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New businesses and homes coming to Forest Hill

New homes and businesses are popping up like weeds all over town. In older areas of Forest Hill, vacant lots are now being scooped up and redeveloped with spacious homes. The average home price is approximately \$250,000.

In Rose Crest Estates, 95 new homes are either fully complete or in stages of construction since March, 2015. There are 224 lots on the property; four homes were there when Wall Homes started building. The average home price is approximately \$250,000. This has added \$23,267,098 in value to the tax rolls. Other new homes are being built on Tradition, Colonial and Yorktown. New homes on Andrea Lane are nearing completion. These homes are only one block away from David K. Sellars Elementary.

Planet Fitness is going in next to Dollar Tree at 6605 Forest Hill Drive. Renovation is underway in the space south of that store which was previously occupied by Kroger. The entire state-of-the-art health club will be approximately 20,000 square feet. The grand opening will take place in June.

City Vending, a longtime Fort Worth business, will move its headquarters to the corner of Hartman and California Parkway, Forest Hill. Construction is underway for the 20,000 square foot facility which will include 2,000 square feet of office space.

Last year, the City Council unanimously approved a zoning change which would allow a \$7.2 million Holiday Inn Express to be built east of Discount Tire on land between Forest Hill Circle and Southeast Loop 820. Land is presently being cleared for the structure which will also include restaurant.

Buck's Transmission, 5410 Wichita, will soon open a new building adding four additional bays. Buck's has been in Forest Hill for over 50 years.

Hatch's Corner, 6950 Forest Hill Drive, is being renovated and will reopen under new ownership serving American and Mexican food.

Last year, at the corner of Wichita and Mansfield Highway, Advance Auto Parts opened a new facility along with PL\$, a check cashing services, fax, notary, and much more.

Celebrating a year in business, Shipley's Donuts is serving up delicious treats on April 22 with "Free Coffee With the Mayor" from 9 - 11 a.m.

QT, corner of I-20 and Wichita opened its doors last year in the spring and Denny's reopened after renovation made necessary by a fire.



Mayor Gerald Joubert and Easter Bunny Charlotte Hogan-Price served up snowcones to about youngsters at the Easter Egg Hunt.



Mayor Gerald Joubert presented a plaque to Fort Worth Independent School District Trustee T.A. Sims citing his "exemplary contribution to the growth and development of the City of Forest Hill." Joubert was joined by Principal Steven Mattic from David K. Sellars and Alfreda Colvin from Harlean Beal thanking Sims for an agreement for a Safety Response Officer at each of the schools. This was made possible after Council Member Clara Faulkner contacted Sims and the school district partnered with the City agreeing to contribute about \$50,000 on the program.

Early voting - April 24 - 28 and May 2-3. Election set for Saturday, May 6

A Message from the Mayor:

Teamwork.

You may be part of a team that works to accomplish goals at your place of business. For ours here in the City of Forest Hill, as your Mayor – working with our City Council members – together as one group, we strive to put the laws, rules and regulations together that govern our city in the best possible way as a unified team.

Just as you work diligently to finish your tasks and move on

to the next, your City Council does the same. You elected our team to do a job for you – and I'm proud of our accomplishments and the many improvements made to our roads, buildings and parks in our city. Excitement is building for the numerous development projects for our future. I hope you join us on this journey, celebrating our city pride and true teamwork along the way.

Gerald Joubert
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From the City Council Auditors give positive report

Regular City Council Meeting - March 21, 2017

The Forest Hill City Council met on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 7 p.m. with all members present.

- Following the invocation and pledges to the flags, Mayor Gerald Joubert acknowledged Poison Prevention Week.

- During Citizen Presentations, Valeria Cowsen voiced concerns about drainage problems which could occur where new homes are being built on Stonewall and Yorktown, citing previous flooding issues.

- The Consent Agenda was approved including: (1) Approval of minutes of the March 7 Regular Meeting and (2) Approval of agreement for street improvements on Trailwood, Woodview and Woody.

- An ordinance approving revised Water and Wastewater Impact Fees was approved after discussion.

- City Manager's Report included the announcement that he would be out of the office from April 10-20 and the City Attorney would be in charge.

- The Council met in Executive Session to receive information regarding (1) Stephanie Boardingham v. City of Forest Hill; (2) Anne Frost v City of Forest Hill and (3) Michielle Benson v. City of Forest Hill,

Regular City Council Meeting - April 4, 2017

The Forest Hill City Council met on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 7 p.m. with all members present.

- Following the pledges to the flag, several presentations were made by Mayor Gerald Joubert:

- (1) Raymond Goldsby was recognized for lifesaving efforts during a recent storm

- (2) A new vehicle was presented to the Citizens on Patrol organization. (Pictured)



Raymond Goldsby receives award from Mayor Joubert.

- (3) School Resource Officers (SROs) were presented (see front page)

- (4) A plaque was presented to Fort Worth School District Board of Education Trustee T.A. Sims (front page.).

- Consent Agenda was approved including: (1) Approval of minutes of March 21, 2017 meeting; (2) Approval of a Joint Election Agreement with

Tarrant County; and (3) A Resolution suspending the April 21 effective for Oncor Electric Delivery Company's to permit time for studying the request.

- The audit report from Evans, Pingleton & Howard, CPAs was presented stating that the finances were "staying strong" and had been reported fairly. The report was unanimously approved.

- City Manager's Report included: (1) An update on drainage site review in the 7200 block of Stonewall with a representative of Teague, Nall & Perkins on hand to address concerns; (2) Announcement of the Forest Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church 6th Annual Parade on April 23; and (3) Concerns about Council Meeting Conduct Rules involving a lengthy request from a council member.

