

## North Cravens Community Group

**NCCG Newsletter**

neighbors building neighborhoods

**SKATE PARK MASTER PLAN****Special points of interest:**

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**Skatepark Coming to Arlington**

Due to the lack of public facilities within Arlington, many action sports enthusiasts resorted to practicing their sport on other public and private property. This activity has resulted in property damage, citations and arrests. To address this issue, the City included \$500,000 for the design and construction of a skatepark as part of a park bond program approved by voters in November 2008. Funding for construction of the skatepark is

scheduled to be available in January 2012.

**Skatepark System Master Plan** As a first step, a master plan is needed to define both feasible short-term and desirable long-term locations for skate facilities. The City of Arlington is requesting qualification proposals from professional consulting firms qualified to develop a skate system master plan. The master plan will guide the planning and development of a comprehensive network of skate facilities that will integrate with the



City's park system and provide opportunities for a wide variety of recreational activities. The consultant will assist with the analysis of existing sites for future skate facility inclusion, identification of skatepark types, development of siting criteria unique to Arlington's urban environment, and specify where and how many public skateparks would best serve Arlington. [Read more](#)

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**What is The North Cravens Community Group?**

The North Cravens Community Group has been serving the neighborhood north of Cravens Park over the past few years.. Our organization is not a homeowners group, but, rather a group of neighbors dedicated to a

safe, clean and desirable neighborhood. We do not require that you belong to any particular affiliation or possess any previous memberships to join our organization. We do ask that you support our organization

through regular participation in activities and the community watch.

Please make sure you are on the [e-mailing list](#) and ask your neighbors to participate..

## Around The Water Cooler



### **New Economic Incentive Program Encourages Arlington Homeowners to Make Property Improvements**

The Arlington Board of Realtors and the City of Arlington announce a new economic incentive for homeowners who

make substantial, capital improvements to their property.

According to Community Services Interim Director David Zappodi, homeowners who participate in the Arlington Home Improvement Incentive Pro-

gram may receive a financial incentive in the form of a rebate. The amount of the rebate is based on the amount of increase in the city portion of their property taxes following the completion of home improvements.

[Read more..](#)

## Life Work Balance

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*""Slow down and enjoy life. It's not only the scenery you miss by going too fast - you also miss the sense of where you are going and why. "*  
*Eddie Cantor*

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**Work-Life Balance Tips to reclaim control**  
**When your work life and personal life are out of balance, your stress level is likely to soar. Use these practical strategies to restore harmony.**

*By Mayo Clinic staff*

There was a time when the boundaries between work and home were fairly clear. Today, however, work is likely to invade your personal life — and maintaining work-life balance is no simple task.

Still, work-life balance isn't out of reach. Start by evaluating your relationship to work. Then apply specific strategies to help you strike a healthier balance.

[Read more..](#)

## How to Landscape a Front Yard.....

When deciding how to landscape a front yard, there are lots of questions that need to be answered before you lay a spade to soil. Taking your time to determine exactly how to landscape your front yard before you start putting in beds and planters can save you hours of frustration, and years of disappointment later on.

**Here are some ways to do it.**



## The NCCG Mission Statement

### **The mission is to preserve the Neighborhood Character**

•**Goal:** Encourage property maintenance and reinvestment in the neighborhood. In addition to maintenance of structures themselves, it is also important to maintain those aspects of the properties that contribute to the overall atmosphere of the neighborhood, primarily the lawns, shrubs, trees, fences, mailboxes

and any outbuildings on the properties. For these reasons, the neighborhood would like to focus on the following recommendations in hopes of encouraging residents to comply with City codes for the benefit of the entire neighborhood:

### **Sense of Community**

•**Goal:** To preserve the quality of life offered to neighborhood residents and to promote a sense of

pride in the community.

### **Safety and Crime Prevention**

•**Goal:** To increase safety in the neighborhood.

### **Neighborhood Traffic and Transportation**

•**Goal:** To ensure that neighborhood traffic does not adversely affect the quality of life in the neighborhood.



## The NCCG Website

### **The website**

[www.NorthCravens.com](http://www.NorthCravens.com) is designed to be a source of information and links to information. Including

- Code enforcement
- School information
- Graffiti removal
- Animal control
- And many more useful links

It also includes contact info for our City Council and The Police Officers that patrol our area. Please feel free to make suggestions for the website.

The “**our phone pole**” section is designed for notices, lost pets etc.

Please consider joining our social media pages

- [Facebook](#)
- [Twitter](#)

And don't forget Arlington's [YouTube Page](#)

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*Why is it that when you're driving and looking for an address, you turn down the volume on the radio?*

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## Arlington and Social Media.....

### **City of Arlington, Texas Launches Cutting-Edge iPhone App, Android App and Mobile Website**

Residents and visitors can now discover the best of Arlington, Texas with the new City of Arlington mobile apps. The free iPhone and Android apps, along with the new mobile website, feature on-the-go access to entertainment, recreation, shopping, jobs, city services, news, maps and more. TWITTER, FACEBOOK, MYSPACE, [NIXLE](#) & TELL-A-FRIEND INTEGRATION- Check out our live social media content right from the app, or send any page in the app to a friend.



[Click for more info](#)



**Get your team together and sign up for one of the City of Arlington's youth and adult sport leagues!**

[Click for more info...](#)

**We welcome ideas for the neighborhood including**

- . Meeting topics**
- . Newsletter topics**
- . Website ideas**

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**BECOME A VOLUNTEER**

**817-459-6869**



**Consider these volunteer opportunities.....**



[Stay Involved.....](#)

For more Crime Prevention Tips visit the Arlington Police Departments web site at [arlingtonpd.org](http://arlingtonpd.org).