Welcome to the 2018 Strong Towns North Texas Gathering

Wednesday October 3

7pm: **Strong Towns President Chuck Marohn presents the Curbside Chat.**
Rosebud Theater at University of Texas Arlington. 300 W 1st St, Arlington, TX.
*This event is free and open to the general public as well as to all attendees of the North Texas Gathering. Please register at strongtowns.org/texas-gathering for guaranteed admission and important parking instructions. All other events are open to Gathering registrants only.*

Thursday October 4

*All events will take place at event1013 (1013 East 15th Street Plano, TX) unless otherwise noted below.*

8am: **Registration.**

9am: **Welcome and keynote address.** Strong Towns President Chuck Marohn.

9:45am: **Derek Avery** of COIR Holdings presents on revitalization without gentrification.

10:45am: Break.

11am: **Breakout sessions.**
   **A. We do it, too:** Strong Towns staff Kea Wilson, Jacob Moses and Aubrey Byron discuss how they advocate for Strong Towns principles in their towns as small-scale housing developers, small business owners, biking advocates, and more.
   **B. Implementing Strong Towns policies:** Chuck Marohn interviews mayor Curtistene McCowan of Desoto, TX and Douglas Athas, former mayor of Garland TX live for the Strong Towns podcast.
   **C. Money Talks:** Making fiscal sustainability the common language for community decision-making. Kevin Shepherd of Verdunity, Lynda Humble from the City of Bastrop, Justin Weiss and Michael Kovacs from the City of Fate*
   *Note: This session will be held at 34 Events, located at 1017E 15th Street Plano.*

12pm: **Lunch break.** Participants are encouraged to get lunch together in one of the many restaurants in the downtown Plano area. If you would like to eat lunch with a Strong Towns staffer and chat about placemaking topics we’re passionate about, please sign up at the registration table.
2pm: Quint Studer of Studer Community Institute presents on civic and economic revitalization.

3pm: Breakout sessions.
   A. Making places better for bicyclists and walkers. Amanda Popken of Amanda Popken Development and John Simmerman of Active Towns on tactical urbanism bike/ped division.
   B. Strong Citizens make good places: Placemakers design founder Kristin Green on the most productive (and least productive) ways to participate in public processes.

4pm: Wrap-up session with Chuck Marohn.

6pm: Happy hour. Enjoy the cash bar and mingle with your fellow attendees.

7pm: Film screening. Enjoy the local premiere of Owned, a documentary about the fraught role of homeownership in American life, featuring our own Chuck Marohn.

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8:30am: Coffee.

9am - noon: Fired up? Let's go! What can you do in your place to make it a Strong Town? Join us for a guided breakout session with your fellow participants to brainstorm the next incremental project to transform your place.

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