



City of Dallas Trinity River Corridor Project

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News from the River

Hometown Splashdown Trinity Weekend

Get ready for the new vibe by the Trinity River!

Dust off those running shoes! 6th Annual Trinity River Levee Run March 6, 2010

The dream of having a Trinity Weekend is coming true. On March 6, two events will take place along the river on the same morning, the 6th Annual

Trinity River Levee Run and the 1st Trinity Kayak Obstacle Course. This weekend fun is planned to bring people to the river and focus their attention on learning about it.

Cold, rain, or shine, runners and outdoor enthusiasts mark your calendar for a spectacular run by the Trinity River promoted by the City of Dallas, Trinity Commons Foundation, Dallas Running Club, and Luke's Locker. The 6th Annual Trinity River Levee Run is being held on March 6 at Trammell Crow Park, 3700 Sylvan Avenue, Dallas, TX 75207. Register at www.dallasrunningclub.com. Race time is 9:00 a.m.!

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Calendar of Events

March 6, 2010

6th Annual Trinity River Levee Run
Trammell Crow Park,
3700 Sylvan Ave., Dallas, TX 75207
City of Dallas, Trinity Commons Foundation,
Dallas Running Club, Luke's Locker
Early morning 10K run by the Trinity River

\$10 for Dallas Running Club Members
\$20 for general registration
\$5 per extra T-shirt

1st Annual Hometown Splashdown
Trinity Kayak Obstacle Course
Trammell Crow Park Lake
Boats and gear are provided for this event.
Onsite registration: 8:00 a.m.
Obstacle course: 9:30 a.m. – noon
Free event

Water and winter safety: all participants and spectators are asked to wear appropriate waterproof winter clothing for these events.

For children participating in the Trinity Obstacle Course, a guardian of legal age must be present to sign their event waiver.

Zoom in on the River

A view of the events and happenings of the Trinity River



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Community View

Dallas Welcomes Vancouver's Famous Urban Designer Back to Town

During the first week of the Vancouver Olympics 2010, the commentators showed scenes from the beautiful city of Vancouver, Canada and cited that it has been named "Top City of the Americas" in Condé Nast Traveler magazine's 2009 Readers' Choice Awards, the world's "Most Livable City" by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) in 2005, and a Top 100 World Destination pick in TripAdvisor's 2008 Travelers' Choice Awards. Vancouver offers travelers both outstanding opportunities for outdoor adventure and the sophisticated amenities of a world-class city.

Understanding the success of Vancouver and its urban planning design is extremely important to note, because Larry Beasley, the former director of the Vancouver Planning Department and world-renowned urban planner was in Dallas working with the City of Dallas' CityDesign Studio in February. His focus is on West Dallas and the development of a new vision and plan for the area.

Over a two day period, Larry Beasley led groups of City staff, West Dallas business and civic leaders, and property owners in a dream session to look at the outcomes from the initial dream session that was held last year, review West Dallas Investments' objectives, take a broad view of West Dallas, and to look toward urban structure designs for that part of Dallas.

In the months ahead, Larry Beasley will work in Dallas four times a year bringing his expertise and sense of how to incorporate the best of the urban mission and natural environment to design and ultimately create magical places for people to work, live, and play.

The Dallas CityDesign Studio fronts City Hall Plaza on the second floor at 1500 Marilla, 2B South, and the windows provide inspirational views of the reflecting pool and the gorgeous 1978 Henry Moore bronze sculpture designed specifically for the plaza of the I. M. Pei designed City Hall building.

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News from the River (Con't.)

Hometown Splashdown Trinity Weekend (Con't)

The 10K Race and 2 Mile Fun Run will again include a challenge between Dallas' finest safety forces with Dallas Fire Chief Eddie Burns and Dallas Police Chief David Kunkle and their recruits vying for the challenge trophy in the Glenn Carter Safety Challenge. Please do not miss the excitement as the fire department sends out their fastest runners in an attempt to win back the coveted trophy and outrun the police recruits and chiefs!

"It's a runners dream to have access to the Dallas Levee Top Trail and run in a peaceful setting, without traffic, along the river; there is wildlife to see and wonderful city views," said Dallas Fire Rescue's Chief Eddie Burns. This year's course will once again take runners across the Continental Avenue Bridge for a close view of the construction of the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge to get a glimpse of steel in the air! "We like supporting the Glenn Carter Safety Challenge by bringing our officers and recruits to the event. This year, we plan on keeping the trophy two years straight," challenged Dallas Police Chief David Kunkle. This will be his last levee run as Chief of police. Chief Kunkle retires at the end of April.

1st Annual Hometown Splashdown Trinity Kayak Obstacle Course

Here's your chance to paddle a kayak within view of downtown Dallas! The kayak obstacle course at Trammell Crow Park will be staged at the lake at 3700 Sylvan Avenue, Dallas, TX 75207. Join us for the Splashdown!

Have you ever tried turning a 1080 in the water – that's without the Fakie! Learn about kayaks, get comfortable with PFD's (Personal Flotation Devices), and find out what paddle strokes it takes to navigate a kayak – it's all part of the fun at the Trinity Kayak Obstacle Course sponsored by the City of Dallas, Trinity Commons Foundation, CH2M Hill, and Kayak Instruction, Inc.

Lifejackets, kayaks, and paddles will be provided for this event. Each participant will be fitted with the proper size lifejacket and paddle before they get on the water,

As the Vancouver Olympics 2010 draws to an end, Texas seems to be keeping pace with the Olympic spirit and challenging themselves to some outdoor fun! For these water events during El Niño driven cold weather, it is important for participants and spectators to wear appropriate waterproof winter clothing including hats, gloves, and sturdy footwear.



Community View (Con't.)

Is it Dallas or New England? Absolutely, Dallas!

As Dallas braces for more winter weather, it has been shown time and time again that in all types of inclement weather, snow, ice, rain, wind, and even to support hurricane victims, the City of Dallas storm response team is top notch. The team includes Dallas Fire Rescue Department, Dallas Police Department, Code Compliance, Park & Recreation, Sanitation Services, Street Services, Water Utilities, and Trinity Watershed Management, Public Works and Transportation – they always rise to the challenge and shine even though the weather is cold and dreary.

During the February record-breaking snowstorm, 70,000 people were left without power for some of their home and business services. This was down from the 1 million outages in the snowstorm of 2004. While the snow was a beautiful accessory for the city and neighborhoods, and it added a fun element for people while they honed up on snowball fights and their snowman building techniques, it meant long hours and intense dedication by many City service teams.

Dallas storm response teams put the city first and their families second during the heavy snow. Even after the hundreds of trees and limbs are cut and cleared away, Sanitation's hard work continues. In the next steps, the debris is picked up and then the disposal of thousands of tons of debris begins.

The snow arrived early on February 11, and fell unceasingly, in furious flurries and tiny pellets and big fat flakes, inch upon inch until the "Great Snowstorm of 2010" became the stuff of legends; one for the record books. By 9 p.m. Thursday, a record 9.4 inches of snow had fallen at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, smashing the area's previous record for one calendar day of 7.8 inches, set in 1917 and matched in 1964! Just in time for spring gardening, mulch from the storm debris will be available for pickup at no cost. [Click here for the details.](#)

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