

**Robinson is the first to retire from Forest Hill Police Department**



Officer Don Robinson, the first to ever retire from the Forest Hill Police Department, celebrates with family, friends and residents at his retirement party held at the LaQuinta Inn & Suites. Giving Robinson a heartfelt thanks for his 21 years of service is Council Member Gerald Joubert.

**Concert brought awareness**



Council Member Damian Dalcour hangs out with young adults at a concert held March 6 at City Hall to promote the importance of getting tested for HIV/AIDS. The city again partnered with the AIDS Outreach Center. It was the third event held in the past two years.

**Charter amendments also on ballot**

**City Council election set for May 8**



Gerald Joubert  
Place 3



Damian Dalcour  
Place 1



Malinda Miller  
Place 1



Lyndia Thomas  
Place 2



Dave Gainer  
Place 3



Rodney Wright  
Place 3

The Forest Hill City Council ballot will also include amendments to the City Charter. However, there will not be a Library Board election since both incumbents are unopposed. Jerline Harvey is seeking another term in Place 4 but an election is not necessary since she is unopposed and Bonnie Winkfield will return to Place 5.

However, a regular City Council election will take place for three city council seats. The following have applied for places on the Forest Hill City Council ballot:

The incumbent in Council Place 1, **Damian Dalcour**, 35, 3052 Valley Forge Trail, who has lived in Forest Hill for 35 years is seeking reelection for a second term. He is in construction/community development.

**Malinda Miller**, 64, is also seeking Place 1. She lives at 4205 Burly Street, has been a Forest Hill resident for 20 years and is a nurse.

In Place 2, incumbent **Lyndia Thomas**, 58, 6941 Windy Hill Road, who has lived in Forest Hill for 28 years is seeking a second term. She is a manager.

Also running in Place 2 is **Jess Major**, 57, who has lived in Forest Hill at 4200 Forest Hill Circle for 57 years.

In City Council Place 3, **Dave Gainer**, 62, 3915 Lon Stephenson Road, is seeking that office. He is a landman and has lived in Forest Hill for one year.

Also seeking Place 3 is **Rodney Wright**, 38, a media consultant and 38-year resident. He lives at 3213 Old Hickory Trail.

Incumbent **Gerald Joubert**, 50, 7329 Falmouth Drive, is seeking reelection to Place 3. He has lived in Forest Hill for 20 years and is shop manager.

Early voting by personal appearance will be held Monday, April 26, through Friday, April 30, weekdays from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Community Center, 6800 Forest Hill Drive. Extended voting hours will continue Saturday, May 1, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, May 2, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Monday, May 3, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Tuesday, May 4, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The election, conducted by Tarrant County officials, will be held at the Community Center on Saturday, May 8, with polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

(Picture of Jess Major - Place 2 not available at press time.)

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<http://www.foresthilltx.org/residents/news.htm>

## Overflow crowd attends Council Meeting takes on nature of Town Hall Meeting

A Special City Council Meeting set for 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, became more of a town hall meeting than a formal council meeting. An overflow crowd came with questions for the Council and Mayor James Gosey allowed those questions to be asked.

Among those speaking were Ray Rhyne, Meto Miteff, Bob Shanklin, Joyce Wright, Gladys Harde- man, Barbara Estes, Brenda Scruggs, Helen Collins Epps, Barbara Walker and others.

Tarrant County Sheriff Dee Anderson was asked to attend the meeting to clarify information on the possibility of the Sheriff's Office taking over police duties in Forest Hill. By the time Anderson arrived at 7 p.m., the crowd had been reassured that a change was not in the works and Anderson was able to clarify details of what would happen if a deal was struck in the future. Police Association President Jerry Cozby was also asked to address the crowd.

- Fire Chief Pat Ekiss gave an update on the City Hall Building located at 3219 California Parkway.
- Council Member Dulani Masimini removed an agenda item on changing the name of Griggs Park to Jewell Kelly Park.
- Masimini also removed an agenda item on financial exigency.
- The Council voted unanimously to cancel the March 16, 2010 Regular Council Meeting, due to a lack of quorum.
- A lengthy executive session was held to (a) Review and Discuss the Terms of the City Manager's Contract; (b) Discuss Interim City Manager.

