



# Champion Great NEIGHBORHOODS

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*I like the idea of public neighborhood meetings where city officials can communicate with the people of the city. They may also be a way to get more citizens involved in their communities.*

Laura McCormick, via SpeakUp Arlington



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## City Launches New Tool to Engage Residents

The City of Arlington is taking online citizen engagement to a new level with the launch of a new website called SpeakUp Arlington, giving residents a new way to connect with their city.

The SpeakUp Arlington site, which launched December 9, 2014, allows residents to ask questions, post suggestions, and receive feedback from City staff. Plus, the City is able to get community feedback through discussions and surveys on various projects and initiatives.

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# Highlights



## Fielder House Celebrates 100 Years

In 1914 the first brick home in Arlington was built - the historic Fielder House.

The home was the private residence of prominent banker James Park Fielder and his wife, Mattie. Fielder was an Arlington commissioner and mayor, and served on the original board of the present UT Arlington.

This two-story brick Prairie-style house was built on a 215-acre site surrounded by live oaks, orchards, and gardens.

Once known as "Home on the Hill", today it is home of the Fielder Museum, the Arlington Historical Society, and the Arlington Preservation Foundation. It features permanent exhibits such as the Fielder kitchen, Dr. Zack Bobo's office, and the Cooper gallery.

"It's a beautiful example of how life was, and at one point, how simple life used to be in Arlington," said Geraldine Mills, director of the Historical Society.

The Fielder House is located at 1616 West Abram Street. The museum is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Admission is \$3.

## SpeakUp Arlington

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"Speak Up Arlington is a new platform for residents' voices to be heard," said Arlington Manager of Marketing and Communications Jay Warren. "As a city government, not only do we get to see what residents are thinking, but it also gives us a chance to prioritize the feedback, as we work to make Arlington: the American Dream City an even better community."

SpeakUp Arlington makes it easier for the public to communicate feedback and receive information. It is a way for residents to find out about ongoing **Projects**, join in on topical **Discussions**, and connect with other residents that share similar interests.

**Surveys** are also available to give residents an opportunity to shape the future of the community. The more input that's received, the better SpeakUp Arlington can become.

Here's how it works: first, visit [www.SpeakUpArlington.com](http://www.SpeakUpArlington.com) and sign up for an account either with your email or by connecting with Facebook. Next, post your comment or read feedback from other citizens.

When residents register, they will be asked for an address. According to Warren, this is so if there are neighborhood-specific projects, the city can target that neighborhood instead of the whole city.

For more information about Arlington's Speak Up Arlington website, contact Reginald Lewis, communications coordinator for the City of Arlington at 817-459-6405.

Other social media tools are also available for residents to use to stay connected to the city, including Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube, Flickr and Pinterest, all of which can be found at [www.arlington-tx.gov](http://www.arlington-tx.gov).

 Discussion: New Central Library 



A new Central Library will accommodate the changing ways that people learn, find information and engage in community activities. It will be an interactive facility where users not only find the information they need, but can put that information to work and create new products and tools with it, and will likely accommodate our needs for much longer than the current one has.

**Mission and strategic focus areas crafted from our [visioning process](#):**

- An interactive center of learning for Arlington's children
- Enhanced space and services to prepare Arlington's teens for bright futures
- Literacy and workforce development resources that strengthen Arlington
- Arlington's catalyst for learning, meeting and gathering
- A center for celebrating Arlington's cultural diversity as well as for collecting and sharing Arlington's history
- maximize facility usage through sharing multipurpose spaces
- make the most efficient use of funds
- serve as a catalyst for further downtown development

For more information on the Central Library, please visit the [city's website](#).

 2 Topics  29 Answers  Closes 2015-02-28

Sample discussion at SpeakUp Arlington

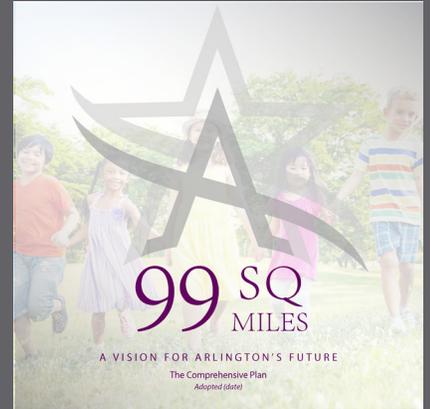
# Updates

## Arlington Comprehensive Plan Update

The Comprehensive Plan Update project is an update of the City's current Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 1992. The Comprehensive Plan provides a high-level overview, as well as an integrated approach to all aspects of Arlington's development. Components of the Plan include an emphasis on developing attractive neighborhoods for all residents; having environmental, economic, and social sustainability; and enhancing land use and transportation coordination. Drafts of the document are available on the City website at [www.arlington-tx.gov/cdp/comp-plan](http://www.arlington-tx.gov/cdp/comp-plan).

## US Highway 287 Strategic Plan

Work has started on a strategic plan for the US Highway 287 area in southwest Arlington. The plan would provide guidance to direct public and private investment in the area, and create a comprehensive vision to maximize the area's potential for development and build on its special residential character and recreational assets. The project is expected to kick off in April 2015.



