

## Santa to arrive in fire truck on Thursday, December 2

The Forest Hill Celebration Committee and city staff are busy making plans for the 31st annual holiday event and tree lighting ceremony scheduled for Thursday, December 2. A visit from Santa, caroling by local schools and churches, door prizes, holiday treats for the kids are just a few of the many things planned for the evening.

The event will start indoors at 7 p.m. with singing by local choirs, door prizes and the arrival of Santa in a fire truck.

Bring your friends; bring your camera; come and have fun!



*31st Annual City of Forest Hill  
Tree Lighting*

Thursday, December 2, 7 p.m.

**AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER**  
6800 Forest Hill Drive

Santa is coming in a fire truck with treats for the youngsters. Local choirs will sing, plus lots of door prizes and fun for all!

## Veterans gather to remember past, look to future



**Tuskegee Airman John Flanagan shares World War II memories.**

The City of Forest Hill hosted a Veteran's Day Breakfast on Thursday, November 11, at Luby's with over 75 veterans attending plus family, friends and patriots.

Police Chief Robert Herbert introduced special military guests who included Major Forrest Thompson, Mayor James Gosey and Tuskegee Airman John Flanagan Jr., who was wearing the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor presented to him in 2007 by then President George W. Bush.

City Manager Sheyi Ipaye suggested that a Forest Hill Veterans Association be formed and vowed to bring that idea to the City Council. He said the Veteran's Day Breakfast should become an annual event to honor our military.



A lot of trick-or-treaters, including these fairy twins, showed up at the City's Halloween festivities, held at the Library.



Youngsters said purple and black were the most popular colors for costumes this year.

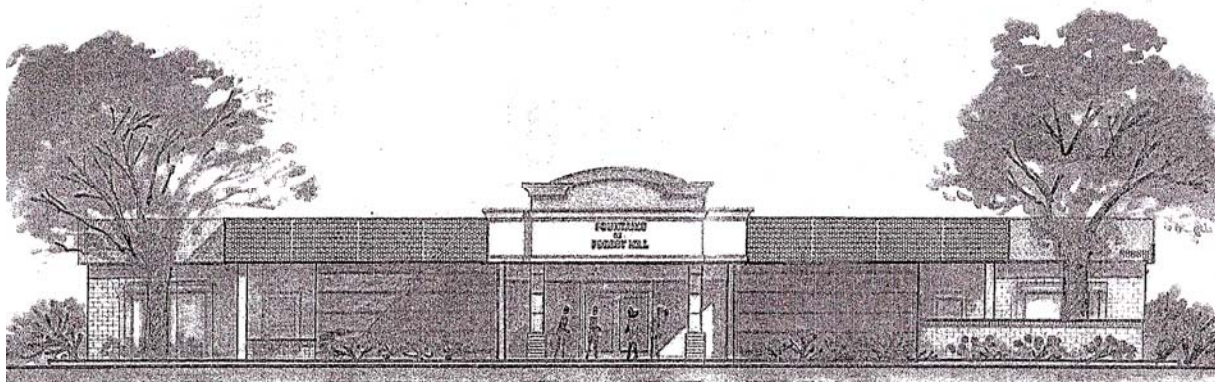


After showing off their costumes, ranging from spider lady to pilgrims, children were treated to snacks from the Celebration Committee.

# Specific Use Permit approved for assisted living facility

After January 1, it will be out with the old building and in with the new as the interior comes tumbling down on the old Forest Hill Nursing Home and a new assisted living facility gets underway at 4607 California Parkway. After years of sitting idle, several attempts to rehab the place were conceived, but funding never came through and the place continued in decline. Vandals have stripped the building of copper wiring and anything else that might bring a buck on the black market and one man even died trying to steal the copper from the air conditioner.

But now two investors, Edgar Santiago and Dr. Lee Roy McCurley, have stepped up to the plate and received approval on November 16 to proceed with plans for the Type B assisted living facility. The Council unanimously welcomed the investors and praised them for choosing Forest Hill.



Preliminary sketch of assisted living facility.

# City Council Report

## City Council - October 19, 2010

The Forest Hill City Council met with a Workshop beginning at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, October 19, at the new City Hall, 3219 California Parkway, with Council Members Gerald Joubert and Mustafa Sami not in attendance.

- Following the opening ceremonies, the Council unanimously awarded a contract for reconstruction of the Police and Fire Substation (old City Hall) to Johnson Construction, a local company.
- Awarding of a bid for janitorial cleaning for

amendment to the zoning ordinance adding exterior facade color requirements and was unanimously approved later in the meeting.

