



October 2016



### Recycling bins must be screened by October 1

FBTX~ The City of Farmers Branch is reminding residents that blue recycling bins must be screened from view or stored out of sight, as of October 1.

The containers may be stored in the back yard or garage. However, if they are stored beside the house, they must be placed behind a screening fence.



The City has featured a 'Do It Yourself' video on how to construct a screening fence online at [youtube.com/fbtv16](http://youtube.com/fbtv16).

Assistance may be available for qualifying residents. Call 972.919.1414.

### Senior Center expands annual Craft Fair

FBTX~ More than 100 crafters, quilters and artists will offer their handmade wares at the annual Craft Fair, coming Saturday, October 15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Farmers Branch Senior Center.

More than 135 tables will be stocked with one-of-a-kind, unusual and unique items including holiday items, wreaths, ceramics, yard art and much more.

Admission is free.

### Roses to be celebrated

FBTX~ The annual Celebration of Roses rounds out the trifecta of events on Saturday, October 15 with activities going on from 8:30 to 4:30 p.m.

There will be Bluegrass music to serenade the morning activities while the day promises rose garden tours and workshops, a complimentary lunch and the Dallas Rose Society Rose Show at City Hall. Visit [fbroses.com](http://fbroses.com).



## Pickin', Grinnin' & Chili

### Bloomin' Bluegrass returns in October with world class musicians and the best in world class chili

FBTX ~ The distinctly American sounds of Bluegrass music will waft through the air on the aroma of fresh chili as the Farmers Branch Historical Park hosts the annual **Bloomin' Bluegrass free music festival and Chili Cookoff**, October 14 & 15.

The two day festival kicks off Friday with gates opening at 4:30 p.m. Music for the evening includes Gold Heart, Texas & Tennessee, Gibson Brothers and Rhonda Vincent & The Rage.

On Saturday, activity goes on all day with morning music in the rose garden, featuring Pickin' in the Garden with Gold Heart and complimentary lunch with Augusta Road. Music on the main stage starts at 12 noon. Entertainers will include Herrins, Sister Sadie, Tim O'Brien, Band of Ruhks, Jerry Douglas & Earls of Leicester and Del McCoury Band & David Grisman.

In addition, at the Historical Park, there will be an **Arts & Crafts Marketplace** and a free **Kidzone**, featuring bounce houses, rock climbing wall, inflatable slide and more.

New this year will be a **Farm to Table** area, featuring cooking demonstrations, master gardeners, antique farm equipment, petting zoo, kids kitchen and chuck wagon cooking.

Then, there's chili. Lots of chili.

The annual Chili Appreciation Society International (CASI)-sanctioned **Chili Cookoff** will start at 12 noon on Saturday. Competitive cooks from around DFW and Texas will be cooking their best chili to earn CASI points. There will be 150 tickets available at \$10 each for guests to try competition chili and vote for People's Choice.

Chili for Charity starts at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. Farmers Branch non-profits will decorate booths and serve samples of chili from local restaurants. Tasting cups are \$3.

Admission is free. Blankets and lawn chairs are recommended for lawn seating. For more information on any aspect of this annual festival, visit [bloominbluegrass.com](http://bloominbluegrass.com).



Front porches of historical buildings and the shade of 100-year-old trees will be the setting for spontaneous jam sessions that will pop up throughout the festival. At the Chili Cookoff, costumeing and decoration is a vital part of the overall presentation



## Allison Cook promoted to Economic Development post

FBTX ~ With confidence in her leadership as well as her proven aptitude for business development, expansion and retention, Farmers Branch City Manager Charles S. Cox has promoted Allison Cook to the post of Director of Economic Development & Tourism.



Ms. Cook has been with the City of Farmers Branch since 2011 when she started the first City program that focused on business retention. She was later promoted to Economic Development Manager.

The department's focus on revitalization, retention, redevelopment and recruitment has landed the Farmers Branch Economic Development team on the Dallas Business Journal's list of Top 10 Economic Development Agencies for the past four consecutive years.

## National Night Out coming Oct 4; Council rescheduled

FBTX~ Inviting neighbors to spend the evening outdoors with others, National Night Out will be held in Texas and Farmers Branch on Tuesday, October 4.

The Farmers Branch Police Department is asking neighborhoods planning parties to register their event by calling 972.919.9304. Police and Fire personnel along with City officials will make the rounds to as many as possible.

