

Branch REVIEW



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Celebrate America

Annual Independence Day festivities set July 3

FBTX ~ In keeping with tradition, the community will come together in celebration on Monday, July 3 for the annual Farmers Branch Independence Day festivities.

Gates at the Farmers Branch Historical Park will open at 6:30 p.m. and admission is free. The popular, high energy band 'Inside Out' will return to Farmers Branch to provide music for the annual event. Additionally, there will be a free KidZone area, concessionaires selling festival favorites and more.

The traditional, spectacular low-level fireworks show will be the evening's finale, after dark.

Blankets and lawn chairs are recommended for festival seating in the Historical Park's meadow. However, chairs will be available for rent from the Friends of the Historical Park for \$2 each. Also, there will be a Hydration Station serving filtered water. Guests can buy a souvenir bottle for \$15 and refill at select events throughout the year or bring a bottle and refill for \$1.

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. No pets or alcohol, please and the gates will close when the park reaches capacity so early arrival is recommended. fbsspecialevents.com



Special Saturdays planned at Market

FBTX ~ In addition to their ever-expanding variety of foods, goods and crafts, the Farmers Branch Market features special events each first Saturday of the month during the season.



Market vendors offer some of the finest-quality local products including produce, meats, eggs, baked goods, artisan foods and handmade arts and crafts.

Even though live entertainment is scheduled every weekend, the first Saturday of each month is special. On June 3 the Market will celebrate peach season with 'Peach Festival.' There will be live music from the Justin Kemp Band, kids activities, inflatables and vendors participating in the Battle of the Peaches where guests will vote for their favorite peach product.

Then, in celebration of America's birthday, the July 1 Market will feature an 'All American Fourth.' Independence Day in Farmers Branch begins early with live music from Collin Hauser and Stevie Jo Rosenbalm,

carnival games, bicycle decorating and patriotic air brush tattoos.

Open each Saturday from 9 a.m. til 1 p.m., the Farmers Branch Market is located at The Grove @ Mustang Crossing, 12700 Denton Drive at the corner of Bill Moses Parkway and Denton Drive. Parking is available at the nearby DART Station or across Denton Drive at the Dr Pepper Star-Center. The traditional market season runs from the first Saturday in April through the last weekend of October. Find out more at farmersbranchmarket.com.

Summer Reading Club

FBTX ~ The Farmers Branch Manske Library will launch the Summer Reading Club with a kick-off event Saturday, June 3 at 10 am. This year's theme is 'Build a Better World.' Events are scheduled throughout June and July including:

- Ribbit Reading (poolside) on Mondays
- Family Movie on Mondays
- Wonderful Wednesdays on that day
- Make it, Take it! on Thursdays
- Lego Mania on Fridays

Call 972.247.2511 or visit

farmersbranchtx.gov/library

Fourth of July hours

FBTX~ Most City offices and facilities will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, however, **garbage and recycling WILL BE collected.** Some facilities will be open limited hours, including the Rec Center and Natatorium both open 6 am to 5 pm; Historical Park open 8 am to 5 pm; and, the Frog Pond, open 12 noon to 6 pm.

Ice Cream Crawl

FBTX ~ Lovers of ice cream should come to the Frog Pond for a chance to eat free ice cream on July 16 from 1 until 3 pm. Attendees will participate in fun activities throughout the complex to earn free ice cream from the Lily Pad Concession Stand, while supplies last. Call 972.919.8720 or visit fbh2o.com.

Senior Center's Spud & Show

FBTX ~ The Academy Award-nominated 'Hidden Figures' will be the featured movie at the Senior Center's Spud and a Show on Tuesday, July 25 at 11:30 am at the Center. Senior cost is \$2.

World's Largest Swim Lesson

FBTX ~ A Splash and Dash is a fun and fast-growing sport that combines running and swimming for ages 7 to 15. The swim takes place in the Margaret Young Natatorium and the run takes place around the Don Showman Park complex on June 10. fbh2o.com

Summer Bird Walk

FBTX ~ An all-ages Bird Walk will be staged on Saturday, June 17, from 8 to 10 am, beginning at the Farmers Branch Historical Park. Good experience for all ages but space is limited. 972.406.0184.

Election results

FBTX ~ Results of the May 6 City Council election were not known at press time and will be made available at the City's website, farmersbranchtx.gov.

Roofing Contractors: What You Should Know

FBTX ~ Spring storm season is the time of year most likely to see roof damage from the hail and high winds that tend to accompany the really big outbursts.

It is also the time of year that myriad roofing contractors seek out business, particularly in storm-damaged areas.

