



Branch REVIEW

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Putting farmers back in the Branch New market to feature innovative selections

FARMERS BRANCH ~ About 15 years after the last farmer put up the tailgate on his pickup and drove off, a new and innovative Farmers Market will return to Farmers Branch this May with expanded offerings in a freshly expanded location with convenient access for anyone coming by car, by foot, by bike or by train.



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MARKET

The Grove at Mustang Crossing, at the southeast corner of Bill Moses Parkway and Denton Drive, very near the DART Green Line Station, will be the permanent setting for what will be titled the Farmers Branch Market.

Last year, The Grove was the site for the summertime food truck/live music series, Tastes & Tunes. Improvements have been underway at the location for the past few weeks that will enhance the Market experience including a pathway for vendors and guests, picnic tables, portable restrooms and sinks and a shed to house supplies, along with electricity and fencing along Denton Drive to help improve safety for guests to the Farmers Branch Market, Tastes & Tunes and other events.

The Farmers Branch Market is scheduled to open on May 7 with a wide array of vendors offering seasonal favorites. The Market will run each Saturday, through October 29, from 8 am to 12 noon. Organizers are looking for local vendors who want to share their products and passions with Farmers Branch. Those interested should visit farmersbranchmarket.com and fill out the Vendor Interest Form, or call 972.919.2631.

More information and vendor registration are available online at farmersbranchmarket.com and through social media on Facebook and photo-sharing site, Instagram at farmersbranchmarket.



Tom Bryson

Cones and caution tape line the area as work continues where the new Farmers Branch Market will be launched in May.

Residential recycling starts week of April 4

FARMERS BRANCH ~ Curbside recycling service will begin the week of April 4.

"Wherever residents currently place trash out for collection will be where the recycling cart will also be placed," said Farmers Branch Environmental Health Manager Shane Davis. "If their trash is collected in the alley, that's where recycling will also be picked up. If collected on the street, recycling will be picked up on the street."



Under the **FARMERS BRANCH City's new RECYCLES**

solid waste contract with Community Waste Disposal, current trash service days and location of pickup will not change. Also, Green Grabber bulk pickup service will not change. However, the City will no longer provide paper bags to residents. Paper or plastic sacks will be acceptable for trash collection and can be purchased at most grocery or hardware stores.

Accepted Recyclable Materials

- Plastic containers (#s 1-5 & 7)
- Newspapers
- Aluminum, steel and tin containers
- Glass bottles & containers
- Corrugated cardboard & boxboard and mixed paper

Not Accepted Materials

- Paper towels, facial & toilet tissue
- Plastic bags & packaging
- Wax coated paper drink containers, food & wet waste
- Paper, plastic & styrofoam serving items
- Grass clippings and shredded paper

For recycling pickup days and additional information about what can be recycled, visit:

fbrecycles.com





Back row (from left): Jose Ramirez, Charles Cancellare, Kerry Phillips, Porforio Leyva, Roberto Sarabia. Front row (from left): Pam Smith, Jose Torres, Tony Derrick.

Farmers Branch Parks staff named best in Texas

GALVESTON ~ The Farmers Branch Parks staff was named state champions in the equipment rodeo at the Texas Recreation and Parks Society annual conference held in March, in Galveston.

In addition to the number one overall ranking, Parks Landscape Manager Pam Smith took first place in the Plant Identification event while Maintenance Worker Roberto Sarabia won top honors in the mower obstacle course.

These honors come in addition to a planning excellence award the Farmers Branch Parks and Recreation Department received at the annual TRAPS Award Banquet, for the Trails Master Plan.

Farmers Branch Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Harting emphasized that these friendly competitions really underscore the caliber of the Farmers Branch staff.

Shredding set April 2

FARMERS BRANCH ~ Farmers Branch residents will be able to have household documents shredded by a professional document destruction truck on Saturday, April 2, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Farmers Branch City Hall. Call 972.919.2597.

Firehouse Theatre plans to show [title of show]

FARMERS BRANCH ~ [title of show] is the title of the next show to be staged by The Firehouse Theatre on select nights April 14 through May 1 at the theatre, 2535 Valley View Lane.

A show within a show, the one-act musical chronicles its own creation as an entry in the New York Music Festival in 2004.

For more information or tickets, visit thefirehousetheatre.com or call 972.620.3747.

Senior Dances set Mondays

- Apr 4 Swinging Country
- Apr 11 Jim Baker (Country/Ballroom)
- Apr 18 JC Tippet (Country/Ballroom)
- Apr 25 Dave Alexander (Country/Ballroom)

The Senior Center is located at 14055 Dennis. Call 972.919.8740.

'Date Night' to feature more food trucks than ever, Will Ferrell

FARMERS BRANCH ~ With more food trucks to serve the ever-increasing crowd, the spring edition of Date Night in the Park is planned for Saturday, April 23 at the Farmers Branch Historical Park, 2540 Farmers Branch Lane.

Gates open at 5:30 p.m. and admission is free. There will be live music prior to sundown. After dusk, the outdoor projector will show the Will Ferrell/Mark Wahlberg comedy "Daddy's Home." Local Facebook users selected the movie over three other choices for this spring. The movie is rated PG-13 for some adult language and situations.

Parking will be available at the Metrosquare Business Park, two blocks south of the Historical Park on Ford Road, with a free shuttle to the gate.

As always for this event, childcare is available for ages 3-12 at the Community Recreation Center for \$10 per child. However, pre-registration is required by Thursday, April 21. Call 972.247.4607 for information or to register for childcare.

Lawn chairs and blankets are recommended for lawn seating. For more information on Date Night in the Park, visit fbspecialevents.com or call 972.919.2620.



Dance Club donation



Members of the Senior Dance Club present a check to the Salvation Army to be used for relief for those affected by the Christmas weekend tornadoes. Dance Club members raised more than \$1,500 for the cause. The presentation was made at the Farmers Branch Senior Center during a Monday night dance in February.

Vintage Base Ball Festival is an annual celebration of the great game

FARMERS BRANCH ~ Playing America's pastime by 1860s rules, the Farmers Branch Mustangs will host their second annual Vintage Base Ball Festival at the Farmers Branch Historical Park on Saturday, April 2.

Vintage teams from around the area will play a round-robin tournament using uniforms, equipment and rules from the 19th century, when the game was born. The public is invited to attend and admission is free. Call 972.406.0184.

