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# IN VIEW > DOWNTOWN FORT WORTH

In View is the quarterly newsletter of the Fort Worth Public Improvement District #1 and #14 (PID). PID is a service of Downtown Fort Worth, Inc. (DFWI)

## TEXAS A&M FORT WORTH

Texas A&M University has taken major strides toward its Downtown expansion and will encourage more development in the PID. The new campus will be called Texas A&M Fort Worth and groundbreaking on the first of three new buildings is expected this June. In response to corporate interest in the project, inflation, and other issues, the TAMU Board of Regents increased the investment for the first building, Law & Education, from \$85 million to \$150 million. Read more here: <http://bit.ly/41emVvv>.



## CLEAN TEAM ON THE STREET

PID Clean Team members and contractors are hard at work sweeping sidewalks, emptying trash, painting light poles and street signs, trimming tree limbs, blowing leaves, replacing tree lights, planting and watering flowers, fertilizing and mowing grass, weed eating, removing graffiti and stickers, cleaning bus shelters, sweeping curbs and gutters, repairing sidewalk planter bricks, refilling dog bag stations, hanging banners, displacing birds and pressure washing sidewalks. These duties and more are all in a day's work for the PID crews out on the street keeping Downtown beautiful for workers, residents, and visitors! For special assistance from the PID, contact Matt Beard at 817-501-2026.

## FORT WORTH CENTRAL LIBRARY

June 30, 2023, marks the end of an era as the Fort Worth Central Library closes its doors at 500 W. Third St. The City of Fort Worth continues its search for an interim space ranging from 5,000 – 15,000 SF. To learn more about the events of the Fort Worth Central Library, contact 817-392-7323.



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TABC Total Receipts for Downtown Fort Worth



## RETAIL RECOVERY

Downtown Fort Worth restaurants have recovered significantly from the pandemic's decline. Used as a proxy to gauge restaurant sales, TABC alcohol statistics show sales up \$3.3M in 2022 from pre-covid year 2019.

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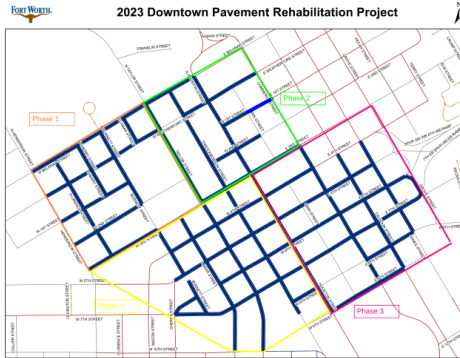


*PID #1 and PID #14 are  
managed by Downtown  
Fort Worth, Inc.*

## DOWNTOWN RESURFACING

The Downtown Pavement Rehabilitation Project is underway. Damaged sidewalks, driveway aprons, curbs, and gutters will be repaired. New ADA-compliant curb ramps and installation of asphalt roadways/pavement markings will also be completed.

If you are a property or business owner in the areas shown above, contact Project Manager Tariqul Islam, and/or City Inspector Chant Kechichian to coordinate accessibility and ask questions.



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## ANNUAL REPORT

Thank you to the sponsors, speakers, and attendees of DFWT's 41st Annual Meeting presented by Arca Continental Coca-Cola Southwest Beverages. Congratulations to John Goff and Texas A&M School of Law Dean Bobby Ahdieh for receiving the 2023 Trailblazer Awards. Both have propelled the economic development of Downtown through the expansion of Texas A&M Fort Worth. Our keynote speaker, Robert Rowling, shared his thoughts about Downtown and the Omni's expansion plans. Progress in fulfilling the objectives of Plan 2023 was highlighted during the meeting and in the 2022 Annual Report. Find the full report at [dfwi.org/about/publications](https://dfwi.org/about/publications).

## 2023 DOWNTOWN RESIDENTIAL SURVEY

DFWI is fielding a residential survey to enhance our understanding of who lives Downtown and how we can improve Downtown for residents. Downtown residents will receive a survey link in the mail soon. Participation in this survey will help us and all our Downtown improvement partners as decisions are made to improve the Downtown neighborhood. If you live Downtown, be on the lookout for a postcard with the survey QR code and an ID code allowing you to participate.

## DO DOWNTOWN SUMMER EVENTS

Here are a few things to DO this summer in Downtown Fort Worth! For our full event calendar, visit [dfwi.org/events](https://dfwi.org/events).



Panther Island Pavilion's #1 voted Water Lantern Festival | **June 24, 2023, at 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.**



Four Day Weekend voted "Best Comedy Club" and named "Best Entertainment Experience in Texas." | **Fridays at 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 7:00 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.**



Pasta Making Class at il Modo | **July 6, and August 10 at 7:00 p.m.**



Keith & Margo's Murder in Sundance Square - An Immersive Mystery Dinner Theatre Experience at Aloft Hotel | **June 17, July 1, July 15, July 29, and August 12 at 7:00 p.m.**



Escape the Room Fort Worth - Test your wits and problem-solving skills to find out if you can escape the room before time runs out | **Open daily**



Summer Day Camps at the Amon G. Carter, Jr. Downtown YMCA | **June 12 – August 4**



## NEW IN THE PID



### HER STORY

HerStory Gallery is an exhibition of wearable art designed by women globally. These wearable stories offer a diverse range of luxury products that celebrate generations of craftsmanship. Stop by and shop these incredible pieces and learn new stories along the way!

