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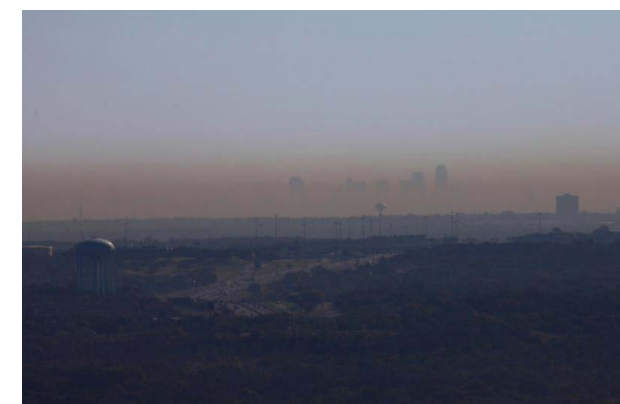
Ozone Season

The weather here in North Texas has been pleasant lately; not too hot, not too cold. Enjoy it while you can because higher temperatures are surely on the horizon. With heat comes intense sunlight. Take that sunlight, add in vehicle emissions and you have a perfect recipe for ground-level ozone. Ozone pollution just happens to be what 10 counties in North Texas are in nonattainment for, according to the [Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#). What does nonattainment mean? In short, our air does not meet the standards set by the EPA to protect human health and the environment. In our region, ozone season is quite lengthy, running from March until the end of October. Reducing emissions may sound like it's a large task to overcome, but residents of North Texas can make a big difference by taking small

efforts towards improving our air.

Strategies encouraged by

[TryParkingIt.com](#) including but not limited to public transit, vanpooling and carpooling can have numerous positive effects on our region. The obvious improvement is fewer cars on the road, which means less traffic, something our region deals with on a daily basis. The other significant impact is that using an



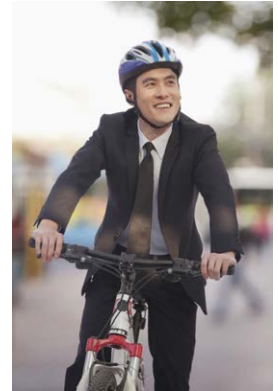
alternative commute can help the air get a little bit cleaner. [TryParkingIt.com](#) supports several different types of alternative commutes, all of which have a positive impact on the environment. Ready to make the next step? [TryParkingIt.com](#) has all the resources you need to make the best decision for you, the region, and the air we all breathe.





Biking to Work

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) invites regional residents to participate in National Bike to Work Week, May 11 - 15, and National Bike to Work Day on May 15. NCTCOG encourages residents to commute by bike or other alternative transportation modes, in support of the national event initiated by the [League of American Bicyclists](#).



To celebrate the national event, cities and Transit Authorities around North Texas are hosting "stations" to get residents involved with these efforts:

- [DART](#): Eight energizer stations located throughout the DART service area. Locations include Addison, Carrollton, two locations in Dallas, Downtown Garland, Irving, Plano, and Richardson. Energizers stations will take place on Friday, May 15 from 7:00 - 9:30 am. More information can be found on the [DART website](#).
- [Fort Worth](#): "Fuel" stations will be located in the Downtown Fort Worth area on Friday, May 15. The city will also play host to the first Bike to Work Day lunch time rally. The downtown ride will start at the Intermodal Transportation Center at 12 pm. The second will start at 12:30 pm at the Panther Island Pavilion. Find more information on the [Fort Worth website](#).
- [Denton](#): The city will have four breakfast stations for those commuting to work or school the morning of Friday, May 15. The breakfast stations will run from 7:30 - 8:45 am. Station locations can be found on the [Denton website](#).

Cycling-Related Events

May 17

Uptown Ciclovía is hosted by Uptown Dallas, Inc. with the Metropolitan Dallas YMCA. This event is a one-mile, car-free route that turns major city streets into safe and open, car-free environments for families to run, bike, play and be together. Originating in Bogota, Colombia over 30 years ago, ciclovías are now held in hundreds of cities worldwide. Dallas' second annual Ciclovía will be held in Uptown from 10 am - 3 pm The route will connect

Katy Trail to Klyde Warren Park via Cedar Springs Road. You do not need to register to attend and there is no fee to participate. Opening ceremonies will start at 10 am at Klyde Warren Park. Information: uptownciclovialia.org. Available via DART Red, Blue, Green or Orange Line to Pearl/Arts District or St. Paul Station.

