Fairview

SANDWICHED BETWEEN Allen to the south and McKinney to the north, Fairview wasn’t incorporated until 1958, and, as the town’s website says, they are still “keeping it country” here. Though there are some newer zero-lot-line subdivisions, many of the lots for sale are big enough to keep horses on. Look around, and you’ll find areas with rolling hills and mature trees. That low density offers a huge benefit: Fairview was ranked in May as the fourth-safest city in the state by the National Council for Home Safety and Security. But it’s not all wide open spaces. Just down Stacy Road, right off Central Expressway, you’ll find the mammoth Village at Fairview mall (and its equally huge counterpart across the street, in Allen). It just opened in 2009, but earlier this year it changed hands, and the new owner plans to put $50 million into a renovation. So they’re keeping it country—to a point.

“‘They come here and say, ‘I want to be in Lovejoy ISD. Period. Don’t show me any homes not in that school district.’ The good schools have driven this area for the past 10 years. We have the highest rating in TEA. We are up there with Southlake, University Park, and Highland Park.’” —Tom Grisak, Tom Grisak Estate Homes Realtors

LISTING:
1340 Red Oak Tr., Fairview
$899,000
4,000 square feet
Completely renovated
4 acres, horses permitted