

# Arlington, Texas: Get to Know Us!

**Arlington, Texas** grew out of a trading post known as Johnson Station, a regular stopping point on the westward trek for national politicians, stagecoaches, the mail and other travelers. When the Texas and Pacific Railway decided to build a rail through the area, Arlington soon took on all the trappings of a frontier town—false front buildings, saloons and gambling. Arlington's town charter was approved in 1884. In 1895, Arlington College was established, ultimately becoming the University of Texas at Arlington.

In the 1950's, the face and fortune of Arlington changed forever with the vision of Judge Tom Vandergriff, who would serve as mayor for twenty-five years. While attending the University of Southern California, he watched Disneyland take root. He believed Arlington's geographic



In the 1800s, a mineral well in Arlington was reported to have healing powers. Tourists came from all over to fill their canteens.

Then-Mayor Vandergriff was instrumental in bringing the Six Flags vision to Arlington



location was the ideal place for a similar theme park venture. In 1961, the original Six Flags Over Texas opened to the public and now draws over two million visitors a year, making it one of the top tourist destinations in the state.

In 1972, the Washington Senators became known as the Texas Rangers in the old Arlington Stadium. In 1994, the Rangers Ballpark in Arlington opened to great acclaim. This year, the new \$1.2 billion Dallas Cowboys Stadium will open just across from Rangers Ballpark. This retractable-roof giant will host a variety of high-profile concerts, conventions and sporting events, like Super Bowl XLV in 2011.

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**Arlington** sits between Fort Worth and Dallas and is at the crossroads of seven major interstate highways.

- Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport - 10 minutes away; the world's third busiest airport, and most Arlington hotels provide transportation to and from terminals, [www.dfwairport.com](http://www.dfwairport.com)
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