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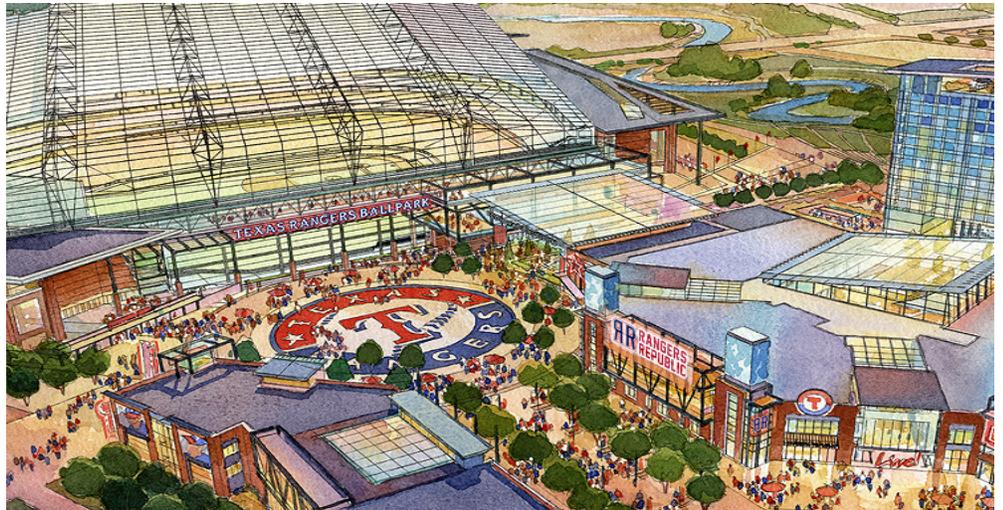
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Dugan Named Director

The City named John M. Dugan as the new Director of Community Development and Planning. Dugan is a seasoned professional with more than 40 years of leadership experience in municipalities across the country. Most recently, Dugan directed long-range planning, community development and redevelopment, downtown planning, urban design, and federal grants administration for the City of San Antonio.

"John's extensive and diverse experience in comprehensive planning, development strategies and permitting in large communities will be an asset for the City of Arlington," City Manager Trey Yelverton said.



Public-Private Partnership for New Ballpark

The Arlington City Council unanimously approved a master agreement outlining a public-private partnership with the Texas Rangers for possible construction of a new retractable-roof ballpark and supporting development in the Entertainment District.

The City will begin steps to hold an election on November 8. Arlington voters will be asked whether to extend the existing venue taxes approved in 2004 to build AT&T Stadium – a half-cent sales tax, 5 percent car rental tax and 2 percent hotel occupancy tax – to help publicly finance a new ballpark for the Rangers as well.

"This proactive effort will keep the Texas Rangers in Arlington, which is something our citizens have overwhelmingly told our City Council they want," Mayor Jeff Williams said. "We love the Rangers, and we want them here in Arlington for generations to come."

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Company Puts Spotlight on Arlington

ISCAR Metals is one of 15 companies comprising one of the world's largest metalworking conglomerates, the International Metalworking Companies (IMC). Together, IMC supplies a comprehensive line of precision carbide metalworking tools, and provides engineering and manufacturing solutions to major industries throughout the world. In 2006, IMC was purchased by Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Inc.

ISCAR Metals, the largest of the IMC, is headquartered in Israel, but has its US headquarters right here in Arlington. ISCAR houses its US distribution, customer service and special tooling manufacturing centers in a 70,000 square foot campus located along the I-20 Corridor. The company employs approximately 110 people in Arlington and an additional 300 field-based application engineers and specialists throughout the country.

Each year, thousands of manufacturers from around the country visit ISCAR's Arlington Campus to attend seminars and demonstrations at its technical center. Arlington is proud to have the US headquarters of one of the world's largest metalworking companies in the city and hopes that its presence will continue to put the spotlight on opportunities Arlington holds for advanced manufacturing.

Highlights

The Future Is Bright in Arlington

Arlington-based Sundek has been the premier network of contractors and manufacturer of quality decorative concrete products since 1970. Sundek's products resurface existing concrete areas and transform them into functional, durable, cost-effective and eye-catching creations. It's Sundek that can be found on everything from your back patio or garage floor to the concrete pool decks from St. Thomas to the White House.

In 1982, Sundek's CEO Charlie Plunk started a contracting company, ATD Concrete Coatings, and it is still Dallas-Fort Worth's authorized Sundek dealer. After becoming the CEO in 1999, he was able to convince President Mark Stambaugh to make the move to the Metroplex. What began as a small family business in Southern California has blossomed since its move to Arlington. The Arlington Corporate Office employs 30 people, and its network of exclusive dealers employs approximately 300 nationwide.

This year, Sundek expanded its

warehouse and office space on Avenue H and continues to build out its manufacturing operations to keep up with demand.