### **Regular Council Meeting - March 2, 2010**

The Forest Hill City Council met at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, with all members present. Following the invocation by Council Member Gerald Joubert and the pledges to the flags, the Council unanimously adopted the consent agenda, as corrected, which included:

- Approval of Agreement for Election Services between the City of Forest Hill and Forest Hill Library District.
- Approval of an ordinance adopting a water conservation plan for the City to promote responsible use of water and to provide for penalties and/or the disconnection of water service for noncompliance with the provisions of the water conservation plan.



Mayor James Gosey welcomes Tarrant County Sheriff Dee Anderson to City Council Meeting.

- Approval of a resolution calling an election to elect the officers for Council Places 1, 2, and 3 to serve until May 2012.

### **Deliberation Agenda:**

- In a split vote, an ordinance ordering and providing notice of a special election on the 8th day of May, 2010, for voter consideration of amendment of specific selections of the Home Rule Charter was approved.
- No action was considered necessary regarding certification of petitions for Police Officers Association and call for election.
- An ordinance ordering and providing notice of a special election on the 8th day of May, 2010, for voter consideration of amendment of specific selections of the Home Rule Charter, adding "Local Control of Public Safety" was approved in a split vote.
- After discussion, the Council, in a split vote, waived platting requirements for the United Methodist Church to construct a new driveway, approach and parking lot.
- In a split vote, the go-ahead was given for additional work on the City Hall Building located at 3219 California Parkway.
- The Council convened in Executive Session to discuss:
  - Destroyers, Inc. vs. City of Forest Hill
  - Terms of the City Manager's Contract.

*(These minutes have not yet been approved by the Council and are subject to corrections. Detailed minutes of the Council Meetings are available on the City's website: www.foresthilltx.org.)*

## **FORECLOSURE PREVENTION**



Residents wanting to learn more about foreclosure prevention attended a workshop held recently at the Church of Christ in Forest Hill. Participants were able to talk with banking institutions and housing agencies one-on-one about ways to help them pay their mortgage.

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# Chamber Awards Banquet set for April 8



The South Tarrant Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Awards Banquet on Thursday, April 8. Special speaker will be the delightful motivational speaker Michelle

Prince. Reservations for the event which begins at 6:30 p.m. at Glen Garden Country Club are available at 817-568-2685. There will not be a regular



The South Tarrant Chamber of Commerce heard from Cheryl Jones of the Business Assistance Center at the March meeting at Glen Garden Country Club. Info on Chamber activities is available at 817-568-2685. There will not be a regular Chamber meeting in April.

## FIT IN FOREST HILL



Students from the Tarrant County College Nursing Program take resident Gene Pirtle's blood pressure at FIT IN FOREST HILL, a city-sponsored health fair held on March 6. More than 200 attendees and 28 vendors participated including Dr. Stephanie Menes of the new Forest Hill Medial Clinic located at 6619 Forest Hill Drive, suite 30.

### City-Wide Clean Up Day

Mark your calendar now! And save the date! The city's annual clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, June 12, 8:00 a.m. until Noon at the Super 1 Foods parking lot. Watch for more info in the next edition of the *FOREST HILL NEWS*.



### THE FOREST HILL LIONS CLUB

**APRIL 24, 2010**  
(Rain-out Date: May 8, 2010)

### 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WALK-A-THON

**\$5.00 Donation (Receive event T-Shirt) Starts at 9 AM (Sign up at 8:15 AM)**

### 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CAR / BIKE SHOW

**\$15 Entry Fee Starts at 11:00 am**

### 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BAR-B-Q COOKOFF

**JUDGING AT 12:00 NOON**



**Have Lunch - Check out the BBQ**

**EVENT LOCATION:**  
6800 BLOCK OF FOREST HILL DR. ACROSS THE STREET FROM CITY HALL  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:**  
**WALK-A-THON 817.228.0993, CAR SHOW 817.266.0118 or 817.266.1633**  
**COOKOFF 817.714.0598 OR DARLENE at 817.572.2334**

OUR EVENT IS A FUNDRAISER FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS OF THE FOREST HILL LIONS CLUB

## Cold weather does not eliminate watering restrictions

No lawn or landscaping watering or irrigating is permitted between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Hand watering or using soaker hoses is permitted. Hand watering is allowed while you are standing in your yard with a hose or watering can. Hoses connected to sprinklers or hoses left open-ended are not allowed during the restricted hours.

