



Branch REVIEW

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FB Recycles!

New residential service rolls out this Spring

FARMERS BRANCH ~ Responding to a recommendation from a citizen committee as well as repeated requests through the years, a new residential recycling program will begin in Farmers Branch this spring at no additional cost to residents.

A calendar for rollout of the new recycling service has been announced, along with a new web page to provide detailed information to residents.

New, 95-gallon rolling containers for recyclable materials will be delivered to residents, starting the week of March 21. Anyone wishing to decline participation in the program has until February 26 to opt out of receiving a recycling cart.

Curbside recycling service will begin the week of April 4.

"Wherever residents currently place trash out for collection will be where the recycling cart will also be placed," said Farmers Branch Environmental Health Manager Shane Davis. "If their trash is collected in the alley, that's where recycling will also be picked up. If collected on the street, recycling will be picked up on the street."

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Under the City's new solid waste contract with Community Waste Disposal, current trash service days and location of pickup will not change. Also, Green Grab-

ber bulk pickup service will not change. However, the City will no longer provide paper bags to residents. Paper or plastic sacks will be acceptable for trash collection and can be purchased at most grocery or hardware stores.

Accepted recyclable materials include: Plastic containers (#s 1-5 & 7), newspapers, aluminum, steel and tin containers, glass bottles & containers, corrugated cardboard & boxboard and mixed paper.

Not accepted recyclable materials include: Paper towels, facial & toilet tissue, plastic bags & packaging, wax coated paper drink containers, food & wet waste, paper, plastic & styrofoam serving items, grass clippings and shredded paper.

For recycling pickup days and additional information about what can be recycled, visit fbrecycles.com.

Drop off recycling to be available at CCC

FBTX ~ With the advent of new, residential recycling this Spring, the drop off recycling sites at the Community Recreation Center and at Oran Good Park will be closing.

However, drop off recycling will still be available at the Farmers Branch Citizen Collection Center, 1399 Valley View Lane, during regular operating hours of 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. every Thursday through Saturday (except holidays).



The Citizen Collection Center is available for Farmers Branch residents at no cost. Call 972.919.2597 for more information.

Where do recyclables go?

DALLAS ~ Recyclable materials are transported to a material recovery facility, or MRF (often pronounced "murf") where the materials are sorted and bundled into different categories or commodities.

The bundles are sold on the open market to end users that recycle or convert the material back into useable products.

The Material Recovery Facility owned and operated by Community Waste Disposal is located at 2010 California Crossing Road in Dallas.

Not ready yet? Opt out available thru February 26

FBTX ~ Participation in the new residential recycling program is completely voluntary and residents not wishing to participate can opt out of receiving a recycling cart through February 26.

Those wishing to opt out can do so by:

- Fill out the form at fbrecycles.com
- Call 972.247.3131
- Email fbinfo@farmersbranchtx.gov
- Come by City Hall during business hours
- Use the prepaid postcard coming in your February mail.



If every newspaper was recycled, we could save about **250,000,000** trees every year!

Valley View exit closed for three months

FBTX ~ Officials with the 35Express project have closed the northbound exit to Valley View Lane as part of the refurbishment project of I-35E.

During the work, northbound I-35E traffic will have to exit at Valwood Parkway and U-turn to the southbound service road to access Valley View.

The exit will be closed for three months, scheduled to reopen in May.

Frog Pond passes on sale through March 31

FBTX ~ A summer's worth of fun in the sun at the Farmers Branch Aquatics Center's Frog Pond remains on sale at a special price through March 31.

Officials say that individual season passes for Farmers Branch residents are on sale for \$65, that is \$20 off regular price. Family passes are good for up to four immediate family members and are \$130, a \$40 savings. Call 972.919.8720 or visit fbh2o.com.

Zika virus explained

FBTX ~ The 'Zika' virus that was first seen in Brazil, has gone through South and Central America and has now been confirmed in Dallas County.

Zika virus causes symptoms in 20 percent of people who become infected and is linked to birth defects when a pregnant woman becomes ill with the virus. It is transmitted when an individual is bitten by an infected mosquito. The Zika virus can also be transmitted sexually.

