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Arlington Joins National What Works Cities Initiative

On July 12th, The City of Arlington was one of five cities selected to join the national What Works Cities initiative.

Launched by Bloomberg Philanthropies in April 2015, What Works Cities is the largest philanthropic effort to improve the effectiveness of local governments by enhancing the use of data and evidence. With today's new cities, the initiative is now partnering with 85 U.S. cities that are home to more than 27 million people in 37 states and have annual budgets exceeding \$94 billion.

“Across the country, cities of all shapes and sizes are producing better results

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Electric Bike Rentals Coming to River Legacy Parks

A new adventure is right around the corner for River Legacy Parks' visitors!

Arlington Parks and Recreation granted Adventure Electric Bicycles, LLC a permit to rent electric bicycles from River Legacy Park.

Additionally, River Legacy is also a favored spot for Adventure Electric Bicycles' customers, who often rent eBikes to ride in the park. Located at the corner of North Collins Street and Northeast Green Oaks Boulevard, the bike shop is only 1.5 miles from River Legacy's main entrance.

A bike kiosk will be installed in the park late summer. Riders will be able to pick up, ride, and drop off the bikes without ever leaving the park – saving time and making the rental process much simpler. Electric bicycles do not require a license to operate and can be ridden anywhere you would ride a regular bicycle, including paved park trails and bike lanes.

The exact location of the kiosk and rental pricing will be announced once the opening date is set.

Updates

What Works Cities Initiative (cont'd)

for their residents by identifying and investing in what works," said What Works Cities Executive Director Simone Brody. "Cities are increasingly showing themselves as the country's drivers of progress, and we're thrilled to welcome these new cities to this growing movement."

Through technical assistance from What Works Cities' expert partners, participating cities are developing data-driven tools to best determine priorities, drive progress toward them, allocate resources, and tackle their toughest challenges – from

Management Resources Director Jennifer Wichmann said. "Improved understanding yields increased opportunity for accurate and responsive allocation of service for all City needs. We look forward to working with our What Works Cities partners!"

Charleston, S.C.; Fort Collins, CO; Memphis, TN; and Sioux Falls, SD were also selected to join the initiative on Wednesday. Examples of how participating cities have been applying such strategies to improve their residents' lives can be found



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homelessness to public safety and economic development. Cities are also fostering trust with their communities through greater transparency around city data in efforts to increase collaboration toward developing solutions.

The City of Arlington will upgrade its ability to manage and open data as part of a larger city priority to become more efficient, grow the local economy, and increase transparency by embracing new technologies.

"The City is committed to leveraging data-driven decision making in order to improve internal efficiencies, analyze current and future needs and opportunities, and increase transparency for Arlington's citizens and business community,"

in a new report What Works Cities released last month.

Participating cities are also leveraging What Works Cities' extensive learning network of local leaders and global experts actively sharing best practices for outcomes-focused government. Cities are replicating each other's successes and learning from each other's challenges. What Works Cities is expanding that network with the launch of its new certification program earlier this year. The program, which is open to any city with a population over 30,000 people, sets the first-ever national standard for data-driven local government and serves as a roadmap to advance the practices of all cities.

Highlights

Skyline Sector 5 Dreaming Big with Creative Ideas & Innovative Technology

Founded in 2001, Skyline Sector 5 continues to dream big through innovative technology, creative display designs, event services for businesses and much more.

In order to expand, Skyline Sector 5 relocated to The American Dream City from Grand Prairie in 2014 and purchased the facility located at 525 113th St. in the Great Southwest Industrial District. It made a significant investment in renovations to create a modern, high-tech and unique work environment for its 40 employees. They integrate physical and digital components to create fully experiential environments



for their clients which include American Airlines, Fujitsu, IBM, Wilsonart, and Lennox.

"Arlington is such a great location for us," said Skyline Sector 5 President Jeff Meade. "We are in the midst of a booming Metroplex that draws not only great talent for our team, but also puts us in close proximity to so many top companies looking to partner with us to pull off brilliant marketing experiences for their customers."

The company is consistently recognized as one of the top event marketing companies in Texas and across the worldwide Skyline network. Some of its accolades include, five Inc. 5000 awards, Fort Worth Business Top 100, Fort Worth Small Business of the Year, Dallas 100 and Best Modular/Custom Exhibit by Event Design Magazine.

For more information, please visit discoversector5.com or visit Sector 5 on Facebook, LinkedIn or Twitter.



Arlington is Home to First Tesla Supercharger Station in the DFW

The city is home to Tesla's first urban Supercharger station in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The station, which opened recently at the Arlington Convention Center, has 10 Superchargers available to the public 24 hours a day.

The station, built by the City in partnership with Tesla, is one of the latest examples of Arlington's commitment to remaining at the forefront of innovative transportation technology.

"We've been waiting for this for a very long time," said Rick Bollar, President of the Tesla Owners Club of North Texas. "It's very cool."

Tesla has a strategically built network of nearly 850 Supercharger stations across the country with more than 5,400 Superchargers. The Arlington station fills in a critical gap in the 1,200-mile stretch of Interstate 20 from

Cisco, Texas to Florence, South Carolina, Bollar said.

Arlington Mayor Jeff Williams and City Council members Kathryn Wilemon, Lana Wolff and Victoria Farrar-Myers joined Bollar and dozens of other electric car owners at the station celebration. The Supercharger station aligns with the City Council priority to Put Technology to Work.

"We want to be on the cutting edge of transportation," Williams said. "In fact, we are hearing from a lot of automobile manufacturers that there will be more advancement in vehicles in the next five years than there has been in the past 50 years. And that's exciting. The electrification of cars isn't 10 years away. It's here now."

Social Media *by the Numbers*



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104,377 FOLLOWERS



CITY OF ARLINGTON - CITY HALL
31,818 FOLLOWERS



ARLINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
8,938 FOLLOWERS

facebook

TOP 3 FACEBOOK PAGES



ARLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
99,971 PAGE LIKES



CITY OF ARLINGTON - CITY HALL
33,290 PAGE LIKES



ARLINGTON PARKS & REC
24,942 PAGE LIKES



UTA Students Use 3D Printer to Create Prosthetic Arm for 8-Year-Old Boy

Students are using 3D printers at the University of Texas at Arlington's FabLab for more than just class projects. Some are using the state-of-the-art technology to help make dreams become reality for others.

Recently, students there surprised 8-year-old Garrett Clark with a custom-built prosthetic arm created at the lab. Garrett Clark, who was born with a partial right arm, is the

son of Andrew Clark, an associate professor at the university.

Adam Williams, a senior kinesiology major, was among those who helped design and build the fully functioning prosthetic arm from scratch.

"The ability to think of something and then create it is just a rush," Williams said in a video that UTA shared about the project.

Garrett will continue to visit the FabLab to make regular adjustments to his prosthetic until they are able to make the perfect fit for him.

"I'm just really excited to see what he can do with it and how it's going to just give him some extra function that he doesn't have," Andrew Clark said.