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CITY BEGINS CONTRIBUTIONS TO BALLPARK CONSTRUCTION COSTS

The City of Arlington began making its public contribution toward construction of Globe Life Field earlier this year. The City successfully sold $465.4 million in bonds in March 2018 to fully fund the voter-approved contribution of $500 million to the Texas Rangers’ $1.1 billion retractable-roof ballpark, which opens in 2020. Between March 21 and May 23, the City made four payments totaling $91.9 million to the Texas Rangers for construction costs.

These bonds will be repaid with revenue generated by three existing venue taxes – a half-cent sales tax, a 2 percent hotel occupancy tax and a 5 percent vehicle rental tax, along with the $2 million a year in rent for the ballpark that will be paid by the Texas Rangers beginning in 2020. These venue taxes are also being used to pay down the City’s remaining debt on AT&T Stadium, home of the Dallas Cowboys.

Arlington’s contribution to the ballpark project is fully funded at $500 million, as the City received a premium for the tax-exempt bonds. Payment certificates toward the ballpark’s public contribution are posted on the City of Arlington’s Ballpark Project webpage under the Ballpark Documents section.

GLOBE LIFE FIELD TIMELINE

**2018**

**JUNE**
- Continuation of pouring decks on suite and main concourse level

**JULY**
- Start club level interior construction

**AUGUST**
- Completion of North Plaza

**SEPTEMBER**
- Start main concourse interior construction (thru December 2019)

**2019**

**OCTOBER**
- Start Roof Truss construction

**FEBRUARY**
- Start exterior skin

**MARCH**
- Bowl seating begins (thru September 2019)

**APRIL**
- Concrete structure complete

**2020**

**AUGUST**
- Fixed low roof complete

**2020**

**JANUARY**
- Concession area complete
- Operable roof complete

**FEBRUARY**
- Playing field complete

**MARCH**
- First events and games
JIM WATRY

The City of Arlington’s Office of Communication recently talked to Texas Live! Chief Operating Officer Jim Watry about the excitement surrounding the $250 million entertainment complex, set to open later this summer in Arlington’s Entertainment District.

Watry brings more than 20 years of experience in the dining, entertainment and hospitality industry to this role, as well as a long history of community and philanthropic involvement.

Prior to Texas Live!, Watry served as Chief Operating Officer of Ballpark Village, a dynamic sports-anchored dining and entertainment district in St. Louis, MO in partnership between The Cordish Companies and St. Louis Cardinals. Due to the success of Ballpark Village under his leadership since opening in 2014, a $260 million second phase is currently under construction. The 700,000 square foot expansion will complete a full built out of Clark Street, transforming it into a vibrant 24/7 urban neighborhood for downtown St. Louis.
The Texas Rangers hosted a Q&A for fans in May about construction of the $1.1 billion, retractable-roof Globe Life Field in Arlington.

Rob Matwick, Texas Rangers vice president of business operations, and Jack Hill, senior vice president of project development, answered all the questions surrounding the construction of the ballpark, which is set to open just south of the current Globe Life Park in 2020. The ballpark, which will have approximately 40,000 seats, will include a retractable roof for climate control and shelter for fans during the hot summer months.

Here’s a recap of those questions:

Q: Is excavation still going on?
A: Excavation is pretty much complete. You’ll see a dirt pile, but they are going to use that back into the site. There will be more truck loads removed from Texas Live!, but the majority of excavation was completed earlier this year.

Q: When will we see progress at ground level?
A: In a little less than a month you’ll start to see some steel columns going up.

Q: How many people are working on Globe Life Field?
A: On site we have about 500 workers, today. Those numbers will grow as construction progresses, growing toward 1,500 workers on-site.

Q: Will the stadium feel open, even when the roof is closed?
A: The stadium will feel very open. You can tell from the renderings how much glass is anticipated at the ballpark. There is a glass-like panel in the top of the roof. One thing that we think will differentiate this stadium from a lot of others is how open it’s going to feel.

Q: Do you have pricing set for Globe Life Field?
A: We’re working on pricing. I can’t say that they’re set at this stage, but they’re in progress. With baseball, and 81 games, we understand that we need to be affordable for everyone. Families are still very important to us, bring your wife, kids, your friends, your neighbors, that’s still a very important part of what we do and we’re committed to making sure that we have affordable prices for everyone.

