

DEPARTMENT
THE BUZZ:

DALLAS

What's new, what's hot and happening in Dallas



HOTELS

Renovations & Openings

The iconic **Hilton Anatole** has completed a five-year, \$125 million facelift, which included updating its 1,606 guest rooms and more than 500,000 square feet of meeting and event space. The Atrium II was also revamped into a park-like, landscaped garden with a reflecting pool, a pavilion and a suspended kinetic piece of art called Nebula. **Marriott** now has a presence in downtown Dallas with its purchase of former Westin City Center. It is renovating the entire property, which includes an indoor ice skating arena in its 15-story atrium. Scheduled to open in early 2012, the **Omni Dallas Hotel** will be a 23-story tower with more than 1,000 rooms and 110,000 square feet of meeting and event space. It will be connected to the Dallas Convention Center via a skyway.

www.hilton.com/Anatole
www.dallasmariottcitycenter.com
www.omnidallashotel.com



EAT, DRINK Dallas the Delectable

With more restaurants per capita than New York City, Dallas is a diner's delight. The talk of the town these days is **One2One**, a new restaurant getting applause from patrons and critics alike. They have two private dining areas, and cater to groups. Don't miss the **Meddlesome Moth**. Word has it that this is the best gastro pub in the city—a haven for beirmeisters. Finally, if wine is your beverage of choice, check out Grapevine Wine Tours, which opened last year to rave reviews. They offer tastings, lunch and dinner at three of Texas's most acclaimed wineries. Planners note: they are adept at handling groups as large as 300 guests. Their shuttle picks up and drops off the tasters at three local hotels, making it a snap for conventioners and business travelers. www.one2onerestaurant.com
www.mothinthe.net
www.grapevinewinetours.com. **es**



VENUES

Hot Spots

In March, ground was broken on a \$50 million expansion of the **Dallas Arboretum**, a favorite venue for local planners. The 7-acre Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden will feature 16 outdoor "learning rooms." It is expected to be completed in 2013. The hot spot in town, according to our sources, is **Victory Park**, a new urban lifestyle destination located next to downtown Dallas, being touted as a "mini-Times Square." Eleven huge, high-resolution screens fill the plaza, providing a brilliant backdrop for the buzz of surrounding retail, restaurants, W Hotel and American Airlines Center, home to Mavericks basketball and Stars hockey. Speaking of Victory Park, it's going to be the new home to the **Perot Museum of Nature and Science**, now in its second year of construction. The \$185 million, 180,000-square-foot structure is expected to open in early 2012. www.dallasarboretum.org, www.victorypark.com, www.natureandscience.org.

