



# Branch REVIEW

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## Sub-Committees

### Citizen Bond Sub-Committees created to focus on possible future bond proposal

FARMERS BRANCH ~ After the Citizen Bond Committee met several times to discuss the scope of possible bond projects, the members realized they had a lot of ground to cover.

A decision was made for members to ultimately divide into sub-committees, which would enable the smaller groups to focus on the major areas needing consideration. Subsequently, there were six sub-committees created: Arts & Culture, Communications, Economic Development - Commercial, Economic Development - Residential, Parks & Recreation and Public Safety.

The scope of possible projects being discussed range from City facility and parks improvements, to retail and residential developments, and much more.

Each of these sub-committees meet independently of each other, and then meet once a month as the Citizen Bond Committee to share information discussed during the sub-committee gatherings.

For the full list of Sub-Committees' projects and programs they are designed to review and discuss, visit [farmersbranchtx.gov/bond](http://farmersbranchtx.gov/bond). Those interested in attending any of these meetings can view posted agendas at [www.farmersbranchtx.gov/bond](http://www.farmersbranchtx.gov/bond). If anyone is unable to attend, residents can offer their input via the online form on the Citizen Bond Committee's webpage.



## New City Manager announced

FBTX ~ Drawing on a wealth of expertise and institutional knowledge, the Farmers Branch City Council named long-time Finance Director Charles Cox to be the next City Manager of the growing community.

He is a 1983 graduate of Texas Christian University where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration and of Southern Methodist University where he took his Master of Business Administration Degree in 1991.



Under Mr. Cox's administration, the Farmers Branch Finance Department has been honored dozens of times for excellence in financial reporting and government transparency.

Mr. Cox replaces Gary D. Greer who resigned earlier this year after spending nearly nine years at the helm in Farmers Branch.

## Analytic site names Farmers Branch among safest in TX

FBTX ~ The public records analytic site [backgroundchecks.org](http://backgroundchecks.org) has listed Farmers Branch in the top 50 safest cities in Texas, out of more than 1,800 municipalities in the state.

The site ranked cities according to violent and property crime statistics and other data combined from FBI Crime Reports, natural language analysis, social media sentiment analysis and their own research.

Farmers Branch was listed as the 33rd safest city in Texas based on that criteria.

## Independence Day event set for July 3

FBTX ~ The fireworks and family fun will arrive at the Historical Park on Sunday, July 3 with the gates open at 6:30 p.m.

The evening will be wrapped by the spectacular low-level fireworks that is one of the best in the Metroplex.

Call 972.919.1433 for updates.



## Tastes & Tunes 2.0 will feature Beatles tributes

FARMERS BRANCH ~ The second edition of this entertaining series will feature food trucks, a live band and family fun under the canopy of trees located at The Grove @ Mustang Crossing on June 16 from 6 to 9 pm.

Enjoy an evening with the wide variety of fare offered by the food trucks, as well as wine and craft beers and plenty of fun for the whole family. The live music will be provided by Hard Nights Day performing Beatles most popular tunes.

Limited seating is available, so lawn chairs or blankets are encouraged. Outside food and drink are permitted, but no glass containers or alcohol products are allowed.

For the list of food trucks and available menus, visit [fbspecialevents.com](http://fbspecialevents.com).







## 'Bookin It' Walking Club takes off Jun 6

FBTX ~ The Farmers Branch Manske Library are set to launch a new program that will encourage patrons and readers to exercise their bodies as well as their minds.

Starting June 6 at 9 a.m., staff will lead participants on a brisk 30 minute walk while discussing their favorite books, plays or poems.

Call 972.247.2511 for more info.

## Aquatics Center partners with World's Largest Swim Lesson

AQUATICS CENTER ~ The Frog Pond will be full of swimmers participating in a free event designed to build awareness about the importance of water safety on Friday, June 24.

All around the nation, top water safety and training organizations along with Aquatics Center staff are joining forces to host local 'World's Largest Swim Lesson' sessions to promote the idea that swimming lessons save lives.

While early registration begins May 2 for residents and May 16 for non-residents, participants ages 6 years and older can register up

to the day of the event. Swim lessons are grouped by age.

Sign in starts at 9:30 a.m., and lessons begin at 10 a.m. More info, call 972.919.8720.



## Senior Dances every Monday

The Senior Dance Club hosts dances most Monday nights at the Farmers Branch Senior Center, 14055 Dennis Lane. Admission is \$5. Featured entertainment for upcoming dances are:

- Jun 6 **Swingin' Country (Country)**
- Jun 13 **Jim Baker (Ballroom)**
- Jun 20 **JC Tippett (Country)**
- Jun 27 **Jim Baker (Ballroom)**

Call 972.919.8740 for more.

## Teen summer program teaches leadership and more beginning June 6

FARMERS BRANCH ~ The Teen Leadership program is a community service and leadership based program for Farmers Branch teens ages 13 thru 15 that will meet at the Farmers Branch Recreation Center Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. beginning June 6.

The program will continue through the summer ending on August 19, and will provide a variety of activities including off-site projects assisting at the Animal Adoption Center, beautification projects in our local parks and volunteering with the Summer Sunshine Program.

For more info, call 972.247.4607.



## Safety and Security Fair sponsored by the Senior Advisory Board



FARMERS BRANCH ~ The Senior Center located at 14055 Dennis Lane, will be hosting a Safety and Security Fair on Saturday, June 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Senior Advisory Board, and people of all ages are invited to learn valuable ways to protect themselves, their homes and their assets as they age.

This is a great opportunity for seniors and their families to visit a variety of service providers, ask questions and explore available community resources. For more info, visit fbseniorcenter.com or call 972.919.8740.

## Manske Library kicks off Summer Reading Club June 4

FARMERS BRANCH ~ The annual summer program will kick off with some outdoor fun June 4 starting at 10 a.m. at the Manske Library located at 13613 Webb Chapel.

Register for the Summer Reading Club, test your speed in a three-legged race, smash a watermelon blindfolded and more.

Cool events are offered throughout the summer, so readers of all ages are invited to get On Your Mark, Get Set, Play!

Call the library at 972.247.2511 for more information.



## The Fantastiks musical will be onstage June 2 - 19

FARMERS BRANCH ~ This allegorical love story performed to music by Harvey Schmidt and with lyrics by Tom Jones will be onstage at the Firehouse Theatre June 2 through 19.

The musical will take listeners on a journey of love, deception, loss and sweethearts reunited.

For tickets or info, call 972.620.3747 or visit thefirehousetheatre.com.

## Victorian fencing comes to life Sunday, June 19

FARMERS BRANCH ~ The Victorian Fencing Society will be offering free demonstrations on the lawn of the Queen Anne Victorian Cottage at the Farmers Branch Historical Park on June 19 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Come watch, learn and practice the late 19th century art of swordplay with foils and sabers. Gentlemen and ladies of all ages are encouraged to attend.

No experience is necessary and safety equipment is provided.

For more info about this or other Historical Park programs, call 972.406.0184.