A public hearing regarding a request for a Specific Use Permit for a Licensed Assisted Living Facility to be located at 4607 California Parkway East was held with owners Edgar Santiago and Dr. Lee Roy McCurley in attendance. No one but the owners spoke on the issue. Later in the meeting, the Council unanimously approved the Specific Use Permit for the facility to be located at the site of the old Forest Hill Nursing Home.



(Left) Lt. Dan Dennis poses with City Council members before cutting a special cake. (Above) Mayor James Gosey presents proclamation to Kalao Kilongozi.

the City Hall, Police Station, Police and Fire Substation and Community Center failed due to a split vote and was pulled from the agenda.

- A proposal for tuition reimbursement for City Council Members failed due to a split vote.

## City Council – November 16, 2010

The Forest Hill City Council met with a Workshop beginning at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16, at the new City Hall, 3219 California Parkway, with all Council Members in attendance.

Invocation was offered by Pastor David Wynn, Agape Metropolitan Community Church, followed by the pledges by Derick Hall Jr., Gentlemen's Society Youth Organization

Police Lieutenant Dan Dennis was sworn in followed by light refreshments served by the Celebration Committee.

A proclamation was presented to the Kilongozi Family whose father recently passed away.

City Manager Sheyi Ipaye presented an update on the new Public Works Building located at 3101 Horton Road and the new Police and Fire Department Substation (old city hall) located at 6800 Forest Hill Drive. He also reported on the Tarrant County Street Rehabilitation Project and the Home Rehabilitation Program.

A report concerning the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality report on Griggs Park was given by Joe Patterson of Teague Nall & Perkins with a host of questions answered from the Council.

Council Member Lyndia Thomas gave a presentation concerning the recent Texas Municipal League Conference.

Pastor Dewayne Washington and Zerita Hall of the Gentlemen's and Ladies' Society Youth Organization made a presentation concerning the Youth Organization.

Citizen Presentations included Sam Shafeeq, Loretta Muldrew, Ozell Birks, Pearl Jones, Gladys Hardeman and Gene Pirtle.

A public hearing was held regarding an

Minutes of October 12, 2010 special council meeting and October 19, 2010 regular council meeting were unanimously approved, as corrected, and approval of the minutes of the September 21, 2010 was deferred until the tape can be reviewed.

In a split vote, acquisition of vehicles for the police department was approved.

In another split vote two Ford Rangers for the Utility Billing Department were approved.

A juvenile case manager fee of \$5.00 was unanimously approved.

A resolution to approve the sale of real property and authorizing the Mayor to execute all necessary documents for a warehouse building on Sabine Street was approved after lengthy discussion.

In a routine matter, the Council unanimously approved an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Fort Worth for the Household Hazardous Waste Program.

The Council approved an amendment which would clarify the date of expiration of terms, length of terms and creating carry-over provisions for members of commissions and boards.

The Council unanimously approved facilitating the first meeting for formation of a Forest Hill Veteran's Association.

The Council discussed the Incentive Bonus for current and future city employees residing in the City of Forest Hill with legal opinion rendered, in writing, from the city attorney.

The Council also discussed the process for approving changes in council appointee's terms of employment, procedures and options available to City Council to investigate and enforce allegations of ethics violations by the council members, and reiterated that they work as a group and that no individual council member should be giving orders to city staff.

The Council convened into executive session with a lengthy agenda.

*Minutes have not yet been approved by the City Council and are subject to corrections. Any changes made will be noted in the next month's news. Minutes and other information are available at [www.foresthilltx.org](http://www.foresthilltx.org).*

# Veterans get sneak peek at new Center



Veterans flock to center for open house.

Local veterans got a sneak peek at the new North Texas Vet Center on Wednesday, November 10, prior to its opening on the next Monday. The new clinic boasts 239,000 square feet, almost five times larger than the old one. It will provide more resources, access and services to the more than 150,000 veterans in Tarrant, Johnson, Hood, Wise and Parker counties. And... best of all, it is in Forest Hill's front yard!

The new facility is located on the north side of Interstate 20 off Campus Drive near Tarrant County College South Campus. During the open house, VA personnel were handing out information and making commemorative dog tags for the vets who attended. One veteran remarked, "I have never seen so many handicapped parking spaces in one spot!"

On opening day, more than 500 patients entered the building before noon. The crowd was expected be-

cause the old clinic on West Rosedale Street had been closed for five days, so old and new patients flocked to the new facility. The new clinic is located near the Resource Connection, the unique public services center near Forest Hill.

