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Fitness Connection to open at previous grocery site

Renovation is now underway at 6750 Forest Hill Drive for a Fitness Connection. Renovation cost is \$3.5 million.

Fitness Connection strives to make a high-quality fitness experience attainable for all by offering all-inclusive amenities starting at a low monthly cost of just \$10 a month. They plan to be open by January 1, 2020.

Amenities available to all members at the impressive Forest Hill location will include an expansive workout floor complete with free weights, and rows of cardio and strength equipment, Group Classes in a premiere Group Fitness Studio, a designated Group Cycling Studio, a turf training area with a functional training rig, full-size basketball courts, men and women's locker rooms complete with saunas, and a kid's club with tablets, a mini basketball court and theater.



Work is underway to convert building for Fitness Connection.

Police hope to cram patrol car with canned goods for needy

National Night Out will be held at the Civic & Convention Center on Tuesday, October 1, starting at 6 p.m. The Police Department hopes to fill a patrol car with canned goods for the needy in area, so please bring something to contribute. Some of the parking lot attractions will include the usual bounce house fun for the kids, police cars, fire trucks, ambulance(s), MedStar ambulance, public works vehicles and a really cool assortment of tow vehicles from Beard's Towing. Additionally this year, the Police Department will display their motorcycle.

- Foodland will be cooking hot dogs and providing chips and drinks as well as treats for the indoor cakewalk.
- There will be live entertainment with acts still pending confirmation.



Patrol car will be filled with canned goods for the needy.

Mayor Joubert receives honorary doctorate



Mayor Joubert (center) recently received an Honorary Doctorate in Political Science from the Dallas Fort Worth Bible Institute & Seminary.

Mark your calendar...

Veterans Day Breakfast & Fair - November 11

8:30 a.m. at Civic & Convention Center, 6901 Wichita

Info: 817-568-3009



Mayor's Corner

You've no doubt seen the growth our city has been experiencing – both in new home construction and business development. From north to south and east to west, we are welcoming new neighbors. But along with the construction –and you've probably suffered through it – comes street closures, slower traffic and people working near

and along the streets. For the safety of everyone involved in our growth spurt, please stay off your cell phones, and be cautious of flashing signs, cones and the like. Stay tuned for more exciting development news coming soon!

And, please don't forget to join us at the upcoming National Night Out event on Tuesday, October 1st at the Civic & Convention Center. It'll be packed full of freebies, food and fun!

**Your humble servant,
Mayor Gerald Joubert**

From the City Council...

Regular City Council Meeting - August 6, 2019

- Radi Khader, owner of ABC Auto, passed away and his son accepted a proclamation from Mayor Joubert in honor of his service to the community.
- Specific Use Permits for on Premise Alcoholic Beverage Consumption were approved for Pollo Maya Restaurant, 3344 Mansfield Highway, and Milo's Mexican Restaurant, 6950 Forest Hill Drive.
- A zoning change from Single Family Residential to Light Industrial requested by the Forest Hill Community Bible Church was denied.
- An ordinance regulating businesses that dispose of used motor oil was unanimously passed.
- An ordinance adopting the 2018 International Building Code and the 2017 National Electric Code were unanimously passed.
- An ordinance amending the permit fee schedule did not pass.
- A display plaque at Anglin Park was unanimously approved in memory of Fred and Mary Stead who donated the land.

Regular City Council Meeting - August 20, 2019

- The first public hearing on the 2019-2020 budget was held at 6 p.m.
- An interlocal agreement between Fort Worth Independent School District for a school resource officer was approved.
- An ordinance to remove the requirement for a Specific Use Permit for Flea Market aIndoor and Flea Market Outdoor uses was approved.
- A request to allow a guest house to be built in the rear of 4900 Alandale which was approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission passed after action by the Council.
- Two structures were ordered to be demolished following a public hearing - 2900 Mansfield Highway and 5905 Forest Haven.
- A Mayor's Youth Advisory Council was established.
- A contract for IT management services was approved.
- Upfit (lights, radios, markings) for four new police cars was approved.



Radi Khader's son accepts proclamation.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL CITY-WIDE



FRIDAY - SUNDAY

OCTOBER 4-6

Starting at 8 a.m.

No Permit Fee!

One Sign - \$5.00

Hanging signs on utility poles is illegal and subject to fine!



Call 817-806-4561 for info.

Hundreds of students receive school supplies

Five hundred students received school supplies on August 15 at the annual Mayor's Back to School Event. Sponsors included Teague Nall & Perkins, J. Wales Home Solutions and Waste Connections. Organizers issued a big "thank you" to all who helped.



Family gets supplies for everyone.



