

## HISTORY

Eastchase is a relatively new neighborhood lying approximately ten miles east of the Fort Worth Central Business District and encompassing two original surveys, the 1859 D.C. Harrison Survey and the 1861 Wm. Welch Survey. It is bordered on the east and south by the Arlington City Limits, the west by Cooke's Lane and the north by the extension of Meadowbrook and Eastchase Parkway.

The nearby Harrison Cemetery, located near the 8500 block of Meadowbrook Drive, was bought in 1895 by R.A. Randol. He buried his first wife, Rhonda Harrison, there and his brother, John Randol, who died in a mill accident in 1894. There are graves marked as early as 1871 in the Harrison Cemetery.

In 1856 Archibald Leonard built the first mill in Fort Worth. It became a community center where news was exchanged and goods were traded while waiting for grain to be milled. This mill burned down in 1860, during a general unrest over abolition, but was rebuilt in 1862. In 1872 it was bought by W.A. Randol and operated until 1922. It finally

burned down in 1933. The road past this mill became known as Randol Mill Road, one of the streets in the area.

C.A. Boaz and E.O. Boaz, descendants of early Birdville settler Samuel Boaz, owned land in the area in the 1930s. In 1973, the Randolwood Investment Company and Village Community Development Company began development. This community was named Eastchase in 1984. Much of the development in the area has consisted of apartments and town homes. In 1989, a single-family community called Hollow Hills began development in the area.

Another major thoroughfare running through Eastchase is Ederville Road, which was named after the Eder family who owned a large amount of land west of the area. Today, the land which made up Ederville contains only a few old boarded up structures. The intersection of Loop 820 and I-30 covers most of the former town, and the mineral wells have been capped. The only thing left of Ederville is a street, which is not even located in what was Ederville.

## NEIGHBORHOOD DESCRIPTION

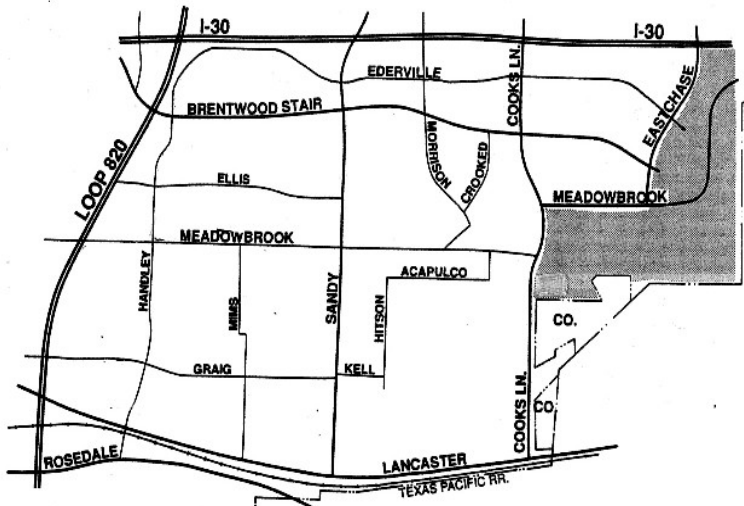
Eastchase is dominated by apartments and town homes. Wide streets, new buildings and fewer trees give the area a bright and open look. At the southern end of Eastchase, there is a development of exclusive homes set on acreages. This area is heavily wooded and contains a few horse ranches.

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

The Far East Fort Worth Homeowners' Association works at monitoring zoning on the remaining vacant land to prevent the overbuilding of apartments and condominiums. They also are working towards additional street lighting to the area.



**EASTCHASE**  
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## **SCHOOLS**

Elementary: Bill J. Elliott Elementary School, 2501 Cooke's Lane, 817-462-4100

Middle: Handley Middle School, 2801 Patino Rd., 817-496-7450

High School: Eastern Hills High School, 5701 Shelton Street, 817-496-7600

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

Nearest Fire Station: 7601

John T. White, 817-871-6800, emergency 911

Nearest Medical Hospital: John Peter Smith, 1500 S. Main St., 817-927-1110

Nearest Post Office: Riverbend, 2414 Gravel Dr., 800-275-8777

Nearest Library: Meadowbrook Branch, 5651 E. Lancaster, 817-451-0916

Nearest Grocery Shopping:

Kroger, 1050 Bridgewood

Nearest Mall: North East Mall

Nearest Park: Eastbrook Park

City Council District Number: 4

School District Number: 2

Voting Precinct Number : 2303

## **FORT WORTH FACTS**

History: Fort Worth was established as a frontier army post in 1849 and named for Gen. Wm. Jenkins Worth. The outpost became a stopping place on the Old Chisholm Trail and a shipping point for great herds of cattle being sent to northern markets.

Population: 700,000

Land Area: 293 square miles

Altitude: 670 feet above sea level

Weather: Normal sunshine

averages 250 days a year

Average mean temperature: 65.5 F

Annual avg. precipitation 29.46 in.

Medical Facilities: 46 hospitals

Education: 66 elementary schools, 19 middle schools, 12 high schools, 13 special education schools, 11 major private and parochial schools, 9 college and university campuses.

Libraries: 1 main library with 1 regional library and 9 branches

Museums: 11

Parks : 9,026 + acres

Churches and Synagogues: more than 910 with 45 denominations

Communications: 1 daily newspaper, 2 weekly papers, 10 TV stations plus cable.