

Sapphire Bay Marina, Dallas' first "Marina District" planned for Sapphire Bay's billion dollar development

Lakeside project will include restaurants, boardwalk, 1000+ slip marina, boat rental center and Marine Max on-the-water boat brokerage.

ROWLETT, Texas (February 4, 2022) A Dallas private investment group and developer have received approvals and plan to build a marina district as part of the massive Sapphire Bay work, live, play mixed-use development on Lake Ray Hubbard. The district includes Sapphire Bay Marina, one of the largest in the state with 10 new dock houses and 7 others remodeled and refurbished, a restaurant complex, and on-the-water boat rental and brokerage centers. A new state-of-the-art fuel system and other modern amenities make this one of the most state-of-the-art marinas in Texas.

The highlight of the district will be a collection of casual waterfront food concepts called Baywalk. The developers describe it as a casual experience unlike anything in the metroplex that creates an escape from the ordinary. "The project offers the only lakefront location with premier access just 20 minutes from Dallas," said Aaron Stephenson from Retail Street Advisors "Everything is here in one place; this is a water-lover's paradise," said Stephenson

Baywalk will redefine Texas Modern on the water and will hug the lakefront, jutting out over the water at various points, and features a variety of seating for all seasons, entertainment areas, string lights and an assortment of plantings. "Baywalk will be minutes from many DFW neighborhoods and will provide family options, appealing to locals and young adults as well as our local boaters/sailors and water sports enthusiasts who want a fun, lake lakefront experience with a one-of-a-kind boardwalk frontage and waterfront views." Says Randy Stone partner at Omniplan architects. "This will enable them to unwind in a casual environment with friends and family which is exactly what consumers and restaurateurs are both seeking in today's environment," Randy Stone added.

"We are very excited about the Baywalk project, which will be a wonderful enhancement to the Sapphire Bay development," says Rowlett Mayor Tammy Dana-Bashian.. "Baywalk will serve as a destination attraction for Rowlett residents as well as for the entire DFW metroplex," added Mayor Bashian.

The project will also benefit from the \$150MM TXDOT project to extend outer roads along I-30 from Bass Pro to Sapphire Bay and the construction of a new Sapphire Bay overpass that will include on- the-water driving lanes, walk and bike trails and a pedestrian and biking crossover bridge connecting both the North and South peninsulas. With this connected system of trails, Baywalk will be easily accessible to those that love the outdoors.

In conjunction with their neighbors the Sapphire Bay Land Development, the Sapphire Bay peninsula has seen a flurry of big announcements from hotels and single and multi-family projects to lagoons and surf parks. This past week KHovnarian homes began selling their lake side homes.

The marina district and Baywalk will be the metroplex's gateway for great experiences on the water at the Sapphire Bay mixed-use development planned on Lake Ray Hubbard.

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