

Runoff results available online

As the BRANCH REVIEW goes to press prior to the June 21 runoff election for City officers, residents can find those election results online at the City's website at farmersbranchtx.gov or at dallascountytvotes.org after June 21.



The offices of Mayor and City Councilmember, District 2 were both on the runoff ballot. Bob Phelps and David Koch were running for Mayor while Luther Bernstein and Harold Froehlich were the candidates for District 2.

Town Hall Meeting planned July 24

Discussion of upcoming street projects, along with a question and answer session are planned for a Town Hall Meeting, set July 24 at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.

35E work closes lanes at Valley View

Crews working on the 35Express project have closed the left turn lanes of east and westbound Valley View under Interstate 35E for center bridge support and expansion. The closure began in June and is expected to last for six months.

For more information visit www.35express.org.

Fire Department reminds residents

While celebrating our independence this July 4, the Farmers Branch Fire Department reminds residents that use or possession of consumer fireworks is prohibited in Farmers Branch.

However, all residents are invited to take in the professional, and supervised fireworks show at the City's July 3 celebration.



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Happy 4th of July

City rolls out the red, white and blue for traditional celebration, July 3

FARMERS BRANCH ~ The annual Farmers Branch Independence Day Celebration promises to be memorable with food, music and a spectacular fireworks show.

Gates to the Farmers Branch Historical Park will open at 6:30 p.m. on July 3 and admission is free. There will be a concert by 'Groove Knight,' a free Kidzone and the traditional low-level fireworks show as the grand finale.

New to the Independence Day event this year will be an old-fashioned Pie Eating Contest, sponsored by Uncle Willie's Pies. Held on stage at 7:30 p.m., prior to the concert at 8, the contest will feature two divisions: Youth (ages 8-13) and Adult (ages 14 and up). Rules are simple - the person that eats the most pie in the best time wins. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in both contests.

Entry fee is \$10 with all proceeds going to benefit local military charities. Anyone can pre-register at www.unclewilliespies.com or at the pie tent on the day of the event.

The Farmers Branch Historical Park is located at 2540 Farmers Branch Lane, between Denton Drive and Ford Road. Free parking will be available at the Metrosquare Business Park, two blocks south of the Historical Park on Ford Road, with a free shuttle to the gate. The Historical Park is also a short walk south from the Farmers Branch DART Station on the Green Line. Call 972.919.1433 or visit fbspecialevents.com.



Tom Bryson



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Family Advisory Board plans parade

FARMERS BRANCH ~ Creativity will be on display Friday morning, July 4 as the Farmers Branch Family Advisory Board sponsors the Red, White and Blue Independence Day Parade.

The annual walking parade begins at 9 a.m. at Rawhide Creek, between Josey and Longmeade. Everyone is invited to bring flags, wear red, white and blue, decorate strollers, bikes and wagons. In addition to the walking parade, there will be a kids' watermelon eating contest, adult pie eating contest, other games, prizes and food.



Social Media Theme of the Month . 'Liberty Plaza' . #FBTX

Branch Briefs

Discounted pool passes still available for residents

FARMERS BRANCH ~ While the new Aquatics Center is being built this summer on the site of the old Don Showman Pool, Farmers Branch residents can still take advantage of Carrollton's Rosemeade Rainforest facility at a special discounted rate.

Farmers Branch residents can go to the Farmers Branch Community Recreation Center to fill out appropriate paperwork, show proof of residency and pay a fee equivalent to the 2013 fees at the Don Showman Pool. That is \$18 for residents and \$55 for families.

Residents will then take their paperwork to the Rosemeade Recreation Center, 1330 Rosemeade Parkway, Carrollton 75007, to have IDs made. Call 972.247.4607.



Construction has begun on the new Aquatics Center, adjacent to the Community Recreation Center.

Teen Police Academy readies for session

An annual favorite for ages 13-18, the Teen Police Academy will hold its summer session July 14-18. Based at the Community Recreation Center, the week-long course offers teens a unique opportunity to learn from Farmers Branch Police officers and other law enforcement personnel the basics of police work. Call 972.247.4607 to inquire about available space.

