



Fall 2024 District 5 Newsletter

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District 5 Newsletter

Here's what's happening in District 5



A recently deleted Facebook post showed pictures of hundreds of dumped tires dumped in the Mosier Valley area. The author complained the City of Fort Worth was negligent in remedying the eyesore which the author said had been reported.

Here's the teachable moment: Problems like this need to be officially reported using MY FWApp or 1234@fortworthtexas.gov. Records show the problem had not been reported. "I like posting problems on social media to make sure people are aware," said Mayor Pro Tem Gyna

M. Bivens, but she encouraged citizens to make sure to get an official complaint submitted so that you have a paper trail.”

Get rid of those scrap tires at this free event

Have old tires lying around? Good news — they are recyclable, so bring them to us.

Event details: The City’s Environmental Services Department will host a scrap tire collection event on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fort Worth East Regional Library parking [lot, 6301 Bridge St., 76112](#). This event is free to the public and funded in part by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG).

Learn more about the [Scrap Tire Collection event](#) or view the [Keep Fort Worth Beautiful Facebook event](#). **If you have questions**, contact Keep Fort Worth Beautiful at [817-392-2046](tel:817-392-2046) or by [email](#).

EVENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Historic Stop Six Initiative

In relation to an upcoming zoning case, community childcare providers and Stop Six Neighborhood Association president Michael Moore, attended a presentation given by Childcare and Associates CEO and President Kara Waddell. City staff were available to answer any questions.



Childcare and Associates Investors’ Luncheon 2024

This year CCA celebrates 50 years of providing quality early childhood education. The luncheon honored CCA’s five decades of service and highlighted their collective efforts to bolster the local workforce and economy by establishing a top-tier early learning system for children from birth.

The Key School and Training Center

Mayor Pro-Tem Bivens enjoyed the opportunity to read to the Key School student body during Dyslexia Awareness Month and answer questions about leadership and civic service.



City of Fort Worth and The Real Estate Council Semi Annual Forum



City of Fort Worth Development Services department and The Real Estate Council hosted a forum to encourage continuous collaboration and improvement among business owners.

"I'm extremely pleased with the ongoing collaboration between our staff and the development community. Their combined efforts to elevate our work from good to great are truly commendable." said Director D.J. Harrell.

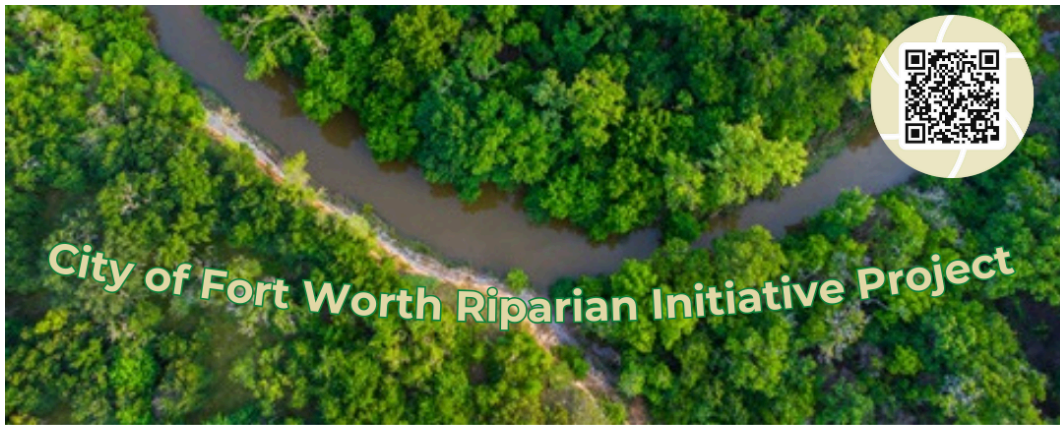
Whether you're a developer, investor, or involved in city planning, [City of Fort Worth Development Services](#) collaborates with development & community stakeholders to guide growth through innovative, inclusive, and accountable relationships, all the while providing an exemplary customer experience. The department's charge encompasses all phases of planning, development coordination, development engineering, building permits, and inspections.

Fort Worth Open Space Conservation Program



Our mission is to conserve high-quality natural areas as the city grows to provide environmental benefits and recreational opportunities that support economic development and enhance the livability and desirability of Fort Worth.

Goal is to preserve 10,000 acres of greenspace across Fort Worth in the next five years while growing and enhancing the City's park system. The priority goal areas are ecosystem preservation, community health, recreation, flood control, equitable access to natural spaces, economic development, and stream, River, and Lake Health. [See the presentation.](#)



Take this survey to help protect our streams and rivers

Your responses to a short, eight-question survey can help Fort Worth protect the areas around streams, rivers and lake shores.

What are riparian areas? Riparian areas are ecosystems that occur along streams, rivers and lake shores where vegetation is strongly influenced by the presence of water.

Why is it important? Fort Worth is the fastest-growing large city in the country. It encompasses 348.24 square miles, not including its extraterritorial jurisdiction, and has 63,986 acres of undeveloped land. The ongoing growth has brought rapid development, which can create challenges for Fort Worth's watersheds.

What's being done? The City is exploring options for potential policy changes aimed at better protecting areas around streams and rivers. The effort supports Fort Worth Mayor Mattie Parker's Good Natured Greenspace Initiative and its goals to add 10,000 acres of open greenspace in Fort Worth in the next five years and grow and enhance the City's park system.

Respond to an eight-question Riparian Area Initiative Survey to help Fort Worth protect the areas around streams, rivers and lake shores. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YPC6LQS>



What's OK, what's not? 3 ordinances to know now

What's an ordinance? a law approved by a local authority (the city)

Quick test:

- Can cars be parked in yards in Fort Worth?
- Know the dirt on junk vehicles?
- Are ATVs allowed on public roads?