May 23

The 17th Annual Honey Tour Bicycle Ride in Burleson is set to challenge riders of a variety of skill levels. The ride starts at Centennial High School in Burleson and will offer rides of 7 miles, 30 miles, 46 miles, and 67 miles. Additional information can be found on the [Burleson Honey Tour website](#).

May 30

On Saturday, May 30th at 8:30 am Caught on the NETT (COTN) Rally will take place on the North East Texas Trail (NETT) in Farmersville, TX involving all trail users groups: cyclists (MTB and CX), hikers, runners and walkers. All participants will start in Farmersville at the Onion Shed, just north of the City Park on South Main Street. More information can be found on the [COTN website](#).

Clean Air Action Day

On June 26, North Texans will join in doing at least one extra thing for clean air. Previously held on July 7, Clean Air Action Day will now be the first Friday of summer every year. Incorporate a clean air strategy when traveling to work, making Friday night plans, getting the weekend started early with a trip to the lake, or in another way. It's up to each of us to take responsibility for the air we breathe. [Tell and show us](#) what you will do and why clean air is important. Learn more about the Air North Texas initiative and Clean Air Action Day on www.airnorthtexas.org.



Upcoming Events

The vast public transportation network in North Texas allows residents to get almost anywhere without having to drive a car. Below you'll find events that are all accessible via public transportation.

DART

Now - September 7

The biggest zoo in Texas gets even bigger with the opening of the "Giants of the Jurassic" exhibit. This exhibit features more than 20 roaring, animatronic dinosaurs, plus the world-renowned, interactive theater puppet experience of Erth's DINOSAUR ZOO Live. The exhibit will be free with zoo admission, so guests pay no additional charge to explore the land before time. The Dallas Zoo is located at 650 South R.L. Thornton Frwy. Information: dallaszoo.com. Available via DART Rail Red Line to Dallas Zoo Station.

May 4 - May 24

2015 marks the inaugural year of the *SOLUNA International Music & Arts Festival* in Dallas. This year's theme is Destination (America) in honor of the artists who came to create in freedom, and to those inspired by a uniquely optimistic view that is central to the American experience. Anchored by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra performances led by Music Director Jaap van Zweden, the three-week festival will showcase internationally-acclaimed guest soloists, artists and ensembles in visual and performing arts along with the leading companies and ensembles in the Dallas Arts District and beyond. Venues are in several locations in the Dallas-area. Learn more at www.mydso.com. Available via DART Rail Red, Blue, Green, and Orange Line to Pearl/Arts District and St. Paul station to the Dallas Arts District and Klyde Warren Park. Available via DART Rail Green Line to Deep Ellum Station to the Latino Cultural Center.

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Now - May 24

The Collection of Nancy Lee and Perry R. Bass is a selection of paintings and sculptures amassed by two pillars of Texas philanthropy and business. From this collection of Impressionist to post-World War II art, 37 works of painting and sculpture will be on view, including an impressive pair of paintings by Van Gogh - *Street in Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer*, 1888, and *Enclosed Field with Plowman*, 1889 - and a major still life by Picasso, *Fruit Dish, Bottle, and Guitar*, 1923. The exhibit will be on view in the Renzo Piano Pavilion at the Kimbell Art Museum located at 3333 Camp Bowie Blvd. in Fort Worth. Admission is free to this special exhibition. More information can be found at, www.kimbell.org. Available via Trinity Railway Express (TRE) to Fort Worth ITC Station, then to The T's bus route 2, 7, or 57. Last eastbound TRE train to Dallas Union Station departs ITC Station at 9:46 pm, Monday through Friday and 9:54 pm on Saturday. No TRE service on Sundays.

DCTA

Saturdays through November

Denton Community Market takes place Saturdays through November near downtown

Denton. Experience a community gathering space alive with music, local food and produce, locally produced handmade arts and crafts, on-site food, local business, community groups, and more. The market is held 9 am to 1 pm and is located at Carroll Blvd. and Mulberry St. More information at, dentonmarket.org. Available via DCTA A-Train to Downtown Denton Transit Center. Walk to the market or board DCTA Connect Route 7, then take a short walk to the market. Last A-train service from Downtown Denton Transit Center to DART Trinity Mills Station is 11:53 pm Saturdays. No A-train service on Sundays.



DART Light Rail

