



TRINITY RIVER VISION

UPDATE

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WHEN WILL WE SEE DIRT FLY?

It is the question on everyone's mind and we have the answer. The first building demolition related to the Trinity River Vision project is slated for this July. Watch for the Request for Proposal that will be advertised this May at www.trinityrivervision.org.



A rain-free Mayfest experienced record attendance.

MAYFEST SETS RECORD FOR ATTENDANCE & FUN

This year, more people than ever attended the 36th annual Mayfest, presented by Cheseapeake Energy. Much of the success can be attributed to the fact that the festival, which notoriously attracts wet weather, enjoyed its first rain-free weekend in seven years.

In addition to the beautiful weather, Mayfest included a wide array of first-rate family entertainment throughout Trinity Park – including a highly-anticipated performance from the Grammy-nominated Gin Blossoms Saturday night.



Kids enjoyed the arts and crafts at the TRVA booth.

Gateway Park Full Speed Ahead

There's exciting news for Fort Worth's rapidly-growing population of outdoor enthusiasts. Eastside's Gateway Park has moved even closer to receiving highly anticipated improvements that will make it a regional mecca for open-air activities and a valuable addition to the Trinity River Master Plan.

The proposal to combine Gateway Park's Master Plan with the Trinity Uptown project was recently endorsed by the Fort Worth district of the Army Corps of Engineers and formally recommended for approval to Washington D.C. this past March. This win-win association would shave 30 years from Gateway's initial timeline and provide the resources necessary to provide expanded recreational and environmental opportunities.

Once approved, Gateway Park can expect to become the nation's largest urban-programmed park. At just over 1,000 acres, it will include amenities such as an outdoor amphitheater, an equestrian center, a disc golf course, a splash park, additional athletic fields, a skate park, a new kayak/canoe course with four natural white water elements, an additional 15 miles of trails, covered basketball courts and an expansion to the dog park.

"This is an incredible project," said J.D. Granger, executive director of the Trinity River Vision Authority. "But we're not just building a fantastic recreational area; we are performing a huge ecosystem restoration and a massive cleanup."

The proposed plan will take major leaps toward upgrading the quality of the area's envi-

ronment. Improvements include the restoration of the Riverside Oxbow Ecosystem, which preserves 200-year-old trees and will enhance the existing bottomland hardwood forest. In addition, 72,000 oaks and pecan trees are to be introduced to the park.

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Gravel pits will be redeveloped into beautiful wetlands that will serve as a natural backdrop for the equestrian center. An area that was once a landfill will be modified to accommodate a sports complex. An

abandoned sewage treatment center will be completely removed to provide an ideal location for the proposed amphitheater.

"There is not a single project in East Fort Worth that will have a greater immediate and long-term positive impact," touted Don Boren, president of the West Meadowbrook Neighborhood Association. "I can't wait."

The city has already begun to see the benefits of the Gateway Park Master Plan, including the award-winning Fort Woof Dog Park and new soccer fields.

"The future of Gateway Park has become exciting. The proposed recreational and land use changes resulting from the Trinity River Vision promise to transform the area to a regional attraction, to the benefit of all," Boren said.

Those interested in learning more about Gateway Park improvements are invited to stop by the TRV headquarters to tour the new education center or log on to <http://www.trinityrivervision.org> and watch the animated 3-D Flyover.



LOOK INSIDE for a larger version of the current Gateway Park plan.

FAIR CONTRACTING DATABASE UPDATE

Learn more about contracting opportunities on the Fort Worth Trinity River Vision Project. Visit www.trinityrivervision.org and download the vendor registration packet. By registering in the database you will receive notifications of all upcoming RFQs as well as notices of pre-bid workshops, networking events, and educational workshops on certification requirements, bonding, and general project updates. For additional information about federal contracting opportunities visit <http://ebs.swf.usace.army.mil> or <https://www.fbo.gov>.



PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Trinity River Master Plan preserves and enhances 88 miles of waterways that flow throughout the neighborhoods in Greater Fort Worth. It will create an urban waterfront community and neighborhood connectivity that promotes strong live, work, and play environments to be enjoyed by all ages. The plan utilizes the most recent storm water management techniques designed for optimal recreational uses raising the quality of life for all citizens in Fort Worth today and generations to come.

Fort Worth's Fourth
An afternoon of music and activities on the Trinity River behind LaGrave Field.
Friday, July 4, 2008 • 4:30 p.m. to Dusk
Fireworks following the game.

Sponsors: FORT WORTH, Streams and Valleys, Inc., TARRANT REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT, Coors LIGHT, COUNTRY LEGENDS 92.1, 95.9 FM THE SOUND OF TEXAS RANCH.