Residents should be aware of a few facts from the Building Inspection office if you are in need of a new roof:

- ❑ It's OK to be suspicious, especially of door to door salesmen.
- ❑ Do your research – drill deep, internet search, check references, etc.
- ❑ Get multiple bids.
- ❑ Do not pay in advance, bulk of money should be after final inspection of roof permit by City.
- ❑ Get, read and understand contract.
- ❑ Permit from City is required for re-roof.

For more information, call the Building Inspections office at 972.247.3131.

Firehouse Theatre

FBTX ~ A special engagement of the classic musical, Pippin, will be presented by the Firehouse Theatre on select nights, including Wednesdays, July 19 through August 20.

Additionally, kids are encouraged to "act out" at Firehouse Theatre Summer Camps, designed for those entering third through eighth grades.

Camps will be held in three sessions during three weeks, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the theatre, 2535 Valley View Lane. Week 1 is planned for June 12-16 (theme - Choose Your Own Adventure); Week 2 is June 19-23 (Slay a Dragon); Week 3 is June 26-30 (Travel Through Time).

For more information on Pippin or on Summer Camps, call 972.620.3747 or go to thefirehousetheatre.com.

Council schedule for July

FBTX~ The Farmers Branch City Council will meet in regular session one time in July on Tuesday, July 11 at 6 pm at Farmers Branch City Hall. 972.247.3131

Senior Dances

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

- JUN 05 Swingin' Country (Country)
- JUN 12 Jim Baker (Ballroom)
- JUN 19 J.C. Tippett (Country)
- JUN 26 Jim Baker (Ballroom)

- JUL 10 Jim Baker (Ballroom)
- JUL 17 J.C. Tippett (Country)
- JUL 24 Dave Alexander (Ballroom)
- JUL 31 Southern Pride (Country)

Teens can get hands on experience at Police and Fire & Rescue camps

FBTX ~ The extremely popular Farmers Branch public safety department Teen Camps will again give local students the opportunity to get "hands on" with either the Police or Fire and Rescue operations.

The Teen Police Academy is planned for June 12-16, from 9 a.m. til 4 p.m. each day, based from the Community Recreation Center, 14050 Heartside Place. Activities include training, classroom instruction and off-site field trips. Topics are criminal investigations, crime scene searches, crime prevention, gangs, traffic stops and much more.

The Teen Fire & Rescue Academy is set for June 26-30, from 9 a.m. til 4 p.m. each day, based from the Bob Phelps Fire Administration Building, 13333 Hutton Drive. Kids involved in this academy will engage in hands-on training, challenges and drills including fire ground operations, search and rescue, basic CPR, arson investigation and other related topics. Tours include fire training facilities.

Cost for each camp is \$50 for residents and \$65 for non-residents. Registration for the Teen Police Academy is limited to 20 participants. The Teen Fire & Rescue Academy can accommodate 12. Call 972.247.4607 for additional information.



First row, from left - newly promoted Deputy Chief Jay Siegel, Lieutenant Chad Taylor, Sergeant Austin Tapp and Corporal Julia Chandler. Back row - Farmers Branch Police Chief David Hale.

Police Department promotes four

FBTX ~ Farmers Branch Police Chief David Hale promoted four officers to new ranks in ceremonies held recently at City Hall (replay of the ceremony airs at 9 a.m. daily on FBTV through June).

Deputy Chief Jay Siegel was hired by the Farmers Branch Police Department in 1998, after service as a Juvenile Detention and Probation officer in Bexar County. His experience includes Patrol, Criminal Investigations and Communications in addition to service as a Field Training Officer, SWAT Team Member and Special Olympics volunteer. He has a Bachelors degree in Psychology from the University of Texas at San Antonio. Deputy Chief Siegel is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the Bill Blackwood Institute. He holds a Master Peace Officer certificate from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

Lieutenant Chad Taylor came to FBPD in 2002 after service in Burleson and Balch Springs. He was promoted to Corporal in 2007 and to Sergeant in 2011. He holds a Master Peace Officer Certificate from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. During his time in Farmers Branch, Lt. Taylor has been a Field Training Officer, a Public Information Officer and an intoxilyzer operator.

Sergeant Austin Tapp has been with FBPD since 2005, coming from the Baylor hospital Police Department. As an officer he has worked in the Patrol and Narcotics Divisions. He was promoted to Corporal in 2016. He holds a Master Peace Officer Certificate and is a Field Training Officer, Crime Scene Officer and member of the SWAT team.

Corporal Julia Chandler was hired by FBPD in 2010 after service in the Children's Division of the Department of Social Services in Ripley County, Missouri. She holds a Bachelors Degree from Southeast Missouri State University where she graduated cum laude with a degree in Criminal Justice. She received the FBPD's Certificate of Meritorious Conduct in 2011. Corporal Chandler also has Advanced Peace Officer, Basic Instructor and Firearms Instructor Certificates from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.