In deference to National Night Out, the Farmers Branch City Council will meet for their regular meeting on Monday, October 3, 6 p.m. at City Hall.

## Code Corner

### When Do You Need a Permit?

When a homeowner or contractor intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move or demolish any building or structure or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical, or plumbing system, that person needs to obtain the appropriate permit(s). Typically, projects such as painting, wallpapering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and other similar finish work do not require permits. If you have projects coming up and aren't sure if you need a permit, call

**972.919.2549**

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# David Hale becomes Chief of Police

FBTX ~ Poised for a seamless transition, 22-year FBPD veteran David Hale has been appointed Farmers Branch Chief of Police by City Manager Charles Cox.

Succeeding the retired Sid Fuller, Chief Hale brings a wealth of law enforcement training and experience to the Chief's office.

David Hale joined the Farmers Branch Police Department in 1994, was promoted to corporal in 1998, sergeant in 2000 and Deputy Chief in 2004. He served as Interim Police Chief from January through August of 2006.

City Manager Charles Cox said that Chief Hale was a logical choice.

"David's experience speaks for itself," he said. "I can think of no better person to be in charge of keeping all of us safe and secure in this marvelous city that we call home."

Chief Hale is a 1991 graduate of Texas A&M University where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Sociology. He graduated the Texas Engineering Extension Service Police Academy in 1991 and the Southwest Legal School of Police Supervision in 1999.

Beyond that, he also graduated from the FBI National Academy in 2007 and the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas in 2009.

He is an active member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Texas and North Texas Police Chiefs Associations as well as chairman of the Training Advisory Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Police Academy.

Locally, Chief Hale is a member of the Carrollton/Farmers Branch Rotary Club, chairs the annual Battle of the Badges blood drive, is a mentor for students at Vivian Field Middle School and volunteers at the food pantry for Metrocrest Services.



Farmers Branch Chief of Police  
David Hale

## Halloween in the Park set October 29

FBTX ~ The annual Farmers Branch foray into not so scary things comes to pass on Saturday, October 29 as Halloween in the Park is set at the Farmers Branch Historical Park.

The event is set for 5 until 10 p.m. with the infamous 'Haunted Hedge' opening at about 7:30 p.m. (after dark), and taking brave adventurers into the dark recesses of the Park's scary shrubbery.

Also featured will be "Trick-or-Treat Row," carnival games, pony rides, a petting zoo, state-fair style food vendors, photo buttons and more.

Admission and parking are free with canned food donations to Metrocrest Services strongly encouraged, in lieu of an admission charge. Call 972.247.4607 or visit [fbspecialevents.com](http://fbspecialevents.com).



## Branch Briefs

### Vouchers to be used for Household Hazardous Waste

FBTX~ Dallas County will conduct a Household Hazardous Waste collection event in Farmers Branch on October 8.

Residents will be able to pick up a voucher for participation in the event on a first-come, first-served basis at Farmers Branch City Hall, beginning September 15.

Participation is **limited to the first 100 Farmers Branch residents who pick up a voucher** (one per household). Call 972.919.2597 for more information.

### Farmers Market finale coming

FBTX~ The Farmers Branch Market will close out its inaugural season on Saturday, October 29 with the usual mix of produce, crafts and eclectic offerings, but also Nate's 125th Cafe food truck (offering brunch) and the Dan Quinn Band.

The Farmers Branch Market will return to The Grove @ Mustang Crossing on the first Saturday in May of 2017.

### Great Pumpkin splash planned

FBTX~ Ages 12 and under will have fun in the autumn sun at the 'Great Pumpkin Splash,' planned for October 1 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Farmers Branch Aquatics Center's Frog Pond.

Kids can swim with a variety of pumpkins in the water and choose their own to decorate. Admission is \$5 for residents and \$8 for non-residents with preregistration necessary. Call 972.919.8720 or visit [fbh2o.com](http://fbh2o.com).



### Senior Dances set Mondays

FBTX~ Live music and friendly people make Senior Dance night one of the best in the Metroplex. Admission is \$5.

Bands for October are:

- OCT 03 Swingin' Country**
- OCT 10 Jim Baker (Ballroom)**
- OCT 17 J.C. Tippett (Country)**
- OCT 24 Dave Alexander (Ballroom)**
- OCT 31 Southern Pride (Country)**