Projects such as the pool deck renovations at the YMCA on South Davis St., the Gaylord Texan in Grapevine, and garage surfaces for car collectors at Garages of Texas in Plano have helped to establish Sundek as the leader in the Metroplex. The American Society of Concrete Contractors' sister organization, the Decorative Concrete Council, has presented Sundek with 21 awards over the last 6 years at the World of Concrete in Las Vegas. This recognition has helped Sundek expand its reach to international locations such as the US Naval Base in Bahrain and a police training school in Venezuela.

"After 16 years, we know we made the right decision to call Arlington home and the base of our operation," says Plunk. "The proximity to Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport allows our dealers to attend training events as well as our annual convention. It also affords us the opportunity to strengthen those relationships as well as those in the community."



By the Numbers

3,942,720

Square Feet of Industrial Space Under Construction in Arlington Along I-20 Corridor



Development	Square Footage
Park 20/360	1,605,620
Cooper I-20, Bldg A	420,000
Cooper I-20, Bldg B	420,000
1 st Arlington Commerce Center II	234,100
Arlington Commerce Center, Bldg D	263,000
Arlington Commerce Center, Bldg E	1,000,000

Celebrating Small Businesses

On May 5, 2016, the Arlington Chamber of Commerce hosted "The Spirit of America: 2016 Salute to Small Business" recognizing the Small Business of the Year Award winners. Michael Jacobsen, President and CEO of the Chamber, presented the awards in the three categories: for-profit company, nonprofit organization and veteran-owned company.

Mahrouq Enterprises International, Inc. (MEI) was named the For-Profit Company of the Year. MEI serves business segments ranging from auto sales and imports to real estate. Sam Mahrouq accepted the award on his company's behalf. Mahrouq immigrated to Arlington from Jordan more than 30 years ago with "empty pockets" and the sole purpose to

become successful in the land of opportunity. Through "ambition, hard work and big dreams" MEI has grown to more than 140 employees with \$70 million in combined sales. "I have never felt more at home than in the city that adopted me—Arlington, and I humbly promise to return the favor," said Mahrouq.

The Nonprofit Organization Award went to Camp Thurman, an organization providing summer day camps, afternoon-evening camps, all-year team building programs and community outreach programs. Executive Director Blake Bowman accepted the award. "[Camp Thurman] began 47 summers ago, and we have been blessed to touch so many lives, reach so many families, and reach so many different kids," said Bowman. Bowman acknowledged how none



of this would be possible without the Camp's founders and bright staff.

Godwin Chiropractic & Wellness Center was recognized as the Veteran-Owned Company of the Year. Dr. Kenyon Godwin, an Air Force veteran, has 16 years of health and wellness experience and was named "favorite chiropractor" by Arlington Today. Dr. Godwin acknowledged how his family has been instrumental to his success while in active duty and beyond.

Updates

Dallas Business Journal Recognizes Two Arlington Projects as 2015 Best Real Estate Deals of the Year

Community Impact Deal of the Year: General Motors Arlington Assembly

The City of Arlington Office of Economic Development nominated General Motors Arlington Assembly for the Dallas Business Journal's 2015 Best Real Estate Deals Awards. General Motors' history in Arlington and its \$1.4 billion investment were featured in the application.

The overhaul to Arlington Assembly, one of GM's largest single investments in a US Manufacturing facility, will expand the Arlington plant to more than four times the size it was when it opened more than 60 years ago.

As a result of the expansion's economic impact, the Dallas Business Journal selected General Motors as the sole finalist in the Community Impact Deal of the Year category.

The awards dinner was held on April 28, and General Motors

and the City of Arlington were in attendance to accept the honor. Mayor Jeff Williams and Dirk Taylor, engineering superintendent of Arlington Assembly, took to the stage to accept GM's award.



Suburban Multifamily Deal of the Year: Arlington Commons



The Office of Economic Development nominated Arlington Commons for the Dallas Business Journal's 2015 Best Real Estate Deals Awards in the Suburban Multifamily, Most Creative Financing and Community Impact categories.

The Nehemiah Company broke ground in February on the 1,328-unit Arlington Commons multifamily project on Lamar Boulevard in north Arlington. When complete, the project is expected to add \$200 million to the City of Arlington property tax rolls.

Recognizing the economic impact of the project, the challenges faced in bringing the project to fruition and the City's support of the development,

the Dallas Business Journal selected Arlington Commons as one of two finalists for the Suburban Multifamily Deal of the Year. The Kathryn, a multifamily development in Frisco, was the other finalist in the category.

An excited group of representatives from the City and the Nehemiah Company attended the awards dinner hoping for a win.

When Arlington Commons was named the winner, applause filled the room.

Bob Kembel and Howard Porteus of the Nehemiah Company enthusiastically accepted the award.

