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Through the Food Truck Fall Series, I was able to get to know people from all walks of life who all live in the city I love. These are the kinds of things that make me feel “invested” in the city and make me want to continue living in Arlington.

Blake Gregory, via Naturally Fun News

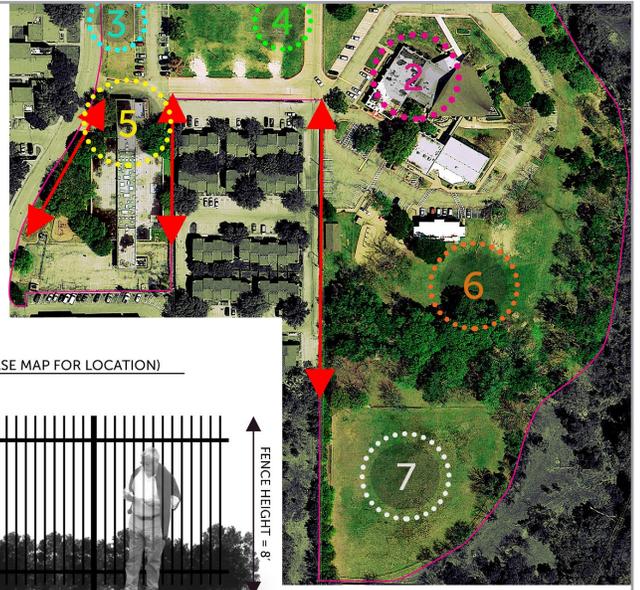


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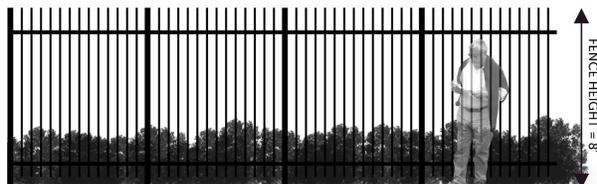
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GRACE LUTHERAN (BASE MAP)
NOT TO SCALE

- 1) RED ARROW = New fence location.
- 2) Facade & landscape improvements around building.
- 3) Enhance landscape at entry.
- 4) Enhance landscape at entry and provide shade trees for excess parking.
- 5) Enhance landscape around building.
- 6) Picnic area.
- 7) Update baseball field.



WROUGHT IRON FENCE DETAIL (SEE BASE MAP FOR LOCATION)
1/4" = 1'-0"



Good Neighbor Revitalization Project

The Arlington Tomorrow Foundation recently awarded a \$100,000 grant to Arlington’s Grace Lutheran Church’s Good Neighbor Revitalization Project, which aims to reach out to and strengthen relationships with families in central Arlington by connecting children with mentors in the Arlington ISD and at UT Arlington.

“We can bring hope in our own backyard and I consider the three-mile radius behind our church, our backyard,” Pastor Russell Hildebrandt said.

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Clarence Foster Park Gets a Facelift

Renovations were completed in August 2014 to Clarence Foster Park located at 4400 Woodland Park Boulevard in west Arlington. The park is named after the former Arlington City Council member, who was also Water Commissioner when Lake Arlington was built in the late 1950s.

The project included a new 8-foot wide, concrete hike and bike trail that circles the park, with five new benches along the route. The lighted trail also ties into existing trails in Kelley Park and Rush Creek Linear Park.

“Clarence Foster Park and the natural open space immediately east of it is now a beautiful place for walking/jogging, bike riding, bird watching, and more,” said park project manager Kurt Beilharz.

In addition, the park features a new shaded playground with separate areas of equipment designed for young children, and eight stationary pieces of exercise equipment for adults located in four locations adjacent to the trail.

The improvements were funded through the 2008 Bond Referendum.

Highlights

Good Neighbor Revitalization Project

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Grace Lutheran Church is situated at the center of the Heart of Arlington Neighborhood Association area. The church has additional land and has begun leveraging it to create a space for children and families to gather.

When it’s complete, kids will be able to play soccer, baseball, flag football and cricket. The project focuses on children from single-parent homes, said Hildebrandt. The church wants to connect every child with a role model and mentor.

“The community has a need and Grace Lutheran has a commitment to serving others,” he said.

Members of the Key Club, a high school organization, need service hours and once the sports begin, Hildebrandt hopes to connect them to the children on the teams to begin the mentorship process.

Key Club members could also connect with international students from the Lutheran Student Center pursuing graduate degrees at UT Arlington and begin to be mentored by them.

“We create a way that a lot of people can be mentored, building relationships and that again is building families,” said Hildebrandt.

The ultimate goals for Grace Lutheran are to unite the community, assist families, and provide a nurturing environment to meet the needs of youth and their families.

The Arlington Tomorrow Foundation supports causes that benefit the citizens of Arlington and enhance the natural surroundings and lifestyle of the city. Since its inception in 2007, the Foundation has awarded more than 320 grants worth more than \$9 million to local groups and projects. More information is at arlingtonfoundation.org.

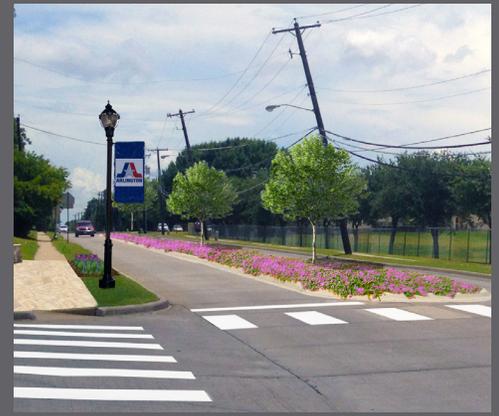


Grace Lutheran Church, 210 W. Park Row Dr.

