

Branch REVIEW



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Under the sea

Annual Daddy Daughter Dance planned February 3

FBTX ~ Themed for an undersea atmosphere, tickets for the annual Daddy Daughter Dance at the Farmers Branch Community Recreation Center are now on sale.

Set for Saturday, February 3 from 6 until 8 p.m., the event will feature a live DJ, dancing, keepsake photo, cookies, punch and coffee.

Tickets for residents and employees are \$8 per person. Any remaining tickets will be made available to anyone, beginning January 15, at \$12 per person. Tickets are limited to Daddies and Daughters only and a maximum of six per household.

For more information, call the Farmers Branch Community Recreation Center at 972.247.4607.



Election calendar kicks off

FBTX ~ Candidate filing for a place on the Farmers Branch City Council ballot in the May 5 General Election opens January 17 and closes February 16, according to City Secretary Amy Piukana.

The City Council is made up of a Mayor, elected at-large, and five City Council positions, elected from geographically-defined single member districts. The Mayor and members of the Council are elected to three-year terms, staggered so that two positions are up for election each year.

In 2018, Council members for Districts 3 and 5 are on the ballot. The Council may also choose to place Charter amendments on the ballot.

To vote in the May 5 General Election, citizens must be registered to vote no later than April 5. Voters are required to present an approved form of photo identification in order to vote in all Texas elections.

Early voting for the election will be held April 23 through May 1 at all Dallas County early voting locations, including Farmers Branch City Hall.

All City elections are administered by Dallas County. For more information, call 972.919.2503, or visit farmersbranchtx.gov/elections or dallascountyvotes.org.



Police officer OK after December shooting

FBTX ~ Crediting his bulletproof vest as a lifesaver, a Farmers Branch Police officer sustained only minor injuries after being shot in the chest during a traffic stop in December.

According to reports, the officer stopped a car for a traffic violation in the 2800 block of Valley View Lane at about 11:30 p.m., December 26. During the stop, the female passenger of the car shot the officer who returned fire, striking her. The woman was pronounced dead at Parkland Memorial Hospital.

The investigation into the incident is continuing.



Conversation planned for Coffee with Cop

FBTX ~ Members of Chief David Hale's Farmers Branch Police Department will be on hand for caffeine and conversation at Coffee with a Cop, planned for Saturday, February 17 at the McDonald's, 2899 Valley View.



There is no formal agenda for the event which is a "come and go" format, 9 to 11 a.m.

Firehouse Theatre earns Broadway World awards

FBTX ~ Continuing to build their reputation, members of the Firehouse Theatre were recently announced as multiple winners at the Broadway World Regional Awards.



The theatre was named Best Performance Venue under 500 Seats. Their 2017 *Pippin* was named Best Overall Production of a Musical.

Katie Kelly won in the Youth category for Best Supporting Actress in a Musical for her role in *Honk, Jr.*

Finally, Jeffrey Adams and Linda Bambina were recognized for Best Props Design for *Peter and the Starcatcher*.

The Firehouse Theatre opens its mainstage season on January 25 with the musical, *Forever Plaid*. Additionally, they plan to present the perennial favorite *Grease*, beginning March 1. For tickets or additional information, visit them online at thefirehousetheatre.com or call 972.620.3747.

Tour of Lights posts another successful season in 2017

FBTX ~ The 2017 edition of the Farmers Branch Christmas Tour of Lights goes into the books as the second most successful tour on record.

A total of 16,576 vehicles traversed the tour of dancing lights from the day after Thanksgiving through to New Year's weekend.

Additionally, a total of 35 different local non-profit groups were able to collect a season total of \$50,872 in donations from holiday tour-goers.

Seniors set Valentine's Tea

FBTX ~ The Farmers Branch Senior Center's 'Once Upon a Time' Valentine's Tea Party is planned for Friday, February 9 at 1 p.m.

Participants are asked to bring a childhood photo for a special slide show. Cost of the event is \$8. 972.919.8740.

Camping Under the Stars registration starts February 5

FBTX ~ Registration for the annual Camping Under the Stars event at the Farmers Branch Historical Park starts Monday, February 5 at 8 a.m.

Set for the weekend of March 16 & 17, the event is \$50 per family campsite. Space is limited. Call 972.406.0184.

