

Branch REVIEW



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Twilight Time

Market shifts hours to become the only Twilight Market in the Metroplex

FBTX ~ Shifting from its traditional schedule, the Farmers Branch Market in 2018 will become the only 'Twilight Market' in the Metroplex with regular hours from 5 until 8 p.m. each Saturday, beginning May 5 and running through the end of September.

"It will be a market under the stars," said Farmers Branch Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Harting. "Folks can shop for all their favorites while enjoying live music and hanging out for dinner and drinks."

The Farmers Branch Market offers locally grown and raised produce, eggs and meat, handmade specialty foods and unique handcrafted arts and gifts.

The Market is held at The Grove @ Mustang Crossing, at the corner of Denton Drive and Bill Moses Parkway, near the Farmers Branch DART Station and across the street from the Dr Pepper StarCenter.

Improvements at The Grove this season include expanded parking, new pathways, enhanced sound and an extended boardwalk. Find out more at farmersbranchmarket.com



City sets Memorial Day hours; garbage & recycling will be collected

FBTX ~ Most City offices and facilities will be closed on Monday, May 28 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday, however, garbage and recycling will be collected on schedule. The exceptions will be the Community Recreation Center (open 5:30 am to 5 pm); Aquatics Center (open 6 am to 5 pm with Frog Pond open 12 noon to 6 pm); and the Historical Park (open 8 am to 5 pm).



Bing sings

Bradley Kent

Boasting a repertoire that ranged from Irish folk music to the Blues to rock and roll, Mountain Dulcimer virtuoso Bing Futch entertained a packed crowd at the Senior Center in March.

Young lifesavers praised for quick thinking, calm action in saving family

FBTX ~ For their individual efforts in helping to save the lives of family members in distress, six-year-old Livy Aldridge and nine-year-old Michaias Griffin were heralded as heroes at a meeting of the Farmers Branch City Council.

Farmers Branch Fire Chief Steve Parker said each of these kids remained calm in the face of emergencies that would have otherwise panicked many adults as he related their stories..

It was January 20 when Livy and her grandfather, Tom Sowell, were home alone when Mr. Sowell felt light-headed and blacked out. When he came to, Livy was calmly sitting at his side.

He told her to go outside, find a neighbor and bring them back. Paramedics were incredibly impressed how Livy handled herself with her grandfather.

Then, on January 31, Michaias found his mother unconscious in the hallway of their home. On his own, Michaias called 9.1.1 from his cell phone and was able to give the dispatcher his name, address and the nature of his mother's medical emergency. For their efforts in saving their family members, Livy and Michaias were awarded the Farmers Branch Fire Department's Certificate of Exemplary Action.



Michaias Griffin (left) and Livy Aldridge.

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City to contest Addison violations on Farmers Branch Creek

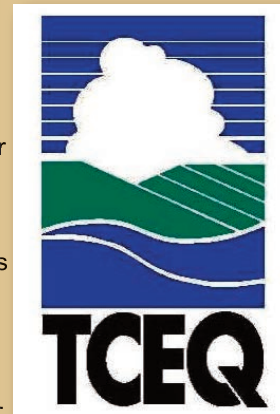
FBTX ~ The Farmers Branch City Council will contest the Town of Addison's request before the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to legitimize their permit violations concerning use of water on Farmers Branch Creek where it briefly flows through Addison at the Vitruvian Development, east of Marsh Lane and behind Brookhaven College.

In 2011, Addison unlawfully drilled a well to an unpermitted aquifer to replace surface water lost to evaporation where they have ponded the creek at the development. In addition to inconsistent replacement pumping, the unpermitted Woodbine aquifer can introduce pollutants into the creek that has effects on water flow and ecology downstream in Farmers Branch. Meanwhile, Addison has filed a request with TCEQ to modify their permit in order to make legal their illegal actions.

In a hearing last year, TCEQ commissioners expressed concern over the situation.

"I'm troubled by what I see as (Addison's) willful non-compliance with our statutes and regulations," said TCEQ Commissioner Jon Niermann. TCEQ Chairman Bryan W. Shaw added, "This (Woodbine Aquifer) groundwater has actually introduced pollutants into state surface water. The evidence supports that conclusion."

When attempts to reach a compromise with Addison failed, including the Farmers Branch Council's offer to pay approximately 40 percent of the cost to bring them into compliance, Farmers Branch served notice that they will be contesting the permit modification request in Austin. Additionally, Addison residents will no longer be issued Farmers Branch Library cards and use of the Farmers Branch Senior Center by Addison residents will cost an annual membership of \$500 each. City Manager Charles Cox also informed Addison officials that they may no longer store dead animals at the Farmers Branch Animal Adoption Center and that a sanitary sewer connection to Addison will either need to be metered or capped in 60 days. At this point, there is no date set for the contested case hearing.



