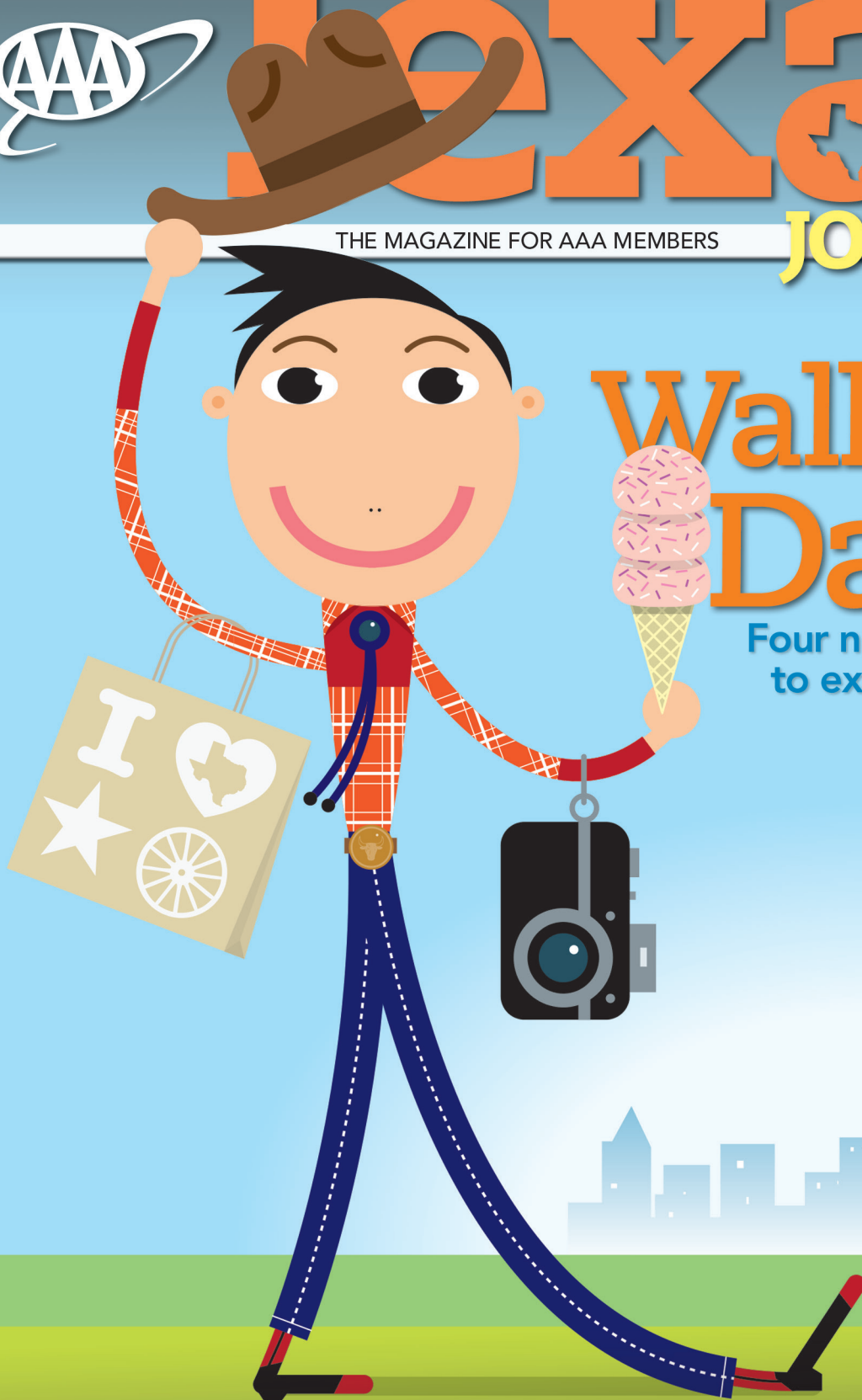




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Car-Free in Big D

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**Explore walkable Dallas.
Take DART, take the trolley,
and take your time.**

Dallas is known as a car city, the kind of place where you need four wheels to get around. That reputation, in large part, is true. But there's plenty to see and

experience without the aid of a car. In the downtown

area, you could easily fill a weekend visiting attractions that are within walking distance of the M-Line Trolleys and the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) light rail.

Dallas is making headlines this year as the country remembers the

50th anniversary of

the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, which occurred at Dealey Plaza on November 22, 1963. That timing makes a visit to the Sixth Floor Museum, a permanent exhibition at the site of the tragedy, all the more compelling. The attraction is a mere two blocks from a DART stop in the West End Historic District, as are numerous other places where you can spend an afternoon.

With a hotel near DART or the M-Line as your home base, you can go car-free in Big D. The following is a guide to some of the strollable neighborhoods. >>>

DID YOU KNOW?