Q: Will there be an opportunity ahead of time to pick our seats?
A: As season ticket holders, yes. You will have priority to choose your seats.

Q: Will Globe Life Field be able to host events other than Rangers baseball games?
A: Another advantage to having a roof and being able to control climate is that it will make the building useful 365 days a year. Obviously Rangers baseball is first and foremost, but when the field isn’t being used for baseball, we certainly want to use it for other things.

Q: What is going to happen to the current ballpark, Globe Life Park?
A: We’re entertaining a few ideas. You probably saw in the paper that we were one of the few North Texas sites for consideration by Amazon. We actually hosted Amazon here in February. The city put on a great presentation, unfortunately it didn’t go our way, but there are several great sites in Dallas-Fort Worth left. I think it sort of proved to us that there are opportunities either for a corporate relocation, or some other activation with the field space. We’ve said throughout, since 2016, the building will remain. We love this façade.

Fans can visit the Hilti Observation Deck during any Rangers Home Game. The Hilti Observation Deck is located on the upper right field concourse, behind section 341.
Baseball fans who headed out to the ballpark for the Texas Rangers opening weekend also had a chance to check out Arlington’s autonomous shuttle service, known as Milo.

This free shuttle service was available on a first-come, first-serve basis before and after games during the four-day home series.

Arlington is leasing two electric, 12-passenger shuttle vehicles from EasyMile as part of a one-year pilot program to explore autonomous transportation technology in a real-world setting. The wheelchair-accessible shuttles operate before and after major events at AT&T Stadium and Globe Life Park as well as during public demo rides that occur approximately once a month. Overall, the City of Arlington has operated Milo during 91 events combined between August 2017 and May 2018.

These low-speed, battery-operated shuttles follow a pre-programmed route along a section of the concrete trail that runs through the Richard Greene and Robert Cluck linear parks. Passengers are picked up and dropped off at designated stops along the trail.

Because of ongoing construction of the $250 million Texas Live! entertainment complex and the future Globe Life Field, the Milo shuttle route is currently using the section of trail near the Caelum Moor sculpture north of Randol Mill Road and west of Globe Life Park.

Signs along the route instruct walkers, joggers and others sharing the path to keep their distance from the moving shuttles. But even if someone or something were to stray into a Milo’s path, the vehicles are outfitted with numerous safety features that prevent it from bumping into bikes, pedestrians or obstacles on the trails.

For more information, please visit www.arlingtontx.gov/milo.
At the Park with Chuck is a new series on MyArlingtonTV offering Rangers fans a behind-the-scenes look at Globe Life Field construction, fan events and the progress being made at the Texas Live! entertainment complex. The show is hosted by Chuck Morgan, the team’s Executive Vice President of Ballpark Entertainment and Productions and Public Address Announcer.

Current episodes include:

- **At the Park with Chuck: Fan Excitement for Globe Life Field**
- **At The Park With Chuck: Longtime Season Ticket Holder Mike Morris**
- **At The Park With Chuck: Texas Rangers Fan & Employee, Alexis Guzman**
- **At The Park With Chuck: The Quintela Family**
- **At The Park With Chuck: Globe Life Field Construction**
Roberts Trucking crews worked six days a week, around the clock for a three-month period to haul off truckload after truckload of dirt from the future Globe Life Field construction site.

By the end of the massive excavation job, the company had removed more than 1 million cubic yards of dirt to make way for the Texas Rangers' new $1.1 billion, retractable-roof baseball stadium.

Roberts Trucking, founded in 1979 by Arthur Roberts, Sr., is the largest African-American owned construction materials hauling company in North Texas. The company has grown over the years, expanding its services into excavating and demolition. Today, Roberts Trucking operates more than 300 construction trucks and trailers in the DFW market.

Roberts learned about the ballpark project in Arlington’s Entertainment District through the Regional Black Contractors Association. The ACARI Management Group, he added, was instrumental in arranging a meeting between his firm and the Manhattan Construction Company, which is the general contractor for the ballpark, to discuss subcontracting possibilities.

The Texas Rangers selected ACARI Management Group to help ensure the Rangers meet MWBE contract goals set by the City of Arlington as part of the public-private partnership to build the ballpark.

