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Rush Creek Dog Park Set to Open Sept. 9



The 7-acre park is located at 1900 Valleywood Drive off West Pioneer Parkway near Green Oaks Boulevard. The park features drinking water fountains, shaded seating areas with benches that look like doggy bones and four fenced-in areas for off-leash play. The park also includes designated areas for large and small dogs, security lighting and two parking lots with at least 60 spaces. Arlington voters approved \$500,000 for the Rush Creek Dog Park project in the 2014 bond election. The rest of the construction funding came from park user fees collected by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Senior Wellness Equipment Installed at Two City Parks

Arlington seniors can now enjoy, laugh and play their way to enhanced health at the City's two new North Texas Specialty Physicians (NTSP) Senior Wellness Plazas.

The NTSP Charitable Fund donated \$60,000 worth of Xccent fitness equipment to Clarence Foster and Wimbledon parks in an effort to reduce falls, provide additional rehab locations, and encourage socialization for seniors among peers and younger generations.

The equipment is the first of its kind in Arlington, and is something that the aging adult population has been requesting for years, said Parks Project Manager Jadey James, who coordinated the project along with the NTSP Charitable Fund.

The two age-friendly ADA compliant wellness exercise



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Highlights

Arlington Police Launch “Neighborhood Eyes” Program

The Arlington Police Department is excited to announce a new voluntary citizen program called “Neighborhood Eyes.”

Essentially, residents and businesses now have the opportunity to register their address as a location operating a security camera system.

As security camera systems continue to become more affordable, more desirable and more commonplace in our city, Neighborhood Eyes presents a program where citizens can partner with the Police Department to allow for the quick identification of possible locations where video evidence may be present following a crime.

The program is strictly voluntary and is about effective communication rather than technology. The program does not provide the Arlington Police Department access to security camera systems that are privately owned by participants.



Dalworth Restoration Volunteers Spruce Up Patriotic Mural in Arlington as Act of Kindness

With red, white and blue paint, and a little bit of elbow grease, volunteers with Dalworth Restoration used rollers and paint brushes to carefully repaint the fading and cracked mural on the concrete retaining wall at a home in the 1800 block of East Mitchell Street.

The mural, which was originally painted in the early 2000s, features bold red and white stripes and blue panels with images such as the Statue of Liberty.

Dalworth Restoration hopes to inspire others to do acts of kindness throughout the community and volunteers were glad to support the City of Arlington’s new Acts of Kindness initiative.

“Every July we go out and do kind things around the community. It just so happened that Arlington launched its random acts of kindness. It was perfect,” said Amanda Florez, Dalworth Restoration marketing director.



Currently, police officers go door-to-door talking with residents and businesses looking for video evidence following a crime. This is time intensive but still necessary. The Arlington Police Department will continue to canvass neighborhoods and business districts following a crime in order to provide detectives with beneficial evidence to identify a suspect.

The Neighborhood Eyes program may speed up the possible identification of valuable evidence in high profile cases where door-to-door canvassing takes place but not necessarily at the speed that matches an evolving patrol response to an in-progress high profile crime. Through this program, detectives could instantly know where registered participants have camera systems that may aid in an investigation. Many cities throughout the United States participate in similar programs.

Updates

Meet the Neighbors: Tiffany Woods

The pursuit of a new neighborhood sign, and the leadership of Bernadette Nanni brought the residents of the west Arlington neighborhood Tiffany Woods closer together to make their neighborhood and Arlington better.

In April, the Arlington City Council approved \$161,000 in grants to aid 12 neighborhoods through the City's Neighborhood Matching Grant program, which aims to financially support local neighborhoods to improve their community. Tiffany Woods received a \$23,000 grant to replace the entryway sign and add landscaping. The cast stone sign was finished at the end of August.

Since then, Tiffany Woods neighbors have re-created their neighborhood association and come together to celebrate birthdays and holidays, organize volunteer days, and have registered for this year's National Night Out. "It's amazing what's happened," Nanni said. "We've gone from that broken, lost, garage door closed [kind of neighborhood] to people turning on their lights to people walking their pets to people bringing meals to each other."

Nanni said the City of Arlington has helped Tiffany Woods neighbors achieve their goals by supporting them financially and partnering neighbors with city staff to help navigate policies.

"We're all proud to live in Arlington, and we're willing to do our part as well," she said.



Senior Wellness Equipment, cont.

systems were fully installed in the parks June 1, 2017. Clarence Foster and Wimbledon were chosen based on their relative proximity to senior recreation centers and senior populations.

Each system includes four Wellness Stations with a total of 18 activities. The stations are connected by a center deck allowing easy transfer between activities. Training tutorials on the individual systems explain the benefits of each activity and also provide a guide for proper use.

Falling is the leading cause of injury among adults 65 and older, which is why the system is designed to build

and improve confidence, balance and strength needed to reduce falls. The system incorporates a variety of activities that focus on flexibility and core muscle strength.

Featured Equipment:

- Stair Walk Steps
- Hand Bike
- Tai Chi Wheels
- Zig Zag Pipe with Ring
- Rope Bridge Walk
- Shoulder Wheel
- Sitting Hand Throttle Bar
- Balance & Hip Twist Balance Beam
- Rope Net Floor
- Snake Pipe with Ring



Clarence Foster Park is located at 4400 Woodland Park Blvd, Arlington, TX 76013

Wimbledon Park is located at 2300 Wimbledon Dr., Arlington, TX 76017

By The Numbers:

Ask Arlington App



Since January 2017, Arlington residents have been able to report concerns and request services via smartphone or tablet through the free Ask Arlington App. Beginning in June, residents can also report acts of kindness in the community on the app.

350,000

calls received by the Action Center annually

11,000

concerns received by the City's Action Center through the Ask Arlington app since January

4,650

downloads of the Ask Arlington app to smartphone and tablet devices

400,000

the Kindness Initiative goal for the number of acts of kindness captured in Arlington over the next year

Top 10 Requests on Ask Arlington App

1. Locate a Water or Sewer Line
2. Unkempt Property
3. Overgrown Weeds and Grass
4. Nuisance Vehicle
5. Streetlight Burned Out
6. Loose Animal
7. Parking in Yard
8. Dead Animal
9. Barking Dog
10. Dilapidated Fence



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