Why the restrictions during the daytime hours? Evaporation is generally highest from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. due to wind, sunlight and high temperatures. When you water outside of this time period, more water will seep into your landscaping, grass, trees and plants; that means less will be lost to the atmosphere because of evaporation.

Check your automatic sprinkler system timer settings. Make sure they're not set to run during the restricted time period. Citations may be issued if homeowners are not complying with these guidelines.

Use water wisely. Conservation is the key to a plentiful supply in the future. For more information about watering restrictions, call the Code Compliance officer at 817-531-5720.

# CITY OF FOREST HILL CHARTER AMENDMENTS - ENGLISH

Voters will have the opportunity to vote **FOR** or **AGAINST** each of the following propositions:

**Proposition 1:**

Amend Sec. 2.02, entitled "Special Provision for Damage Suit," to require that witness statements be required to be submitted to the City with the notice of a claim for damages for death, injury or destruction of property.

For  Against

**Proposition 2:**

Amend Section 3.01, entitled "Number, Selection Term," and Section 3.04, entitled "Vacancy," to change the term of office of the mayor and council members from two years to three years and, in order to comply with Article 11, Section 11 of the Texas Constitution when doing so, to provide that all vacancies in the office of mayor or council member shall be filled by special election, which is required by the Constitution for cities having terms of more than two years.

For  Against

**Proposition 3:**

Amend Section 3.03, entitled "Reimbursement" to delete the prohibition against a council member receiving compensation, and to allow council members to receive compensation in the manner and amount set by ordinance or resolution.

For  Against

**Proposition 4:**

Amend Section 3.05 and Section 4.04 of the Charter to convert the type of government of the City from Council/Manager to Strong Mayor form of government.

For  Against

**Proposition 5:**

Amend subsection (1) entitled Regular meetings, of Section 3.08, entitled "Council Meetings," to provide that the city secretary may cancel a regular meeting upon written request of the mayor or three council members.

For  Against

**Proposition 6:**

Amend subsection (1) entitled "Holding other Office", of Section 3.09, entitled "Prohibitions and Ethics," to provide that the length of prohibition on holding other office shall be six months, rather than one year.

For  Against

**Proposition 7:**

Amend Section 4.01, entitled "Appointment and Qualifications" to clarify the duties and qualifications of the City Manager to provide that he or she shall be the chief administrative officer responsible for day to day operations, rather than chief administrative officer and executive officer, who shall be selected on the basis of his or her managerial training in addition to current qualifications.

For  Against

**Proposition 8:**

Amend Section 4.01, entitled "Appointment and Qualifications," to provide that the City Manager must become a resident of the city within one year after his or her appointment.

For  Against

**Proposition 9:**

Amend Section 4.02, entitled "Term and Salary" to clarify the meaning of the payment of "terminal pay" to a City Manager who is suspended or removed, to provide that such pay may be made to a City Manager who does not have an employment contract with the City.

For  Against

**Proposition 10:**

Amend the Charter by adding a new Section 5.05 to describe and establish the office, powers, and duties of the City Secretary.

For  Against

**Proposition 11:**

Amend the Charter to add a new Section 5.06 to establish the office, powers and duties of the Finance Officer.

For  Against

**Proposition 12:**

Amend Article V. Administrative Departments, to add a new Sec. 5.05 to be entitled "Local Control of Public Safety" that requires the City to maintain and staff a Police Department and a Fire Department employing an adequate number of employees for each department.

For  Against

# CITY OF FOREST HILL CHARTER AMENDMENTS - SPANISH

## Proposici n 1:

Enmendar la Secci n 2.02, titulada "Disposici n especial para demanda por da os y perjuicios", para requerir que se exija la presentaci n de declaraciones de testigos a la Municipalidad con la notificaci n de una querrela por da os y perjuicios por muerte, lesi n o destrucci n de propiedad.