LaGrave Field, home of the Fort Worth Cats, is the place to be this 4th of July! The Fort Worth Cats, City of Fort Worth, Streams & Valleys, and Tarrant Regional Water District have collaborated to unveil a new exciting event. Come experience the Trinity River with family and friends and enjoy an afternoon of music and activities on the Trinity River behind LaGrave Field beginning at 4:30 pm. Event admission is free with parking available at the Cats Stadium. The Fort Worth Cats take on the Wichita Wingnuts at 6:05 p.m. Immediately following the game there will be Tarrant County's largest firework show. Sponsors include Coors Light, Country Legends 92.1 and the The Ranch 95.9.

Trinity River History Wall

The newest addition to the TRVA Education Center is the Trinity River History Wall. This new display will take you through the history of the Trinity River and Fort Worth, from the first settlement days all the way to the formation of the Trinity River Vision Authority. Each newsletter will spotlight a historic event on the History Wall.

The center is located at the TRVA downtown office at 307 West Seventh Street, Suite 100. Please call 817-698-0700 or e-mail lmayberry@trinityrivervision.org for more information.

OUR CITY AND OUR RIVER
The Trinity River has wound itself around the history of Fort Worth from the beginning.

Timeline highlights: 1689, 1849, 1892, 1902, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1914, 1922, 1926, 1926, 1933, 1969, 1957, 1950, 1949, 1949, 1971, 1971, 1973, 1973, 1976, 1988, 2001, 2002, 2006.

GATEWAY PARK Recreation Components

- ◆ New Soccer and Baseball/ Softball Fields
 - ◆ Site Work for Disc Golf and Mountain Bike course
 - ◆ Outdoor covered basketball courts
 - ◆ Expanded Trail System (15 miles of trails)
 - ◆ Splash park
 - ◆ Dog Park Expansion
 - ◆ Amphitheater Site Work and grading to provide the initial Infrastructure to create outdoor music venue for Fort Worth
 - ◆ Full loop equestrian trail facility
 - ◆ Water Sports
 - ◆ Fishing
 - ◆ Rowing
 - ◆ Kayak and Canoe with 4 white water elements
- ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION**
- ◆ Added 72,000 new trees
 - ◆ Gravel pits cleaned up to create a beautiful wetland environment
 - ◆ The old landfill will be compacted and graded for citizens desired recreational needs
 - ◆ Lake and wetland creation in the old drying beds of the Riverside Waste Water Treatment Plant
 - ◆ Clean up and return water to the historic Riverside Oxbow

GATEWAY PARK MASTER PLAN





COLONIAL SUPPORTS A TRAFFIC-FREE ROUTE TO 2008 TOURNAMENT

"Green" takes on a whole new meaning this year at Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial, as many to-be attendees are opting out of hectic tournament-day traffic and arriving by trail. As the first PGA tournament to initiate a Go Green! effort, Colonial is partnering with Streams and Valleys to encourage spectators to utilize the 40-mile Trinity Trail system to make the trip to the links May 24-25. Participants should exit the Tournament Trail and arrive at the Streams and Valleys tent on Rogers Road near Will Call. For each person who walks the Trinity Trail or rides from their home to the Streams and Valleys tent; the organization receives a \$10 contribution from Colonial.



TRINITY RIVER VISION TEAM GOES ON-AIR

A special Trinity River Vision update show was aired April 12 on 1360 AM – The Biz Radio Network's "Everything Fort Worth" program, hosted by Shivaun Palmer. The broadcast included a panel comprised of TRVA Executive Director JD Granger, architect Bing Thom, Streams and Valleys, Inc. Executive Director Adelaide Leavens, Fort Worth Chamber's Vice President of Economic Development David Berzina, Chairman of Downtown Fort Worth, Inc. Randy Gideon, developers Tom Struhs and Elizabeth Falconer, Fort Worth Cat's owner Carl Bell and City Councilman Danny Scarth. In case you missed this informative presentation, you can always visit <http://www.trinityrivervision.org> and view the entire program online.

The Trinity Trail's Newest Trailhead A Special Tribute to the Neighborhood It Shares



Located at 4th Street and Sylvania Avenue, the Riverside Trailhead is a welcome addition to the Trinity Trails. A knowledgeable, energetic neighborhood committee — Phyllis Allen, Kelly Allen Gray, Erma Johnson Hadley and Sarah Walker — provided valuable details that allow this trailhead to reflect the character and history of the area.

A unique public art installation, underwritten by Streams and Valleys, is two six-foot panels created by Fort Worth artist Letitia Huckaby, featuring four photographs selected to tell the story of the Riverside neighborhood.

This trailhead has Trinity River Vision Master Plan Class I amenities: sheltered picnic tables, water fountain, cooling misters and restrooms. Special thanks to several key organizations: Tarrant Regional Water District (property and construction funds), City of Fort Worth (security lighting), Tarrant County (water and paving), and Gary Kutilek (architectural design).

A dedication ceremony on December 8th included music by members of the Riverside community, presentation of the public art installation, and ribbon cutting by local officials.

Trinity Trail's new Riverside trailhead was dedicated with a ribbon cutting by local officials, music, and public art display.



Dedication turnout was good, with representatives from the Riverside neighborhood committee as well as local and state leaders.

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