## Arlington Volunteers

On Thanksgiving Day 2014, an estimated 6,000 volunteers gathered at Mission Arlington to deliver turkeys, turkey baskets, and hot meals to 5,743 families in the Arlington and Grand Prairie area.

During the Christmas season, the "adopt a family" and "angel tree" programs and the Christmas store provided gifts to 32,236 children. Because of volunteer generosity, 4,000 bikes were provided to children during the holidays.



## Alliance Makes Investments in Youth and Service

Thanks to Arlington Alliance for Youth, 15 groups will share more than \$2,500 in small grants to help make their communities a better place to live and work. "The Arlington Alliance for Youth is dedicated to making investments in our youth, the leaders of tomorrow, and we are proud to support these efforts," said president Craig Wietz.

With the funds, the Arlington community will benefit from many programs including literacy initiatives, dance classes for special needs students, health awareness, baby blankets for the Women's Shelter, and supplies that will be used to create Valentine's Day cards for older adults.

# By The Numbers

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

The City also publishes a **Quarterly Growth Profile** and **Annual Growth Profile**. These publications contain detailed data on populations growth,

new construction, zoning, and development trends. These profiles are available on the City website at [Growth Profiles](#).

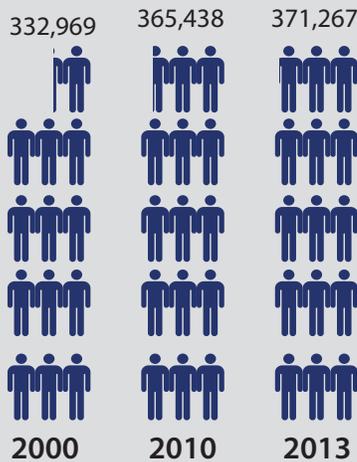
## Demographics

From 2000 to 2013, Arlington experienced key changes in its demographic makeup.

### TOTAL POPULATION.....

Population increased 1.6% from 2010 to 2013.

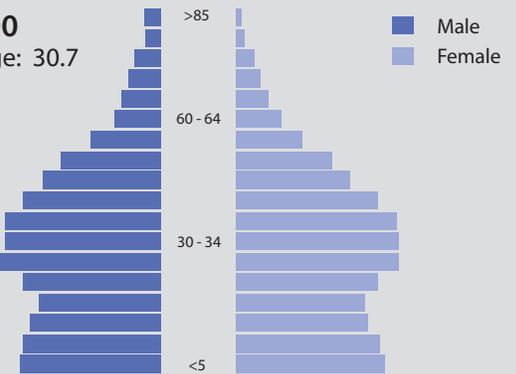
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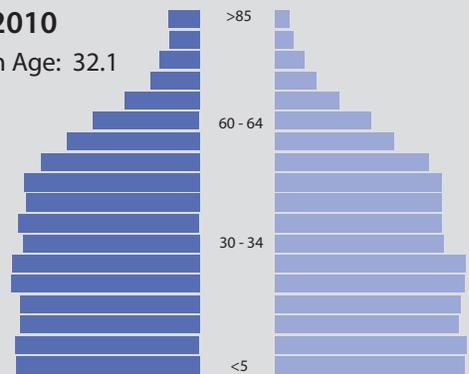
### MEDIAN AGE.....

Median Age is higher in 2013 than it was in 2000.

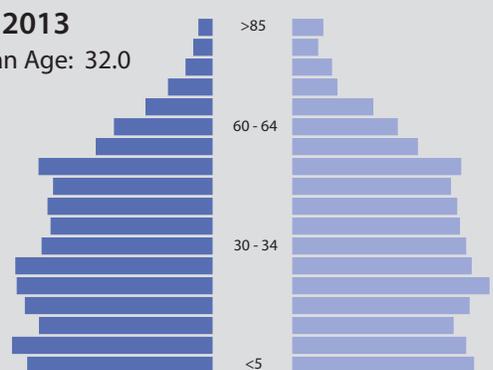
**2000**  
Median Age: 30.7



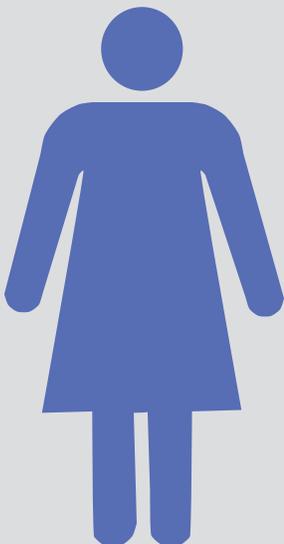
**2010**  
Median Age: 32.1



**2013**  
Median Age: 32.0



### AVERAGE ARLINGTON RESIDENT.....



#### The Average Arlington Resident In 2013 Is...

- A Woman
- 32 years of age
- White, Non-Hispanic or Latino
- High school graduate
- Making \$52,933 annually
- Commuting 25.9 minutes to work (one-way)
- Working outside of Arlington