Find HerStory at 333 Houston St. and on social media @SupportHerStory.



### LOOKOUT HILL

Lookout Hill is a yarn and art supplies store new to Downtown Fort Worth. Stop in and get in touch with your creativity.

Find Lookout Hill at 316 Main St. and on social media @LookoutHillFW.



### LA' CREAMIAN

Check out this brand-new ice cream and coffee shop located in the heart of Downtown! Indulge in the sweetest taste of La' Creamian ultra-premium ice cream.

Find La' Creamian at 215 W 8th St. and on social media @LaCreamian.



### JON SMITH SUBS

Check out Downtown's newest sub shop! This new shop is a must-try with unique flavors, fresh high-quality, and freshly baked bread. Add Jon Smith Subs to your lunchtime routine.

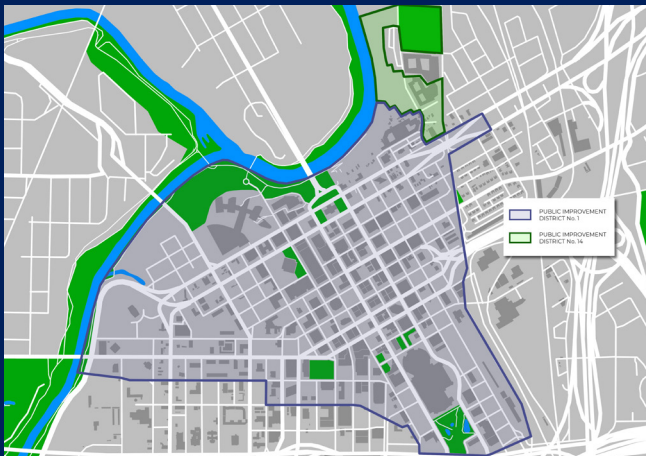
Find Jon Smith Subs at 411 West 7th St. #100 and on social media @JonSmithSubs.

### HOPSCOTCH

Check out this fun new addition to Downtown! Hopscotch is a new snack bar located in Sundance Square that features a wide selection of beverages, boozy and non-alcoholic, as well as a kid (and adult) friendly menu including hot dogs, popcorn, chili dogs, Frito pie, sno-cones, cakes by the slice and giant cookies. Swing by and check them out Wednesday-Sundays from noon-10 p.m.!

Find Hopscotch at 101 W 3rd St.

PID 1 and PID 14  
boundaries map >



## PID ADVISORY BOARDS

### PID #1 ADVISORY BOARD

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### NEXT PID #1 2023 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING:

July 26, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Downtown Fort Worth, Inc.  
 777 Taylor Street, Suite 100  
 Fort Worth, TX 76102  
 Fiscal Year 2023 assessment rate for PID 1 is \$0.13 per \$100 of property value.

*All current meeting information can be found at [dfwi.org/about/pid](http://dfwi.org/about/pid)*

### PID #14 ADVISORY BOARD

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**Anthony Renda** - Trinity Bluff Development, LTD.

### NEXT PID #14 2023 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING:

July 27, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Advisory Board Meetings will be held at the DFWI office unless otherwise noted:  
 777 Taylor Street, Suite 100  
 Fort Worth, TX 76102  
 Fiscal Year 2023 assessment rate for PID 14 is \$0.10 per \$100 of property value.

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# DOWNTOWN AMBASSADORS ON THE STREETS

MARCH – MAY 2023

23,231 hospitality  
assists



218 clean team  
referrals

60 motorist  
assists

2,371 business  
contacts

84 umbrella  
escorts

747 homeless  
outreach



189 safety  
escorts



**DOWNTOWN AMBASSADORS HOURS:**  
Sunday–Saturday • 7AM–12AM

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On-Duty Supervisor: (817) 484-3723

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## MAIN ST. FORT WORTH ARTS FESTIVAL

The 2023 MAIN ST. Fort Worth Arts Festival, presented by PNC Bank, welcomed thousands of art lovers to Downtown Fort Worth! **Thank you** to the sponsors, artists, performers, vendors, volunteers, and attendees for making this year's art festival such a success.



FORT WORTH ARTS FESTIVAL 23  
**MAIN ST**  
APRIL 20-23 | ART.MUSIC.FOOD.

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## SHINING BRIGHT IN BURNETT

Jonathan Borofsky's monumental Man with Briefcase is shining brighter in Downtown Fort Worth. New theatrical lighting was installed by DFWII to better illuminate the 50-foot brushed aluminum sculpture on 7th Street in Burnett Park. Many thanks to Red Oak Realty and First on 7th for making this possible.

Save the dates for next year:  
April 18-21, 2024.