A favor

En contra

## Proposici n 2:

Enmendar la Secci n 3.01, titulada "N mero, Elecci n, Per odo", y la Secci n 3.04, titulada "Vacantes", para cambiar el per odo de funciones del alcalde y los miembros del concejo de dos a os a tres a os y, con el fin de cumplir con la Secci n 11 del Art culo 11 de la Constituci n de Texas al hacerlo, estipular que toda vacante en los cargos de alcalde o miembro del concejo se cubra mediante elecciones especiales, lo cual es requerido por la Constituci n para las ciudades que tengan per odos de m s de dos a os.

A favor

En contra

## Proposici n 3:

Enmendar la Secci n 3.03, titulada "Reembolso" para suprimir la prohibici n de que un miembro del concejo reciba compensaci n, y permitir que los miembros del concejo reciban compensaci n en la forma y cantidad establecida mediante ordenanza o resoluci n.

A favor

En contra

## Proposici n 4:

Enmendar la Secci n 3.05 y la Secci n 4.04 de la Carta Constitucional para convertir el sistema de gobierno de la Municipalidad de sistema de Concejo/Administrador a sistema de gobierno de Alcalde Fuerte.

A favor

En contra

## Proposici n 5:

Enmendar la subsecci n (1) titulada *Reuniones regulares*, de la Secci n 3.08, titulada "Reuniones del Concejo", para estipular que el secretario municipal puede cancelar una reuni n regular a solicitud por escrito del alcalde o tres miembros del concejo.

A favor

En contra

## Proposici n 6:

Enmendar la subsecci n (1) titulada "Ocupaci n de otro puesto", de la Secci n 3.09, titulada "Prohibiciones y ...tica", para estipular que el per odo de la prohibici n respecto a ocupar otro puesto ser  seis meses, en lugar de un a o.

A favor

En contra

## Proposici n 7:

Enmendar la Secci n 4.01, titulada "Nombramiento y Aptitudes" para aclarar los deberes y las aptitudes del Administrador Municipal a fin de estipular que  ste(a) ser  el principal funcionario administrativo responsable de las operaciones diarias, en vez de principal funcionario administrativo y director ejecutivo, que ser  seleccionado en base a su capacitaci n gerencial adem s de las aptitudes actuales.

A favor

En contra

## Proposici n 8:

Enmendar la Secci n 4.01, titulada "Nombramiento y Aptitudes", a fin de estipular que el Administrador Municipal tiene que convertirse en residente de la ciudad dentro de un plazo de un a o a partir de su nombramiento.

A favor

En contra

## Proposici n 9:

Enmendar la Secci n 4.02, titulada "Per odo y Salario", a fin de aclarar el significado del abono de "paga final" a un Administrador Municipal que sea suspendido o destituido, para estipular que se le puede abonar tal paga a un Administrador Municipal que no tenga un contrato de empleo con la Municipalidad.

A favor

En contra

## Proposici n 10:

Enmendar el Art culo V Carta Constitucional para a adir una secci n nueva que describa y establezca el puesto, los poderes y los deberes del Secretario Municipal.

A favor

En contra

## Proposici n 11:

Enmendar la Carta Constitucional para a adir una Secci n 5.06 nueva que establezca el puesto, los poderes y los deberes del Ejecutivo Financiero.

A favor

En contra

## Proposici n 12:

Enmendar el Art culo V Carta Constitucional para a adir una secci n nueva que se titulara "Control Local de la Seguridad P blica" que requiera que la Municipalidad mantenga y dote de personal a un Departamento de Polic a y un Departamento de Bomberos contratando un n mero apropiado de empleados para cada departamento.

A favor

En contra

## Energy Efficiency Incentives Announced by ONCOR

ONCOR Electric Delivery has just opened its energy efficiency incentive program for 2010.

Five programs and a budget of \$26.4 million in the electric provider coffers could put money back in your pocket if you apply now. They include solar panels, solar water heating, home energy efficiency measures (only homes built before 2002 qualify), Low Income Weatherization upgrades (households must be at or below 200% of the poverty line) and the Home Performance with Energy Star audit programs.

How can you "plug" into the programs?

