

## Adoption Center has Easter special

In order to alleviate shelter overcrowding and offer pets new homes for the Easter holiday, the

Farmers Branch Animal Adoption Center is offering **discounted pet adoptions in April.**



During the month, dogs and puppies may be adopted for \$55 with cats and kittens for \$35. The adoption fee includes sterilization, rabies vaccination (plus other select vaccinations), micro-chipping, one free veterinarian exam and 30 days free pet insurance.

For more information, call 972.919.8770.

## Early voting set for City elections

Early voting for the May 10 City elections, including balloting for **Mayor and Councilmember, District 2**, for **legal sale of beer and wine** for off-premise consumption and for a **\$23.5 million bond issue**, will be held:

**Mon - Sat, April 28 - May 3**  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Sunday, May 4**  
1 to 6 p.m.

**Mon & Tue, May 5 & 6,**  
7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Farmers Branch residents may vote early at any Dallas County early voting location, including Farmers Branch City Hall. Special **close-to-the-door parking** spaces will be available.

## City offices close for Good Friday

Most City of Farmers Branch offices and facilities will be closed on **Friday, April 18** in observance of Good Friday. The only exceptions will be the Farmers Branch Community Recreation Center and Historical Park, both open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. **There will be no garbage collection on Good Friday.** All City offices and facilities will be closed on Easter Sunday, **April 20.**

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# Spring Cleaning 101

## Annual CityWide CleanUp Day to feature home chemical collection and more



Tom Bryson

City employees Shane Davis (foreground) and Meredith Dowdy help route vehicles in to Oran Good Park.

FARMERS BRANCH ~ Because of the tremendous response last year, City officials have announced that CityWide CleanUp Day 2014 will return to Oran Good Park, corner of Valley View and Tom Field Road, on Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

Again, the event will feature opportunities for electronics recycling, prescription medication disposal and document shredding, along with regular refuse disposal and recycling drop off. In addition this year, there will be household chemical collection on site, provided by Dallas County. Proof of residency via water or other utility bill may be required.

Representatives of the Farmers Branch Manske Library will be on hand to accept any old books, DVDs or other media that residents would like to donate to future Used Book Sales. Books and other media should be in good condition and suitable for resale.

Metrocrest Services will be there to accept donations of clothing and shoes only.

Additionally, there will be public safety equipment on display, Community Watch, animals available for adoption and more.

Oran Good Park is located at 13401 Tom Field Road, near the corner of Tom Field and Valley View Lane. Entry for CityWide CleanUp Day should be made from the Tom Field Road entrance. Call 972.919.2510 for more information.

## Date Night to feature food truck dinner and a movie

FARMERS BRANCH ~ Following its popular debut last year, Date Night in the Park will return to the Farmers Branch Historical Park on the evening of Saturday, April 12.

Gates will open at 6:30 p.m. that evening and admission is free.

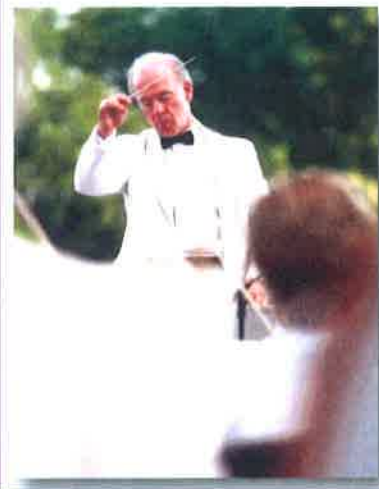
This year's event will feature an assortment of food trucks for dining and snacking throughout the event, along with musical entertainment from the southern rock band 'Prophets & Outlaws' at 7 p.m. Beer and wine will be available. Then, the outdoor movie, "Delivery Man" will begin at dusk.

Also, to ensure the Date Night theme, childcare will be available at the Farmers Branch Community Recreation Center at a cost of \$10 per child, but pre-registration is necessary no later than Friday, April 11. For more information, call 972.919.2620.



# Stars @ Strings

## Dallas Symphony Orchestra to highlight



## Memorial Day Weekend event

**HISTORICAL PARK** ~ It is with a great deal of excitement that the City of Farmers Branch announces "Stars & Strings," a new event featuring a concert by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra followed by a spectacular low level fireworks finale.

