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Large crowd attends Community Forum

A Community Forum was held on Tuesday, July 26, at the Civic & Convention Center with a large crowd attending. During the Forum, the audience was encouraged to ask questions and to address concerns about public safety issues. In addition to concerns expressed, several people thanked public safety officers for putting their lives on the line.

The City Council and staff organized the Forum after several shooting deaths of police officers in the country. Questions from the audience included, number of police personnel including minorities, how to teach your children to properly respond to police officers and much more. Municipal Court Judge Glenn Lewis served as moderator.

If you have questions about Public Safety issues, feel free to call the Police Department at 817-531-5250,



Crowd listens attentively at Forum

Forest Hill featured in TABCCM magazine

The Texas Association of Black City Council Members magazine for July 2016 features a full-page article on the City of Forest Hill.

In addition to the history of Forest Hill, the article outlines the “Teamwork approach under the leadership of Mayor Gerald Joubert (which) guides the City of Forest Hill down the road of opportunity and heightens the spirit of being truly Community Driven. As residents, businesses and city government work together to build positive relationships, economic and residential growth will flourish now and into the future.”

The article reports that the Forest Hill retail trade area has a population of 356,252. The City continues to value its diverse character as it grows as part of one of the fastest growing regions in the United States. Forest Hill was listed as the 10th fastest growing city in Tarrant County in 2010 by Fort Worth Business Press and was named “Worthy Neighborhood” by Texas Magazine in 2008. Mayor Gerald Joubert serves as Treasurer of the organization.



Mayor Gerald Joubert

Forest Hill
CIVIC & CONVENTION CENTER

FOREST HILL FALL FEST

FREE ADMISSION

At Forest Hill Civic & Convention Center

6901 Wichita Street

Saturday, September 24th

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Arts & Crafts, Food, Fun

Spaces still available!

Questions: 817-708-2051 or 817-532-2687

EMAIL: Venus Wehle: vwehle@foresthilltx.org

Deadline to reserve space - Friday, September 9.



A Message from the Mayor:

Leaders come from every neighborhood, every school, and our business community both here in Forest Hill and the towns, cities and states that surround ours. As your Mayor, I strive to provide guidance, knowledge and a strong sense of city spirit to you, the people I serve. In another role, as a father, I seek to accomplish the same as I have raised my children over the last two decades.

But whatever your role is – wherever you come from – we

ALL, as leaders, need to inspire and nurture those who will plan for our futures TODAY. The saying goes “there’s no time like the present.” So let’s use that to help our upcoming leaders make the most of their lives in the years ahead...and guide them in designing their goals and priorities.

Leaders helping leaders – there’s nothing better than working together for a common goal and helping everyone achieve something great!

**Your humble servant,
Mayor Gerald Joubert**

More than 2,500 attend North Texas Wellness Fair



The 18th Annual North Texas Wellness Fair was held on August 6 at the Civic & Convention Center. Hundreds lined up to get into the event which opened at 8 a.m. with more than 2,500 attending the five-hour event. Immunizations, vision screening, kidney checks, glucose monitoring and much more were offered along with tips for healthy living and eating.

From the City Council...

City Council Meeting - July 19, 2016

The Forest Hill City Council met on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 6 p.m. with all members present.

- A Workshop regarding the Arts Commission was held with Council Member Michielle Benson providing information.
- The Regular Meeting convened at 7 p.m.
- Following Citizens Presentations, the Mayor’s Report included: (1) Healthy Lives Matter - August 20 at TCC - Trinity River Campus; (2) Report on Mayor’s Back to School Event; and (3) Report on North Texas Wellness Fair set for August 6 at Civic & Convention Center.
- The Consent Agenda was unanimously approved including: Approval of Minutes of June 21, 2016 Council Meeting;
- A Public Hearing was held regarding a replat of three properties to allow for expansion by Buck Luce at 5408 and 5410 Wichita and 3175 Horton Road which was unanimously approved later in the meeting.
- A Public Hearing was held regarding a replat of property at 7330 Forest Hill Drive for Praise Center Church which was unanimously approved later in the meeting.
- Two items were pulled from the agenda: (6) Appointments to the Historical Commission and (7) Agenda Item control options.
- City Manager Sheyi Ipaye asked the Council to approve a Community Forum to discuss public safety issues. The matter was approved with Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Malinda Miller voting “Nay.”
- The City Manager reported on: (1) Rescue Bay damage at Fire Department; (2) Report on donation for 50-yard Dash Challenge; and (3) Report on Wholesale Water and Wastewater Services.

Coin Show
Forest Hill Civic & Convention Center

2pm-6pm • FRI., AUG. 26TH
9am-5pm • SAT., AUG. 27TH
9am-3pm • SUN., AUG. 28TH

817-444-4813 • foresthilltx.org

Bead & Jewelry Show

FRI., SEPT. 23RD, 10A TO 5PM / SAT., SEPT. 24TH, 10AM TO 4PM

Forest Hill Civic & Convention Center

FREE Admission • 817-708-2051

**Texas Western Model RR Club
TRAIN SHOW!**

Sat., Oct. 8th • 10am – 5pm
Sun., Oct. 9th • 11am – 4pm

Info: 817-568-3009

Come see the LEGO train layout!

Hundreds receive help during Mayor's Back to School Event

The Mayor's Back to School Event was held on Thursday, August 4, with hundreds of Forest Hill families receiving much-needed school supplies and backpacks.

