



News from the River

Courtesy of Laronna Doggett, Amateur Photographer

Skyline Transformation

Countless dreams and countless hours of time by hundreds of people went into this day when two signature bridges span the Trinity River, the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge and the Margaret McDermott Bridge, both designed by Santiago Calatrava.

The bridges do not change the fact that the Dallas Floodway is crossed by other vehicular bridges and urban infrastructure, nor do they turn the Trinity into the mighty Colorado River. However, these beautiful bridges have changed the conversation about this place and garnered interest in Dallas' natural resources. These resources are once again a part of our thoughts and hopes for the City and it is not in small part due to the functional architecture of the bridges.

At 3:20 a.m. on Saturday, August 22, the Dallas skyline was changed by the placement of the center steel segment on the first arch of the Margaret McDermott Bridge. While still months away from completion, the new arch is a sign of important progress for the Horseshoe Project.

Mayor Pro Tem Alonzo and family members, Councilmember Callahan and City Manager A.C. Gonzalez were on hand to see Texas Department of Transportation's contractor, American Bridge, perform a flawless installation of 225 tons of steel over the Trinity River.

News From The River can't on page 2 >



Calendar of Events

Continental Avenue Bridge West Dallas Gateway

Daily Programs Available
109 Continental Avenue, Dallas TX 75207
Dallascontinentalbridge.com

Showing thru October 31, 2015
The Trinity: Journey of Discovery
Art Travelers Gallery Dallas Love Field
3001 W. Mockingbird Lane
Dallas, TX 75235

October 2015

T.R.U.E. Team Cleaning
Clean-up after the flood!
Contact us for dates and times
www.trinityrivercorridor.com

September 25 – October 18, 2015

State Fair of Texas
www.bigtex.com

October 15, 2015

Texas Horse Park
Free Third Thursday
www.texashorsepark.com

October 15, 2015

Trinity River Photo Contest
Contest Closes for Submissions
www.trinityriverphotocontest.com

October 24, 2015

Trinity River Wind Festival
146 Commerce Street
Dallas, TX 75207
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Free event, parking for a fee
www.trinityriverwindfestival.com



> Center Steel



> T.R.U.E. Team



> Wind Fest Flyer



> Trinity Overlook



> Dallas Love Field Exhibit



> Stormwater Management News

Click on photos to enlarge

Community View

Autumn Winds for Kite Flying

We're happy to announce the Trinity River Wind Festival is rescheduled for Saturday, October 24 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. It will be held in the Dallas Floodway at 146 W. Commerce Street.

The free event offers a number of family attractions such as Troy Gunn and Team TKO International Stunt Kite Flyers, Gayle and Christian Woodul and their big inflatable kites, Dallas Area Kite Flyers Association, wild birds and zoo animals, bounce houses, face painters, City of Dallas free kite giveaway, North Texas Hang/Para Gliding Association, and many other attractions. See you there!
www.trinityriverwindfestival.com

What is T.R.U.E.?

For a number of years, thousands of volunteers have been coming to the Trinity River corridor to get acquainted with the river that flows through Dallas and to lend a helping hand. For many, it may have been their first visit but most people find something to love about the corridor and return either to volunteer again or for recreation.

Thanks to all these helping hands, thousands of discarded tires and hundreds of tons of trash and debris have been removed. Volunteers helped with restoration work such as invasive species removal and the installation of native plants and trees. They have also helped install miles of soft surface trail for multi-purpose recreational use.

After the recent heavy rains, the timing was right to establish a long-term legacy for volunteer projects within the Trinity River corridor. We wish to continue engaging groups and volunteers and to push on with the clean-up after the floods. Trinity Watershed Management created the Trinity River Urban Environment (T.R.U.E) Program. This year, there have already been eight cleanings with thousands of volunteer hours counted. In the next issue, learn more about T.R.U.E. and such amazing service projects as Freedom Day which took place on September 11.

How T.R.U.E are you to the environment and the natural resources in Dallas? My Trinity invites everyone to consider volunteering or sign-up your company, organization or resources for the largest urban green space in the U.S.!