First, check your electric bill and see if you have the letters "ESI ID" before your account number. If you do, call 1-866-728-3674 or log onto [www.takealoadoftexas.com](http://www.takealoadoftexas.com). On the web, look under residential programs for those you qualify for. Each program description has a link to a list of approved contractors.

Call at least three contractors; ask about pricing and services they provide. Ask if there is a fee to evaluate your home.

Embracing energy efficiency today saves you money but more importantly helps protect our environment for the future.

# Spruce Up and Sweep Out the Cobwebs this Spring!

Here's a quick checklist of home maintenance and cleaning tasks:

## Indoor Cleaning Projects

- > Wash windows and repair screens
- > Vacuum drapes and window treatments
- > Defrost the freezer
- > Clean refrigerator and dust coils
- > Clean the kitchen exhaust fan
- > Clean your attic
- > Shampoo rugs and carpet
- > Steam clean upholstery
- > Dust corners and ceilings
- > Wipe ceiling fans
- > Clean oven
- > Clean out office files

## Indoor Maintenance Items

- > Change batteries in smoke detectors
- > Change batteries in carbon monoxide detectors
- > Change furnace filters
- > Update first-aid and emergency kits
- > Test GFCI outlets
- > Check attic fan for proper operation
- > Replace leaky faucet washers
- > Inspect caulking in bathrooms and kitchen and replace
- > Reseal grout on tile floors
- > Replace incandescent bulbs w/energy-saving lighting

## Outdoor Maintenance

- > Seal drafty doors and windows
- > Inspect/repair/replace damaged roof shingles
- > Inspect and reseal roof flashing
- > Pressure wash driveway and walkway
- > Inspect/clean chimney
- > Clean and inspect gutters and downspouts
- > Check oil and filter on lawnmower
- > Trim branches and shrubs that touch house
- > Repair/reseal fence and decking
- > Inspect/repair the exterior surfaces of house



## Fight Environmental Crime- Help Stop Illegal Dumping

As part of our ongoing StormWater Management Program, the city is encouraging residents to help stop illegal dumping in storm drains, sewer systems, creeks and riverbeds as well as report it.

Dumping trash and hazardous waste in unauthorized locations is unsightly and can cause major public health and safety concerns for our residents. These dumpsites can contain broken glass, metals, motor oils, paints, and other dangerous materials. This waste attracts rats, snakes, and mosquitoes.

You can take an active role by:

- ▶ Spreading the word that illegal dumping is a crime
- ▶ Disposing of your litter properly
- ▶ Using a tarp or other cover when transporting debris
- ▶ Not paying roofing or other contractors until they present you with a landfill receipt showing your waste was properly disposed of
- ▶ Reporting illegal dumping to the North Central Texas Illegal Dumping Hotline at 1-888-335-DUMP (3867)

Costs to clean these illegal dumpsites (and storm drains/sewer systems) can run into the thousands of dollars for the city. Those unnecessary costs place significant economic hardships on the city's budget as well as portraying a negative image on our community.

Do your part to help stop illegal dumping. Participate in city-sponsored clean-up days, organize your own neighborhood clean-up, use only authorized dumpsites and report illegal dumping. Pamphlets explaining illegal dumping are available at City Hall now.

# Let's Tackle the Grease in This Kitchen!

## Why should I help?

- Prevent grease buildups from blocking sewer lines.
- Stop sewer overflows into streets and storm drains.
- Save money spent on costly cleanups of sewage spills.
- Reduce the number of times you have to clean your grease trap (food service).
- Protect the quality of our water.

## DO!

- Put oil and grease in covered collection containers.
- Scrape food scraps from dishes into trash cans and garbage bags and dispose of properly. Avoid using your garbage disposal.
- Remove oil and grease from dishes, pans, fryers, and griddles. Cool first before you skim, scrape, or wipe off excess grease.
- Prewash dishes and pans with cold water before putting them in the dishwasher.
- Cover kitchen sink with catch basket and empty into garbage can as needed.
- Cover floor drain with fine screen and empty into garbage can as needed.

## DON'T!

- Don't pour oil and grease down the drain.
- Don't put food scraps down the drain.
- Don't run water over dishes, pans, fryers, and griddles to wash oil and grease down the drain.
- Don't rinse off oil and grease with hot water.

