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## APD Celebrates 50th Academy Graduation



The Arlington Police Department celebrated the graduation of its 16 newest police officers during a special ceremony in July.

Having completed 28 weeks in the Arlington Police Basic Academy, these men and women began patrolling neighborhoods in the American Dream City with their field training officers on August 1. This milestone class represents the 50th academy class to graduate since the first academy class graduated in 1990.

Congratulations, officers!

## Gotta Catch'em All in the American Dream City

Are you a Pokémon Go trainer? The goal of this hit game, already being called a worldwide phenomenon, is to travel around your city, collecting and training captured Pokémon, which you can use to battle other trainers at gyms. Along the way, trainers can check in at public spaces, landmarks and monuments to collect game items and also walk around to hatch Pokémon eggs they collect as rewards.

Downtown Arlington locations include City Hall, Founders Plaza, J.R. Bentley's English Pub, Knapp Heritage Park, Mellow Mushroom, Fuzzy's Taco Shop, Twisted Root Burger Co. and many, many more. Children and adults alike are flocking to Arlington's 90-plus public parks in attempts to "catch 'em all." The Parks and Recreation Department has created an interactive site, called Parkémon, that

compiles the best places to stock up on game items and battle it out at various parks.

Arlington resident Margaret Rich, 47, was recently on the hunt for Pokémon with her two sons

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# Highlights



## Pokémon Go, cont.

Eric, 11 and Andrew, 13 in downtown Arlington. "I think there is a lot of fair criticism about the game, people driving while playing it and security concerns about your Gmail account. But when it comes down to the game, it's really fun. I'm out here bonding with my children over an app, how often does that happen?" Rich said.

Residents who are out and about hunting for elusive Pokémon should consider participating in the Star of Texas Challenge at the same time. The City and the Arlington Museum of Art have challenged residents to visit the 20 stars positioned throughout Arlington and check out each artist's interpretation of what makes Arlington the American Dream City.

Participants receive a special edition "Star of Texas" t-shirt and free admission to the Vivian Maier: Lost and Found exhibit at the Arlington Museum of Art by uploading photos taken with all 20 stars on the City's social media platforms.



## Levitt Pavilion Announces Fall Concert Series

Levitt Pavilion Arlington's Fall Concert Season begins Sept. 2, when Grammy Award-winners Brave Combo perform their mosh-pit polka. The Baylor Orthopedic & Spine Hospital 2016 Fall Concert Season continues with free music on Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Oct. 2. All concerts begin at 8 p.m. The Levitt ends its concert year with its annual benefit concert with The B-52s on Oct. 8.

Paul Thorn is one of the artists making his Levitt debut on Sept. 4. He is known for his bluesy rock with its Southern tone. Others making their Levitt debuts include The Peterson Brothers, the sister quartet known as Shel, jazz legend Jimmy Cobb, The Nightowls and country/rock artist, Bart Crow.

Celtic rock favorites The Killdares will play again this fall before they retire at the end of the year. Other Levitt favorites returning are the alt/pop experience of Delta Rae, The Voice finalist, Aquile; the vintage soul group, Soul Track Mind; the smooth sounding Seryn, country artist Daphne Willis, Cas Haley and his island-inflected pop, alt/country royalty Bruce Robison and Kelly Willis, and the original honky-tonk hero, Billy Joe Shaver.



The Fall Concert Season calendar is on the Levitt's website, [levittpavilionarlington.org](http://levittpavilionarlington.org), and its free mobile app, Levitt Arlington.

Tickets to see Texas Health/Arlington Memorial Hospital presents The B-52s also are available on the website and the app. The B-52s concert is the only Levitt concert that requires a ticket purchase with all proceeds going to support more than 50 free concerts. Tickets to The B-52s are \$40 for general admission before the concert and \$50 at the gate Oct. 8, if they aren't sold out. The United Service Association for Health Care Foundation's VIP experience tickets also are available for \$195 and include VIP parking, a preconcert dinner with live and silent auctions before the concert, and reserved seats in the VIP section at the concert. VIP tickets are sold by phone only at 817-543-4308.

# Updates

## Ecofest Returns Sept. 17

Arlington is proud to announce the eighth annual Ecofest that will take over the streets of Downtown Arlington on Saturday, September 17. The event will kick off at 10 a.m. and the fun will continue until 2 p.m. This free, family-oriented event will take place at Founders Plaza, 100 W. Abram Street.

This year Arlington plans to focus on its ecofriendly exhibitors and education. Ecofest was created to stimulate environmental awareness, build a sense of community, and promote stewardship across North Texas.

The Arlington Parks and Recreation Department has partnered with Republic Services and other local sponsors to provide classes and demonstrations on environmental awareness, vendors, and children's activities including games, crafts, and educational presentations.

Ecofest Arlington is excited to announce they will be giving away trees again this year while supplies. Come out and celebrate making a difference in the community!



## New City Website Offers Tips for Urban Wildlife Encounters

The new Urban Wildlife website is a comprehensive adventure with detailed information about coyotes, bobcats, feral hogs, snakes, raccoons, opossums, beavers and more.

Visit this new site for an overview of different species of wildlife found in Arlington, and links to pages for more detailed information about:

- [Urban Wildlife](#)
- [Learn about specific wildlife](#)
- [View maps of reported wildlife in Arlington](#)



## Police, Residents Celebrate National Night Out Project365 Kickoff

The Arlington Police Department celebrated the importance of community involvement during the annual National Night Out Project365 Kickoff Party at River Legacy Park featuring food, games, music and plenty of fun.



National Night Out promotes crime prevention, police-community partnership and neighborhood camaraderie. It encourages people to turn on their porch lights, step outside, and get to know their neighbors at small block parties. Law enforcement agencies stop by the parties to offer public safety tips and ways to stay connected to their local police departments.

"The Arlington Police Department has a great relationship with our community and this event is another chance to get more people involved. It's very important to get community involvement in what we do and it strengthens the trust and bond with the police department and neighborhoods throughout the city," said Michelle Benjamin, Arlington Police Department Community Coordinator.

This year's National Night Out is set for Tuesday, October 4.

# By The Numbers: Clear the Shelter Day

The City's Animal Services Center gathered with 700 other shelters across the country on Saturday, July 23 to match homeless animals with caring families.

## 101

the number of animals who received new, loving homes during the Clear the Shelter event



## 50

the number of volunteers who helped Animal Services staff during the Clear the Shelter event



## 10 to 70

the ages of volunteers that came out to help Animal Services clear the shelter



## \$0

the cost of adoption on Clear the Shelter Day, including spay/neuter, microchipping, vaccinations, a city license, and a month of pet health insurance