

## Free Summer Lunch Program Begins Monday

In an effort to help families in today's challenging economic times, the City of Forest Hill has once again partnered with The Heloise Munson Foundation to offer a free lunch and afternoon snack to children ages one to 18 during the summer break.

The program kicks off Monday, June 7th and will continue through Friday, August 20th, serving lunch weekdays between 11:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. A balanced, hot meal, beverage and snack will be provided at the Community Center (6800 Forest Hill Drive), and at Emily Trentman Park (at Wanda Lane and Twin Oaks). All meals will be offered in accordance with federal law and USDA policy. There are no residency restrictions; children from any city are allowed to participate. The program is funded through a grant from the USDA.

"We are proud to again offer this important program to our citizens and those who live in surrounding communities," said Sheyi Ipaye, city manager. "We've been afforded this incredible opportunity to provide a service at no cost to our community, and we hope families will take advantage of it," he added.

For more information, call the City of Forest Hill Community Relations Department at 817-568-3003.

## Citywide Cleanup Day set for Saturday, June 12th

Spruce up your home, your garage and your yard...then take all that unwanted trash and debris and get rid of it once and for all!

The city's annual cleanup day takes place Saturday, June 12, from 8:00 a.m. until Noon in the Super 1 Foods parking lot. And we're looking for volunteers to help verify residency requirements, load up dumpsters and trailers and to direct vehicles through the drop-off line. To sign up, call the city's Community Relations office at 817-568-3003. Volunteers will receive a City of Forest Hill t-shirt and lunch!

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## Runoff Election Set for Saturday, June 12

A runoff election for Place 3 on the City Council will take place Saturday, June 12. Vying for the seat is incumbent Council Member Gerald Joubert and Dave Gainer who is seeking his first Council term.

Applications for a ballot by mail must be received by Friday, June 4, at the following address: Steve Raborn, Early Voting Clerk, P.O. Box 961011, Fort Worth, Texas, 76161-0011.



Gerald Joubert



Dave Gainer

### Early voting will take place at the Community Center, 6800 Forest Hill Drive on:

June (Junio) 1 -4	Tuesday-Friday (Martes-Viernes)	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
June (Junio) 5	Saturday (Sabado)	7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
June (Junio) 6	Sunday (Domingo)	11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
June (Junio) 7-8	Monday-Tuesday (Lunes-Martes)	7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Polls will be open Election Day, Saturday, June 12, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. For more information, call Tarrant County Elections Administration, 817-831-8683.

## Get hands-on info about Smart Meters July 9th

If you haven't already gotten yours, ONCOR Smart Meters will be installed at your home in the very near future. And to help you understand how the digital devices work, the city will offer you the opportunity to participate in the SmartTexas Mobile Experience Center on July 9.

From **Noon until 4:00 p.m.**, stop by City Hall and learn about the benefits of the new meters and how you can reduce your electricity demand...lowering your monthly bills and saving the environment! The mobile center provides educational videos, interactive kiosks and real-world demonstrations of the Smart Meters.

For more information about ONCOR's Smart Meter program, log onto [www.smarttexas.com](http://www.smarttexas.com).



Walkers line up on Forest Hill Drive escorted by Forest Hill police officers.



One of many classic cars entered in the Forest Hill Lions Club car show which was part of a daylong series of events.

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# Council approves Best Western Hotel, welcomes new city manager

## Regular Meeting, April 20, 2010

The Forest Hill City Council met at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, 2010, with Mayor Pro Tem Mustafa Sami and Council Member Gerald Joubert absent. Following the invocation and pledges to the flags, Andrea Sanders from Oncor Electric Delivery gave a presentation on smart meters and responded to a few questions from the City Council and a large number of questions from the audience.

- A public hearing was held on a request for a Specific Use Permit to allow for an unmanned drive-up water vending facility to be located at 6619 Forest Hill Drive requested by Rick Kelly, representative for Watermill Express.

- A public hearing was held on a request for a Specific Use to allow for on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages sales at 6734 Forest Hill Drive, requested by Steve Milam, representative for Forest Hill Wings, LLC dba Wing Stop.

