



# Champion Great NEIGHBORHOODS

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*This game is about investing in the lives of our kids, investing in our partnership with one of our school districts, and promoting the idea that police are part of the community and that we care.*

Police Chief Will Johnson,  
@ArlingtonChief



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**#ChampionGreatNeighborhoods**



## Winning Streak Continues for Sixth Graders at Miller Elementary

For the past 16 years, Miller Elementary School has been the home of an intense rivalry between sixth grade students and Arlington police officers and firefighters. That competitive spirit brought the two teams together on March 6 for an afternoon of competition and showmanship.

The gymnasium was packed with crowds of cheering spectators and plenty of school pride. When it was all over, the Miller Elementary sixth graders continued their winning streak with a three-point buzzer beater in overtime, with a final score of 41-38.

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# Highlights

## Housing Rehabilitation Program Assists Homeowners

The City of Arlington's Housing Rehabilitation Program helps homeowners and revitalizes neighborhoods by rehabilitating sub-standard owner occupied housing. The Program is funded by federal grants received by the City of Arlington. The City allocates a portion of their Community Development Block Grant and HOME grant funding received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to the program.

The Housing Rehabilitation Program helps qualified homeowners rehabilitate existing substandard conditions, bringing the home up to local standards. Applicants must own and reside in the home, and the home must be within the City limits of Arlington. The Program will fund 100% of the eligible repairs up to \$24,500. Examples include: repair or replacement of electrical, heating and plumbing systems; roof, windows, doors and foundation; weatherization improvements and replacement of essential built-in appliances; and other general repairs to meet City codes.

The Program also assists households with emergency repairs by providing grants up to \$5,000 to pay for repairs to their property. The

emergency situation requiring repair must be a condition that occurred within the past 90-days, without warning, that is detrimental to or a threat to life, health or safety and requires immediate action. Examples include: repair or replacement of heating or cooling systems; electrical or plumbing systems; or roof repair.

The Program also provides up to \$5,000 for removing architectural barriers or modifying living spaces to maximize independence in performing activities of daily living for homeowners with physical disabilities. Examples include: installation of accessibility ramps; safety rails and grab bars; widening door openings and adaption of door handles; installation of roll-in showers and non-skid flooring.

Program participants' total household income, at the time of application, must not exceed HUD's income limits, which is 80% of the Area Median Income.

For more information, go to <http://www.arlington-tx.gov/cdp-housing/housing/housing-rehabilitation/> or contact Marisa Loera at 817-276-6707.



## City Launches Property of the Month Program

Arlington is full of properties with owners that take pride in their homes and businesses. Code Compliance is sponsoring a new program to recognize properties that embody what it means to be part of the American Dream City.

Arlington residents now have an opportunity to recognize their neighbors' hard work and commitment to making their property look its best through the new Code Compliance Property of the Month (POM) program.

Two properties from each Council District (10 total) will be chosen each month. One single-family residential and one multi-family/commercial property will be judged by a team of six members consisting of citizens and city employees.

Winning properties will receive a certificate signed by the Mayor and Code Compliance Services Administrator, be showcased on the city's website, and recognized with a Property of the Month sign to be placed on their property for up to a 30-day period.

Learn more, and nominate your neighbor at [www.arlington-tx.gov/code-compliance/property-of-the-month](http://www.arlington-tx.gov/code-compliance/property-of-the-month).



# Updates

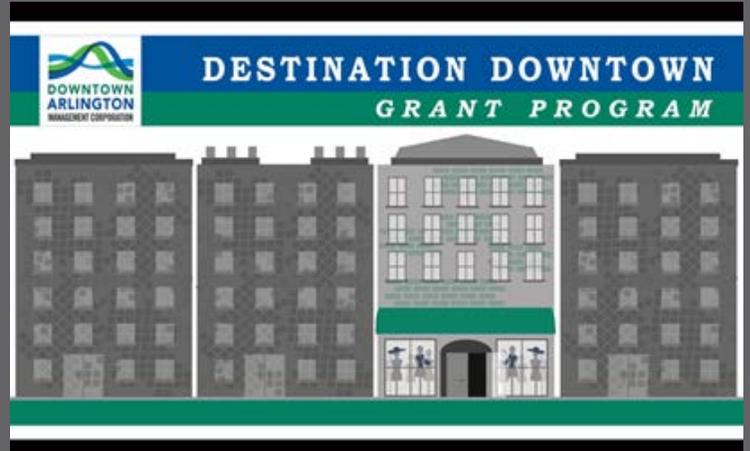
## New Grant Program to Improve Downtown's Curb Appeal

The Downtown Arlington Management Corporation (DAMC) has launched a new program to improve the visual appeal of The American Dream City's downtown area.

The Destination Downtown Grant is open to commercial property owners within the Downtown Business Improvement District. It offers financial assistance to owners who want to reinvigorate older buildings by way of facade improvements, incorporating public art, improving landscaping, installing awnings, and much more.

The Destination Downtown Grant will match 50% of the cost of improvements up to \$5,000 per property.

