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Daddy Daughter Dance Early Registration Open Now!



Join Arlington Parks and Recreation for a Once Upon a Time themed Daddy Daughter Dance Friday February 10 and Saturday February 11 at Bob Duncan Center!

Tickets are \$20 each until January 1. Individual tickets include a corsage, refreshments, dessert and punch, parting gift for daughters and a memorable photograph. There will be dancing, food, DJ music, photos and limo rides. Limo rides are an extra \$5 per person and are available until spaces sell out.

For more information, please call 817-459-5475.

New Website Invites Homebuyers to Discover The American Dream City

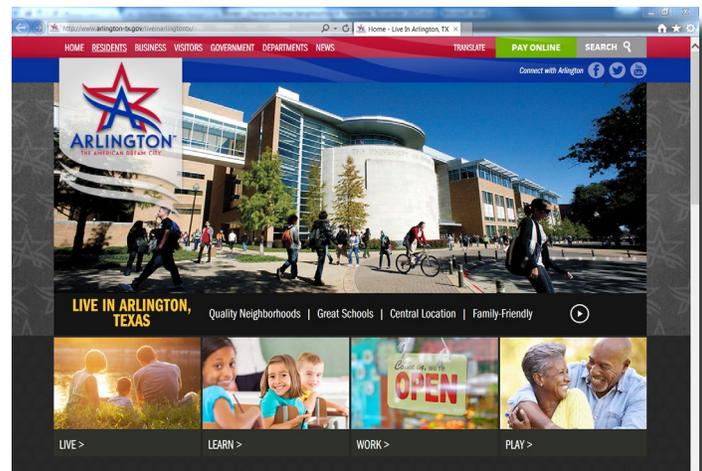
The City of Arlington has launched a new website titled "Live in Arlington" for new home buyers looking to call The American Dream City their place of residence.

The site offers users an extensive video tour of the City's options for shopping, dining and activities families can enjoy throughout the City and explains why Arlington is the dream place to live, learn, work and play.

Key information about Arlington's neighborhoods, schools and city services can also be found on the website, along with the popular attractions the City has to offer as the Entertainment Capital of Texas.

Links to the Arlington Board of Realtors, Housing Data, Housing Profiles and the Housing Authority can all be found on the Live in Arlington website.

Arlington's quality of life is second to none, with a low cost of living, affordable housing and 4,600 acres of parkland. Welcome to Arlington: The American Dream City!



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Arlington Parks and Recreation Receives 5 TAAF Awards and Recognition

The City of Arlington received five awards and recognition from the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation, or TAAF, conference in September 2016.

TAAF is a nonprofit organization established in 1925 that aims to promote, organize and conduct amateur athletics in the state of Texas.

Region of the Year Award

Region 4 includes the City of Arlington and 29 other cities, and this award is selected based on the region that promotes amateur athletics through regional meetings, tournaments and the overall advancement of sports.

Regional Director of the Year

Wendy Parker, Arlington Parks and Recreation Athletic Programs Manager, was selected for this award for her support for the advancement of sports in the region and communication with the State Office and Region Support.

President's Award

This award is for our assistance with the Men's 35 And Over Basketball State Tournament at Elzie Odom Athletic Center.

Ten Year Games of Texas Liaison Volunteer Recognition

Parker has volunteered over the past ten years at various capacities within the TAAF. This award recognizes her support of the Games of Texas event by working as a volunteer liaison.

Silver Member City Award

This award recognizes Arlington's support for team and individual sports through registrations and league advancements through amateur sports.

Highlights

7 Reasons Money Magazine Selected Arlington as the "Best Big City" in the South

In its latest edition, Money magazine has named Arlington as the "Best Big City" in the South.

Here are seven excerpts from the article that highlight why Money magazine selected The American Dream City as one of America's top cities:

1. Arlington's Entertainment District

"Tucked between Dallas and Fort Worth, Arlington is known as the Entertainment Capital of Texas, and for good reason," the Money article stated. "It's home to four professional sports teams—Dallas Cowboys football, Texas Rangers baseball, Dallas Wings basketball, and Dallas Charge softball—theme parks, music venues, comedy clubs, and, not least, the International Bowling Hall of Fame. Still, there's more to this city than fun and games."

2. Arlington's Job Opportunities

"Professionally there are a lot of options," says local Redfin agent Tara Anthony. While Arlington itself has many large employers, including a major General Motors assembly plant and hospital system Texas Health Resources, "there are job opportunities in either direction," she says. AT&T and Bank of America are top employers in Dallas, 20 miles to the east, while American Airlines parent AMR and Lockheed Martin are 15 miles west, in Fort Worth."

3. Arlington's Education Options

"Arlington is also a sweet spot for parents looking for top-ranked schools, including standout public charter school Uplift Summit International Preparatory, named one of the top 20 most challenging high schools in the U.S. by the Washington Post."



Updates

Get a Limited Edition Library Card!

The Arlington Public Library is offering a limited edition “Dreams Begin Here” library card to support the new George W. Hawkes Downtown Library.

Current cardholders can swap their card for a \$1 replacement fee, and those new to the library may select the limited edition version as their first card at no cost. For an additional \$4+ donation, patrons can show their support by adding their name to their local branch’s Dream Wall.

“From coins in the donation boxes at our local libraries to naming opportunities in our stunning new building, every single contribution matters because it shows that our community supports their public library,” Library Director Yoko Matsumoto said. “The new Downtown Library is a catalyst project contributing to the development of a vibrant downtown for Arlington. It will act as an anchor to enhance downtown livability, establish community character for the area, and contribute to the educational and economic vitality of Arlington.”

Dreams Begin Here cards are available only until the new library opens in 2018, so get your limited edition card soon!



Back in September, Arlington ISD Superintendent Dr. Marcelo Cavazos was named 2016 Superintendent of the Year for Texas by the Texas Association of School Boards.

4. Arlington’s Thriving Downtown

“The downtown has also been getting a makeover: Here residents can enjoy some of the old, such as the circa-1949 Arlington Music Hall, alongside the new, like the Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts, an outdoor venue that plays host to more than 50 free outdoor concerts a year.”

5. Arlington’s Affordable Housing

“The median home price in Arlington is just shy of \$169,000, vs. around \$240,000 for the national metro-area median, and its home price appreciation—up 10% in the past year—is among the strongest in the country.”

6. An Exciting Time at UT Arlington

“There’s also a lot happening on the campus of the University of Texas at Arlington. The school plans to break ground this fall on a \$125 million Science and Engineering Innovation complex, further bolstering its reputation as a major health-science research institution.”

7. Viridian and River Legacy Park

“In Viridian, a master-planned community on the city’s north side, new single-family houses start at around \$350,000. Residents have access to five lakes and miles of bike paths that connect with nearby River Legacy Parks, a 1,300-acre nature preserve.”

For more information about what makes The American Dream City such a great place to live, the Live in Arlington website offers users an extensive video tour of the City’s options for shopping, dining and activities families can enjoy throughout Arlington.

By The Numbers: Neighborhood Matching Grant

\$167,000

the total amount of funding available for neighborhoods in 2017



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the number of Information Sessions available for neighborhoods to attend. A neighborhood representative must attend at least one Information Session before applying for a Neighborhood Matching Grant.

\$10,000 or \$25,000

the maximum grant award that your neighborhood could receive!
\$10,000 is available to any eligible neighborhood project, and up to \$25,000 is available to neighborhood non-profit or HOA organizations

15th

the day in February 2017 that all Neighborhood Matching Grant applications are due



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