

Forest Hill News

M O V I N G F O R E S T H I L L F O R W A R D

ANIMAL CONTROL HISTORY, CURRENT AND FUTURE

In 2021, the Animal Control Shelter off Anglin Dr. was shut down by State officials. The building was constructed years ago but never intended to be an animal shelter. The masonry used, housed fleas/ticks in excessive amounts & was not a good facility to keep animals. Jump to 2023 when the "Interlocal Agreement" partnership was adopted between the City of Forest Hill and the City of Everman and is now officially called "Municipal Animal Services". Both Cities have worked closely together to find a solution to the influx of animals. All animals are given the best chance at a great life thanks to the partnerships with amazing rescue groups. We work closely together to support the operation's funding, seeking grants and currently there are discussions of building a new, larger facility. Greater things are coming in the near future! Municipal Animal Services can be reached at 817-561-5495.

Half of Lon Stephenson Rd., a portion of Anglin Dr., the westside of Wichita St. and the northside of Mansfield Hwy. belong to Fort Worth. When reporting a loose or injured animal, identify if it is Forest Hill or Fort Worth, then call the appropriate Animal Control Facility. For Fort Worth, call Animal Control 817-392-1234. All residents play a vital role in helping spread the word about spay/neutering, fostering, donations, transporting or even about the importance of microchipping and registering your pets.

TRASH & BULK TRASH PICK-UP

Forest Hill trash service is provided by Waste Connections. Each residence receives two times a week trash pickup and two times a month bulk trash pickup. To find your bulk trash pick up dates, go to foresthilltx.org, "I want to", "Brush & Bulk Collection", find your street zone and then check that month's calendar. Calling 817-568-3000 and selecting prompt 2 is another option. Reminder that bulk trash pickup does not include construction material, tires, or hazardous materials. For missed pickup or concerns, call Waste Connections at 817-222-2221.

Along with the regular scheduled waste service, the City provides recycling dumpsters located at Forest Hill Civic & Convention Center 6901 Wichita St., Police & Fire Substation 6800 Forest Hill Dr., Forest Hill Fire Department 6304 Wanda Ln. and Forest Hill Police Dept., 3336 Horton Rd.

On April 13th and November 9th, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Parks & Rec/Clean City Commission partners with Waste Connections for Citywide Clean up for all Forest Hill residents. Bring your tree trimmings, bags of leaves, tires and debris. Items not accepted are hazardous materials, gas, oil and paint.

FLOODING AND DRAINAGE STUDY UPDATE

The flooding and drainage study that covers Melinda, Marshall, Burly, Hartman, Crawford and more, is complete. The City's engineering company, TNP, will be providing the results soon. After the results are obtained, the City will go to work in an effort to find solutions.

City of Forest Hill 2023 Year In Review can be found at foresthilltx.org

COFFEE AND ICED TEA WITH THE MAYOR

Mark your calendar and come to City Hall @ 3219 California Pkwy. on May 16, 2024, 3 p.m.-6 p.m. Meet the Mayor, City Manager, Police Dept., Fire Dept., learn about job openings, and Animal Control; lots of community resource information will be available. This is a great time to get questions answered, gather information, discuss concerns and share your compliments.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Hiring Police Officers
- Accident Report Info.
- Flooding/Drainage Study
- Reporting Issues
- VITA Program
- Community Events
- 103 year old resident birthday celebration
- Coffee & Iced Tea with The Mayor
- Street Studies
- Job Openings
- Year In Review
- Disposing of Leaves

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

www.foresthilltx.org

City Hall
817-568-3000

Police Non-Emergency
817-531-5250

Mayor Boardingham
817-676-6784

Civic & Convention Ctr.
817-708-2051

Senior Center
817-293-8319

Animal Control
817-561-5495

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE CITY

How To Obtain An Accident Report - A Forest Hill Police Officer will take the initial report. The report is then submitted to Texas Department of Transportation and available within 14 days.

Crash Reports (Texas Peace Officer's Crash Report CR-3) are maintained by the Texas Department of Transportation, and their release is governed by Section 550.065 of the Texas Transportation Code.

Crash Reports can be obtained using any of these methods:

- Online purchase of accident reports generated on or after January 1 for the last ten years, for \$6.00 per regular copy & \$8.00 per certified copy through the Texas Department of Transportation (<https://cris.dot.state.tx.us/public/Purchase>).
- Purchase by mail through the Texas Department of Transportation website (<http://www.txdot.gov/driver/laws/crash-reports.html>). Complete the request form CR-91 and mail it with the required payment (\$6.00 per regular copy & \$8.00 per certified copy) to the address shown on the form.

To better allow individuals a chance to have a voice and the City become compliant with State Law, the Council Agendas now have "Public Testimony". Anyone can sign up, receive three minutes to talk about items on the agenda. Agenda items are the business of the Mayor and Council to move the City forward. There is a second chance to sign up and speak for three minutes during Citizens Forum which is for non-agenda items. City staff are always available to help with questions or concerns by calling 817-568-3000.

VITA Volunteer Income Tax Assistance - The City of Forest Hill has partnered with VITA to provide FREE income tax preparation to families and individuals with household incomes of \$64,000 or less. Bring your documents to Forest Hill Civic and Convention Center at 6901 Wichita St. For more information visit unit-edwaytarrant.org/VITA. See schedule below:

Mon., 3/4 - Thur., 3/7 11am-6pm	Mon., 3/25 - Thur., 3/28 11am-6pm
Mon., 3/11 & Tue., 3/12 11am-6pm	Mon., 4/8 - Thur., 4/11 11am-6pm
Mon., 3/18—Thur., 3/21 11am-6pm	Mon., 4/15 - Thur., 4/11 11am-6pm

Congratulations Forest Hill Public Library District on receiving the 2023 Achievement of Library Excellence Award from the Texas Municipal Library Association. Way To Go Library! More Info: Foresthilllibrary.org or 817-551-5354

I want to report...