The application deadline for the first grant cycle ended Friday, May 29, 2015. For more information on the next cycle, visit [www.downtownarlington.org/grant](http://www.downtownarlington.org/grant).



## Excellent Turn-out for Teddy Bear Carnival

Hundreds of preschoolers and their families came to play, discover, and romp in the spring sunshine during the Teddy Bear Carnival held Saturday, April 25 at the Southwest Branch Library.

Everyone enjoyed this come-and-go teddy bear-themed outdoor program. Several parents expressed that the Teddy Bear Carnival was not only a fun event, but also gave their child a chance to explore "colors, writing and social skills."



## Food Truck Friday Night Returns

Food Truck Friday Nights presented by the Arlington Parks and Recreation Department (APRD) returned to River Legacy Park beginning in May.

Back by popular demand, attendees brought lawn chairs and picnic blankets to the events to hang out with family and friends and enjoy music and great food from our area food trucks.

There's two more chances to enjoy food trucks in this series of Food Truck Friday Nights on June 5 and June 12. To find out which food trucks are attending, call 817-459-5474 or check out [www.naturallyfun.org](http://www.naturallyfun.org).

# By The Numbers

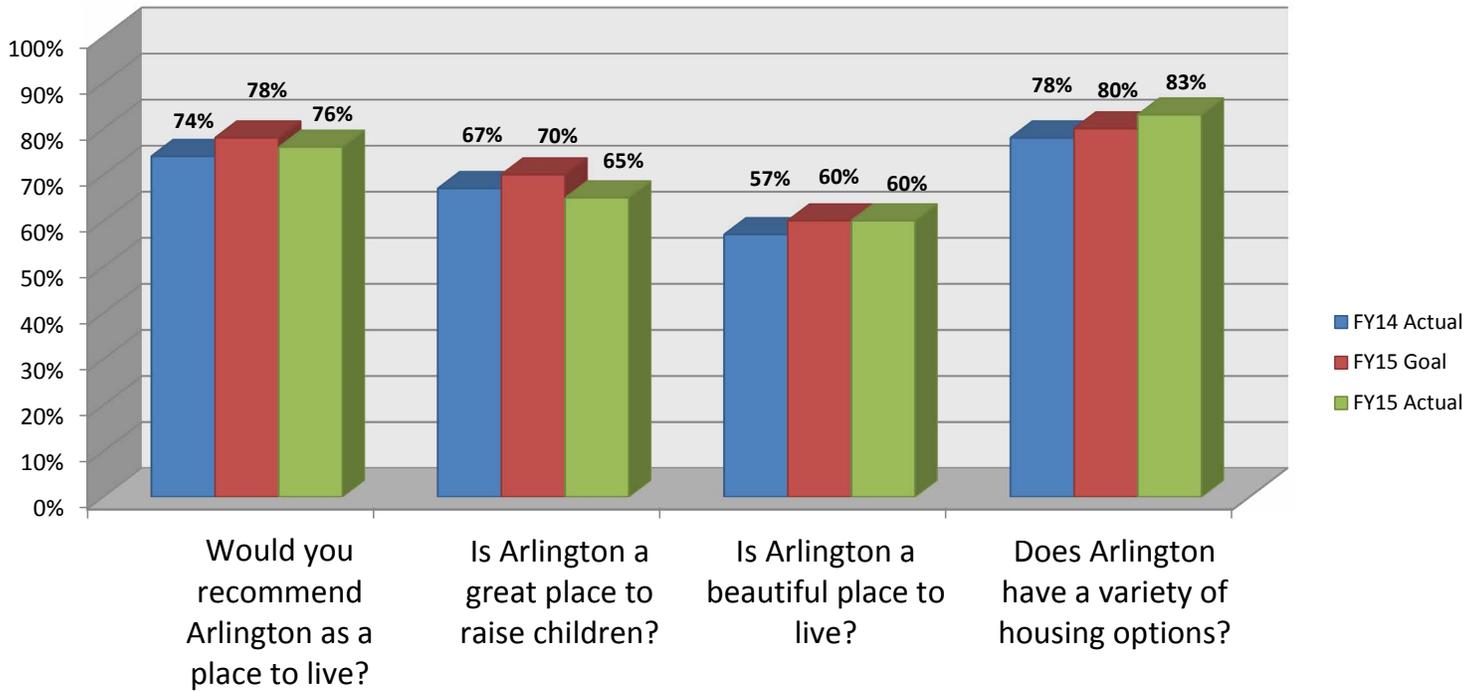
**By The Numbers** provides growth statistics, demographic changes, housing and development characteristics, and other trends in Arlington.

The City conducts an annual citizen survey to measure and track satisfaction with city services. The feedback from the survey is used for planning and budgeting,

measuring improvement, and to stay tuned-in to citizen perceptions of the city. You can find the entire report at <http://www.arlington-tx.gov/residents/city-services-satisfaction-surveys/>.

## 2014 City Services Satisfaction Survey Results

While the City strives for improvements in all areas of the survey, the City's Business Plan sets goals for metrics which show the general state of the City based on the priorities of the citizens and the City Council.



### What is your overall satisfaction of the quality of life for your neighborhood?