## More Ways to Tackle Grease

- ▶ Use environmentally safe cleaning products instead of harsh detergents or cleaners that can damage sewer lines.
- ▶ If you generate large amounts of used cooking oil, reuse or recycle it. To find a recycler, check the phone book under "recyclers" or "rendering companies."
- ▶ If you generate small amounts of used cooking oil, reuse it as often as possible and then pour it into a container you can throw away. Never pour it down the drain.
- ▶ Start a compost pile at your home with scraps that are not meat. Find out about composting in the TCEQ publication, *A Green Guide to Yard Care* (GI-028).



For more information, contact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Small Business & Local Government Assistance Section 1-800-447-2827 • www.tceq.state.tx.us



# Job fairs

## Important Num-

Atmos Energy (gas)	1-800-460-3030
AT&T	1-800-464-7928
City Offices and Departments	
Animal Control (Police Department)	817-531-5267
Building Official	817-531-5718
City Hall	817-568-3000
Code Enforcement	817-531-5720
Fire Station - Main Number	817-531-5715
Municipal Court	817-568-3046
Municipal Court - Habla Español	817-568-3020
Permits Department	817-531-5715
Police Department	817-531-5250
Senior Citizen Center	817-293-8319
Water Department	817-568-3030
Water (Leaks in street)	817-531-5700
or after hours - Police Department	817-531-5250
Charter Communications (Cable TV)	1-888-438-2427
County Commissioner Roy Brooks	817-370-4500
Forest Hill Action Group	817-483-8857
Forest Hill Ballpark/FHYA	817-478-9941
Forest Hill Library Office	817-551-5354
Forest Hill Lions Club	817-572-2334
Forest Hill Senior Citizen Center	817-293-8319
Garbage (IESI) including large item pickup	817-222-2221
Head Start Program	817-483-0545
Health Department	817-871-7200
Meals on Wheels	817-336-0912
Social Security	1-800-772-1213
South Tarrant County Chamber	817-568-2685
Southwestern Bell Telephone	817-464-7928
State Rep. Marc Veasey District 95	817-339-1430
State Senator Wendy Davis District 10	817-332-3338
Tarrant Appraisal Office	817-284-0024
Tarrant County Transportation Service (seniors & disabled)	817- 336-8714
TXU Energy (electric)	Metro 972-791-2888
Oncor (electric emergencies)	1-800-233-2133
Oncor Street Light Outage Toll Free	1-888-313-4747
U.S. Representative Dr. Michael Burgess	817-531-4570
Medical, Police Emergencies	9-1-1

## ¡Ataquemos a la Grasa en Esta Cocina!

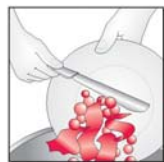
### ¿Por qué tengo que ayudar?

- Evitar acumulaciones de grasa que obstruyan las líneas de drenaje.
- Detener los desbordamientos de drenaje hacia la calle y desagües pluviales.
- Ahorrar dinero gastado en limpiezas costosas de derrames de aguas residuales.
- Reducir el número de veces que se tienen que limpiar las trampas de grasa (servicio de alimentos).
- Proteger la calidad de nuestra agua.

### ¡HAGA ESTO!



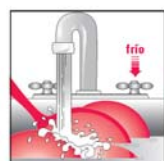
✓ Ponga el aceite y la grasa en contenedores cerrados para colección.



✓ Quite las sobras de comida en botes o bolsas de basura y disponga de ellos adecuadamente. Evite usar su trituradora de basura.



✓ Quitele el aceite y la grasa a los trastes, ollas, freidoras y parrillas. Primero enfríe antes de tallar o limpiar el exceso de grasa.



✓ Enjuague los trastes y ollas con agua fría antes de ponerlos en la lavadora para trastes.



✓ Cubra el fregadero de la cocina con una canasta para capturar comida y vacíelo en el bote para basura, como sea necesario.



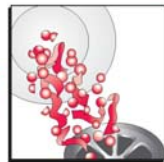
✓ Cubra el resumiadero en el piso con un cedazo fino y vacíelo en el bote de la basura, como sea necesario.

### ¡NO HAGA ESTO!

✗ No vacíe aceite y grasa por el desagüe.



