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- Bob Pruitt

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## Neighborhood Matching Grant Program Re-Launches

The City of Arlington is bringing back the Neighborhood Matching Grant Program in January 2016 for neighborhoods who need resources to improve and maintain the community character in their neighborhoods. Similar to the program that awarded 61 grants from 2007-2012, the funds will be available to neighborhoods through an application process in amounts ranging up to \$50,000.

The goal of the program is to provide financial support for resident and community-based programs and activities that foster civic pride, enhance and beautify neighborhoods, and improve neighborhood vitality and participation.

The program will make neighborhoods more attractive, raise the level of community pride, and encourage the collaboration of neighbors, neighborhoods, and city government.



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# Highlights

## National Night Out brings Arlington community together

On Tuesday, October 6, 2015, nearly 200 neighborhoods across The American Dream City participated in National Night Out (NNO), an annual event that encourages residents to step outside, get to know their neighbors and take a stand against crime.

City officials and police officers made several stops to visit members of the community in all of the City's districts: East, West, South and North Arlington.

Neighborhoods and law enforcement came together for cookouts, fun events set up for kids, safety demonstrations and various other activities, all in an effort to make Arlington a safer, better place to live.

Arlington's participation in National Night Out continues to surpass other North Texas cities. In a comparison of large cities in the U.S. with populations greater than 300,000 people, Arlington ranks fourth in National Night Out participation, according to the National Association of Town Watch.

The rankings are based on a number of factors, including the overall quality of the National Night Out marketing campaign, neighborhood participation and law enforcement involvement.

National Night Out began back in 1984 and has ties in more than 15,000 communities around the globe.

## Grant, cont.

Eligible projects must:

- Serve a public purpose/benefit
- Build neighborhood cooperation and involve a significant number of neighbors
- Promote the Champion Great Neighborhoods City Council Priority
- Have a detailed budget reflecting accurate project costs and match resources
- Have a detailed and achievable timeline including a plan for long-term maintenance
- Meet applicable codes and have identified the necessary permits

Details on eligibility and application requirements will be released by the City in December. Interested neighborhoods can request to be on a mailing list when the details are released by emailing [neighborhoods@arlingtontx.gov](mailto:neighborhoods@arlingtontx.gov). Neighborhoods that are already registered with the Neighborhood Network will also be emailed. For more information on resources that are available to neighborhoods in Arlington, visit [www.arlington-tx.gov/cdp/neighborhoods](http://www.arlington-tx.gov/cdp/neighborhoods).



# Updates

## Arlington partners with SLWA for sewer line repair

The City of Arlington's Water Utilities Department has hired Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA) to make repairs to sewer lines located in the public right-of-way (ROW), as well as provide an optional, affordable warranty program to cover the costs of repairs on private lines for which the homeowner is responsible.

Water customers were mailed a City of Arlington-approved letter that covers a resident's service line responsibilities, and shares how the new program streamlines the process and response times for residents experiencing sewer back-ups.

According to Director of Arlington Water Utilities Buzz Pishkur, this repair contract will save the City of Arlington approximately \$600,000 each year.

This unique program provides additional benefits to Arlington residents.

"Based on recommendations from the Arlington City Council, we waived the typical royalty fees paid to the Utility from such programs in an effort to secure a below market rate for our residents," said Pishkur. "The only money we received up front is \$75,000 for a residential assistance program, which will go directly to those in need."



## Arlington welcomes DREAM, Downtown's first public art piece



The American Dream City is showing off its inaugural public artwork, the DREAM sculpture. Five letters – each measuring 12 feet tall, 4 feet deep and up to 10 feet wide – made of heavy sheet-metal steel form the word "dream" at 200 West Abram Street.

"You may love it or you may not love it because that's what public art is," said DREAM supporter Linda Dipert at the sculpture's unveiling in Arlington on Sept. 25, 2015. Public art spurs conversation, is free and open to everyone, and stirs up pride, she said.

That's what supporters hope to do by bringing public art to Arlington.

"Public art distinguishes us from other communities," said Bob Pruitt, the project's initiator. "I'd love for Arlington to be known as the City of Sculpture and Light with pieces that are as inspiring and engaging at night as during the day."

DREAM, created by artists Laura Kimpton and Jeff Schomberg, certainly achieves both. Flying birds were cut out of the steel to create movement and reduce the piece's weight. To inspire nighttime enjoyment, programmable LEDs lie inside each letter and flow from one hue to the next in orchestrated movement with lights outside the sculpture. Eventually residents and visitors will be able to change the color of the lights through an app on their mobile devices.

"I love it," said longtime Arlington resident and Levitt volunteer Lauri Crowell. "We've never had anything like it."

The Downtown Arlington Management Corporation and Arlington Tomorrow Foundation each contributed \$25,000 in support of the \$75,000 project, while private donors underwrote the rest.

For more information about the DREAM or to donate to the project, visit [DreamArlington.org](http://DreamArlington.org).

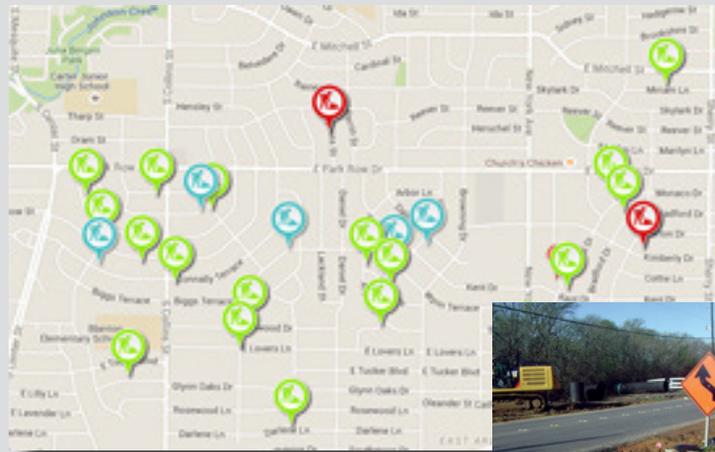
# By The Numbers

The City of Arlington has launched a new website to provide up-to-date information to residents on the street projects going on throughout the City. A main focus of the Mayor and City Council, repairing and improving roadways is a major component of the City's day-to-day operations to make a better Arlington. Check out the Street Tracker at [www.arlingtontx.gov/streettracker](http://www.arlingtontx.gov/streettracker).



# \$243 million

The amount invested in capital street and street maintenance projects since 2009.



# 9,975

The number of potholes that have been repaired in the last year (since October 2014)

# \$261 million

The amount to be invested in capital street projects through 2020.

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