Fire Department urges residents to check for recalled smoke alarms

FBTX ~ More than 450,000 smoke detectors from a North Carolina-based company have been recalled because of a manufacturer defect that could prevent them from detecting smoke.

Kidde issued a recall for models PI2010 and PI9010. Model numbers are on the back of the units. They were sold at Menards, The Home Depot, Walmart and other department, home and hardware stores nationwide and online at Amazon.com, ShopKidde.com and other websites from September 2016 through January 2018 for between \$20 and \$40, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Here is the full explanation of the problem, as stated in the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission recall notice:



"A yellow cap left on during the manufacturing process can cover one of the two smoke sensors and compromise the smoke alarm's ability to detect smoke, posing a risk of consumers not being alerted to a fire in their home."

Kidde wants consumers to take down the smoke alarm and look through the side opening. Customers who see a yellow cap shouldn't try to take the alarm apart or do repair. They should contact Kidde to request a free replacement smoke alarm, but toss the current smoke alarm only after getting the replacement.

If anyone has an affected smoke alarm, they can register for a replacement at: kidde-smoke-alarm-recall.usen.expertinquiry.com.

Residents can also call 833.551.7739.

Anyone needing assistance with mounting a new smoke alarm can contact the Fire Prevention Division at 972.919.2640.

Frog Pond readies for 2018 summer swim season

FBTX ~ The Farmers Branch Aquatics Center's outdoor Frog Pond will celebrate the summer swim season's opening weekend Saturday, May 26 through Memorial Day Monday, May 28, with hours each day from 12 noon until 6 p.m.

The Frog Pond will be open for the season's daily operation on June 8.

Season passes are on sale now. Resident individual passes are \$50 while family passes are \$130. Non-resident rates are \$80 per individual and \$210 per family.

Animal Adoption Center expands operating hours

FBTX ~ The Farmers Branch Animal Adoption Center has expanded its hours, now open on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The Center's regular hours are Tue, Thu and Fri from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sat from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Call 972.919.8770.

Firehouse opens and closes May with different shows

FBTX ~ An active schedule at the Firehouse Theatre has the local production company concluding their run of **Little Women: The Musical** on Sunday, May 6.

Meanwhile, the troupe will open their production of **Gypsy** on Thursday, May 31 and continue on select nights through June 17.

For tickets or more information, call 972.620.3747 or thefirehousetheatre.com.

Senior Dances set Mondays

FBTX~ Live music and friendly people make Senior Dance night one of the best. \$5.
MAY 07 Swingin' Country | Country
MAY 14 Jim Baker | Ballroom
MAY 21 Solid Country | Country
MAY 28 Memorial Day | No Dance

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 Water/Sewer Emergencies: (972) 919-2600 (After Hours): (800) 417-8157
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Your City of Farmers Branch Utility Statement

Account Number: 1111-1111
 Account Name: JOHN Q SAMPLE
 Service Address: 500 MAIN STREET
 Bill Date: 12/14/2017 Due Date: 12/29/2017

Cycle-Route: 02-04 Service Period: 10/31/2017 to 12/14/2017

MONTHLY USAGE (1 HCF = 748 GALLONS)	Water	Sewer	Current	Previous	Consumption
55555555	WA	100.00	95.00	5.00	

YOUR HISTORICAL USAGE - BASED ON BILLING DATE

Payments received after 11:00 a.m. are posted to the next business day. A penalty of ten percent (10%) of the total amount due will be added if payment is received 28 or more days after the billing date. Contact Customer Service to initiate an automatic bank draft or to pay by credit card.

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ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Last Bill: \$3.10
 Total Paid Since Last Bill: -\$3.10
 Adjustments: 0.00
 Balance Forward: \$0.00

CURRENT CHARGE SUMMARY

Water: 35.55
 Sewer: 29.05
 Stormwater: 4.50
 Total New Charges: \$69.50

New Charges Due By 12/29/2017
 Total Amount Due: \$69.50

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Cycle-Route: 02-04 Service Address: 500 MAIN STREET
 Account Number: 1111-1111 Due Date: 12/29/2017 Amount Due: 69.50

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$

Please make check payable to City of Farmers Branch and place account number on check to ensure proper credit.

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In Living Color

The Farmers Branch Finance Department will be rolling out full-color water bills to customers beginning with April statements. Officials said the change is being made to modernize the billing process and make the document updated and more easy to read.

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