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## M-Line

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# Hit the Town on the M-Line

Upcoming events in the Arts District and Uptown will be the perfect way to ring in spring – and the M-Line will be your free ticket to get there. To avoid traffic and parking hassles, hop the familiar trolleys anywhere along McKinney or Cole avenues, or take DART Rail to Cityplace Station and catch the M-Line there.

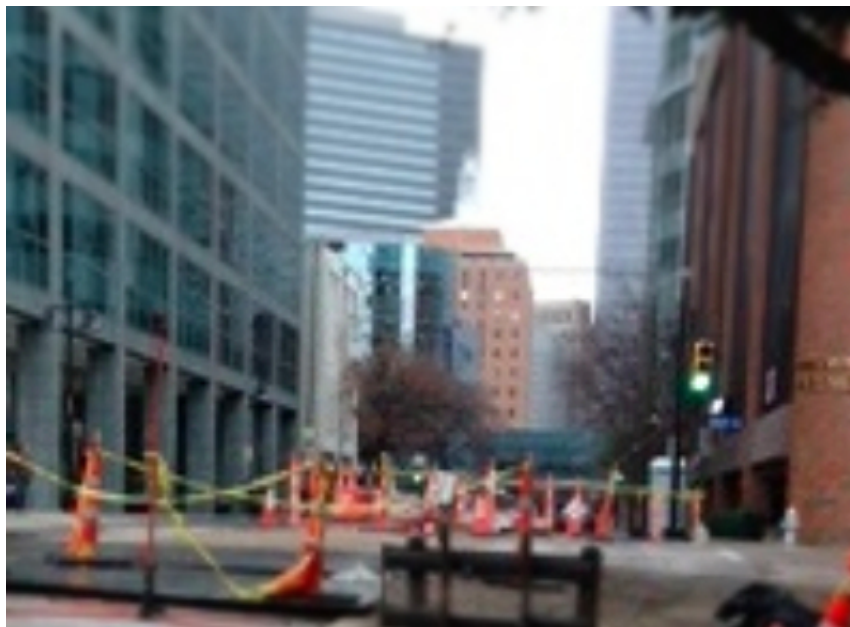
On March 7, starting at 6 p.m., the Dallas Arts District is celebrating spring break by closing down Flora and Harwood streets and throwing a block party.

The Arts District Spring Break Block Party is free, and the M-Line is the most convenient way to get there. Enjoy gourmet food trucks, street music, special activities, performances, guided tours, and free or reduced admission to your favorite galleries and museums, such as the Dallas Museum of Art, the Crow Collection of Asian Art, Nasher Sculpture Center and more. Many of the venues will even stay open until midnight. It may not be as wild as South Padre, but it is family friendly and the perfect

way to acquaint (or reacquaint) yourself with the splendors of the Dallas Arts District.

March 21 will mark what is fast becoming one of Uptown's signature events: the Uptown Block Party. Located steps from the M-Line, the event promises plenty of entertainment, food and libations. Look in this space for further details.

And the M-Line will host its own special event to celebrate the completion of the downtown urban circulator, or "loop," which will be operational this spring. Stay tuned as we firm up the particulars of what will be a one-of-a-kind event.



## Extending the Reach

The extension of the M-Line is nearing completion! The first phase will be operational sometime this spring.

The extension will branch off the main line and run the length of Olive St. Federal St., a couple of blocks from DART's St. Paul Station – straight through the heart of the Dallas Arts District. It then will continue west on Federal to St. Paul St., where it will turn north and connect to the existing terminus – thus forming a continuous loop.

## Welcome to the Board

The Board of Directors of the McKinney Avenue Transit Authority (MATA) has some fresh talent in its ranks. We are pleased to welcome:

Tara Green, President, Klyde Warren Park



Sarah Dodd, Dodd Communications



Noelle LeVeaux, Chief Marketing Officer, Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau



## Rest in Peace, Erwin Thal

On Dec, 13, MATA lost one of its most longstanding and ardent supporters -- Dr. Erwin R. Thal . He died of heart failure



at age 78. Erwin was an internationally respected Dallas trauma surgeon, professor and researcher. He was born, raised and educated in Ohio, but moved to Dallas in the 1960s to conduct his post-graduate studies at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, after two years as an Air Force flight surgeon.

From 1970 to 1994, he was in charge of the Parkland emergency room. His Parkland patients included survivors of the Delta 191 crash in August 1985.

He contributed with distinction to the field of trauma, but we here at MATA also will miss his enthusiasm for the M-Line, his friendship and his Ross Perot imitation.

He left behind his son James, his daughter, Barbara Potts, and eight grandchildren.

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