- A public hearing was held on a request for a zoning change of 7.107 acres located at 5703 Crawford Lane from "LI" (Light Industrial) to "HI" (Heavy Industrial) requested by Mike Arnold, representative for Arnold Stone who was there to speak about the change. Several area residents expressed concerns about the rezoning.

- As part of the consent agenda, the following were unanimously approved:

- Minutes of the March 2, 2010 regular council meeting.

- Minutes of the April 6, 2010 regular council meeting.

- Several items were pulled from the agenda including:

- Possible action regarding medical insurance benefits for council.

- Possible action on an ordinance dealing with traffic, towing and impoundment of vehicles illegally parked on public streets, relative to the addition of an administrative fee for towed vehicles; and other actions and fees.

- Possible action on replacing "No Parking" signs along Forest Hill Drive between Deval Court and Mansfield Highway and along the roadway on the south side of Bisbee Street, from Forest Hill Drive to Shackelford Street.

- Contract Renewal for City of Forest Hill Senior Citizen Center.

- A Contract for Joint Elections between the City of Forest Hill and Tarrant County was unanimously approved.

- An item considering possible action regarding the City's Wrecker Service Contract was removed by Sheyi Ipaye, City Manager.

- Action removing former fire chief Pat Ekiss as a signatory authority from the City's bank, Texpool, and other institutions and entities and authorizing City Manager as signatory was unanimously approved.

- Action regarding the Federal Emergency Management Agency National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) was unanimously approved.

- Action regarding an agreement with Barnett Gathering, LP, was pulled from the agenda by the City Manager who reported that the matter is still being negotiated.

- No action was taken regarding changing the name of Griggs Park to Jewel Kelly Park after several citizens spoke including Jo Pirtle, Gladys Hardeman and Pearl Jones. The item was pulled by Council Member Dulani Masimini who placed it on the agenda.

- No action was taken regarding appointments to the Griggs Park Grant Advisory Group.

- The Council met in executive session with no action reported.

## Special Meeting, April 23, 2010

The Forest Hill City Council met on Friday, April 23, 2010, at 10 a.m. with Mayor Pro Tem Mustafa Sami and Council Member Dulani Masimini absent.

(Due to legalities, three public hearings were repeated prior to taking action on the requests.)

- A public hearing was held on a request for a Specific Use

Permit to allow for an unmanned drive-up water vending facility to be located at 6619 Forest Hill Drive requested by Watermill Express. The SUP was approved later in the meeting.

- A public hearing was held on a request for a Specific Use Permit to allow for on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages sales at Wing Stop to be located at 6734 Forest Hill Drive. The SUP was approved in a split vote later in the meeting.

- A public hearing was held on a request for a zoning change of 7.107 acres located at 5703 Crawford Lane from "LI" (Light Industrial) to "HI" (Heavy Industrial). The request was unanimously denied with agreements worked out with the neighbors and business operators to improve the area without rezoning. Council Member Andrew Sanders commended the group for "letting cooler heads prevail." The meeting adjourned without an executive session.

## Regular Meeting, May 4, 2010

The Forest Hill City Council met at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, 2010, with all members present. During the workshop, Norm Bulaich from IESI, trash contractor for the city, answered questions about curbside pickup and the upcoming cleanup day.

- Following the invocation and pledges to the flags, Curvie Hawkins from "The T" in Fort Worth gave a brief presentation on bus service and responded to a few questions from the City Council and a large number of questions from the audience. He was asked to return with more info to the next meeting.

- During citizen presentations, several citizens spoke to the Council including Velma Hill, Cora Bennett and Pearl Jones.

- Minutes of the April 20, 2010 regular council meeting were unanimously approved as part of the consent agenda.

- Council Member Lyndia Thomas reported on a recent National League of Cities trip to Washington, D.C.

- An Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County Precinct One to accomplish reconstruction and repairs for various streets in the city was unanimously approved.

- No action was taken in regards to public transportation service for the residents of Forest Hill provided by the Fort Worth Transportation Authority "The T."

- An agreement with Barnett Gathering, LP was unanimously approved with additional funds secured by City Manager Ipaye to reimburse for cut trees.

