



Branch Review



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Citizens invited to apply online for Charter committee

FBTX~ The Mayor and City Council are seeking citizens from each voting precinct interested in serving on a committee to review the City Charter and recommend any changes to be put before the voters in 2018.

Anyone interested should apply online at farmersbranchtx.gov/charter.

For more information, call the City Secretary's office at 972.919.2503.

Early voting for City Council elections coming in April

FBTX~ With the position of Mayor and City Councilmember, District 2 on the ballot, early voting for the 2017 elections is set to begin in April.

According to the Dallas County Elections Department, early voting in Dallas County will begin on Monday, April 24 and go until Tuesday, May 2.

Election Day is Saturday, May 6.

For more information, visit farmersbranchtx.gov/elections or dallascountytvotes.org.

Senior Center staffer named water fitness pioneer

FBTX~ The United States Water Fitness Association has named Farmers Branch Senior Center staffer

Rotha Crump one of the Top 25 Water Fitness Pioneers in the country.

A local instructor, Rotha has been teaching water fitness for more than 30 years, including a

Water Works class on Monday and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at the Farmers Branch Aquatics Center's Margaret Young Natatorium.

For more info on the U.S. Water Fitness Association, visit uswfa.com.



Rotha Crump

Recycling Success

New curbside program triples 2015 totals in less than a year

FARMERS BRANCH ~ With participation from 85 percent of single family homes in Farmers Branch, the new curbside recycling program has easily eclipsed totals from the old drop-off program in less than a year's time since kickoff.



According to statistics released by Community Waste Disposal, the City's solid waste contractor, more than 6,500 single family homes in Farmers Branch recycled 1,252.98 tons of material since the program's inception on April 1 of last year.

By comparison, that nine-month total more than triples the entire year's tally for the old drop off recycling program in 2015 (389.51 tons).

Community Waste Disposal said that participating households were recycling, on average, 35.02 pounds of recyclables per month.

"This is a great success story for Farmers Branch," said City Manager Charles S. Cox. "Not only are we collectively doing the right thing for the planet by recycling three times our previous total, we're expanding the life of our landfill by diverting more than 1,200 tons of material which

saves more than 4,000 cubic yards of space. And, the year isn't over yet."

Officials said that, based on current recycling averages and diverting that material from the landfill, additional royalties to the City could equal \$190,000 over the remaining life of the City-owned Camelot Landfill.

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Special Events Schedule unveiled for 2017

FBTX~ An ambitious array of Special Events is again on tap for Farmers Branch in 2017 as the Parks & Recreation Department has announced the upcoming schedule:

- APR 01 Farmers Branch Market Opens
Vintage Base Ball Festival
- APR 22 Date Night in the Park
- MAY 04 Tastes & Tunes
- MAY 11 Tastes & Tunes
- MAY 13 Fishin' Fun
- MAY 18 Tastes & Tunes
- MAY 27 Liberty Fest presents Stars & Strings
- JUL 03 Independence Day Celebration
- JUL 14 Family Star Party
- SEP 09 Pickups & Panels of North Texas
Car-Truck Shootout
- SEP 15 Encounters from the Past
- SEP 16 Encounters from the Past
- SEP 23 Date Night in the Park
- OCT 13 Murder & Mayhem
- OCT 14 Murder & Mayhem
- OCT 20 Bloomin' Bluegrass & Chili Cookoff
- OCT 21 Bloomin' Bluegrass & Chili Cookoff
Celebration of Roses
Craft Fair
- OCT 28 Halloween in the Park
- NOV 10 Veterans Day Celebration
- NOV 24 Christmas Tour of Lights Opens
- DEC 02 Christmas Tree Lighting

For details or other information on any upcoming event or activity, call 972.919.2620 or visit fbsspecialevents.com.

FHT to present 'Birdie'

FBTX ~ A perennial favorite since its premiere on Broadway more than 50 years ago, 'Bye Bye Birdie' will be presented by The Firehouse Theatre on select nights February 23 thru March 12.

Loosely based on the late 1950s phenomenon that occurred when Elvis Presley was inducted into the U.S. Army, the show follows the series of events when the teen idol Conrad Birdie is drafted.

The Firehouse Theatre is located at 2535 Valley View Lane in old Farmers Branch Fire Station No. 1. For tickets, visit thefirehousetheatre.com or call 972.620.3747.

Senior Dances set Mondays

FBTX~ Live music and friendly people make Senior Dance night one of the best in the Metroplex. Tickets are \$5 at the door for dances from 7 to 9:20 p.m.

- MAR 06 Swingin' Country (Country)
- MAR 13 Jim Baker (Ballroom)
- MAR 20 J.C. Tippett (Country)
- MAR 27 Dave Alexander (Ballroom)

Farmers Branch Market to open April 1; planning Garage Sale

FBTX ~ Planning even bigger things for its sophomore season, the Farmers Branch Market will open for 2017 on Saturday, April 1 at The Grove @ Mustang Crossing, at the corner of Bill Moses Parkway and Denton Drive, just steps from the DART Green Line Station in Farmers Branch.

The Market will be open every Saturday, April through October, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Featuring an eclectic selection of booths, the Market also plans special events for each first Saturday of the month.

The Farmers Branch Market opened to large crowds and overwhelming response last year with markets each weekend through the summer and into the fall.

In addition, applications are now being accepted for spaces at a 'Community Garage Sale,' to be hosted by the Farmers Branch Market on Saturday, May 6. Farmers Branch residents are invited to participate at a cost of \$20 with a limit of one booth per household. Availability is limited.

For more information on the Market, to fill out a vendor application or to apply for space at the May 6 Community Garage Sale, visit farmersbranchmarket.com.

Branch Briefs

Citizen Police Academy seeks students for Spring session

JUSTICE CENTER ~ Farmers Branch citizens are being sought as students for the next edition of the FBPD's Citizen Police Academy, beginning March 16.

The CPA provides three hours of instruction & information each week for 11 weeks on police department personnel, policies and procedures. Find out more online at farmersbranchtx.gov/police.

Star Party set March 7

HISTORICAL PARK ~ High-powered telescopes will be focused on the Moon, the Pleiades, Globular star clusters and more during a "Star Party" planned for Tuesday, March 7 at the Farmers Branch Historical Park, from sunset to 9 p.m.

Contact the Texas Astronomical Society at texasastro.org for more information.



Farmers Branch Deputy Police Chief Mark Young was all smiles during retirement ceremonies held recently in his honor. Friends, family and colleagues packed Council Chambers to honor the 34-year-FBPD veteran.

Tom Bryson

Code Enforcement Corner

Spring's Coming: Be Alert to Tall Grass & Weeds

Allowing weeds and vegetation to grow in excess of 8 inches in height, and allowing trash and debris to accumulate on your property are violations of City code. Failure to keep your property mowed and free of trash and debris may result in a Court citation. If you fail to mow or clean your property, the City MAY hire a contractor to complete this work and bill you for the cost of the cleanup, along with an administrative fee of \$100. If the costs are not paid within 30 days, the City may place a lien on the property.

To Report a Code Violation:

- Call 972.919.1414
- Log on at farmersbranchtx.gov/code
- Download the MyFBTX app

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OPEN SATURDAYS
APRIL - OCTOBER
9AM - 1PM