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## Street reconstruction, 4 patrol cars in 2016-17 budget

Ten streets were approved for reconstruction in the coming year in the recently adopted budget. Those approved were FALCON (Forest Hill Drive - Crawford), TRIUMPH (Forest Edge - Crawford), NAURET ROAD (Forest Hill Circle - Koldin Trail), TRAILWOOD (Forest Hill Circle - Parkwood),

WOODY LANE (Anglin Drive - Trailwood), WOODVIEW (Anglin Drive - Trailwood), TRUETT (Cardinal Ridge - Orchard), FALMOUTH (Woodbridge - Chimney Rock), WOODBRIDGE (Forest Hill Drive - Chimney Rock) and FOLKSTONE (Lon Stephenson - Chimney Rock).

The City Council unanimously approved the Budget for 2016-17 at the meeting on September 20. Also approved was a new sewer machine, change-out of a significant portion of old water meters, a three percent pay raise for employees and four new Chevrolet Tahoe patrol cars. An additional appropriation of \$50,000 for a matching grant with Tarrant County to upgrade senior's dwellings is in the budget along with an allocation for bridge reconstruction on Forest Hill Drive. The budget includes much more and can be viewed during regular office hours at City Hall or online. (More on the budget in City Council story on page 2.)



New patrol cars will soon be lighted and on the streets.

## Early voting starts October 24

Early voting in the presidential and other state and national elections will be held at the Civic & Convention Center, 6901 Wichita, October 24-28, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Other dates and times are October 29 - 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.; October 30 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. and October 31 - 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Voting continues November 1-4 - 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Anyone from Tarrant County can vote at any early polling place during early voting but must vote at their home precinct on election day. Election day is November 7 - 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

## Cleanup Day - November 12

As part of the "Keep Forest Hill Beautiful" program, it's time for the city-wide clean-up. All citizens are encouraged to bring their throwaway items on November 12 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Super One parking lot. We welcome and appreciate any citizens wishing to volunteer for this special FALL clean-up effort. To volunteer, please call 817-531-5704.

**Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 6 at 2 a.m. Set your clocks back one hour and change your smoke detector battery!**



**Friday, November 11**

**Free to all Veterans**

**Forest Hill Civic & Convention Center  
6901 Wichita Street**

**Doors open at 8 a.m.; Program starts at 8:30 a.m.  
Info: 817-568-3009**

## A Message from the Mayor:

Time.  
It's valuable.  
And it's invaluable.

Valuable – because there never seems to be enough of it to do what we need and what we'd like to do. Time is invaluable because it allows us the chance to fulfill our dreams, goals and successes. Why so much talk about time?

Because I'm asking of you to give some of yours. I've been volunteering in Forest Hill for more than 25 years, and I've got so much more to give! If you aren't a city volunteer already, I encourage you to give – to the committee, commission, board, event or project of your choice as you can. Some, may only need an hour or two of your time in a year...now that's not

asking much when you really think about it.

Volunteerism is genuine civic engagement – residents working together to identify problems, seek solutions and help to implement programs. It opens and encourages dialogue, bringing out the absolute BEST of our community.

Become an integral part of positive change in Forest Hill. There's no room for cynicism (like we find at some state and national levels of government) in our city. When we give of service-selves, our spirit of communication opens the doors to encouraging input, suggestions, and the ideas that will grow our COMMUNITY DRIVEN spirit today and always.

Volunteer today! I'm happy to get you started!

Serving you proudly,  
Mayor Gerald Joubert

## From the City Council...

# Taxes remain at 99¢; no rate increase again this year

### Regular City Council Meeting - September 20, 2016

After months of intense work, the City Council unanimously voted to set the tax rate at 99¢ per \$100 evaluation and adopted the budget for the 2015-16 fiscal year. This leaves the tax rate the same as the last several years - no increase. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Malinda Miller was absent from the meeting due to an injury,

Highlights of the meeting are:

- Mayor Gerald Joubert announced that Citizen Presentations are temporarily suspended awaiting revamping of the rules at a November retreat. He also presented a Proclamation for National Night Out to Police Chief Dan Dennis.
- The consent agenda was unanimously approved including: (1) Approval of September 6, 2016 Minutes; (2) Approval of agreement with auditing firm, Evans Pingleton & Howard PPC; (3) Approval of Meet and Confer Agreement with Forest Hill Police Association; and (4) Approval of an Ordinance dealing with Hotel Taxes.
- Other business included public hearings on two requests for Specific Use Permits for two Family Dollar Stores. Both SUPs were approved later in the meeting.