- Following an update on the City Hall Building located at 3219 California Parkway by City Manager Sheyi Ipaye, the Council approved further expenditures in a split vote with Masimini voting nay.

- Following and indepth discussion and update on the Public Works Building located at 3101 Horton Road, the City Manager told the Council he will look for funds to complete the project but that the building cannot be occupied as is.

- Drawings of the New City of Forest Hill Building and Monument Signs were presented to the Council and the City Manager was directed to go out for bids on the project.

- The Council unanimously voted to renew the contract for the City of Forest Hill Senior Citizen Center.

- The City Manager explained the Home Grant Project but no action was necessary since it was previously approved.

- In a split vote with some abstentions, the Council voted not to call a Special Election on the November 2010 Uniform Election date for a recall based on a petition recently presented.

- Council Member Joubert removed the last two agenda items which he had placed on the agenda: (1) Discuss the strong mayor form of government. (2) Discuss Tarrant County Sheriff's Department coming in and taking over.

- The Council convened into executive session at 10:16 p.m.

*(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](http://www.foresthilltx.org).)*



David K. Sellers fifth grader Kage Mouton used her artistic talents and drew a picture that won her a day with Firefighter Jeff Horton. Her drawing was awarded first prize as part of the October, 2009 Fire Prevention Awareness week activities sponsored by the Forest Hill Fire Department. Horton spent May 5th attending all classes with Miss Mouton.



## BID NOTICE Public Works Facility 3101 Horton Road

### Scope of Work:

1. Install new breaker/service panel and service drop; dual 220 phase
2. Upgrade electrical outlets in rear bay
3. Install security yard lights
4. Install employee access gate at front entry
5. Seal entire roof
6. Seal two office windows
7. Run water service to rear of bay
8. Install exterior signage for facility
9. Install gas heaters in bay area
10. Insulate building and fill all holes inside walls at floor and mid wall levels
11. Pave area at front of building to accommodate customer and employee parking
12. Install paving to accommodate vehicular traffic around building to access bay doors
13. Install new rear gate
14. Correct electrical panel in office
15. Install KNOX box door to key cabinet
16. Replace all broken outlets
17. Install protective covers on florescent light fixtures
18. Install panic hardware on rear exit doors
19. Install vent-a-hood above stove
20. Affix electrical conduit to side walls
21. Install fire extinguishers
22. Install emergency exit for employees from rear bay area
23. Install steps or ramps in rear bay area
24. Paint fire lanes where required
25. Install building protection (bollards) in front of building
26. Replace dishwasher
27. Replace refrigerator
28. Install eye wash station
29. Install mechanics lift to service vehicles

**Bids accepted at City Hall, 6800 Forest Hill Drive, attention to the City Manager. Closing date is 5:00 p.m., June 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information, call Dylan Whitehead, Building Official at (817) 531-5718.**

## Runoff set for June 12 in Place 3 Voters return two incumbents, approve three charter amendments, deny nine amendments



Incumbents take Oath of Office

Voters returned two incumbents to City Council seats on Saturday, May 8. Election results included:

### City Council, Place 1

*Damian Dalcour	526	53.51%
Malinda Miller	457	46.49%

### City Council, Place 2

*Lyndia Thomas	599	61.18%
Jess Majors	380	38.82%

In Place 3, a runoff is set for June 12 between the top two since no candidate received more than 50% of the vote. Results were:

*Dave Gainer	336	33.80%
Rodney K. Wright	231	23.24%
*Gerald Joubert	427	42.96%

### Results of the Charter Amendment Election are as follows:

#### 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 463 47.39% \*Against 514 52.61%

#### 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 384 39.88% \*Against 579 60.12%

#### 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 350 36.05% \*Against 621 63.95%

#### 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 296 30.42% \*Against 677 69.58%

#### 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 414 42.42% \*Against 562 57.58%

#### 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 385 39.41% \*Against 592 60.59%

#### 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 459 46.98% \*Against 518 53.02%

#### 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 559 57.27% Against 417 42.73%

#### 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 383 39.24% \*Against 593 60.76%

#### 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 493 50.93% Against 475 49.07%

#### Proposition 11:


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

For 469 48.00% \*Against 508 52.00%

#### 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 724 72.84% Against 270 27.16%



**City-wide Cleanup Day!**

**Saturday, June 12th 8:00 a.m.-Noon**  
**Super 1 Foods parking lot**  
 6750 Forest Hill Drive

**Residential Items Accepted:**  
 Bagged household garbage      Bagged leaves/yard waste  
 Bundled tree, shrub & brush trimmings