Recreation

Audubon Center
The Texas Buckeye Trail
Texas Horse Park at the Trinity

Interagency Partners

FWHA
NTCOG
NTTA
TxDOT
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Trinity River Corridor Foundations

Trinity Trust Foundation
Trinity Commons Foundation

City Hall Update

- > [City of Dallas Council Agendas](#)
- > [City of Dallas Council Briefings](#)
- > [Transportation & Trinity River Project Agendas & Briefings](#)



News From The River (Cont.)

Forest Trail Connections For \$11 Million

As part of the Dallas Floodway Extension Project, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has contributed \$5 million for trails and this was matched by \$5 million from the City of Dallas.

To support the City in their match, fundraising efforts by The Trinity Trust Foundation has raised \$1.45 million in a short period of time. The donors include: Oncor – \$1 million; Vin and Caren Prothro Foundation - \$400,000; Tenet healthcare - \$25,000; and in memory of Dick Bass: \$25,000. Another \$1 million was contributed by the City of Dallas for erosion control bringing the total amount for the seven miles of new trail to \$11 million.

Walkers, bikers and runners will venture out into the largest urban hardwood forest in the U.S. enjoying trail from Great Trinity Forest Horse Trails and Gateway at Dowdy Ferry Road in Southern Dallas to Cedar Creek (near Moore Park Gateway and the Santa Fe Trestle Trail) in Oak Cliff.

The new trail alignments will be part of the planned Trinity Forest Spine Trail system and the existing Trinity Skyline Trail which features stunning downtown vistas.

Of the \$1.45 million raised, the City Council approved \$650,000 on August 26, and \$800,000 will go before Council for approval this fall.

Gail Thomas, president and CEO of The Trinity Trust, said, "Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings has focused his efforts on the GrowSouth campaign. Thank you to the donors who gave to the community for access to nature, and thank you to the Corps and the City for putting a priority on trails."

Trinity Parkway Update



The project for the Trinity Parkway moved to a new phase when in February 2015, Larry Beasley, urban designer led a panel of experts convened to review the planned 3C design for the road. The purpose of the review was to take a fresh look at the plan and to recommend the lowest impacts to the environment in the Dallas Floodway with highest benefits possible for Dallas.

The findings were presented by Mr. Beasley at the April 2015 luncheon of the Trinity Commons Foundation. He proposed twenty ideas to be considered for modifying the road to a smaller footprint, a park access road, rather than multi-lane tolled road. These findings are known as the "Dream Team" report.

Public meetings were held this summer to gain input. The comments and presentations from the public meetings can be found on [Mayor Rawlings Web site](#).

On August 12, 2015, the Dallas City Council voted unanimously to approve the following [amendment](#) regarding the Trinity Parkway and Trinity Lakes funding. The amendment was proposed by Councilmember Adam McGough.

The public comments to formulate if they can be achieved within the context of current Record of Decisions and approved Environmental Impact Statements. "[Trinity Parkway & Park Progress Report](#)" was presented on September 15, 2015 to the City Council.

In addition, the Mayor has created the opportunity for Trinity Urban Park planning and the technical review to occur simultaneously. Park planning is privately sponsored by The Trinity Trust (made possible by contributions from Deedie and Rusty Rose) and it will include how the Park interfaces with the Parkway and surrounding neighborhoods.

The briefing also outlines anticipated next steps for the Trinity Phase I Lakes.

You're going to love the view!

VOICE OF THE RIVER



BIG SPRING

(a natural spring water pond)

located in Dallas, Texas



Dallas' rich history equals amazing hidden gems such as the natural water spring located near the Texas Horse Park. Big Spring quenched the thirst of many travelers including in the fall of 1843, Republic of Texas President Sam Houston and his Indian Treaty Delegation.

Photographer's Point of View

The 2015 Trinity River Photo Contest is in progress. With cooler weather here, plan a visit to the Trinity River corridor and step into the shaded tree canopy of Great Trinity Forest at the Trinity River Audubon Center, Texas Horse Park, Trinity Forest Trails, Lower Chain of Wetlands, or the Texas Buckeye Trail. Come visit the river, too, at the Continental Avenue Bridge and West Dallas Gateway, Trinity Skyline Trail, Trinity Overlook, or Santa Fe Trestle Trail.

While making those memories, be sure to capture them on camera and submit to the contest. We're taking photo submissions until midnight on October 15 for the Trinity River Photo Contest.

Visit www.trinityriverphotocontest.com for the details.