The audio tour at the **Sixth Floor Museum** directs visitors to pause at the window where Lee Harvey Oswald perched with his rifle.

DID YOU KNOW?

For your random trivia file: Kurt Cobain and a bouncer once got into a scuffle at **Trees**.

DID YOU KNOW?

Today, the 1800s **Belo Mansion** is a popular wedding venue, but it was once a funeral parlor that presented the body of Clyde Barrow, of Bonnie and Clyde fame.



Uptown

DART stop: Cityplace/Uptown Station • Also use the **M-Line Trolley**

Young professionals flock to glossy Uptown, an easily walkable neighborhood packed with ample upscale dining, shopping, and nightlife options. The free M-Line Trolleys (mata.org) that run along McKinney Avenue offer an enjoyable way to get around. From end to end, the ride is about 25 minutes, and frequent stops make it easy to hop off when something catches your eye. That could include **The Quarter Bar**, a New Orleans-themed joint with a rambling layout and seemingly unending supply of rooms. The trendy duo-concept restaurant **Private Social** offers an intimate dining room on one side, and another more casual section where diners gather with friends and nosh on shared-plate dishes. uptowndallas.net.

Private Social
3232 McKinney Avenue
(214) 754-4744
privatesocial.com

The Quarter Bar
(at Bread Winners Café)
3301 McKinney Avenue
(214) 754-4940
breadwinnerscafe.com

The Magnolia
3699 McKinney Avenue
(214) 520-0394
landmarktheatres.com

Nasher Sculpture Center
2001 Flora Street
(214) 242-5100
nashersculpturecenter.org

Crow Collection of Asian Art
2010 Flora Street
(214) 979-6430
crowcollection.com

Meyerson Symphony Center
2301 Flora Street
(214) 670-3600
meyersonsymphonycenter.com

The Dallas World Aquarium
1801 N. Griffin Street
(214) 720-2224; dwazoo.com

Perot Museum of Nature and Science
2201 N. Field Street
(214) 428-5555; perotmuseum.org

Dallas Museum of Art
1717 N. Harwood Street
(214) 922-1200;
dallasmuseumofart.org

The Belo Mansion
2101 Ross Avenue
(214) 220-0239
belomansion.com

Wild Bill's Western Store
311 N. Market Street
(214) 954-1050
wildbillswestern.com

Adair's Saloon
2624 Commerce Street
(214) 939-9900
adairssaloon.com

Deep Ellum Brewing Co.
2823 St. Louis Street
(214) 888-3322
deepellumbrewing.com

Twisted Root Burger Co.
2615 Commerce Street
(214) 741-7668
twistedrootburgerco.com

The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza
411 Elm Street
(214) 747-6660; jfk.org

Old Red Museum
100 S. Houston Street
(214) 745-1100
oldred.org

West End Historic District

DART stop: West End Station

The West End Historic District started as a trading post, though today it's best known as the neighborhood in which President Kennedy was assassinated as his motorcade rounded the bend at Dealey Plaza. The **Sixth Floor Museum**, located in the building from which the shots were fired, is presently offering a yearlong Living History Series with monthly presentations from those who witnessed history unfold in the early 1960s. The rest of this 20-block district abounds with brick buildings, sidewalk patios, and plenty of history—including the castlelike **Old Red Museum**, which details Dallas County's history from prehistoric times on. Historic sites give way to entertaining shops like **Wild Bill's Western Store**; owner Bill Dewbre supplied wardrobe items to costumers working on *Dallas*, a role he also filled during the television show's original run. dallaswestend.org.

Dallas Arts District

DART stop: St. Paul Station or Pearl/Arts District Station

You're in for a dose of culture in this 19-block area, where some 15 places offer performing or visual arts. Among the most-visited is the **Dallas Museum of Art**, which recently stopped charging admission to its main exhibits, a huge move for this world-class museum that houses art from many continents. The **Nasher Sculpture Center** offers another feast for the eyes—inside and out. In summer, concerts and other activities take place on select evenings in the garden. Walking tours of the entire arts district, held on the first and third Saturdays of each month, teach about architecture. Register online; \$5-\$10. (214) 744-6642; thedallasartsdistrict.org.

Deep Ellum

DART stop: Baylor Station or Deep Ellum Station

The popularity of rough-around-the-edges Deep Ellum has waxed and waned over the years, but a recent resurgence is helping to raise Deep Ellum back to its status as a music mecca. While shops and art galleries offer daytime entertainment, the night belongs to the area's 20-plus nightclubs and music venues. **Adair's Saloon** has live music seven nights a week and a well-loved jukebox when the bands aren't there. For a wide range of acts and an impressive sound system, check out **Trees**. On Saturday afternoons and Thursday evenings, **Deep Ellum Brewing Co.**, the city's first microbrewery, opens to the public; 10 bucks gets you three drink tickets, a logo glass, live music, and a short talk on making beer. deepellumtexas.com. ☼

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