Families are invited to the event to celebrate Liberty and honor our country and the men and women who serve her.

Set for Saturday, May 24, the gates of the Farmers Branch Historical Park will open that evening to include music, food trucks, fireworks and a tribute to our nation's heroes. Families can set up their lawn chairs and blankets in the meadow to enjoy an evening under the stars.

Admission will be free. More information will follow in the coming weeks. In the meantime, call 972.919.2620 for more information or visit [www.fbspecialevents.com](http://www.fbspecialevents.com).

## Gussie officially receives state designation

**CORPUS CHRISTI** ~ The Texas Recreation and Parks Society (TRAPS) officially designated Gussie Field Watterworth Park in Farmers Branch as a 'Lone Star Legacy Park' in ceremonies at their conference held recently in Corpus Christi.

According to TRAPS, such designation is bestowed upon a "park that holds special prominence in the local community and in the state of Texas. These parks have endured the test of time and have become iconic to those who have visited, played and rested on their grounds."---

Farmers Branch Parks and Recreation officials, including (pictured from left) Director Jeff Harting, Advisory Board Chair Margaret Young and Parks Superintendent Charles Cancellare, were on hand to accept the honor on behalf of the City.



## City Council to meet in April

The Farmers Branch City Council will meet in regular session on its regular schedule, **April 1 & 15** at 6:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers at Farmers Branch City Hall, 13000 William Dodson Parkway. Meetings are broadcast live on FBTv, **cable channel 16** in Farmers Branch, **AT&T Uverse channel 99** and at [www.farmersbranchtx.gov](http://www.farmersbranchtx.gov). For more information, call 972.247.3131.

## Cook recognized by Metrocrest Chamber

Garnering praise for her work in economic development and business retention in Farmers Branch, Allison Cook was honored by the Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce with their 'Rising Star' award, presented at their annual banquet held recently.



## City seeks 'neighbor helping neighbor' stories

**FARMERS BRANCH** ~ Much in the same way that the short film 'Above & Beyond' helped illustrate the Farmers Branch City staff's commitment to service, the City's Communications office hopes to demonstrate examples of Farmers Branch neighbors working together to help each other in upcoming, followup productions.

"Whether its a single example of neighbors helping neighbors or an ongoing situation of a Farmers Branch resident that continually goes out of their way to help others, we want to know about it," said Communications Director Tom Bryson. "Drop us an email so we can compile a listing of these stories and plan to profile those that we can." The Farmers Branch Communications office can be reached at [fbinfo@farmersbranchtx.gov](mailto:fbinfo@farmersbranchtx.gov).



To view the 'Above & Beyond' short film, scan this QR code with a smartphone code reader.

## Honored for Service

Diane Starnes (center) was honored at the March 3 City Council meeting for her years of service in leading the classes for prospective U.S. citizens at the Farmers Branch Manske Library during the past 12 years. She was joined by Farmers Branch Manske Library Director Belinda Jacks (left) and her husband, Cliff Starnes (right) who leads the English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. Anyone interested in volunteering to lead or participate in the citizenship classes, or help out with the ESL classes, should send an email to [fbinfo@farmersbranchtx.gov](mailto:fbinfo@farmersbranchtx.gov) or come by the Farmers Branch Manske Library at 13613 Webb Chapel Road. Call 972.247.2511 with questions or for additional information.



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## April Calendar

**APR 01**

**City Council Meeting**

6:30 pm @ City Hall

**APR 07**

**Monday Night Dance**

7 pm @ Sr Center w/ Will Taylor

**APR 12**

**CityWide CleanUp Day**

9 am-12 noon @ Oran Good Park

**Date Night**

6:30 pm @ Historical Park

**APR 14**

**Monday Night Dance**

7 pm @ Sr Center w/ Gary Lee

**APR 15**

**City Council Meeting**

6:30 pm @ City Hall

**APR 21**

**Monday Night Dance**

7 pm @ Sr Center w/ JC Tippett

**APR 28**

**Monday Night Dance**

7 pm @ Sr Center w/ Dave Alexander