- The Executive Session to receive information regarding (1) Stephanie Boardingham v. City of Forest Hill and (2) Michielle Benson v. City of Forest Hill was canceled since the city attorney had no new information.



Citizens on Patrol receive keys to Ford Interceptor.



The Clean City Commission, volunteers, city staff and elected officials assisted with the annual Clean Up Day collecting 450 tons of trash and 315 tires from 353 residents.

Election - May 6 for Mayor, City Council, Library Board

A general election will be held by the City of Forest Hill conducted by Tarrant County on Saturday, May 6 at the Civic & Convention Center, 6901 Wichita. The election will include Mayor and three City Council slots. Council Places to be filled are City Council Places 4, 5 and 6. A joint election with the Forest Hill Library District for Places 1,2 and 3 will also be held. Early voting will be held April 24 to May 2, also at the Civic & Convention Center. For information on elections, call City Secretary Othel Murphree at 817-568-3040.

Details listed by candidates when filing include:

Mayor

Gerald Joubert (Incumbent), 7514 Zinnia Lane, age: 57, resident for 27 years, occupation: Chief of Logistics.



New water line going in on West Lane and Truett.



Mayor Joubert presenting a donation to the Texas Moose Association from his family at its March conference at the Forest Hill Civic Center. All monies raised by the association support Moosehaven for children and Mooseheart for seniors.



Lillie Biggins (left), President of Texas Health Harris Methodist, was the speaker at the Women's History Month event for the South Tarrant Chamber of Commerce. She joined officials in announcing a scholarship for a woman studying business.

Lyndia Thomas, 6941 Windy Hill, age 65, resident for 37 years, occupation: educator/retired postal worker.

Place 4

Beckie Duncan Hayes, 7317 Woodbridge Drive, age 58, occupation: educator/retired.

Ozell Birks, (Incumbent) 3300 Railfence, age 66, resident for 42 years, occupation: business owner/appliance repair.

Place 5

Eric (Silas) Robinson, 6607 Nauert Road, age 54: resident for 21 years, occupation: educator/professor.

Clara Faulkner (Incumbent), 4712 Leonard, age 74, resident for 39 years, occupation: retired

Place 6

Stephanie Boardingham, 6707 Nauert Road, age 50, resident for 13 years, occupation: business owner.

Lurdes Murillo, 5708 Forest Hill Drive, age 42, resident for 21 years, occupation: auto claims adjuster.

Running for Library Board are: Place 1: Charlotte Hogan-Price (Unopposed), Place 2: Racquel Buffin Belle; (Unopposed); Place 3 Jimmie L. Sanders and Darryl Givens.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted Monday, April 24 - 28 - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, April 29 - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, April 30 - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; May 2-3 - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and polling day, Saturday, May 6, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. - all at the Civic & Convention Center, 6901 Wichita.

Clara Faulkner honored



Mayor Gerald Joubert shows his support as City Council Member Clara Faulkner is recognized by the Tarrant County Black Historical & Genealogical Society during Women's History Month as they honored "Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business."

FOODIE & FUN MARKET

Sat., May 13th
10am-5pm
6901 Wichita St.

Admission \$5.00 or \$3.00 w/2 cans of unexpired food. Kids 12 & under free with paid adult



Forest Hill CIVIC & CONVENTION CENTER

Info: 817.659.9249 info@ggaproductions.org

Community Calendar

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

- April 18** - No City Council Meeting
- April 19** - Lions Club - 7 a.m. - Hampton Inn - Visitors eat free; Historical Commission - 3 p.m. - City Hall.
- April 22** - Forest Hill Church of Christ Helping Hands Food Distribution Program - 8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
- April 22** - Free Coffee with the Mayor - 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. - Shipley's Do-Nuts, 3300 Southeast Loop 820.
- April 27** - Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.; Library Board Meeting - 6 p.m. - Library.
- May 1** - Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.; Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting - 6 p.m. - City Hall.
- May 2** - No City Council Meeting
- May 3** - Lions Club - 7 a.m. - Hampton Inn - Visitors eat free
- May 4** - Neighborhood Watch Meeting - 7 p.m. - Civic & Convention Center. Info: 817-905-9494
- May 5** - Food Bank Day - Senior Center - for seniors who are regular attendees
- May 6** - Election Day - polls open 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Civic & Convention Center, 6901 Wichita Street
- May 8** - 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 - 7 p.m. - Library - Info: 817-551-5354
- May 15** - Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.; Library Board Meeting - 6 p.m. - Library.
- May 16** - City Council Meeting - 7 p.m. - City Hall
- May 17** - Lions Club - 7 a.m. - Hampton Inn - Visitors eat free; Historical Commission - 3 p.m. - City Hall.
- May 15** - Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.;
- May 20** - Forest Hill Church of Christ Helping Hands Food Distribution Program - 8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
- May 22** - Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.;
- May 29** - Memorial Day Celebration at Forest Hill Memorial Park, 8:30 a.m. (See adjoining ad.)

FROM THE FOREST HILL LIBRARY

Library: 817-551-5354 or

Info at: Forest Hill Public Library Facebook page
Check out the new 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



Mayor Joubert with Law Enforcement Explorers at Worth Baptist Church's First Responder event.

FREE COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR

Saturday, April 22
9-11 a.m.



3300 SE Loop 820
@Shipley DO-NUTS

Info: 817-568-3009



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Memorial Day Ceremony

Monday, May 29

4503 Forest Hill Circle

(between Hartman Road and Anglin Drive)

Program starts promptly at 8:30 a.m.

Info: 817-568-3009