Individuals traveling to impacted countries should take extra precautions while abroad and after they return.

For more information, visit farmersbranchtx.gov.

'Camping' set March 12-13

FBTX ~ The Spring edition of Camping Under the Stars is set for Saturday and Sunday, March 12 & 13 at the Farmers Branch Historical Park. Call 972.406.0184.

Senior Dances set Mondays

Mar 7 Swinging Country
Mar 14 Jim Baker (Country/Ballroom)
Mar 21 JC Tippett (Country/Ballroom)
Mar 28 Dave Alexander (Country/Ballroom)

The Senior Center is located at 14055 Dennis. Call 972.919.8740.

Monumental landfill agreements to ensure solid waste needs for decades

FARMERS BRANCH ~ The effort to expand the Farmers Branch-owned Camelot Landfill in Lewisville took a couple of major steps forward this month with the finalizing of negotiated agreements with the Cities of Lewisville and Carrollton.

Fulfillment of the accords will resolve both cities' concerns regarding the planned expansion and will clear the way for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to consider final approval of the Farmers Branch expansion request.

Originally permitted in then-unicorporated Denton County in 1979, the Camelot Landfill was annexed into the City of Lewisville in 1987. Since operations began, Camelot has accepted solid waste from Farmers Branch as well as other municipalities in the area and commercial waste from contractors.

The request to amend the permit for expansion of the landfill was originally filed in 2011. Farmers Branch leaders were seeking permission to extend the life of the landfill by adding a maximum of 202 feet to the current vertical limit of 523 feet above sea level.

"This landfill expansion is good for north Texas," said Farmers Branch City Manager Gary D. Greer. "Within the next 10 years, Camelot will be the only landfill within short driving distance of a dozen or more north Texas cities. Our three communities have come together to keep solid waste costs down for all of our taxpayers, protect the environment and provide a viable regional landfill for the next 30 to 40 years."

Under these agreements, Farmers Branch will limit the expansion to a maximum height of 675 feet above sea level on the northern and western areas of the landfill and 623 feet on the eastern and southern portions. Farmers Branch will also install additional groundwater monitoring wells on the perimeter of the landfill.

An approved expansion permit application means Farmers Branch residents will be assured of uninterrupted landfill services, Green Grabber large item and bulky collection and collection services for at least the next three decades.

"We have always had the greatest respect and admiration for our friends in Lewisville and Carrollton," Mr. Greer explained. "Farmers Branch may own the landfill but we've always endeavored to be a good neighbor. The positive outcome of these negotiated agreements affirms our collective commitment to the greater good."

As a result of the agreements that have been reached, both Carrollton and Lewisville have agreed to withdraw their opposition to the Camelot expansion plan. The revised expansion request will be submitted to TCEQ for review and completion of the permitting process.

Home decor superstore At Home to occupy space on Midway

FARMERS BRANCH ~ Home decor superstore At Home has announced the company will expand its reach in the North Texas market with a new store opening in Farmers Branch this May.

The 137,000 square foot store will be in the building formerly occupied by Walmart on Midway Road off I-635.

"We're thrilled Farmers Branch has been chosen as the location for At Home's new store," said Mayor Bob Phelps. "Our ideal location along 635, which boasts a daily traffic count of some 300,000 vehicles, and the instant bond we had with the At Home team make this a perfect fit. We look forward to welcoming At Home to the Farmers Branch family."

At Home affords customers the opportunity to choose from an expansive selection of more than 50,000 items—including seasonal and holiday décor, patio furniture, home furnishings, wall art and decorative accents, rugs and housewares.

"Investing in the DFW Metroplex is a top priority for us since we're based here," said Lee Bird, CEO of At Home. "The Farmers Branch location offers great visibility off of major thoroughfares and strong co-tenants, which makes it a perfect location to expand our brand." At Home will open at least 20 new stores in 2016. The Farmers Branch store will employ approximately 40 full and part-time employees.

The logo for At Home features the words "at home" in a lowercase, sans-serif font. The letter "h" is replaced by a blue silhouette of a house with a chimney.