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Loads of activities in upcoming months in Forest Hill

Grab your family calendar and make note of these great upcoming happenings in Forest Hill.

The first event will be the **Celebrating Hispanic Heritage** on Thursday, **September 28**, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Civic & Convention Center, 6901 Wichita. There will be presentations from area elementary and high schools, free giveaways, music and fun galore. For information or to participate, call 817-568-3009.

National Night Out will be held at the Civic & Convention Center on Tuesday, **October 3**, starting at 6 p.m. Highlights will be:

- Some of the parking lot attractions will include the usual bounce house fun for the kids, police cars, fire trucks, ambulance(s), public works vehicles and a really cool assortment of tow vehicles from Beard's Towing. Additionally this year, we will have special guests from BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse) that will be riding in on their motorcycles.
- 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 Folkloric dancers. Other acts still pending confirmation.
- Clowns to do face painting.

- Photo booths to catch all the memories.

Captain Jerry Cozby praised the Public Works personnel for all their assistance with this National Night Out.

The **Texas Western Model Railroad Club** will hold its annual **Train Show** on **November; 11 and 12**. Open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Sunday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. See fantastic train layouts, accessories, collectibles and don't miss the Lego Building Room with thousands of Legos for the kids. Admission is \$7 for adults and kid 12 and under free with paid adult.

The annual **City-wide Garage Sale** is scheduled for **Friday, October 6 to Sunday, October 8** beginning at 8 a.m. There will be a host of garage sales with the predominant area in the College Oaks Addition where the city-wide sales initially started. (See ad below.)



Some of the volunteers who assisted with the annual Mayor's Back to School Event on August 12. See page 3.

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



CITY OF
Forest Hill
COMMUNITY DRIVEN

**Celebrating
Hispanic
Heritage**

**Thursday
September 28
6 - 8 p.m.**

**Civic & Convention Center
6901 Wichita**

**Free Giveaways
Food • Entertainment**



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Mayor's Corner

- The new school year has started and we want to welcome the principals, teachers and other personnel back to Forest Hill.
- We have a new director at the Senior Citizen Center, Melvina Lenton.

When you get a chance, go by the Center to welcome Ms. Lenton and see if you can help in any way.

- Citizens, you are invited to the City Council Meetings that are held at City Hall every first and third Tuesday at 7 p.m. We look forward to seeing you.

Mayor Lyndia Thomas

From the City Council...

Workshop/Regular City Council Meeting - August 16, 2017

The Forest Hill City Council met on Tuesday, August 16, 2017 at 6 p.m. with all members present.

- The workshop agenda included discussion on three items. (1) Health Insurance Benefits for staff; (2) Proposed Tax Rate for 2017-18 and (3) Priority List for Expenditures.

The Regular Meeting convened at 7 p.m.

- Following the invocation and pledges to the flags, oaths of office for newly appointed Board Members and Commissioners were followed by Citizen Presentations.

• Mayor's Report included: (1) Update on Mayor's Back to School Event; (2) Report on upcoming Lions Club Vision Screening at local schools by Council Member Stephanie Boardingham; (3) Council Member Michelle Benson reported on Special Legislative Session; (4) Report on Tarrant County College Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration; and (5) Report regarding Senate Bill SB 4 (Sanctuary Cities) by Mayor Pro Tem Clara Faulkner.

• The Council approved minutes of the July 24, 2017 Special Meeting and August 1 Regular Meeting with corrections.

• The Council unanimously approved Blue Cross Blue Shield as its employee healthcare and dental coverage provider effective October 1, 2017.

• The Council made some appointments to various boards and committees and tabled action on further appointments.

• The Council unanimously authorized the City Manager to execute a contract with Texas Workforce Commission Information Release Program.

• An item dealing with transportation to and from training by city council members was unanimously approved.

• Items dealing with procedure for placing items on the agenda and school crossing guards were pulled.

• A Memorandum of Understanding between CLC, Inc. Pathways to Justice Careers for Youth Program was unanimously approved.

• In a unanimous decision, the Council approved placement of a telecommunications tower in the right-of-way at 6554 Forest Hill Drive (behind Captain D'S) by Mobilite LLC.

