



City of Forest Hill Fills Key Personnel Positions

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[FOREST HILL, TEXAS-April 12, 2007]- The management team is complete. And City Manager David Miller says it couldn't come at a better time. "This is definitely an exciting time to live and work in our great city. I'm happy these positions are now filled and we can continue our forward progression," he added.

Debbie Maness joined the City Hall team April 11th as the new Finance Director. Maness comes to Forest Hill from Springtown, Texas where she was Finance Manager. She's also held similar positions in Haslet and Watauga.

Mrs. Maness earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Dallas Baptist University and is a Registered Class II Collector with the Texas State Property Board. "I love a challenge and I'm excited to be working for a city on the move," said Maness. With the assistance of her staff, she is responsible for the financial activities of the City.

The Police Department will get a new leader April 30th. Rex Phelps, former Operations Commander for the City of Keller joins the Forest Hill Police Department as the new Police Chief. Phelps is a former Patrol Sergeant, Criminal Investigator, Undercover Narcotics Investigator, Patrol Officer and Deputy Sheriff. He has worked for the city of Colleyville and the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office. When asked why he chose Forest Hill, Chief Phelps said "I want to make a difference. And I want our citizens to know that their Police Department is driven to serve and protect them each and every day."

By filling both jobs, all key executive staff are now in place. In February, Miller hired Venus Wehle, a former television marketing professional as the City's Director of Economic Development and Community Relations. "We've got a strong group of leaders who bring great talent to our city. I expect more wonderful things to happen for the city with this new blood," said Miller.

The City of Forest Hill was established in 1946. It is home to more than 13,000 residents and over 300 businesses. It is located in southeast Tarrant County.

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