- Street Light Outage: Oncorstreetlight.com, 1-888-313-4747 or email: contactcenter@oncor.com
- Power Outage: 1-888-313-4747 or text "OUT" to 66267
- Gas Leak: Move to a safe location, call 911; then call Atmos Energy @ 1-866-322-8667
- Water Main Breaks: Public Works at 817-531-5700 during office hours/817-531-5250 after hrs.
- Potholes: Public Works @ 817-531-5700
- Traffic Signal Outage : City Manager @ 817-823-1746

Ever dreamed of a career as a Police Officer?

The City of Forest Hill is hiring Police Officers. Submit your application, go through the screening process and you could be on your way to the Academy! Contact Angela Locuste, HR Director at 817-568-3004.



Falling Leaves - in the Fall, leaves are scattered all around yards. Some leaves blow out in the streets by nature. City Ordinance 200876 requires residents to clean your leaves up. Once the leaves are bagged, Waste Connections will dispose of them on your regular scheduled trash day. Please do not blow leaves from your yard into the streets. It takes us all to keep our community clean.

Fun Fact: Our Forest Hill Street Sweeper swept 50 miles of City Streets in 2023!

Our Mayor and a majority of the City Council approved new generators in 2023 using ARPA funds. The generators will keep vital City facilities running during power outages. Generators have been installed at the Fire Department, Public Works, both water towers, pump station, City Hall, Civic Center and the Police and Fire Substation. This a huge move forward for our city. →

City Hall is located at 3219 California Pkwy.

Business Hours:

Monday - Friday

7:00am until 6:00pm

(817) 568-3000

On Tuesday, February 8th, the Forest Hill Police Department participated in "Copacolypse". Fifteen Officers worked the same shift together. It was quite the show of teamwork! There was much excitement from the capture of 3 wanted persons, the recovery of a stolen car, drugs were taken off the street, traffic stops, accident reports were taken, multiple tickets were issued and residents noticed the influx of officers. Everyone really enjoyed the experience and are planning the next "Copacolypse" in May.

On February 6th, David K. Sellars Elementary students Penelope Lopez, Autumn Boone and Amir Davis read and presented a Proclamation for School Board Recognition Month, to District 4 FWISD Trustee Wallace Bridges. Thank you Trustee Bridges for your partnership with our community and all you do for our students.

Congratulations to Mayor Stephanie Boardingham for receiving her Certified Municipal Officer (CMO) Certification for the 2nd year in a row. Mayor Pro Tem Keith R. Smith received his Certified Municipal Officer Recognition for obtaining the recommended training hours. Councilman Timey Boardingham also received his CMO Certification for obtaining the recommended training hours. Congrats to all!

Congrats Chief Gutierrez - now a sworn Peace Officer

Forest Hill's Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 23rd, 11am - 12:30pm @ the Forest Hill Civic and Convention Center 6901 Wichita Street. Bring your baskets, collect a lot of eggs, and take pictures with the Easter Bunny.

The Forest Hill Senior Activity Center collected stuffed animals and presented them to the Forest Hill Police and Fire Departments. Children will receive them when faced with a scary situation.

Public transportation for Forest Hill is available through Trinity Metro ZIPZONE. Call 817-215-8600 or App: Trinity Metro ZIPZONE

Public Works crew members installed new "traffic buttons" on Wichita Street from Mansfield Hwy to California Pkwy. These road reflectors, sometimes called raised pavement markers, are designed to help drivers stay within their lane. Director Roberto Duenes is currently gathering information for Forest Hill Drive. Thank you Public Works!

Forest Hill Police Department and Code Enforcement are working full-time identifying vehicles that are not in compliance. Section 8.08.31, Section 11.06.007 and Section 11.06.005 of the Code of Ordinances provides information on junked vehicle. Issues like sitting on flat tires, no tires, parking on unimproved surfaces, expired state tags, wrecked or inoperable vehicles are not allowed on the street or on property. For more information or to report a junk vehicle, please call 817-568-3011.

In order to be completely open and transparent, the Forest Hill "Year in Review" 2023 is available online @ foresthilltx.org.

Forest Hill Civic & Convention Center is available for rentals. Call Director Loida Garza for more information at 817-708-2051.

Commander Alfonza White and five of his crew members from the USS Fort Worth Navel Ship stationed in San Diego flew to Forest Hill and had lunch with the Forest Hill Adult Activity Center attendees. They recognized our senior veterans that attend the center. Mayor Boardingham presented them with a hat and Challenge Coin. What a great opportunity for Forest Hill to be recognized!

Longtime Citizen Celebrated His 103rd Birthday

McConico Thomas received a surprise on his 103rd birthday when USS Fort Worth Navy crew members from San Diego stopped by to sing Happy Birthday to him. Thank you to Meals on Wheels for such a great surprise. Mr. Thomas told stories of his experiences in the Military serving in World War II.

JOIN OUR TEAM

For details about available positions, visit the City's website at foresthilltx.org. Go to Departments tab, then the HR tab.

- Police Officers
 - Pubic Works Technicians
 - School Crossing Guards
 - Part-time Event Coordinator
- Moving Forest Hill Forward**

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

- The City of Forest and the City of Everman have entered into several Interlocal Agreements (ILA's) for following joint services.
- Dispatch
- Animal Control
- Mutual Aid Police and Fire
- Jail

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is Community Driven*

If you require any of these services, please call 911 ,or the non-emergency number at (817) 531-5250. Animal Control 817-561-5495.