• City Manager's report included: (1) Update on floodplain development in the Stonewall/Yorktown and Griggs Park area by a representative from Teague Nall & Perkins; (2) Report on street construction costs; (3) A report that bridge reconstruction on Forest Hill Drive will resume in September; (4) A report indicating that 404 persons attended the Forest Hill Area Job Fair with 36 employers on site; (5) A report regarding improvements to the Forest Hill Mall which has been shut down for 10 years.

• The City Council held an Executive Session to consider information from the City Attorney on Michelle Benson vs City of Forest Hill and Stephanie Boardingham vs City of Forest Hill.

Special City Council Meeting - August 28, 2017

The Forest Hill City Council met on Tuesday, August 28, 2017 at 6 p.m. with Michelle Benson absent. All others were present.

- After much discussion, the Council, agreed in a unanimous de-

cision to table four items until the next meeting dealing with reestablishing the Charter Review Commission.

Regular City Council Meeting - September 5, 2017

The Forest Hill City Council met on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 7 p.m. with all members present.

• Following the invocation and pledges to the flags, the City Council convened into Executive Session to consider information from the City Attorney on (1) Michelle Benson vs City of Forest Hill and (2) Stephanie Boardingham vs City of Forest Hill. They voted for the City Attorney to proceed on both items as directed in Executive Session.

• Following Executive Session, Mayor Lyndia Thomas reported on (1) Disaster Relief (See page 3) (2) Council Member Jones also reported on plans for the upcoming Hispanic Heritage Awareness Event; (3) Report on Senior Activity Center by Melvina Lenton, new director; (4) Report on training by Mayor Pro Tem Clara Faulkner and Council Member Stephanie Boardingham who are now Certified Municipal Officials; and (5) Report on Texas Association of Mayors, Councilmembers and Commissioners by Council Member Benson who is on the nominating committee.

• Minutes of the August 15, 2017 Regular Meeting and August 28, 2017 Special Meeting were approved with corrections.

• Resolution No. 07-2017 in support of updating the City of Forest Hill Equal Opportunity Policy was pulled from the Agenda.

• Dates for budget public hearings were set - September 12 and September 18. City Manager reported that the upcoming budget is based on a 95¢ tax rate. Tax rate is presently 99¢.

• An Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County for the Transportation Service Program was unanimously approved.

• The Council unanimously approved action regarding the AAMA/MedStar Price/Subsidy.

• Stephanie Boardingham asked for action regarding City Hall Key hours of operation. Key hours will not change.

• An item by Michelle Benson to discuss Texas Problem Properties Toolkit was pulled.

• An item on vacant property was pulled for further study.

• Council Member Boardingham asked for changes to the makeup of the Audit Committee. This did not pass.

• The Council received a report from the Charter Review Commission with no action and in several separate motions, the Charter Review Commission was disbanded and a new Charter Review Commission was established with the Mayor and all members of the City Council plus four citizens to be appointed in the future.

• Two items were tabled until October dealing with procedure for placing items on the agenda and Council Meeting Conduct Rules.

• Appointments to Boards and Committees were: Zoning Board of Adjustment - Loretta Muldrew, Michael Fantroy, Linda Mitchell, Marvin Carter and Leslie Jaspersen with Don Robinson as alternate; Parks, Recreation and Clean City Commission - Raquel Bell and Cynthia Taylor; Arts Commission - Marcus Brookins.

• City Manager reported on (1) Vacant retail locations and (2) Distinguished Budget Achievement Award.

Back to School Event successful



Mayor Lyndia Thomas greeted families as they registered for Mayor's Back to School event. Right; This young lady is now ready for Pre-K.



**Do Not Text
and Drive!**

**It is now
Illegal all
over Texas.
Effective September 1**

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers

"Volunteers are needed to serve nutritious meals along with care and compassion to our home-bound clients in Forest Hill and all over Tarrant County. Volunteers deliver one day a week (Monday-Friday) and delivery usually takes about one hour (11:30 - 12:30 p.m.). There is a meal distribution site conveniently located in Forest Hill. Together we can combat hunger and isolation. Join our team today! For more details, visit the website at www.mealsonwheels.org or contact Nedra Cutler at nedra@mealsonwheels.org or 817-336-0912.

