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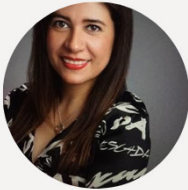


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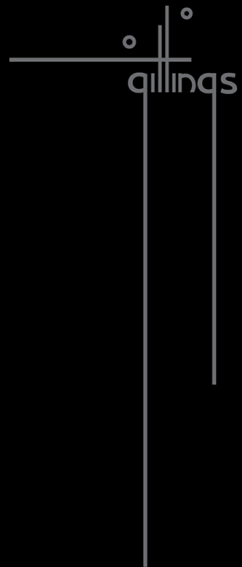
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MEET CODY FARRIS

The Journey to My Home

IN NORTHWEST DALLAS

INTRODUCTION

Little did I know when I first moved to Dallas in the 1980s, that I would eventually own a home in one of the most diverse, accepting, fun, convenient and architecturally interesting parts of the city.

CODY'S FIRST HOME

My first home was on Buena Vista and backed up to the Katy Trail. At that time, “the Katy” was in its infancy and still being developed and improved. It eventually became a treasured part of our city and, in my opinion, an integral leg of Dallas’ trail system.

After living in that home, I moved to what we, in real estate circles, call Far North Dallas (seriously, because it’s north of 635). Between Northwest Highway and 635 is just plain North Dallas. It was a great home for entertaining, and the specific area, Briar Ridge Estates, had more of an LGBTQ-inclusive vibe than I had anticipated – one of the things I loved most about living there.

As they say, all good things must come to an end, and I decided that it was time to move back to a more central part of the city. I had been intrigued by “Loryland” and the 75229 zip code for years. You may know, “Loryland” was popularized by LGBTQ



icon Lory Masters. I had always been impressed by the contemporary home-turned-office on Cedar Springs that bore her name, but more importantly, I greatly admired her community involvement and leadership over the years.

Being in real estate, moving to this part of town was never about “drumming up business” for me, as we already have some high-quality resident realtors here. It was about a sense of community. I also know a good investment when I see it, yet there’s so much more. Another appeal of the Northaven Park area was that I had

read an article in D Magazine some years ago about “the best neighborhoods in Dallas” (sure, such an article can be subjective, but it was a great starting point to look around, if nothing else).

It was also a plus that this part of town is home to “the Disney streets.” I’m a mid-century modern freak, and as a little boy, I spent countless hours


constructing Lego houses, trying to re-capture Frank Lloyd Wright's Falling Waters. I was living in a high-rise in Oak Lawn, wanting a low-maintenance lifestyle until the right "next home" came along. Then there it was – an extensively updated 1960's townhome where the HOA took care of the yard, and I'd have access to a clubhouse and community pool shared by only 32 homeowners. I had to go see it.

INSPIRATION AND FATE

When I walked into the Open House, the place immediately seemed familiar. I did a quick search on my iPhone, and it turned out that I had sold the house in 2003! No joke! Of course, back then, it didn't look anything like what the current owners had created. I was hooked, for nostalgia, if nothing else. Fast-forward to now and, as a 75229 resident, there are so many things I love about living here.

UNEXPECTED TURNS, LOTS TO LOVE

First off, there is a great Facebook page dedicated to a monthly Gayborhood dinner at Anthony's on Forest Lane, where during any given monthly dinner, you're likely to find a few dozen friendly, welcoming neighbors of a "similar persuasion." There is also the Northaven Park Neighborhood Association, strictly voluntary, which sponsors events throughout the year, such as the recent Easter egg hunt, Playdate in the Park, and the April Yard Sale. After purchasing here, I received a piece of mail about the association, responded to it, and quickly received a welcome call from a resident volunteer. How nice is that?

Nature abounds along the Northaven Trail, which meanders through the area. It features paved walking/bike paths that stretch for miles. Plus, Joe's Creek and Cox Lane Park are draws. My neighbors are friendly and range from newcomers to original owners. That, too, appeals to me. So, from moving here almost 40 years ago, to that Open House visit in early 2023, to being a new-ish homeowner in the Northaven Park area, I am so happy that life has taken this turn for me, and that I made the decision to call this my home. 





INVITING YOU TO EXPERIENCE

The Harston Woods Community

IN EULESS, TEXAS

INTRODUCTION

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A WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE

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wind by the pool, or explore the walking trails together. With playgrounds and communal areas, our community fosters a close-knit environment where lasting connections are made.

A RESORT-LIKE LIFESTYLE

Step into a world that feels like a perpetual vacation. The Harston Woods Community exudes a resort-like ambiance, with immaculately landscaped grounds, recreational facilities, and inviting communal spaces. Indulge yourself in the joys of a relaxed lifestyle, where every day feels like a holiday.

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A CULINARY JOURNEY

Established in 1998, Steve Fields Steakhouse has been tantalizing taste buds and delighting diners for over two decades. Upon stepping into the restaurant, guests are greeted with an ambiance that effortlessly blends sophistication with comfort. The décor exudes a timeless elegance, with dim lighting casting a soft glow over plush leather seats and polished wood accents. It's an atmosphere that sets the stage for an unforgettable dining experience.

