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## Annual Forest Hill Family Fun Day - *A great day in the park!*

The Annual Forest Hill Family Fun Day was held on Saturday, July 15, starting at 9:30 a.m. at Griggs Park. The theme for 2017 was “Just Having Fun” with lots of good old-fashioned activities. Free snow cones, the Maxwell Hall Jazz Band, pony rides, races, games and lots of crafts were included along with BINGO and some other activities for the less-active. The highlight of the event was the City Manager’s 50-Yard Dash, a challenge to all city employees

to beat him in a foot race. Those who beat the City Manager received a crisp \$50 bill. Hot dogs were available for everyone along with other snacks. The City Council thanked the volunteers repeatedly at the July 18 Council Meeting and praised Public Works for their help with the event.



Mayor Lyndia Thomas and Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Beckie Duncan Hayes assist youngsters with rock painting.



50-Yard Dash participants including winners included: (1) Garrett Considine, Fire; (2) Matthew Lopez, Police; (3) Joshua Galbreath, Fire; Zachary Hodgson, Police; Christopher Schlieff, Police; Lorenzo Burrell, Police; Jerry Cozby, Police; Ryan Davis, Fire; Thomas Haulman, Fire; Brent Carlson, Police; Anthony Cook, Public Works; James Tatum, Public Works; and Sheyi Ipaye, City Manager.

**NINTH ANNUAL FOREST HILL CITY-WIDE**

# GARAGE SALE

**FRIDAY - SUNDAY**

**OCTOBER 6-7-8**

**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.**



## Mayor's Corner

- The closing of Super 1 had nothing to do with the City of Forest Hill and everything to do with the renewal of Super 1's lease with the owner of the building.
- A new sidewalk has been installed on Forest Hill Drive to help our chil-

dren get to school safely.

- 80% to 90% of our board members terms had expired May 31, 2017. Therefore, we cleared the boards and asked that anyone interested in being appointed to a board should submit an application to be considered. We always accept applications for future appointment.

**Mayor Lyndia Thomas**

## From the City Council...

### Regular City Council Meeting - July 18, 2017

The Forest Hill City Council met on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 7 p.m. with all members present.

- Following the invocation and pledges to the flags, citizens presentations were heard, Council Member Michielle Benson gave a Legislative Wrap-up and Mayor Lyndia Thomas reported on Council "Meet and Greet," Council Chamber Etiquette, Mayor's Back to School Event and Family Fun Day with Council Members praising the Parks, Recreation and Clean City Commission. (See picture.)
- The Council approved minutes of the June 20, 2017 Regular Meeting with amendments.
- The Council unanimously approved a Water/Wastewater Study.
- A Resolution denying an application for an Oncor rate increase was unanimously approved.
- A matter to consider a Naming and Renaming Ordinance was tabled.
- The Council unanimously approved a moratorium on both permits and fees for selected areas. (See back page.)
- An item dealing with appointing Street Captains was tabled.
- An item to consider using the Federal Bureau of Investigations to conduct the City's audit and investigation was pulled.
- An item on repairing or replacing the scoreboard at Anglin Drive Ballpark was pulled seeking more info.
- An item to consider streaming the Council Meetings was pulled.
- An item considering problems with bulk waste (curb trash) was delayed until the next meeting.
- After much discussion, the Council, in a split vote, voted to remove members of the Planning & Zoning Commission, Parks, Recreation & Clean City Commission and Community Development Corporation due to the term dates for service being inconsistent.
- After much discussion, in another split vote, the Council agreed to accept applications for all Boards and Committees until July 28.
- In another split vote, the Council voted to approve a Hispanic History Event on September 28 at the Civic & Convention Center spearheaded by Council Member Carlie Jones with help from the Celebration Committee and Mayor Thomas.
- City Manager's report included: (1) A report on TCEQ Resolution for Reconnaissance Investigation regarding a sewer situation; (2) Report on street reconstruction for 2017-18; (3) A report on sales tax collections increase; and (4) Announcement about the Forest Hill Area Job Fair on August 8, 2017.
- The City Council held an Executive Session to consider information from the City Attorney on Michielle Benson vs City of Forest Hill and Stephanie Boardingham vs City of Forest Hill.