**Furniture**  
 Appliances      Construction & fencing materials      Tires

**CRUD CRUISER on-site accepting:**  
*(must obtain \$47 voucher at City Hall before June 12<sup>th</sup>)*  
 Acids, aerosol cans, antifreeze, batteries (all kinds), brake & transmission fluids, cooking oil, household chemicals, degreasers, drain cleaner, fertilizer/pesticides/herbicides, light bulbs, motor oil & oil filters, paints/stains/varnish, paint thinners, pest strips, pharmaceuticals, photo chemicals, pool chemicals, & solvents.

*Bring liquid paint sorted by type (i.e. latex, oil-based, etc.). Keep chemicals in their original containers; place broken or leaking containers in a second container of like material.*

**Questions? Call 817-568-3003**

**PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED**  
 -Recyclables accepted at City Hall dumpsters-

**Items not accepted:** refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners

**THIS EVENT IS FOR RESIDENTS ONLY. BUSINESS WASTE NOT ACCEPTED.**



A large number of friends and coworkers dropped by the Fire Station on April 28 to say goodbye to Fire Chief Pat Ekiss who was recently appointed fire chief for Taylor, Texas.



City Manager Sheyi Ipaye joined friends and coworkers who came by the Police Station on Friday, April 30, to extend best wishes to Detective Ephrian Spraberry who was leaving the Police Department to attend chiropractic school, a lifelong dream.

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# Community Calendar June 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).

**June 1**  
City Council Workshop and Meeting - 6 p.m. - Community Center.  
First day of early voting for Council runoff.

**June 2**  
The *Forest Hill News* arrives at your door.  
Senior Center Council Meeting - 9:30 a.m.

**June 3**  
Senior Center Computer Class - 9:30 a.m. and Birthday Party for those with June birthdays.  
Neighborhood Watch Meeting - 7 p.m. - Church of Christ in Forest Hill, 3916 Forest Hill Circle.  
Info: 817-988-3360.

**June 4**  
Food Bank Day at Senior Center for regular attendees.

**June 7**  
Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.  
Free lunch program starts.  
Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7 p.m. - Community Center.

**June 8**  
Last day of early voting in Council runoff election.

**June 9**  
Senior Center Craft Class celebrating Flag Day - 10 a.m.

**June 10**  
Senior Center Computer Class - 9:30 a.m.  
Chamber of Commerce Meeting - Glen Garden Country Club - 11:30 a.m. Program on new laws by Better Business Bureau.  
Info: 817 568-2685.

**June 11**  
Senior Center trip to WalMart.

**June 12**  
**Election Day. Polls open at Community Center 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.**  
Annual clean-up day, 8:00 a.m. until Noon, at Super 1 Foods parking lot.

**June 14**  
**Flag Day**  
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.

**June 15**  
Senior Center Potluck - 5:30 p.m.  
City Council Workshop and Meeting - 6 p.m. - Community Center.

**June 18**  
Juneteenth Party at Senior Center.

**June 20**  
Happy Father's Day!

**June 21**  
Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.  
Senior Center Father's Day Party.  
Community Development Corporation, 7 p.m., at the Community Center.  
Library Board Meeting - Library. Info: 817-551-5354

**June 25**  
Senior Center trip to WalMart.  
Info: 817-293-8319.

**June 28**  
Blood pressure checks & BINGO - Senior Center - 9:30 a.m.

**July 5**  
Independence Day holiday – City offices closed. Emergency personnel on duty. No trash service.

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

**July 7**  
The *Forest Hill News* arrives at your door. Senior Center Council Meeting - 9:30 a.m.

**July 9**  
ONCOR SmartTexas Mobile Experience Center, 12 noon – 4 p.m. at City Hall.



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Fellowship.....10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School & Bible Study.....10:50 a.m.

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