

Branch REVIEW



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Quality of Life

Council offers bond issue to voters in November

FBTX ~ Keying on three recommendations from the Citizen Bond Committee, the Farmers Branch City Council will be asking voters to decide on three quality-of-life bond issues.

On Tuesday, November 7, voters will decide on a \$4 million bond to improve infrastructure and streetscape on Pike Street, near the DART station, that would help bring the station area to life.

Also on the ballot is a \$7 million bond to connect neighborhoods with trails and sidewalks. Approval of this measure would help connect destinations within the City such as neighborhoods, schools, parks, DART rail and surrounding cities. This bond would also provide improvements to the John F. Burke Nature Preserve.

The final issue on the ballot will be a \$4 million bond for single-family residential revitalization across the City. Approval would allow for continuation of the City's Neighborhood Revitalization Program and the Demo/Rebuild Program that offers incentives to homeowners who build new homes on existing lots.

Find out more at votefbtx.com, watch an explanatory video on the bond proposals at the City's YouTube channel at youtube.com/fbtv16 or click on the QR Code to view the video, or check out the informational fliers available at City Hall.



District Town Hall Meetings to foster conversation on bond initiatives

FBTX ~ Mayor Robert Dye and members of the City Council will host Town Hall Meetings for each City Council District, beginning in September, in order to foster conversation about the proposed Quality of Life bond election and to also talk about what is going on in Farmers Branch.

Unless otherwise noted, each meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

SEP 14	CITY HALL	Kickoff Meeting
SEP 21	DR PEPPER STARCENTER	District 1 / Ana Reyes
SEP 28	MANSKE LIBRARY	District 2 / Bronson Blackson
OCT 05	HISTORICAL PARK	District 3 / John Norwood
OCT 12	COMMUNITY REC CENTER	District 4 / Terry Lynne
OCT 19	COMMUNITY REC CENTER	District 5 / Mike Bomgardner

In addition, there will be an afternoon meeting at the Farmers Branch Senior Center on October 18, from 1 until 3 p.m.

All meetings are subject to change. Call 972.919.2505 for more information.

City Council to meet second and fourth Tuesdays

FBTX ~ The Farmers Branch City Council will meet in regular session with slight alterations to the traditional first and third Tuesday schedule due to the Labor Day holiday.

In September, the Council will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays, **September 12 & 26** at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

However, all meetings are subject to change. Call 972.247.3131.

Tell it to the Mayor sessions planned each month

FBTX ~ Modifying an existing practice, Mayor Robert Dye will be holding open office hours for both adults and kids, 18 and under, as 'Tell it to the Mayor' and 'Tell it to the Mayor Jr.' sessions will be held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month.

Open office hours for adults to visit with Mayor Dye at City Hall on any topic, will be held on the second Friday from 4 until 5 p.m. in the City Manager's Office.

Mayor Dye also invites Farmers Branch kids to join him in Council Chambers for questions or conversation on City business or any topic at 'Tell it to the Mayor Jr' every fourth Friday of the month from 4 until 5 p.m. in Council Chambers. For more information, call 972.247.3131.

Rec Center announces earlier weekday hours

FBTX ~ Beginning September 1, the Farmers Branch Community Recreation Center will begin opening on weekdays at 5:30 a.m.

Officials said closing time and weekend hours are not changing. New posted hours will be Monday thru Friday from 5:30 a.m. until 9 p.m.; Saturday 7 a.m. until 5 p.m.; and Sunday from 1 until 4 p.m.

For more information, call 972.247.4607.

Fall Police Citizen Academy set to begin September 7

FBTX ~ There is still availability for residents to apply for the Fall 2017 edition of the Farmers Branch Police Department's Citizen Police Academy.

The multi-week course offers residents an up-close look at Police Department personnel, policies and procedures. Visit farmersbranchtx.gov/police.

Pickups N Panels annual car show set for September 9

FBTX ~ Classic cars and trucks will be on display on September 9 in the Historical Park meadow at 2540 Farmers Branch Lane.

Gates open at 9:30 am. Spectators enjoy free admission while classic car enthusiasts can enter their vehicle for a \$30 fee.

Concessions will be available for purchase as well as fun activities for kids.

For more information or to enter a car or truck visit pickupsnpanels.org or call 214.578.8692.

Firehouse Theatre presents 'Seussical the Musical'

FBTX ~ A magical musical featuring Dr Seuss storybook characters will be presented by the Firehouse Theatre on select nights September 7 through 24.