### Regular City Council Meeting - August 1, 2017

The Forest Hill City Council met on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 7 p.m. with all members present.

- Following the invocation and pledges to the flags, the City Council convened in Executive Session to discuss Michielle Benson vs City of Forest Hill.
- Following Executive Session, Mayor Lyndia Thomas reported on Council training and sidewalks. (See picture.) Council Member Stephanie Boardingham and Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Beckie Duncan Hayes reported on how much they had learned at training and Carlie Jones and Michielle Benson reported that they had received the TML Fellows Award along with Senior Accountant Titilope Ayanfalu.
- Norm Bulaich from Waste Connections spoke briefly about problems with bulk waste pickup (curb trash). He was instructed to meet with the City Manager and work out solutions.
- The Council approved minutes of the July 18, 2017 Regular Meeting with additions.
- After a lengthy discussion on appointments to Boards and Commissions, the Council convened in a short Executive Session and returned to make appointments. Appointed to the Parks, Recreation and Clean City were returning members Pearl Jones, Gladys Hardeman, Allen Flennoy, Darryl Givens and Rayford Johnson. Appointed to Planning and Zoning Board were Amy Phan, Angela King, Berniece Johnson, Billy Mitchell, Ruby McEwing, Ann Pierce and Armando Villarreal (four of those are returning members). Appointed to the Community Development Board (CDC) from the City Council were Cameron Wafer, Michielle Benson and Stephanie Boardingham with citizen appointments being Gwen B. Jennings and Silas E. Robinson. The Mayor is Chairman of the CDC Board. Appointed to the Celebration Committee were Shirley Fowkes, Connie Hoffman, Flora Ford, Carletta Harrison and Vanessa Riser. Several individuals were nominated to many of these boards but were not approved.
- An Interlocal Agreement with the City of Fort Worth for the Environmental Collection Center was approved.
- An Interlocal Agreement with Fort Worth ISD for continuing a School Resource Officer was unanimously approved.
- The Council authorized the City Manager to hold an auction on August 26 at 10 a.m. to dispose of old used vehicles, etc.
- Several items were pulled from the agenda including a Memorandum of Understanding with CLC Pathways to Justice Careers, action regarding boards and committees, use of the City Council's office that is for the use of all council members, report regarding training and travel expenses and safety implementation for back to school year.
- City Manager reported on (1) Rankings of Tarrant County Banquet & Meeting Facilities; (2) Information on street improvement project costs; and (3) Announcement that Commissioner Roy Brooks has been elected as President of the National League of Counties.

## New sidewalks installed on Forest Hill Drive in time for school opening

Forest Hill Public Works personnel have been working furiously along side a cement contractor to install sidewalks on Forest Hill Drive from Orchard to George. This completes the walkway for students to walk safely to and from school. Over 700 feet of sidewalk was installed during the heat of the summer. The work was performed at that time to avoid having to block the roadway during school hours. The project is now complete. Mayor Lyndia Thomas and Mayor Pro Tem Clara Faulkner thanked the personnel for their effort at the August 1 Council Meeting.

## Tarrant County College celebrates 50 years

A TCC 50th Birthday Celebration will be kicked off on the campus of Tarrant County South College on Saturday September 30, 2017. There will be a family fun day as well as community activities and celebrity appearances. There will also be several different functions for this yearlong celebration of Tarrant County South Campus and this is just the start of the celebrations. A food pantry is also being established.



Public Works Supervisor Roberto Duenes with Anthony Cook and Adolfo Cruz at work on Forest Hill Drive sidewalk.

## Council appoints Charter Commission

The Forest Hill City Council held a Special Meeting on Monday, July 24, at 6 p.m. with all members present. After much discussion, appointments to a Charter Review Commission were made including Mayor Lyndia Thomas, Council Members Stephanie Boardingham and Michielle Benson, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Beckie Hayes, with citizens Janice Hagar, Chris Baron and Ruby McEwing. The date of the first meeting was not established.