The facility staff will blossom to 280 by January. In addition to entries for ambulances, CT and MRI rooms, and a mammography unit should come online before January 2011.

The facility includes a canteen with a cafeteria and a store that either carries or will order anything found in the Veterans Canteen Service catalog.

Forest Hill officials are hoping to attract other facilities which will be affiliated or utilize the new center and are sure that many of those going to the new facility will stop in Forest Hill for a bite to eat!

For information on veteran services, call 1-877-927-8387.

## Free Prescription Drug Discount Cards at City Hall

Free prescription drug discount cards are available to city residents through a program sponsored by the National League of Cities. The discount cards offer average savings of 20% off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs. The cards have no restrictions based on the resident's age, income level, or existing health coverage. The NLC card can be used when purchasing

prescription drugs at pharmacies in and around the city, as well as at more than 59,000 participating retail pharmacies across the country. Pick up your card today at City Hall.

For more information or to find a participating pharmacy near you, call 1-888-620-1749 or log onto [www.caremark.com/nlc](http://www.caremark.com/nlc).

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# Community Calendar December 2010

All meetings are subject to change. Look for agenda postings in front of City Hall prior to scheduled public meetings. City info available: [www.foresthilltx.org](http://www.foresthilltx.org).

**December 1**  
The Forest Hill News arrives at your door.

**December 2**  
Senior Birthday Party for those with December birthdays.  
Tree Lighting; Santa arrives in fire truck, 7 p.m. – Community Center.

**December 3**  
Senior Center Food Day (regular attendees)

**December 6**  
Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.  
Historical Commission Meeting, 10 a.m. – Library. Interested persons invited.

**December 7**  
City Council Workshop and Meeting— 6 p.m. – New City Hall.

**December 12**  
Free chipping service at the Service Area Anglin and Parkwood, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring your limbs to be mulched.  
Info: Public Works - 817-531-5700.

**December 13**  
Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.  
Parks & Clean City Commission meeting - 6 p.m. – New City Hall.  
Police Alumni Association meeting - 6:30 p.m. - Police Station.  
Friends of the Library meeting - 7 p.m., - Library. Info: 817-551-5354.  
National Gaming Day/Game - Tournaments for all library patrons – Library.

**December 15**  
Senior Center Christmas Craft Class - 10 a.m.

**December 20**  
Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.  
Community Development Corporation meeting - 7 p.m. – New City Hall.  
Library Board Meeting - Library.  
Info: 817-551-5354.

**December 23**  
City Hall Closed

**December 24**  
Christmas Eve! City Hall, Senior Center closed. Emergency personnel on duty.

**December 25**  
Christmas Day. Emergency personnel on duty. No trash service.

**December 27**  
Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.

**December 31**  
City Hall, Senior Center closed for New Years holiday. Emergency personnel on duty.

**January 3**  
Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.

**January 4**  
City Council Workshop and Meeting - 6 p.m. – New City Hall.

**Neighborhood Watch:**  
Neighborhood Watch Meeting is held on the first Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., Church of Christ in Forest Hill, 3916 Forest Hill Circle. Info: 817-988-3360.

**Library Happenings, Information:**  
**817-551-5354**  
ESL Classes, Tuesday & Thursdays, 6-7 p.m., at the Library.  
Chess Club, Thursdays, 4-6 p.m. at the Library.  
‘Tween & Teen Nite at the Library, Thursdays, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
Driving Safety Classes – Info: 817-293-0823.  
National Gaming Day/Game Tournaments for all library patrons – December 13, at Library.  
Check out the new website: [www.foresthillpubliclibrary.org](http://www.foresthillpubliclibrary.org).

## Holiday greetings from the City of Forest Hill

**CITY COUNCIL**  
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Mayor Pro Tem Dulani Masimini  
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Council Member Lyndia Thomas  
Council Member Gerald Joubert  
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Henrietta Roberts  
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Tommy Simmons  
Bobbie Spence  
Chris Stokes  
Lee Sumpter  
Tracy Wells  
Montraile Wheaton  
Jay White  
Dylan Whitehead  
Terri Williams  
Richard Winters  
Jay Wisdom  
Cecile Yancey  
Mark Yancey  
Steve Yancey



All City offices will be closed December 24 and 25 and again on December 31. This does not affect Police and Fire services. Please call 9-1-1 if you have an emergency.

Read this month's Business Spotlight online at [www.foresthilltx.org](http://www.foresthilltx.org)  
Click on [Economic Development](#), and discover the story behind Tito's Tacos, newly opened in Forest Hill.

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