Family & Friends Community Day

Berea Baptist Church, 6901 Forest Hill Drive, will hold a Family & Friends Community Day Saturday, September 30, 2 p.m - 6 p.m. Friends, Family, Food, Fun! Info: Email: berabc@thebereabc.org; Phone: 817.478.1007; Website: www.thebereabc.org

Supplies being collected at City Hall Forest Hill assisting with refugees

If you want to contribute to the Hurricane Harvey relief effort, look no farther. The Forest Hill City Hall, 3219 California Parkway is a temporary collection site for supplies for that effort. A list will be available on the city website foresthilltx.org.

NEW personal items and diapers and wipers are on the top of the list plus items for senior citizens. For more information, contact any member of the City Council.

The Mayor and several City Council Members have volunteered and greeted people at the Center.

Mayor Pro Tem Clara Faulkner reported at the City Council Meeting that Hampton Inn, Comfort Inn, Best Western and Woodsprings Inn & Suites recently donated toiletries which are being bagged to distribute to the hurricane refugees.

About 500 evacuees have been transported to the Wilkerson-Greines Sports Activity Center near Wichita and Shepard adjacent to Clark Field and TCC.

The Council expressed appreciation, in advance, for all the help from area businesses and individuals.

Forest Hill City Council in Action



Mayor Lyndia Thomas, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Beckie Hayes and Council Member Stephanie Boardingham volunteered at Harlean Beal Elementary's Open House on August 24. They prepared and handed out the sack dinners for the families that attended.

Texas Western Model RR Club TRAIN SHOW!

Sat., Nov. 11th • 10am – 5pm
Sun., Nov. 12th • 11am – 4pm
@ Civic Center – 6901 Wichita St.
Info: 817-708-2051

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COMMUNITY DRIVEN

Come see the LEGO train layout!

Admission: \$7 adult
12 & under free w/paid adult

Community Calendar

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

September 18 - Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Activity Center - 9:30 a.m.; Library Board Meeting - 6 p.m. - Library

September 19 - Budget Hearing - 6-8 p.m. followed by City Council Meeting - 7 p.m. - City Hall

September 20 - Lions Club - 7 a.m. - Hampton Inn - Visitors eat free; Craft Class - Senior Center; 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.

September 25 - Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Activity Center - 9:30 a.m.;

September 28 - Celebrating Hispanic Heritage, Civic & Convention Center, 6-8 p.m. See front page.

October 2 - Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Activity Center - 9:30 a.m.

October 3 - National Night Out - Civic & Convention Center, 6 p.m. Fun for all! NO City Council Meeting

October 4 - Lions Club - 7 a.m. - Hampton Inn - Visitors eat free

October 5 - Neighborhood Watch Meeting - 7 p.m. - Civic & Convention Center. Info: 817-905-9494

October 6-8 - City-wide Garage Sale - starting at 8 a.m.

October 9 - 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; Friends of the Library - 7 p.m. - Library - Info: 817-551-5354

October 16 - Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Activity Center - 9:30 a.m.; Library Board Meeting - 6 p.m. - Library

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

October 18 - Lions Club - 7 a.m. - Hampton Inn - Visitors eat free; Crafts - Senior Center; Historical Commission - 3 p.m. - City Hall

October 21 - Forest Hill Church of Christ Helping Hands Food Distribution Program - 8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

October 23 - Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Activity Center - 9:30 a.m.; Friends of Library Meeting - 6 p.m. - Library

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

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

PERSONALIZED BRICK SALE \$25

To be placed in the front entrance to the Library
Tax deductible donation - \$25 per brick will help buy
library materials and books for the Library
Brochures at the Library or call 817-551-5354.
Sponsored by The Friends of the Forest Hill Library



The Forest Hill Lions Club recently assisted Everman Lions with vision screening at Everman schools. Screening at Sellars and Beal Elementaries will be in September.

NINTH ANNUAL FOREST HILL CITY-WIDE



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.