Gladys Hardeman was honored at Council Meeting on July 18 for her service on Parks, Recreation & Clean Commission and for donating 75 T-shirts for Family Fun Day.

**AUCTION! Used city equipment. Saturday, August 26 at Public Works, 3101 Horton Road**

### Forest Hill Municipal Court's Back to School Driving Tips

It's that time of year again! School will begin soon and we hope that the Citizens of Forest Hill will be safe and follow these simple tips to help our children reach school safely and help drivers avoid costly fines and tickets.

**Tips for Driving in School Zones**

- Put away your cell phone. Cell phone use is banned in active school zones, and violators face fines of up to \$200 in school zones where signs are posted.
- Always obey school zone speed limit signs. Remember, traffic fines usually double in school zones.
- Drop off and pick up your children in your school's designated areas, not the middle of the street.
- Keep an eye on children gathered at bus stops.
- Be alert for children who might dart across the street or between vehicles on their way to school.

**Tips for Children Walking or Biking to School**

- Always cross at intersections and designated crosswalks. Look left, right and then left again before proceeding.
- Look for traffic when stepping off a bus or from behind parked cars.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street.
- Always obey crossing guards.
- Always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle.

## Mark your Calendar...



Tuesday,  
October 3  
6 p.m.

**POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**  
at the Civic & Convention Center,  
6901 Wichita Street

**Fun • Food • Entertainment**  
Info: Captain Jerry Cozby at 817-531-5250

# Community Calendar

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

- August 16** - Lions Club - 7 a.m. - Hampton Inn - Visitors eat free; Historical Commission - 3 p.m. - City Hall
- August 21** - Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.; Library Board Meeting - 6 p.m. - Library
- August 26** - Forest Hill Church of Christ Helping Hands Food Distribution Program - 8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.; City Auction of Used Equipment - 10 a.m. - Public Works, 3101 Horton Road
- August 28** - Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.
- September 1** - Food Bank Distribution - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - City Hall  
are regular attendees
- September 4** - Labor Day. City employees on duty. Call 9-1-1.
- September 5** - City Council Meeting - 7 p.m. - City Hall
- September 6** - Lions Club - free
- September 7** - Neighborhood Convention Center. Info: 817-551-5354
- September 11** - PATRIOT BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.; City Commission Meeting - 7 p.m. - City Hall  
Association Meeting - 6:30 p.m. - City Hall  
Friends of the Library - 7 p.m. - Library
- September 18** - Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.; Library Board Meeting - 6 p.m. - Library
- September 19** - City Council Meeting - 7 p.m. - City Hall
- September 20** - Lions Club - free; Historical Commission - 3 p.m. - City Hall
- September 23** - Forest Hill Church of Christ Helping Hands Food Distribution Program - 8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.; City Auction of Used Equipment - 10 a.m. - Public Works, 3101 Horton Road
- September 25** - Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.; Library Board Meeting - 6 p.m. - Library
- September 28** - Celebrating Hispanic History Month, Civic Center, 7 p.m. Details later
- October 2** - Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.
- October 3** - National Night Out - Civic & Convention Center, 6 p.m. Fun for all!



# Some permits AND fees on hold until September

Fees and permits for many permits were frozen on June 20, 2017 at the City Council Meeting and the City Council expanded that to include not needing a permit on July 18, 2017. The moratorium on fees will extend for 90 days. This action sets a moratorium on fees for the following; door repairs and/or replacement, window repairs and/or replacement, roof repairs and/or replacement, changing electric providers, painting houses, repairs and/or replacement of sheds, and repairs

Program at Freeman Park with 50 on the first day and growing. Plans are being made for the beginning of next summer.

## Senior Citizen Center members take field trip



Members of the Senior Citizen Center recently took an outing to Weston Gardens. The Senior Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and serves nutritious meals. Go by and meet the new Director Melvina Lenton or call 817-293-8319.

### FROM THE FOREST HILL LIBRARY

Library: 817-551-5354 or

Info at: Forest Hill Public Library Facebook page

Check out their Facebook page!

**LIBRARY HOURS:** Tuesday-Thursday: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Closed Friday, Sunday & Monday.



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