- A Public Hearing was held to receive comments regarding a request by the City of Forest Hill for a review and possible revocation of a Specific Use Permit for a Public Market belonging to Timey and Stephanie Boardingham at 3402 Mansfield Highway. Planning & Zoning Chair Berniece Taylor-Johnson reported that the Zoning Board had voted 7-0 to revoke the permit at their meeting. Numerous violations in 11 areas were cited. Following discussion, the Council voted to revoke the Specific Use Permit in a split vote.

- The Council unanimously approved the Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17.

- The Council unanimously approved the Tax Assessment Roll for 2016.

- The Council unanimously approved an Ordinance adopting the Tax Rate for 2016-17 at 99¢ per \$100 evaluation.

- The Council discussed Council Member Michielle Banson's request for full access to the Texas Municipal League Risk Pool. City Manager Sheyi Ipaye stated that what she did was wrong and that "no one is above the law." Benson explained that she was trying to register for an online class. No action was taken.

- The City Council Meeting for October 4 was canceled due to National Night Out and because most of the City Council will be in Austin at the TML Conference.

- An item dealing with Council Meeting Conduct Rules was pulled and the group agreed to discuss that and much more at a retreat November 11-13.

- The City Manager reported that all Business Permits will now come due in January and firefighters will ask for those permits when they make their annual inspections.



**City-Wide Clean Up Day**  
**Sat., November 12, 2016**  
**8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
**You bring it – We Remove it!**  
**At Super 1 Foods Parking Lot**  
**6750 Forest Hill Dr.**

Questions?  
Call Public Works  
@ 817-531-5700

Got Clothing, Shoes or  
Toys??  
We'll take 'em too!

KEEP AMERICA  
BEAUTIFUL  
GREAT AMERICAN  
CLEANUP  
TEXAS

**Proof of residency required. Residential disposal only. No hazardous materials.**

We're  
Searching for  
Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to serve on boards and commissions and to help with city events. Call 817-568-3040 for info.

## *Everman schools partner with city for Hispanic Heritage Month*

The City of Forest Hill recently partnered with the City of Everman to recognize the Everman Independent School District's ESL Program during Hispanic Heritage Month with Proclamations being presented from both cities. Forest Hill Council Member Carlie Jones presented the idea to Mayor Joubert and coordinated the project. Pictured left to right are Forest Hill City Manager Sheyi Ipaye, Council Member Jones, Everman Mayor Ray Richardson, EISD Superintendent Curtis Amos, Forest Hill Mayor Gerald Joubert, EISD Director of Bilingual/ESL Programs Anna De Leon and EISD Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Cathy Sewell. National Hispanic Heritage Month is held annually September 15th through November 15th.



## **Fun Run set by Everman Boosters**

A 5K/1Mile Fun Run is being sponsored by the Everman Athletic Booster Club and the Everman Band Boosters. This fun run is the kick-off event to raise money for an Instant-Play-Back Scoreboard for the stadium and an electronic high school marquee.

The event is \$10.00 a person pre-registration. Please use your complete address to register: [www.evermanfunrun.com](http://www.evermanfunrun.com). Everman Booster 5K / 1 Mile Fun Run HS, MS, UnA.

The event is set for Saturday, November 5 starting at 8:00 a.m.

Concessions will be handled by the Band Boosters Everyone is welcome! An awesome 5K for runners, and a mile run/walk for everyone else.

There will be medals for winners in each category: Senior (60+), Adults, High School, Middle School, Intermediate school, Grades 2-4, Grades PK-1, Minis and Special Olympians.

## **Head Start has openings**

The Head Start program of Child Care Associates is recruiting children, three to five years of age, living in Tarrant County for preschool education. This program includes excellent learning opportunities with experienced teaching staff, nutritiously planned meals, a comprehensive medical and dental program and well-maintained facilities where parent involvement is encouraged. For information on this free program, call the Head Start Program meets at Berea Baptist Church, 6901 Forest Hill Drive. For more information, call 817-483-1227.

