



## **INTERVIEW – Bert Walsh and Irving Flood Control District Section 3**

**Bert Walsh, Board Member – Place 7, [Irving Parks and Recreation](#)**



Bert Walsh currently holds the Place 7 seat on the Irving Parks and Recreation board and is the Director of H. Walsh Funding Company. Walsh is a long time resident and dedicated member of Valley Ranch with several years of service to the community.

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**IFCD 3:** Why is flood control important, and how does the Irving Flood Control District's work impact residents business owners throughout the community?

**Bert:** Flood control is important to Valley Ranch because of the community's location in relation to the Elm Fork of the Trinity River. IFCD 3's work has a positive impact on residents and business owners by protecting them from flood damage in the District.

**IFCD 3:** As a board member on the Irving Parks and Recreation board, how does IFCD 3 impact the Parks and Recreation board's mission and the work you do for the community?

**Bert:** Our goal is to provide the community with safe recreational, cultural and educational opportunities. By performing routine inspections and flood control maintenance throughout Valley Ranch, IFCD 3 has helped the Irving Parks and Recreation team achieve its mission to deliver exceptional services and promote a high quality of life for residents, visitors and businesses.

**IFCD 3:** Are there any interesting facts or features about IFCD 3 that most members of the community might not be aware of?

**Bert:** Geographically speaking, the District resides within the 100-year floodplain of the Elm Fork of the Trinity River. However, as a result of IFCD 3's flood control efforts, residents and business owners are exempt from having to purchase costly flood insurance by lenders.

**IFCD 3:** As a public entity, what is the Irving taxpayers' return on investment from flood control funding?

**Bert:** IFCD 3 provides a unique set of services to the community and offers taxpayers a positive return on their investment. Residents are able to take advantage of the strong quality of life that exists in Valley Ranch and can rest easy knowing that they are protected from hazards associated with flooding.

**IFCD 3:** Community growth in Valley Ranch is stronger than ever. As a long time resident, do you think continued growth in Valley Ranch will impact the work of the IFCD 3 and its mission in the future?

**Bert:** As a resident, I believe that community growth is unlikely to hinder IFCD 3's mission or ability to provide cost efficient flood management to the District in the future. Additionally, as we continue to see growth throughout Valley Ranch, I think there will be a greater need for citizen input and involvement at the monthly [IFCD 3 meetings](#).