### Double:

Matthew and Nena Graham



Photo Credit: Calvary Baptist Church

Welcome and Thanks!

**Ferris/Observation Wheel** - After meeting with community

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Derek Adleta, Daniel Huerta, Scott Jackson, Carol Roark, Janet and Lewis Shaw, Patricia Simon and Kyle Collins, Paul Smittle

\* listings from Sept. 23 to Nov. 1

### LINKS:

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organizations and interested individuals, Great City Global Attractions has decided not to try to place one of its wheels on Founders Plaza, but will look for a suitable alternative location.

## Neighborhood Spotlight: Freedmantown/North Dallas

One of Dallas' most self-sustaining, dynamic, and vibrant neighborhoods began in 1869. First called Freedmantown, it was established soon after enslaved African Americans of Texas learned of their emancipation. Freedmantown originated just south of today's Central Expressway and Lemmon Avenue when white landowners began selling one-acre plots of land to newly-freed blacks. [Read more...](#)

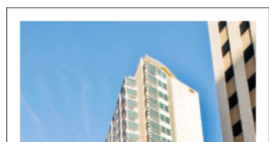


National Baptist Sunday School Congress Parade on Hall Street, June 8, 1949

Photo Credit: Texas/Dallas History Division, Dallas Public Library

## Working on Downtown to Make Downtown Work

maa continues work on the historic Statler Hilton/Grand Hotel and the old Dallas Central Library



Recently sold to Ricchi Development Group LLC, the Statler Hilton Hotel and the old Dallas Library were once some of

Dallas's architectural gems but since closing they have become eyesores within the newly developed and vibrant Main Street Garden district of downtown. [Read more...](#)

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## Upcoming Preservation Dallas Events



### Historic House Specialist Seminar

November 10-11, 2011

Become an authority on historic Dallas neighborhoods. This popular seminar features lectures from local experts on a variety of topics and an educational bus tour through historic neighborhoods. [Click here to read the full flyer and to register.](#)



### Intown Outing: Belle Nora

November 16, 6:00-8:00pm

Join us for a special visit to this stately Colonial mansion overlooking White Rock Lake, known as Belle Nora. Originally built in 1929 in the style of Mount Vernon, the house has become a landmark of the Forest Hills neighborhood and Garland Road.



### Holiday Party

December 2, 6:00 - 8:00pm

Celebrate the season with festivities and treats at the Wilson House, decorated in holiday finery by [William Christopher Design](#). Exclusive to Preservation Dallas members!

**To register for these events, please call 214-821-3290 or email [lkays@preservationdallas.org](mailto:lkays@preservationdallas.org).**

## PDYP Visits Pioneer Cemetery

The Preservation Dallas Young Professionals got into the Halloween spirit by visiting the Pioneer Cemetery on the evening of October 26th. The event featured a walk

through the cemetery, including a brief history of a few of the prominent families buried there. The evening concluded with socializing at XYZ Bar located in the Aloft Hotel, which is a historic former railroad warehouse.



Along the way, we learned some interesting facts about the cemetery:

- Pioneer Cemetery became a Dallas City Landmark in 2002.
- The oldest recorded grave dates to 1853.
- It is the final resting place of 6 Dallas mayors.
- The Confederate Monument was relocated to the cemetery in 1961 from the original Old City Park location.
- It encompasses both Masonic and Independent Order of Odd Fellows gravesites.

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