Mayor Joubert with Council Members Carlie Jones and Racquel Buffin Belle and students at event.



Pre-K student prepares for school.



Left: Mayor Gerald Joubert, Council Member Racquel Buffin Belle, Mayor Pro Tem Clara Faulkner, City Manager Sheyi Ipaye, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Ozell Birks and volunteer Laide Osijonwo.



Left: Students with Mayor Gerald Joubert. Right: Parents and students line up to get backpacks and supplies.





Members of the Community Development Corporation were recently sworn in. They include Racquel Buffin Belle, Gwen Barbee, Bonnie Winkfield, Mayor Gerald Joubert, Ozell Birks, Velma Butler and Malinda Miller. Council Member Racquel Belle was selected as the new Vice-Chair.

Planning & Zoning Commission members take oath of office



Loretta J. Muldrew, Valerie Robertson, Armando Villareal and Ruby McEwing were recently sworn in as members of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

What's happening at the Forest Hill Library

Story Telling is every Thursday starting at 11:30 a.m.
Virtual Read Out - September 22-28. Read a book on video with or without your face showing and upload it to YouTube and send it to the library and we will upload it to our Facebook page, or come into the library and we will record you reading a book and post to our Facebook page.

Talent Show- September 28 - If you have talent, come show it at The Forest Hill Library for a chance to win a cash prize. For more information on how to register please contact the Forest Hill Library or online: www.foresthilllibrary.org,

or our facebook page: <https://fb.me/foresthilllibrary.org>
Arts and Crafts Hispanic Heritage Month - September 21, 12 -2 p.m. Learn more about Hispanic Culture & check out our displays

Costume Contest (Friends of the Library as Judges) - October 26/ Bring your kids in their costumes for a chance to win a prize. Hosted by the Friends of the Library.

Haunted House at the Library - October 31, 5 p.m until 7 p.m. Let the library get you scare ready for a night of trick or treating.

Jack-O-Lanterns Storytime - October 31 - 11:30 a.m. - Special storytime for toddlers. Let your child make their own special Jack-O-Lantern.

More information is available at 817-551-5354. The Library is located at 6962 Forest Hill Drive.



On Tuesday, August 20, Forest Hill first responders and other staff members signed flags to be returned to El Paso. The "Ride to Heal Our Brothers and Sisters" event that began August 17 and ended on August 23. Route is as follows: Corpus Christi - August 17, San Antonio - August 18, Austin - August 18, Houston - August 19, DFW-August 20, Lubbock - August 21, Ft. Stockton - August 22 and El Paso-August 23.

Organizers said, "Our intention is to have as many First Responders, both Fire/EMS and Law Enforcement at the local, state, and federal levels, as well as civilians of this great state and country to sign the respected Texas state flags we will be carrying and proudly displaying with us as we continue our journey into El Paso. These flags will then be presented to El Paso area first responders.

"It is our intention to honor those heroes that arose from the tragedy that occurred in El Paso, collectively as a brotherhood, for their selfless and brave responses to the deadly and senseless shooting that ensued on August 3. As first responders, it is important to us to remind those affected by this travesty, that they are not alone and we stand behind them as they begin to heal."

Code Enforcement Question or Complaint?
Call 817-568-3011

Have items you want to recycle?



Drop-off bins are available at the Animal Control Center, 6901 Anglin Drive and at PD/FD Substation, 6800 Forest Hill Drive. The gate is open on Anglin Drive from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.
The bin at the Substation is open 24/7.



Around Town

By Shirley Fowkes
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Want your birthday or event in this part of the newsletter?
Email: news@foresthilltx.org.

Charles Yarbrough celebrated a birthday on July 15 but is now recovering from a triple heart bypass surgery. We wish him a quick recovery.

Gayle Fried, who had lived in Forest Hill forever, recently passed away, **Diana Hallmark**, also a long time resident, recently passed away and **Radi Khader**, owner of ABC Auto also passed. Our deepest sympathies to these families.

City Manager **Sheyi Ipaye** had a birthday on September 9; **Chief Dennis** has a birthday on September 18; Finance Director **Anne LaMere's** birthday is September 21; and **Ashle Varela** gets a birthday holiday on the 18th.

Longtime Library Treasurer **Charlotte Hogan-Price** has a birthday on October 27. Happy birthday to a great lady!

Firefighter **Terry Cason** has a birthday on October 19; Human Resources **Director Caroline Green** has a birthday on October 20; **Corey Holland** from Public Works has a birthday on October 26; Firefighter **Eric Shirey** has a birthday on October 3; and **San Juanita Wait** from Municipal Court celebrates on October 9.