“The MWBE goal of 25 percent is commendable and clear shows the City of Arlington is committed to equality and growth opportunities for everyone,” said Roberts, adding that his company’s role working on the high-profile ballpark project has already led to other contracts in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

“I am proud to have had my company participate on the project.”

MWBE FAST FACTS

The City of Arlington is working with the Texas Rangers and The Cordish Companies to ensure the diversity of the workforce for both the future ballpark and the Texas Live! development.

Texas Live!
$9.6 million, or 75 percent of the total awarded contract dollars, has been awarded to minority and women-owned businesses as of March 2018.

Globe Life Field
$173 million, or 25 percent of the total awarded contract dollars, has been awarded to MWBE firms as of April 2018.
Cowboys Legend Troy Aikman Announces New Restaurant

Troy Aikman recently unveiled exciting details for his first restaurant and entertainment concept — Troy’s — that will open later this summer at Texas Live! in Arlington’s Entertainment District.

Plans for the venue were shared by Aikman as part of an exclusive first look at the construction progress of Texas Live!, the $250 million world-class dining, entertainment and hospitality district being developed in partnership between the Texas Rangers, The Cordish Companies and the City of Arlington. Troy’s will join the likes of Arlington Backyard, Live! Arena, Rangers Republic, the country’s flagship PBR Country Bar, Revolver Brewing and Lockhart Smokehouse in anchoring Texas Live!

Designed by internationally-acclaimed Jeffrey Beers International, the space will flow from a refined rustic interior inspired from some of the best beer halls in Texas and the country to an expansive, lush outdoor patio space centered around a beautiful Live Oak tree. An indoor/outdoor stage in the middle will welcome live music seven days a week featuring a variety of local and regional acts. Additionally, Troy’s will feature a major LED display for a premier sports viewing experience.
Texas Live! is going social ahead of its opening this summer in Arlington’s world-class Entertainment District. Follow these social media accounts if you want to keep up with the latest news and announcements for the $250 million entertainment complex.

The opportunity to be a part of a world-class development in the heart of America’s Capital of Sports and Entertainment is incredibly exciting for me,” stated Troy Aikman. “We are working to create the perfect blend of dining and socializing that I hope people will love for years to come.”

Local guests and out of town visitors will enjoy an elevated menu at Troy’s, based upon Aikman’s personal favorites including gourmet burgers with bold flavors and specialty margaritas made from the freshest ingredients. The menu will showcase several healthy lunch and dinner options, shareable sides, a selection of craft cocktails and a curated collection of wine and beer.

Cowboys Legend Troy Aikman discusses his new Arlington restaurant with local media.

“We could not be more honored that Troy Aikman decided to open his first restaurant at Texas Live!,” said Reed Cordish, Principal of The Cordish Companies. “His plans for the concept are outstanding and we know that it will be a wonderful addition to Texas Live! and Arlington Entertainment District.”

Every new announcement for Texas Live! is adding something special to the district, said Rob Matwick, Executive Vice President of Business Operations for the Texas Rangers.

“Troy’s will be an iconic addition and will quickly become a favorite for local residents and out of town guests,” Matwick said.
Texas Live! on Pace to Open This Summer

The $250 million Texas Live! entertainment complex is on pace for a summer grand opening, offering visitors to Arlington’s Entertainment District exciting new options for live music, food and drinks and a great time.

Texas Live! will feature 200,000 square feet of dining and entertainment space, a 5,000-capacity outdoor event pavilion called Arlington Backyard, and the flagship Live! by Loews hotel, which opens in summer 2019.

MyArlingtonTV and local media were invited to tour Texas Live!, which will include Lockhart Smokehouse, flagship PBR Cowboys Bar, a Guy Fieri restaurant, and a newly announced gourmet burger restaurant owned by Cowboys legend Troy Aikman.

Aikman applauded Arlington, the Texas Rangers and The Cordish Companies for creating another dynamic destination for residents, sports fans and tourists and said he was excited to be opening his first restaurant at Texas Live! this summer.

“This complex between the two stadiums is going to be unlike anything else. It really all comes together and makes for a great experience for the fans,” Aikman said inside his future restaurant space during Tuesday’s Texas Live! tour. “What a treasure for the City of Arlington to put to be able to on display. It’s tremendous. Arlington should be proud, residents should be proud.”