Updates

Arlington Comprehensive Plan Update

The Comprehensive Plan Update provides a high-level plan for all aspects of Arlington's future growth and development. Components of the plan will include an emphasis on developing attractive neighborhoods; creating environmental, economic, and social sustainability; and enhancing land use and transportation coordination. A 26-member Advisory Committee is assisting with this effort. A draft of the plan will be made available on the City website for public review and comment.



Housing Market Strategy

This strategy will provide a detailed analysis of housing data and trends, and will provide residents, businesses, and City leaders with a guide to meeting Arlington's housing needs over the next decade. Phase one of the project is complete, which included data collection and analysis and a housing inventory. Phase two will include a detailed housing market analysis and an implementation strategy for the city and selected target areas.

New York Avenue

The community vision for New York Avenue is to make it the signature street in East Arlington. Design of the project is underway, which includes streetscape enhancements such as tree plantings, pedestrian lighting, and special paving in intersections.

Volunteer of the Year

Ron Reber was named volunteer of the year by the City Council on June 24, 2014. He served on the Landmark Preservation Commission from 2009-2014, serving as chair for five years.

Reber also volunteers with and is past president of Kiwanis Club of Arlington Southwest, where he has been a member since 1978.



Books on Wheels Drivers

Did you know volunteers at the Arlington Public Library provide monthly delivery of library materials to homebound seniors? The Books on Wheels program, which began in 2012, has helped to alleviate feelings of isolation in the lives of participating seniors by providing regular friendly visits and library materials.

Reading or listening to books for recreation and information is therapeutic for seniors because it can engage and stimulate the mind, evoke pleasant memories, and introduce new ideas for discussion with others. Invest a couple of hours twice a month to make a real difference in someone's life! Sign up at the Library [volunteer page](#).

By The Numbers

By The Numbers provides growth statistics, demographic changes, housing and development characteristics, and other trends in Arlington.

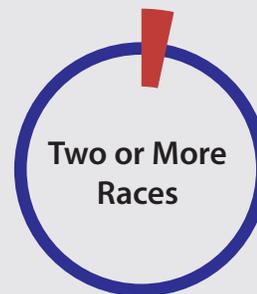
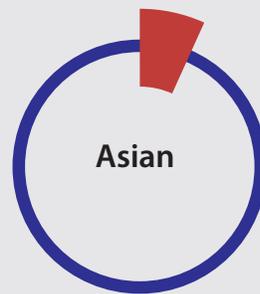
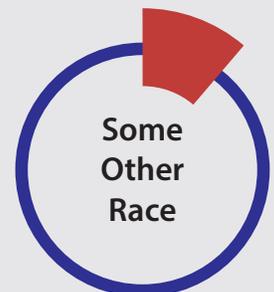
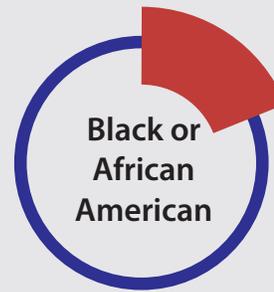
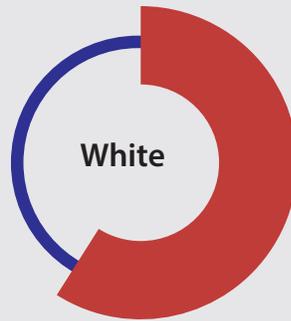
The City also publishes a **Quarterly Growth Profile** and **Annual Growth Profile**. These publications contain detailed data on populations growth,

new construction, zoning, and development trends. These profiles are available on the City website at [Growth Profiles](#).

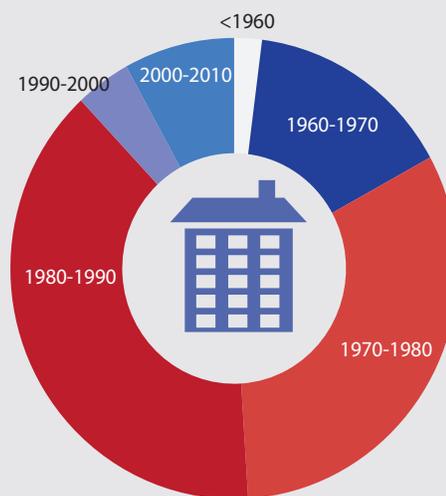
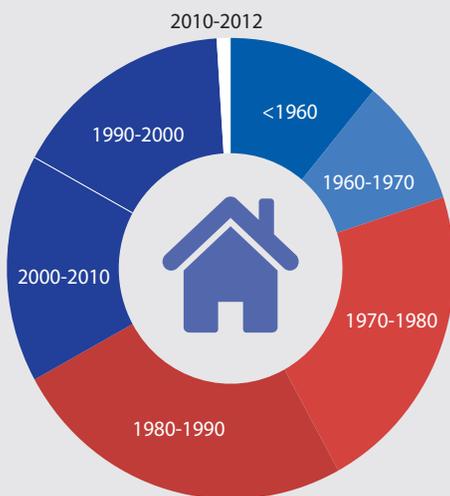
Community Diversity

As the city's population has increased, so has the diversity of its residents. Since 2000, the percentage of Hispanic or Latino residents has increased by 53 percent to account for 28 percent of the total population in 2012.

Additionally, the percentage of minorities has also increased 11 percent since 2000, and accounted for approximately 35 percent of the city's population in 2012.



Source: 2010 Census



Source: Tarrant Appraisal District 2012

Arlington's Housing

The majority of the city's single-family and multi-family housing stock was built between 1970 and 1990.

Houses built after 2000 are primarily located in southeast Arlington, where much of the new development in the city has occurred. Housing quality, price, and availability are critical in setting Arlington apart as an attractive and livable city.