For info or tickets, call 972.620.3747 or go to thefirehousetheatre.com.

Library Sunset Movie series returns to the amphitheater

FBTX ~ The Manske Library's outdoor movie series will feature 'Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them' on September 2, and the original 'Ghostbusters' on September 16.

Showtimes start at sundown in the amphitheater adjacent to the Library located at 13613 Webb Chapel. Blankets and lawn chairs are recommended for the tiered lawn seating. For more information, call 972.247.2511.

Encounters from the Past brings history alive

FBTX ~ "Stories of Service" is the 2017 theme for "Encounters from the Past," the annual interactive Keenan Cemetery tours, set for September 15 and 16 at 2570 Valley View Lane.

Tours will run every 15 minutes from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person, with free admission for children 6 and younger. Call 972.406.0184 or visit fbcemeterytours.com for more information.

Senior Dances planned

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

SEP 04 CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY
SEP 11 Jim Baker (Ballroom)
SEP 18 J.C. Tippett (Country)
SEP 25 Dave Alexander (Ballroom)

35 Express project nears four-year finish line

FBTX ~ After nearly four years, and \$1.4 billion, the more than 30-mile total overhaul of Interstate 35E is almost complete.

According to officials with



35Express, the construction group responsible for the massive makeover, major operations are expected to be complete by the end of August.

In the meantime, motorists should still expect periodic nighttime closures of some lanes along the length of the

project, from I-635 in Dallas, north to U.S. Highway 380 in Denton County, while crews look to finish resurfacing work.

In total, the project has crossed five municipalities in two counties. Begun in October of 2013, the work will finish in slightly less than four years.

Most City facilities to close for Labor Day holiday

FBTX ~ Most City of Farmers Branch offices and facilities will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of the Labor Day holiday, with a few notable exceptions.

Both the Community Recreation Center and Margaret Young Natatorium will be open from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Next door, the Frog Pond Water Park will celebrate its last day of the summer swim season by opening at 12 noon through 6 p.m. In addition, the Farmers Branch Historical Park will be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

There will be regular garbage and recycling collection on Labor Day

Autumn edition of Date Night to feature food trucks, live music and outdoor movie

FBTX ~ Live music will be provided by a return visit from the Midnight River Choir before the movie entertainment begins at the fall edition of 'Date Night in the Park,' coming Saturday, September 23 at the Farmers Branch Historical Park.

Gates at the Historical Park will open at 5:30 p.m. and admission is free.

Food trucks will line the meadow, while the band takes the stage at 6 p.m. The movie will begin at sundown. In addition to the variety of food trucks, there will be other concessions available, fresh cut flowers and free photo opportunities with the City's new marketing branch, 'Farmers Branch &.'

Guests who purchase a 2017 souvenir water bottle for \$7 can refill with filtered water at the Hydration Station at events throughout the year. Other bottles can be refilled for a minimal \$1 charge.

Upgrade your experience with Stay & Play hotel packages or Flights & Bites package online at

fbspecialevents.com.

Blankets and lawn chairs are encouraged for the meadow seating but chairs are available for \$2 rent. Childcare for kids ages 3 to 12 is available through the Farmers Branch Community Recreation Center at \$10 per child, from 5 to 11 p.m., but reservations are necessary. Call 972.247.4607.

The Farmers Branch Historical Park is located at 2540 Farmers Branch Lane, between Denton Drive and Ford Road, five minutes walk the Farmers Branch DART Station. 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. For more info, visit fbspecialevents.com.



Farmers Branch Market First Saturday Event

September 2 – Enjoy the Latin sound and flavors at Farmers Branch Market Fiesta at the Market with Tejano music by Monica Saldivar plus salsa competition, concessions, inflatables and sidewalk chalk. Market is open every Saturday through October from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Teen Lifesavers lauded



Four Lifeguards from the Farmers Branch Aquatics Center were honored by Mayor Robert Dye and City Councilmembers at a recent meeting for their quick action in saving the life of a seven-year-old drowning victim. Because of their actions, the child survived the incident. Receiving Lifesaving certificates were Farmers Branch Aquatics Center lifeguards (from left) Ricardo Campuzano, Jacob Brown, Josette Bowe and Caleb Brown. They were accompanied by Aquatics Center Manager Rachael Arroyo (far right).