With more than $1.25 billion in new investment between Texas Live! and the future retractable-roof ballpark for the Texas Rangers, Reed Cordish said there’s nothing in the country that can compete with what The American Dream City has to offer.

“This is going to be a great place for locals, a regional draw and a true national draw,” said Cordish, principal of The Cordish Companies.

Construction is also well under way on the 14-story Live! by Loews hotel. The flagship hotel with 302 rooms and 35,000 square feet of meeting/convention space is set to open in summer 2019. The iconic tower, designed by Globe Life Field architects HKS, will feature several unique resort-style spaces and amenities and multiple restaurant and bars, including the local Revolver Brewery.

“As massive as this first phase of Texas Live! is, we and the Rangers and the City feel like this is only the beginning of what we can accomplish here,” Cordish said.
The multibillion-dollar Texas Live! development project, including Globe Life Field and Live! by Loews, has been named the Dallas Business Journal’s “Best Real Estate Deal” of 2017.

The DBJ program highlights the very best in commercial real estate in North Texas across 20 categories and hundreds of nominations. In addition to the DBJ's top real estate award, the Texas Live! development also won Best Real Estate Deal in the Sports and Entertainment category. This project, being developed by the Texas Rangers and The Cordish Companies, will feature more than 200,000 square feet of best-in-class restaurants, retail and entertainment venues. Texas Live! will be anchored by Live! by Loews, a 302-room luxury hotel with a 35,000-square-foot conference center.
Miracle League DFW Helps Children’s Baseball Dreams Come True

Opening Day for the 2018 Miracle League DFW was Saturday, March 24, 2018 at the Doug Inman Miracle League Field in Arlington’s Randol Mill Park.

Special needs children of all ages and all abilities got to chance to don major league baseball uniforms and enjoy a day in the sun while their parents cheered them on from the stands. Matt and Amanda Cobb have been doing just that for their 8-year-old son William since he was 3.

“The Miracle League does an excellent job making sports accessible to children with special needs,” Amanda Cobb said. “It gives them the opportunity to enjoy the game.”

Catherine Carlton, whose 9-year-old son Scotty is on William’s team, talked about how much her son enjoyed being on the field.

“He gets so excited to get up to bat. The best part for him is the applause from the fans,” Carlton said.

Doug Inman Field is named after the late Doug Inman, who had an idea for building this field of dreams back in 2004.

“My dad was watching a news program about a specially designed field that had been built for special needs kids up north and wanted to bring something like it to Texas,” said Inman’s daughter Bonnie Roden, who, along with her husband Tripp, are 2018 Miracle League Board Members. “With help from the Texas Rangers and other local sponsors to provide the funding and the City of Arlington, which donated the land for the field, Dad’s dream came to fruition.”

The field is made of a cushioned rubber material that’s completely level so that the kids can easily run, walk, or move in a wheelchair from base to base. For many of these players, it’s their first time being able to play baseball. “Buddies” help them bat, go from base to base, and play their positions. Coaches organize the teams, manage practices, and help players learn about the game of baseball.

League volunteers try to make it as authentic an experience as possible, with real MLB player uniforms and having the players name announced as they come up to bat. For blind players, there’s even a ball that beeps to help them locate it. Currently, approximately 300 local special-needs children play on Saturdays during the six-week seasons in the spring and fall.

“The field has lights and we do have the ability to play during the week, so there’s still plenty of room for more players and volunteers,” Roden said.

For more information on Miracle League DFW, and to become a volunteer, visit www.miracleleaguedfw.com.
Briefs

On-Site Safety Inspections for Texas Live! Under Way

City of Arlington police and fire officials continue working closely with the Texas Rangers and The Cordish Companies to ensure the safety and security of the future Globe Life Field and the new Texas Live! entertainment complex, which opens this summer.

A team of public safety members, tasked with making recommendations on issues ranging from security enhancements to communications technology, has reviewed plans for the $1.1 billion retractable-roof ballpark six times as of June 2018.

Additionally, the City is working with the Rangers to install a fiber optic communication line to the venue, which will allow public safety team members to access Entertainment District cameras, computer equipment and other critical technology without the need to rely on the stadium’s wi-fi. Two-way radio communication is also a priority. The City has asked the Rangers and The Cordish Companies to install repeaters at the new ballpark and at Texas Live! to ensure first responders don’t encounter dead spots when trying to communicate via radio.