✗ No tire sobras de comida por el desagüe.



✗ No enjuague los trastes, ollas, freidoras y parrillas con agua para tirar el aceite y la grasa por el desagüe.

✗ No enjuague el aceite y grasa con agua caliente.



### Otras Maneras de Atacar la Grasa

- ▶ Use productos de limpieza ambientalmente seguros en lugar de detergentes o limpiadores ásperos que pueden dañar las líneas de drenaje.
- ▶ Si genera en la cocina grandes cantidades de aceite usado, reúselo o reciclelo. Para encontrar a un reciclador, revise el directorio telefónico bajo "recicladores."
- ▶ Si usted genera cantidades pequeñas de aceite usado para cocinar, reuse tan seguido como sea posible y luego vacíelo en un contenedor que pueda tirar. *Nunca* vacíelo por el desagüe.
- ▶ Empiece un montón de abono en su casa con sobras de alimentos que no contengan carne. Aprenda sobre el compostaje en la publicación de la TCEQ, *Una Guía Verde para el Cuidado del Jardín* (GI-028).



Para mayor información comuníquese a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ por su nombre en inglés)  
Sección de Asistencia a Pequeños Negocios y Gobiernos Locales  
1-800-447-2827 • www.tceq.state.tx.us



## Save Money with Solar Panels

TXU Energy recently launched a program to lease solar panels to residential customers for about \$35 a month.

Installed by SolarCity, these panels will generate power for your home; excess power may even be sold back to TXU. TXU's goal for this program is to make solar power accessible and affordable to customers. The company says the savings, on average, could be \$19 per month when you lease the panels. The program cost includes maintenance and insurance. Most houses will be able to accommodate solar panels unless the house has a lot of shade or a roof that needs costly repairs.

To obtain a quote, go to [www.txu.com/solar](http://www.txu.com/solar).

## Free income tax help available at Center

Free income tax preparation is available to all senior citizens and low income families each **Wednesday** continuing through mid-April from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Forest Hill Senior Citizen Center, 7004 Forest Hill Drive. Appointments are necessary and are available by calling Center Director Bettie Sheffield at 817-293-8319.

# Community Calendar April 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).

**April 2**

Senior Center Food Bank Day for regular attendees.

Senior Easter Party.

Good Friday – City offices closed. Emergency personnel on duty. Regular trash service.

**April 4**

**Happy Easter!**

**April 5**

Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7 p.m. - Community Center

**April 6**

City Council Workshop and Meeting - 6 p.m. - Community Center.

**April 7**

The *Forest Hill News* arrives at your door.  
Senior Center Council Meeting - 9:30 a.m.

**April 8**

Senior Center Computer Class - 9:30 a.m. and Birthday Party for those with April birthdays.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting - 7 p.m. - Church of Christ in Forest Hill, 3916 Forest Hill Circle. Info: 817-988-3360.

No regular Chamber of Commerce Meeting - Awards Banquet at Glen Garden Country Club at 6:30 p.m. Info: 817 568-2685.

**April 9**

Senior Center trip to WalMart. Info: 817-293-8319.

**April 12**

Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.  
Parks/Clean City Commission Meeting - 6 p.m. - Community Center.  
Police Alumni Association Meeting - 6:30 p.m. - Police Station.  
Friends of the Library Meeting, 7 p.m. - Library. Info: 817-551-5354.

**April 14**

Senior Center Craft Class - 10 a.m.  
Last day for free tax help at Senior Center.

**April 15**

Senior Center Computer Class - 9:30 a.m.

**April 19**

Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.  
Library Board Meeting - Library. Info: 817-551-5354  
Community Development Corporation meeting - 7 p.m. - Community Center

**April 20**

Senior Center Potluck - 5:30 p.m.  
City Council Workshop and Meeting - 6 p.m. - Community Center.

**April 24**

Sixth Annual Lions Club Walk-a-thon. Starts at 9 a.m. followed by Car/Bike Show and Barbecue Cook-off.

**April 23**

Senior Center trip to WalMart. Info: 817-293-8319.

**April 26**

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

**April 30**

Senior Center Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

**May 3**

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

**May 4**

City Council Workshop and Meeting - 6 p.m. - Community Center.

**May 5**

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