## *Chamber will learn how to live to be 100 years old*

Special guest speaker for the South Tarrant Chamber of Commerce will be Dr. Jerry Ejuwa, a Physiotherapist. He will provide tips on attaining healthy longevity. The meeting is set for Wednesday, October 19, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Civic & Convention Center, 6901 Wichita Street. Lunch \$15. Reservations - 817-586-9092.



## **THIRD ANNUAL HOLIDAY TASTE OF ART**

Sunday, November 30, 2016

1:00 - 3:30 p.m

.Donation \$15.00

Forest Hill Civic & Convention Center  
6901 Wichita Street Forest Hill, TX 76140

**Sponsored by Tarrant County Black Historical & Genealogical Society & Heritage Art Committee**

Chefs Serving Up Fine Delectable Cuisine

**COME OUT AND EXPERIENCE THIS**

**ONE OF A KIND FOOD EVENT!**

FAMILY FUN

Art Exhibition - Meet the Artists

Music Door Prizes Silent Auction

For Additional Information or to Purchase Tickets online:

[www.tarrantcountyblackhistory.org](http://www.tarrantcountyblackhistory.org) "Donate"

Phone: 817 919-1891 Email: [vjohnson@3jcds.co](mailto:vjohnson@3jcds.co)

Facebook: Art Committee - Tarrant County Black Historical & Genealogical Society

# Community Calendar

All meetings are subject to change. City info: [www.foresthilltx.org](http://www.foresthilltx.org).

**October 17** - Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.

**October 18** - City Council Meeting - 7 p.m. - City Hall

**October 19** - Lions Club - 7 a.m. - Hampton Inn - NOTE CHANGE. Visitors eat free,

**October 19** - South Tarrant Chamber of Commerce - 11:30 a.m. - Civic & Convention Center. (Living to be 100) Lunch \$15. Reservations - 817-586-9092.

**October 22** - Forest Hill Church of Christ Helping Hands Food Program Distribution - 8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

**October 24** - Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.

**October 31** - Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m. HALLOWEEN (No city function this year)

**November 2** - Lions Club - 7 a.m. - Hampton Inn - NOTE CHANGE. Visitors eat free

**November 3** - Neighborhood Watch Meeting - 7 p.m. - Civic & Convention Center. Info: 817-905-9494

**November 4** - Food Bank Day - Senior Center - for seniors who are regular attendees

**November 7** - Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting - 7 p.m. - City Hall

**November 11** - Veterans Day Breakfast - 8:30 a.m. - Civic & Convention Center (See ad.)

**November 14** - Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior 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; Friends of the Library Meeting - 7 p.m. - Library - Info: 817-551-5354

**November 15** - City Council Meeting - 7 p.m. - City Hall

**November 16** - Lions Club - 7 a.m. - Hampton Inn - NOTE CHANGE. Visitors eat free,

**November 21** - Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m. No CDC Meeting.

**November 24-25** - City offices closed for Thanksgiving. Emergency personnel on duty. Call 9-1-1 for help!

**November 26** - Forest Hill Church of Christ Helping Hands Food Program Distribution - 8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

**November 28** - Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.; Library Board Meeting - 6 p.m. - Library.

## Clara Faulkner honored by NAACP



Council Member Clara Faulkner was the special guest speaker at the Lawton, Oklahoma Branch of the NAACP's Freedom Banquet on September 17. She was recognized at the last City Council Meeting for her outstanding contributions.

## National Night Out Highlights



Several groups of dancers entertained during the last half of National Night Out.



Forest Hill Law Enforcement Explorers prepare for pledge to the flag followed by the National Anthem performed by Berniece Taylor-Johnson.

## Aid for Forest Hill needy will be offered

The Forest Hill Action Group has announced that holiday aid (toys and food) will again be available for Forest Hill families. Applications with complete eligibility information are available at city facilities. Interviews will take place on Saturday, December 3. For information, call 817-881-8857.



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

City of Forest Hill 36th Annual  
Christmas Tree Lighting  
Thursday, December 1, 7 - 9 p.m.  
At the Civic & Convention Center



**FROM THE FOREST HILL LIBRARY**  
**Library: 817-551-5354 or [www.foresthillpubliclibrary.org](http://www.foresthillpubliclibrary.org)**  
LIBRARY HOURS: Tuesday-Thursday: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.;  
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Closed Friday, Sunday & Monday.