Finance receives top award for transparency

The Texas State Comptroller's Office has named Farmers Branch as one of only 36 local governments in Texas to achieve their new Platinum award for financial transparency. The new award recognizes local governments that have exceeded the requirements for the highest level of disclosure. It includes the posting of budgets, financial reports and check registers online.

Firehouse Theatre to present "Hello Dolly!"

The Firehouse Theatre will present the Broadway classic, "Hello Dolly!" at the Plaza Arts Center in Downtown Carrollton, July 11-27. For tickets and more information, visit www.thefirehousetheatre.com.

In addition, the Firehouse Theatre's summer camp, open to all ages, will be held July 21-August 1. Call 972.620.3747.

Craft Fair vendors can register in July

Vendors wishing to sell their handmade wares at the annual Craft Fair, set in the Fall at the

Farmers Branch Senior Center, can register to participate in the annual event starting in July.

Farmers Branch residents can register as a vendor from July 10 through July 23. Open registration for remaining spaces begins July 24 and continues until all space is filled. For a vendor application, contact the Farmers Branch Senior Center at 972.919.8740. The 2014 edition of the Craft Fair is planned for Saturday, October 18 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Family Star Party planned July 18

Families are invited to join members of the Texas Astronomical Society of Dallas at the Farmers Branch Historical Park on Friday, July 18 for a picnic and Star Party from 7 until 11 p.m. Everyone can bring their own picnic to enjoy the sunset at the park, then participate in celestial viewing using high powered telescopes on site. The event is free and open to the public. www.texasastro.org.

Senior Paddle Boarding trip set

Venturing out to Lake Ray Hubbard, the Farmers Branch Senior Center is sponsoring a Paddle Boarding trip on Saturday, July 26. Cost for the excursion is \$13 but includes a lesson, all equipment, two hours of water time and transportation. The bus leaves at 9 a.m. and will return at approximately 1:30 p.m. For more information, call the Senior Center at 972.919.8740.

City organization noted for 'green' efforts

Balcones Recycling has recognized the City of Farmer Branch for its efforts in recycling by naming the organization a 'Partner in Green.' Balcones reports the City organization contributed 14 tons of recyclable materials in 2013, conserving resources equivalent to 231 trees, 5,171 gallons of oil, 95,270 gallons of water, 55,801 kilowatt hours of electricity and 44 cubic yards of landfill space.

Encounters coming this fall at Keenan Cemetery

Rescheduled from spring, the popular 'Encounters from the Past' interactive tours of historic Keenan Cemetery will return this fall. Call 972.406.0184 for additional information.



Sherry Muldoon

Stars & Strings

Dallas Symphony Orchestra conductor Rei Hotoda greets the capacity crowd in the Farmers Branch Historical Park over Memorial Day weekend as "Liberty Fest presents Stars & Strings." Estimated at 5,000, the audience enjoyed a rousing concert, delicious fare from food trucks and a spectacular fireworks finale.

City Council meets once in July

The Farmers Branch City Council continues its summer meeting schedule in July, meeting one time in regular session on Tuesday, July 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Farmers Branch City Hall. Regular meetings are broadcast live on FBTV, cable channel 16 in Farmers Branch, AT&T Uverse channel 99 and online at farmersbranchtx.gov.

City offices to close for holiday

Most Farmers Branch City offices and facilities will be closed on Friday, July 4 in observance of the Independence Day holiday. The only exceptions will be the Farmers Branch Historical Park and Community Recreation Center, both open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. **There will be no garbage collection and the Citizen Collection Center will be closed.**

Warmer weather means West Nile precautions

As spring gives way to the warmer weather of Summer, the Farmers Branch Environmental Health Department is encouraging all residents to continue prevention practices that guard against breeding mosquitoes that spread West Nile virus.

While the City continues to monitor mosquito traps, residents can help by eliminating sources of standing or stagnant water where mosquitoes can breed. For more information, click on Environmental Health on the City's website.

Senior Dances

July 7 **Southern Pride**
July 14 **Gary Lee Band**
July 21 **Will Taylor**
July 28 **Dave Alexander**

Dances are from 7 until 9:30 p.m. each scheduled Monday at a cost of \$5 per person. Free dance lessons are offered at 6 p.m.