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## New businesses booming with more coming!

The South Tarrant Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with city officials cut ribbons at two businesses recently and more grand openings are on the books. **Advance Auto Parts**, 5301 Wichita Street, opened officially on Saturday, March 26. Advance Auto Parts is now the largest retailer of automotive replacement parts and accessories in the United States with 5,372 locations.

**PL\$**, also 5301 Wichita Street, a newcomer to the money business, offers check cashing, money order services for when cash isn't an option, bill pay and Western Union. Send

money wherever you need to - even internationally, plus direct deposits, an easy way to get a paycheck or government benefit. They also offer fax and copy service, notary service, ATMs, cash and coins and business check cashing. The new business is open 24/7.

**Denny's**, 3228 Southeast Loop 820, is now open after remodeling made necessary by a fire.



City and Chamber officials cut ribbon at Advance Auto.



Above: City and Chamber officials cut ribbon at PLS.

Left - QT is set to open at 6 a.m. Thursday, April 28 at their new location at the corner of Wichita and California Parkway next to Chase Bank.

**Join Mayor Gerald Joubert  
for free morning coffee!**

Saturday, April 23  
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Grand Opening  
Ribbon Cutting 9:30 a.m.  
Info: 817-568-3009



3300 Southeast Loop 820  
Shipley DO-NUTS

## A Message from the Mayor:

Working together. Two simple words –one strong meaning in any capacity you use it.

And you see the benefits of it every day driving through our city – in our bustling development (both retail and residential!), repairs to many streets and the growth of our community. All of this takes teamwork. From the Mayor's Office to the Council,

city staff and our volunteers.

Working together. We're making a difference – and improving our way of life here in Forest Hill. The atmosphere is charged with hope and optimism.

I hope you're as proud of our accomplishments as I am!

Yours in Service,  
**Mayor Gerald Joubert**

## From the City Council...

Prior to the Forest Hill City Council Meeting, a reception was held honoring several Outstanding Citizens and celebrating the 70 Anniversary of the formation of the City.

Honored were: Chris Franklin by Mayor Pro Tem Ozell Birks; Billy Wilson by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Malinda Miller; Linda James by Council Member Cameron Wafer; Johnnie Turner by Council Member Jo Pirtle; Jacinto Ramos, Jr. by Council Member Brigette Mathis; and Donald Walker by Council Member Clara Faulkner. Each honoree received a rose and a Certificate. Several state and county officials made presentations. Light refreshments were served by the Celebration Committee and pamphlets outlining the History of Forest Hill were distributed. (These are available free to the public at City Hall.)

### Regular City Council Meeting - March 15, 2016

The Forest Hill City Council met on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 7 p.m. with all members present except Brigette Mathis who was in Washington, DC with a school group. Mayor Pro Tem Ozell Birks presided. Mayor Gerald Joubert arrived later in the meeting.

- Several citizens spoke during Citizens Presentations on various issues.

- Mayor's Report included: (1) National League of Cities Service Line Repair Program; (2) Yards of the Month; (3) "Carter High" Movie Screening; (4) Public Library Renaming Event; (5) Easter Egg Hunt; (6) Advance Auto

## Library named for Jerline Harvey

A special ceremony was held on March 12 at the Forest Hill Public Library. Founders and early officials were honored and

at the conclusion of the event, the Library was given a new name - The Jerline Harvey Public Library.

Harvey, who has labored for many years to make the Library a reality received congratulations from County Commissioner Roy C. Brooks (left)



Parts grand opening; (7) South Tarrant Chamber Awards Banquet; (8) City-wide Cleanup April 9; and (9) Trick or Treat to be held at Civic & Convention Center.

- The Consent Agenda was approved including approval of minutes of the February 16, 2016 City Council Meeting.
- A Public Hearing was held regarding changes to Chapter 64 of the Code of Ordinance dealing with Zoning. The Ordinance was approved unanimously later in the meeting.
- Pamela Davis was unanimously reappointed to the Civil Rights Board.
- The City Manager reported on: (1) Thank You note from Wilson family; (2) Municipal Traffic Safety Initiative Award; (3) 2015 Racial Profiling Report; (4) Water Storage Capacity (no extra needed at this point); (5) Report regarding use of Hotel/Motel Taxes; (6) List of five demolished properties; and (7) Budget calendar.



**Outstanding citizens honored during 70th Celebration Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Miller spearheaded the event.**



**Yard of the Month Committee and Parks & Clean City Commission Members honored Johnnie Miledge - 6904 Rebel Road; James Winston - 6900 Shenandoah; and Leticia DelGaudio - 3235 Shamrock**

# Ballots set for City Council and Library Board elections

Filing deadlines are over for a General Election for the following: Council Members Place One (1), Two (2) and Three (3). Each member elected will serve a two-year term, from May, 2016 to May, 2018. Two seats on the Library Board of Trustees are also up for election - Place Four (4) and Place Five (5). The election is set for Saturday, May 7, at the Civic & Convention Center, 6901 Wichita with polls open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted April 25-29 - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; April 30 - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; May 1 - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; May 2-3 - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., also at the Civic & Convention Center.