At the heart of Steve Fields Steakhouse's allure lies its culinary prowess. Renowned for its prime cuts of beef, the restaurant takes steak to new heights, elevating it from a mere dish to a culinary masterpiece. Each cut is expertly sourced and prepared to perfection, resulting in tender, flavorful steaks that leave diners craving more.




From the sizzling Filet Mignon to the robust Ribeye, every steak on the menu is a testament to the chef's dedication to quality and craftsmanship. Accompaniments such as loaded baked potatoes and sautéed mushrooms complement the main course, while an extensive wine list offers the perfect pairing to enhance the dining experience.

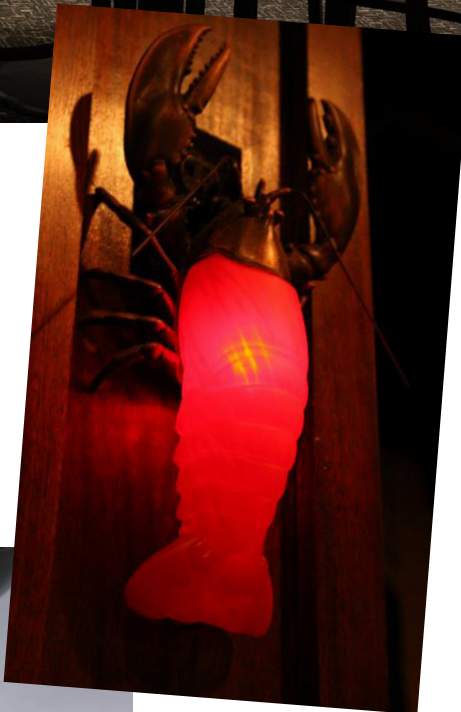
A SYMPHONY OF SOUNDS

Beyond its culinary offerings, Steve Fields Steakhouse is also a hub for live music enthusiasts. Every weekend, the restaurant comes alive with the soulful melodies of talented musicians, creating an atmosphere that is as lively as it is inviting. From smooth jazz to upbeat blues, the musical lineup caters to a variety of tastes, ensuring there's something for everyone to enjoy.

The live music serves not only to enhance the dining experience, but also functions as a gathering place for patrons. Whether guests come to unwind after a long week or celebrate a special occasion, the strains of live music provide the perfect backdrop for creating lasting memories with friends and loved ones.

A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE

For over two decades, Steve Fields Steakhouse has remained a pillar of excellence in Plano, delighting patrons with its exceptional cuisine and unwavering commitment to hospitality. Its legacy is not just in its delectable steaks or captivating live music, but in the relationships it has forged and the memories it has created. 



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INTRODUCTION

In the vibrant city of Dallas, amidst the towering skyscrapers and bustling streets, there exists a force of nature named Candy Evans. Known not only for her vibrant personality but also for her genuine support and acceptance of all, Candy has become a cherished figure in the community. Born and raised in the heart of Texas, Candy's upbringing was steeped in the values of kindness, compassion, and respect for diversity. From a young age, she was taught the importance of treating others with empathy and understanding, lessons that would shape her life and her work in the years to come.

A REMARKABLE JOURNEY

Candy's journey into the world of journalism began with a passion for real estate. Armed with a keen eye for detail and a prodigious talent for storytelling, she quickly rose through the ranks to become one of Dallas's most respected real estate journalists. Her articles were not just informative, but also insightful; offering readers a glimpse into the ever-evolving landscape of the city's property market.



But Candy's impact extends far beyond the pages of her articles. She uses her platform to advocate for inclusivity and diversity, shining a light on underrepresented voices and championing causes that are close to her heart. Whether it was by highlighting minority-owned businesses or promoting affordable housing initiatives, Candy's dedication to making Dallas a more equitable place

for all has been unwavering.


In addition to her journalistic endeavors, Candy has also been deeply involved in community outreach and philanthropy. She has volunteered her time and resources to support various causes; from homeless shelters to youth mentorship programs. Her generosity has known no bounds, and her efforts have touched the lives of countless individuals in need.

AN INSPIRING FRIEND, MENTOR AND ALLY

But perhaps Candy's most significant contribution lies in her role as a mentor and role model. She has been a source of inspiration for many aspiring journalists and community activists, offering guidance, support, and encouragement to those seeking to make a difference in the world.

As a proud resident of Dallas, Candy is deeply invested in the city's growth and prosperity. She has been involved in numerous community projects and initiatives, working alongside local leaders to address pressing issues and foster a sense of unity and belonging.

But perhaps what truly sets Candy apart is her genuine warmth and empathy. She has a rare ability to connect with people from all walks of life, making them feel seen, heard, and valued. Whether it's through her engaging social media presence or her interactions in the community, Candy leaves a lasting impression on those she encounters.

In a world often marked by division and discord, Candy Evans stands as a beacon of hope and inspiration. Her commitment to acceptance, empowerment, and compassion serves as a powerful reminder of the transformative power of kindness and empathy. And as she continues to make her mark on the city of Dallas, Candy's legacy of love and inclusivity will endure for generations to come. 



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