The City is also working to ensure the Texas Live! development opens on time in August without public safety or security issues. On-site inspections began in early May, with public safety team members looking at fire alarms and fire suppression systems, appropriately placed exit signs, adequate access for fire trucks, and other areas of life safety.

On-site public safety inspections of the flagship Live! by Loews hotel, which is under construction next to Texas Live!, will begin later this year. The hotel and conference center is set to open in 2019.

Permitting Reviews Continue for Texas Live!, Ballpark Projects

The City of Arlington continues working closely with the Texas Rangers and The Cordish Companies on the necessary permits for both projects.

Arlington is currently reviewing permits for kiosks that will be located in the North Plaza, just north of the future ballpark. The City has also reviewed and approved 40 sign permits for the Texas Live! entertainment complex, which is set to open this August.

Additionally, the City continues to work on a series of easements for the Texas Live!, Live! by Loews and Globe Life Field projects to coordinate for the installation of the required infrastructure and utilities.

Lastly, the City has signed off on the required liquor permit for Texas Live!, which is now awaiting approval by the state.

Texas Live! Hiring Events Draw Hundreds of Job Seekers

Hundreds of job seekers attended Texas Live! hiring events on April 26 and June 13 at Globe Life Park in Arlington.

The hiring events featured opportunities of all types, from entry level to management. Men and women of all ages applied for positions ranging from servers, cooks and bartenders to music entertainment specialists, marketing and promotional managers.

Texas Live!, which opens this summer, is anticipated to create 1,025 permanent jobs in Arlington.
HISTORIC MOMENTS
In Rangers History

Games 4 and 5 of the 2011 World Series — October 23-24, 2011

Down 2-1 in the 2011 World Series against the St. Louis Cardinals, the Rangers entered Game 4 in Arlington determined not to fall behind 3-1 in the series. In Game 4, the Rangers were led by a masterful pitching performance from lefty Derek Holland. Holland pitched 8 1/3 shutout innings and struck out seven batters. Mike Napoli also homered as the Rangers went on to even up the series with a 4-0 victory. In Game 5, also played in Arlington, the Rangers were tied 2-2 in the 8th inning, when they scored two late runs on a double by Mike Napoli to win 4-2. Darren Oliver capped off the dramatic victory, earning the win in relief. While the Rangers went on to lose the World Series four games to three to the Cardinals, the back-to-back wins to take a series lead at home are certainly one of the more memorable moments in Rangers postseason history.

CITY OF ARLINGTON RECOGNIZED FOR HOME PLATE UPDATE PUBLICATION

Home Plate Update, a joint project by the City of Arlington’s Office of Communications and the Texas Rangers, was recently awarded top honors by the Texas Association of Municipal Information Officers.

The quarterly publication, dedicated to informing citizens about everything happening with the $1.1 billion ballpark and Texas Live! entertainment complex, received a TAMI Award in the Tech Services – Electronic Newsletter or Magazine category for cities with populations over 100,000 on June 7, 2018, during the TAMIO conference in Georgetown, Texas. The award was one of 13 presented to the City of Arlington’s Office of Communication.

“We believe it is important that the public is informed about the Texas Rangers’ new ballpark and the investment we’re making in Arlington,” City Marketing and Communications Manager Jay Warren said. “Home Plate Update is our regular progress report to the community, providing updates on projects, celebrating milestones, and providing necessary transparency about the design and construction, contractors and financing.”

Every edition of Home Plate Update is produced in a digital format, allowing for layers of additional content like videos, graphics, links to websites and project documents, and other supporting materials. The City has published six editions, including this one, since March 2017.
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Opening Day in The American Dream City

Thousands of fans filled Globe Life Park in Arlington for the Texas Rangers’ home opener on March 29, 2018 against the Houston Astros. Opening day ceremonies included a visit by Commissioner of Baseball Rob Manfred, a flyover of planes from the Cavanaugh Flight Museum and introductions of members of the Texas Rangers Baseball Hall of Fame. Hours before the game started, MyArlingtonTV asked Rangers fans all about their game day traditions. Check out the video above to hear how they celebrate Opening Day!