Hannah Stephens and Ty'Keonna Washington of Kennedale High School received a John Bigler and Homer Horton Scholarship from the Forest Hill Lions Club on August 7. Washington will attend Paul Quinn College to study Early Childhood Development. Stephens plans to pursue a degree in Chemistry at the University of Texas at Arlington. The scholarships are named for past presidents of the Forest Hill Lions Club and are offered to area high school seniors. Forest Hill Lions Club meets at Luby's Cafeteria at 11:30 am on the first and third Wednesdays.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE UTILITY BILLING OFFICE

Ever wonder why on the 5th and the 20th of each month you have a hard time reaching the Utility Billing Department? Here is number of customers on those days:

	5th	20th
CLERK 1	141	224
CLERK 2	118	67
CLERK 3	<u>169</u>	<u>157</u>
TOTAL	428	448

The Utility Billing Department would like to encourage customers to use the online bill pay located at www.foresthilltx.org or drop the payment in the night drop box to avoid the overworked system on final notice days. In addition, automated bank draft is offered at NO CHARGE. Just fill out the form and they take care of the rest. Utility Billing wants to offer the best customer service – with your help!

GOT A DOGGIE OR KITTYP?
GET 'EM REGISTERED – GET YOUR TAG!



\$5 (spayed/neutered)
\$10 (not spayed/neutered)
@ THE PERMIT DEPARTMENT - CITY HALL
3219 CALIFORNIA PKWY.
INFO: 817.306.4561

*COST IS PER ANIMAL/YEAR.
MUST SHOW PROOF OF CURRENT RABIES SHOT.



CITY OF Forest Hill ANIMAL CONTROL

Community Calendar

All meetings are subject to change. City info: www.foresthilltx.org.

September 16 - Blood pressure checks* & BINGO - Senior Activity Center - 9:30 a.m.; Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting - 6 p.m. - City Hall

September 17 - City Council Meeting - 7 p.m. - City Hall

September 18 - Lions Club - 11 a.m. - Luby's; Historical Commission Meeting - 3 p.m. - City Hall

September 23 - Blood pressure checks* & BINGO - Senior Activity Center - 9:30 a.m.

September 30 - Blood pressure checks* & BINGO - Senior Activity Center - 9:30 a.m.

October 1 - No City Council Meeting; National Night Out - 6-8 p.m. - Civic & Convention Center

October 2 - Lions Club - 11 a.m. - Luby's

October 4 - Senior Center Food Day for regular attendees

October 4-6 - Citywide garage sale 8 a.m.

October 7 - Blood pressure checks* & BINGO - Senior Activity Center - 9:30 a.m.; Planning and Zoning Meeting - 6 p.m. - City Hall

October 8 - Friends of the Library Meeting - 6 p.m. - Library Community Room. Call 817-551-5354 for info

October 14 - Columbus Day; Blood pressure checks* & BINGO - Senior Activity Center - 9:30 a.m.; Parks, Recreation & Clean City Commission Meeting - 5 p.m. - City Hall; Police Alumni Association Meeting - 6:30 p.m. - Civic & Convention Center

October 15 - City Council Meeting - 7 p.m. - City Hall

October 16 - Lions Club - 11 a.m. - Luby's; Historical Commission Meeting - 3 p.m. - City Hall

October 21 - Blood pressure checks* & BINGO - Senior Activity Center - 9:30 a.m.

October 28 - Blood pressure checks* & BINGO - Senior Activity Center - 9:30 a.m.

* Blood pressure checks will not occur if firefighters are on an emergency call.

Forest Hill employment opportunities

Full time Warrant Officer, part time Code Enforcement Officer, full time City Planner, full time City Engineer, full time City Attorney, full time Public Works Field Technician and part time Public Works Field Technician.

The website www.foresthilltx.org allows you to view current job listings as well as download an application or pick up an application at City Hall, 3219 California Parkway, Forest Hill, TX 76119.

City receives Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for tenth year



The City of Forest Hill has been awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the current fiscal period. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting for local governments. The City of Forest Hill is privileged to have received this award ten times in a row. This award is based on effective budget guidelines including a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communications device. Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories. City Manager Sheyi Ipaye congratulated Finance Director Anne LaMere and the finance staff for their diligence in preparing the budget and receiving this award.

National Night Out Tuesday, October 1 6 p.m.

at the Civic & Convention Center
6901 Wichita Street



Fun • Food • Entertainment
ALL FREE!

Info: Star Gonzalez at 817-531-5250

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Low cost animal vaccination clinic
ANIMAL CLINIC OF FOREST HILL
Every 2nd Saturday of the month
2 p.m. - 4 p.m. at 3350 Lookout Drive
817-551-3700 for info