Learn about ramping up tomato production

FBTX ~ Jeff Raska will speak on home gardening with Ramping Up Tomato Production on Monday, February 5 at 7 p.m. at the Farmers Branch Community Recreation Center. The session is free and open to the public.

Winter gardening classes to wrap with Rose Clinic

FBTX ~ The finale of January's series of Winter gardening classes is planned for Saturday, February 24 with a Rose Pruning Clinic at Gussie Field Watterworth Park. The Clinic is free but advance registration is required. Call 972.247.4607.

DART advises delays on Green Line on weekends

DALLAS ~ Due to work on the Green Line in downtown Dallas, DART has advised travelers that there could be delays on the light rail line on weekends stretching into late February. For more information, visit dart.org.

Tell it to the Mayor sessions planned February 16 & 23

FBTX ~ Mayor Robert Dye will host kids and adults in separate Tell it to the Mayor sessions in February.

Residents are invited to join the Mayor for open office hours on Friday, February 16, from 4 until 5 p.m.

Kids are invited to meet with the Mayor on Friday, February 23 from 4 until 5 p.m. Sessions are planned for City Hall.

Historical Park closed on Sundays through February

FBTX ~ Due to a traditional decrease in cold weather attendance, the Farmers Branch Historical Park will be closed on Sundays through the end of February.

Regular Sunday hours will resume in March. Call 972.406.0184.

Senior Dances planned

FBTX ~ Live music and friendly people make Senior Dance night one of the best in the Metroplex. Tickets are \$5.
FEB 05 **Swingin' Country** | Country
FEB 12 **Jim Baker** | Ballroom
FEB 19 **J.C. Tippet** | Country
FEB 26 **Dave Alexander** | Ballroom

Freezin' for a Reason

Polar Plunge coming in February to benefit Special Olympics

FBTX ~ Dozens of people in all manner of costumes will be braving the icy waters of the Farmers Branch Aquatics Center for the annual Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics Texas on Saturday, February 10.

Teams should raise a minimum of \$60 in donations from friends, family and co-workers, in exchange for the privilege of plunging into the simulated arctic waters of the Aquatics Center's lagoon pool.

Gates open at 8 a.m. Plunge time is 10 a.m.

For more information, visit sotx.org/polarplunge.



Information meetings planned in February, April for Fire Station No. 2 relocation

FBTX ~ Members of the community are invited to a pair of information meetings designed to answer questions and provide information about the pending relocation of Farmers Branch Fire Station No. 2 from its current location on Spring Valley Road, to a new location at Holiday Park, near the Brookhaven College Campus at Valley View Lane and Alpha Link.

Meetings will be held February 8 and April 12 at 7 p.m. at the Bob Phelps Fire Administration Building, 13333 Hutton Drive. For more information, call 972.919.2640.



Police Department now offers proper flag collection

FBTX ~ In an extension of its community policing initiative, the Farmers Branch Police Department is now a collection site for worn and tattered United States and Texas flags.

Farmers Branch residents may bring their worn and tattered flags to the lobby of the Police Department, at the corner of Valley View and Marsh Lanes, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The flag, or flags, should be neatly folded and will be received by a volunteer at the Information Desk. Should there be no volunteer on duty, a Records clerk will provide instructions.

Residents may also send an email request to have flags picked up. The email should contain the name of the person making the request, address and telephone number. A Citizens on Patrol House Watch team or Patrol team will pick up the flag at the designated location. All flags will be turned over to the American Legion who will

be responsible for the proper disposal of worn and tattered flags.



Code Corner

Getting Ready for Spring Cleaning

As residents begin to plan for Spring cleaning during the next few months, please bear in mind the following code requirements, regarding outside storage:

- Any items stored outside your home MUST be kept in a garage or an enclosed structure, such as a storage shed.
- Residents should not store items outside in yards or under a carport or patio.
- Items that would constitute prohibited outside storage include (but are not limited to): building materials, furniture, appliances, auto parts, tires, tools and/or mechanical equipment and lawn maintenance equipment.

To Report a Code Violation:

- Call 972.919.1444
- Log on at farmersbranchtx.gov/code
- Download the MyFBTX app