Information provided during signups includes: (I) Incumbent:

## FOREST HILL CITY COUNCIL

### PLACE 1

**Cameron Wafer (I)**; Age 35; Resident for 7 years  
3429 Manordale Court 76140

Occupation: Material Handler

**Jess Major**; Age 63; Resident for 60 years  
4200 Forest Hill Circle 76140

Occupation: Security Officer

### PLACE 2

**Carlie Jones**; Age: 45; Resident for 20 years  
3521 Chimney Rock Drive 76140

Occupation: Legal Secretary

**Stephanie Boardingham**; Age: 49; Resident for 13 years  
6707 Nauret Road 76140

Occupation: Business Owner

### PLACE 3

**Brigette Mathis (I)**; Age 56; Resident for 18 years  
3508 Grady 76119

Occupation: Teacher

**Michelle Benson**; Age 55; Resident for 24 years  
6900 Rebel Road 76140

Occupation: Retired

## FOREST HILL LIBRARY DISTRICT

### PLACE 4

**Bonnie M. Winkfield (I)**; Age 71; Resident for 29 years  
3313 Bunker Hill Drive 76140

Occupation: Retired FWISD Educator

**Stephanie Boardingham**; Age: 49; Resident for 13 years  
6707 Nauret Road 76140

Occupation: Business Owner

### PLACE 5

**Mary A. Finley (I)**; Age 63; Resident for 41 years  
6836 Twin Oaks Drive 76140

Occupation: Child Care Director

**Michelle Benson**; Age 55; Resident for 24 years  
6900 Rebel Road 76140

Occupation: Retired

For election information, call City Secretary Henrietta Roberts at call 817 568-3040.

The ballots will read:

### Library Board of Trustees

(I) indicates incumbent:

#### PLACE 4

Bonnie M. Winkfield (I)

Stephanie Boardingham

#### PLACE 5

Mary A. Finley (I)

Michelle Benson

### City Council Member

#### PLACE 1

Jess Major

Cameron Wafer (I)

#### PLACE 2

Carlie Jones

Stephanie Boardingham

#### PLACE 3

Michelle Benson

Brigette Mathis (I)



Guests, officials and Explorers at screening of "Carter High" at the Civic & Convention Center March 12. Explorers worked the concessions to raise money for their national competition this summer. Another Red Carpet Screening, "Gallows Road," was held on April 2.



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



## Memorial Day Celebration

Monday, May 30

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

# Community Calendar

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

- April 18 - Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.  
April 19 - City Council Meeting - 7 p.m. - City Hall  
April 20 - Lions Club, 7 a.m. - Presbyterian Church  
April 23 - Forest Hill Church of Christ Helping Hands Food Program Distribution - 8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
April 25 - First day of early voting - Civic & Convention Center; Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.; Library Board Meeting - 6 p.m. - Library  
April 27 - Lions Club, 7 a.m. - Presbyterian Church. Visitors eat free.  
May 2 - Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.; Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting - 6 p.m. - City Hall  
May 3 - City Council Meeting - 7 p.m. - City Hall  
May 4 - Lions Club, 7 a.m. - Presbyterian Church. Visitors eat free  
May 5 - Neighborhood Watch Meeting - 7 p.m. - Civic & Convention Center. Info: 817-905-9494  
May 6 - Food Bank Day - Senior Center - for seniors who are regular attendees  
May 7 - Election Day - polls open 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
May 9 - Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.; Parks, Recreation & Clean City Commission Meeting - 6 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  
May 11 - Lions Club, 7 a.m. - Presbyterian Church. Visitors eat free.  
May 16 - Community Development Corporation Meeting - 6 p.m. - City Hall  
May 17 - Reception honoring Council Members & City Council Meeting - 7 p.m. - City Hall  
May 18 - Lions Club, 7 a.m. - Presbyterian Church. Visitors eat free; South Tarrant Chamber of Commerce Networking Luncheon - 11:30 a.m. - Civic & Convention Center  
May 23 - Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.; Library Board Meeting - 6 p.m. - Library  
May 25 - Lions Club, 7 a.m. - Presbyterian Church. Visitors eat free  
May 28 - Forest Hill Church of Christ Helping Hands Food Program Distribution - 8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
May 30 - Memorial Day Celebration - Civic & Convention Center - Doors open at 8 a.m.; program starts at 8:30 a.m.

## 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  
• The library has information for job seekers. Those interested should come by the Forest Hill Public Library or Tarrant County College to pick up a brochure for the upcoming Job Fair on April 21 from 2-6 p.m. at Trinity River Campus.  
• The Friends of the Forest Hill Public Library have also become a Funding Information Network Partner. People seeking funding for local non-profits and individuals will have access to databases located in the library



Youngsters line up to hunt for 2,100 eggs on March 19.



South Tarrant Chamber of Commerce held a special event on Wednesday, March 16, with special speaker Sharen Wilson, Tarrant County District Attorney, pictured with Board Members Gwen Barbee, Ozell Birks, David Wisbauer, Drew Sanders, Lee Henderson, Venus Wehle; in front, Paul Muska.

## Two former mayors pass away



### James L. Gosey

James Louis Gosey, 53, died on Tuesday, March 22, 2016. He served as Forest Hill Mayor from 2003-2011. During his terms, he helped acquire new residential development in the Rose Crest Addition. Survivors: Beloved wife, Cecilia Johnson; children, Sheldon Gosey, Brantley J. Gosey (B.J.) and Jazmine N. Gosey; grandchild, Jada N. Gosey; and several siblings.



### Billy Wilson

Billy Wilson joined his life-long mate, Betty, after a brief battle with cancer, on Thursday, February 4, 2016. He served as Forest Hill Mayor from 1997-1999. He was instrumental in getting a library tax passed leading to the development of the Forest Hill Public Library. Survivors: Daughters, Sheryl Hood, Monica Williams; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.