Organizer Venus Wehle reported that 610 backpacks were distributed. "We had residents waiting at 3 p.m. for our backpacks...and the last ones came to the Civic Center at 7:20 p.m.," she reported.

Students received the following school supplies (depending on the grade level of the child): backpack, pencils, pencil pouch, pens, crayons, colored pencils, glue sticks, spiral notebook, 3-hole punch paper, erasers and pocket folders.

Mayor Gerald Joubert issued a thank you to the sponsors: Conatser Construction, Metal Roofs of Texas, South Tarrant Chamber, Wall Homes, Wellspring Insurance, Praise Center

Church, Vessels of Praise Worship Center, Forest Hill Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Mt. Zion Christ Holy Sanctified Church, Advance Auto Parts and Williams Sign.

Monetary donations totaled \$1,475 with backpack/school supply donations totaling approximately \$1,000.

Wehle continued, "And...we couldn't have done this without our volunteers – on Wednesday, August 3rd with stuffing bags and Thursday, August 4th with distribution including Mayor Gerald Joubert; Mayor Pro Tem Ozell Birks; Council Member Carlie Jones with her two daughters and two grandchildren; CDC Board Member Brigette Mathis; CDC Board Member & South Tarrant Chair Gwen Barbee; Parks Chair Pearl Jones; Berniece Taylor-Johnson; P & Z Chair and member of South Tarrant Chamber Women's Alliance; David Wisbauer and grandson – South Tarrant Chamber; Gloria Sanders – South Tarrant Chamber Women's Alliance; Bishop Butler and five members of his congregation – Praise Center Church; Pastor & First Lady Paul, Vessels of Praise Worship Center; Raquel Belle, resident; and city staff members Roberto Duenes, Ari Lopez, Dawn O'Connor, Bobbie Spence, Sylvia Salazar, Ingrid Clemons and Dalila Guerrero.



Mayor Gerald Joubert (front) and Mayor Pro Tem Ozell Birks (back) get acquainted with students.

Lions send local child to Texas Lions Camp

For the first time, a Forest Hill child was sent to the Texas Lions Camp by the local club. Two members of the Forest Hill Lions rode on the bus to Kerrville this year to observe the operation of the camp for special needs children. The Forest Hill Club has contributed to the camp for many years, but this is the first time a local student has attended.

Eighth Annual Forest Hill City-wide



FRIDAY - SUNDAY

OCTOBER 7-9

Starting at 8 a.m.

No Permit Fee.

One Sign - \$5.00

Call 817-806-4561 for info.



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

Mark your Calendar...



Tuesday,
October 4
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.

- August 16** - City Council Meeting - 7 p.m. - City Hall
August 17 - Lions Club - 7 a.m. - Presbyterian Church. Visitors eat free; No Chamber of Commerce Luncheon
August 22 - Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.; Library Board Meeting - 6 p.m. - Library
August 26-28 - Coin Show - Civic & Convention Center (see related ad for details)
August 27 - Forest Hill Church of Christ Helping Hands Food Program Distribution - 8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
August 29 - Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.
September 1 - Neighborhood Watch Meeting - 7 p.m. - Civic & Convention Center. Info: 817-905-9494
September 2 - Food Bank Day - Senior Center - for seniors who are regular attendees;
September 5 - Labor Day Holiday - City offices closed. Emergency personnel on duty. Call 9-1-1 for help.
September 6 - City Council Meeting - 7 p.m. - City Hall
September 7 - Lions Club - 7 a.m. - Hampton Inn - NOTE CHANGE. Visitors eat free
September 9 - 23rd Annual South Tarrant Chamber Scholarship Tournament, 12:30 p.m., Woodhaven Country Club.
September 9-10 - Forest Hill Lions Club Fish Fry and Barbecue Cook off - Civic & Convention Center (See ad for details)
September 12 - Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.; Parks, Recreation & Clean City Commission Meeting - 5 p.m. - City Hall; Planning & Zoning 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
September 20 - City Council Meeting - 7 p.m. - City Hall
September 21 - Lions Club - 7 a.m. - Hampton Inn - NOTE CHANGE. Visitors eat free,
September 23-24 - Bead & Jewelry Show - Civic & Convention Center (see related ad for details)
September 24 - Forest Hill Church of Christ Helping Hands Food Program Distribution - 8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
September 26 - Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.; Library Board Meeting - 6 p.m. - Library
Note: Emergency warning sirens are tested the first Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. weather conditions permitting. Details on website.



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

FROM THE FOREST HILL LIBRARY

Library: 817-551-5354 or 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.

Check out the Library's updated website
for a wealth of information for all ages.

Police Chief at White House

Forest Hill Police Chief Dan Dennis was at the White House July 22 for a briefing on the report of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. The task force report contains a number of sensible recommendations for improving the relationships between police and the communities they serve.



Police Chief Dan Dennis

Many of these recommendations have already been implemented by our department, with more to come. Attendees heard from a number of experts in various fields and were treated to a drop-by and remarks from President Obama.

Family Fun Day Highlights



Above: Pause to cool off; Below: City Manager's 50 Yard Dash



Forest Hill Lions Club
Annual BBQ Cook off
Friday, September 9, Fish Fry, 6 p.m.
Saturday, September 10, 10 a.m. - BBQ
at Civic & Convention Center
6901 Wichita

Info: Johnny Horton 817-572-2334

Win a custom-made grill!
Try the best barbecue
around!