Read on to learn the correct answers and discover how to comply with local and state laws.

Earlier closing time approved for City parks

The Park & Recreation Department will implement earlier closing times for City parks effective Jan. 1, 2025. [For more information.](#)



Need to know: City Council on Tuesday approved changes to Chapter 24 of the City Code, revising the hours during which all parks are open to the public to 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Currently, 117 parks have the 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., or dusk to dawn, hours, which are established under exception within the current ordinance. Other parks currently close at 11:30 p.m. The approved

ordinance retains the exception alternative.



New: Pay Municipal Court citations with convenient VanillaDirect Pay

Fort Worth Municipal Court has launched VanillaDirect Pay, a simple way to skip the courthouse and pay a citation with cash at local retailers.

Key benefits

- **Convenience:** Payments can be made at retail stores throughout the community.
- **Cash payments:** No credit or debit card is needed — just a barcode and cash.
- **Extended hours:** Residents can make payments during store operating hours, offering more flexibility than courthouse hours.
- **Real-time processing:** Payments are reflected in the court's system quickly.

City of Fort Worth launches Veterans Resources Guide webpage



The City of Fort Worth Office of Veterans Affairs has [launched a "Resources for Veterans" page](#) at FortWorthTexas.gov/Veterans. The site is intended to help connect veterans, service members and their families with the many local resources that serve them.

Stop Six Choice Neighborhood Initiative Phase 3, Babers Manor



Babers Manor will be an 80-unit, mixed-income family community paying tribute to community leader Clarence Donald Babers. The development, situated between South Hughes Avenue and South Edgewood Terrace in Council District 5, will include 51 low-income units and 29 market-rate units.

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs awarded housing tax credits to help finance project development.

“We’re so excited and proud to welcome our beloved community to Babers Manor with all services and amenities needed to succeed in a modern housing environment,” said Fort Worth Mayor Pro Tem Gyna Bivens, who represents the Stop Six neighborhood. “The nation recognized Mr. Babers for leading the public housing rebuild in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina as directed by President George W. Bush. Mr. Babers worked tirelessly to ensure that those that were displaced were provided modern and safe housing. We are honored to recognize Mr. Babers in the city he called home.”

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How to report an issue.



If you see something, say something.



"If you have any concerns or problems in District 5, please let me know and I will work with you to find a solution."



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To Report An Issue, See Back

How to report an issue

- 1  **MyFW App**
Download the MyFW app from the Apple App Store or Google Play.
- 2  **Online**
Report an issue online at FortWorthTexas.gov
- 3  **Email** (one email, three addresses)
1234@FortWorthTexas.gov
Gyna.Bivens@FortWorthTexas.gov
District5@FortWorthTexas.gov
- 4  **Call**
City Call Center
817-392-1234

Quick access to online reporting



1. Open your camera
2. Show the image on your screen
3. Tap the image
4. Tap the yellow box
5. Link will open

Learn more about your neighborhood
<https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/government/districts/district5>

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A new engagement tool amplifies your voice on City projects.

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Upcoming Events



Parade of Lights

Sunday, November 24, 2024 | 06:00 PM

The GM Financial Parade of Lights will take over the streets of downtown Fort Worth.

[Learn more online.](#)



Stockyard Rodeo Ice Skating Rink

Stockyard rodeo rink opens November 18, 2024 - January 5, 2025.

You have a choice of six 90-minute skating sessions to choose on dates listed.

Check dates and cancellations from the [Stockyard website](#). The website will give details for session requests and ticket pricing.

Carter's Grove, [3220 Botanic Garden Blvd, Fort Worth 76107](#). [View Map](#) The grassy area near the parking lot in front of the Garden Center.



Lightscape at Botanic Garden

Friday, November 22, 2024 | 05:30 PM - Sunday, January 05, 2025 | 08:30 PM

Stroll along sparkling pathways and marvel at breathtaking, never-before-seen artistic displays from around the globe, immersing yourself in the magic of the holiday season. [Learn more and tickets](#).

Are you looking for information about the City?



Planning to attend a

2024 Fort Worth City Council meeting?

[Click here to see the schedule](#)

[Click here to register to speak](#)

[Click here to watch online](#)

**2025
City Council
Meeting Schedule**

The new 2025 City Council meeting schedule is here.

The new schedule begins January 2025.

Always check the calendar at fortworthtexas.gov for any changes and to find out how to speak at a meeting.

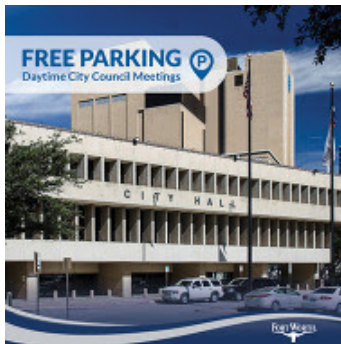
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Watch Meetings Online Live OR Previously Recorded

Community Channel offers - 24-hour bulletin board with weather forecasts, current conditions, NOAA Weather Radio, live traffic cameras and news from the city.

Where to watch: Charter: 193; One Source: 31; Verizon: 36; AT&T Uverse: 99*

*Fort Worth TV channels and one FWISD channel are available on AT&T Uverse channel 99. Tune to channel 99 and click on the Fort Worth Municipal-Educational tab.



The City of Fort Worth will provide free parking vouchers for residents attending any daytime City Council meeting.

How it works: Receive a voucher at the desk located just outside the City Council chambers on the second floor of City Hall, 200 Texas St. Vouchers will be available 30 minutes prior to the start of meetings until the end of the meeting.

Council goers will need to pull a parking ticket from the dispensing machine when entering the Houston Street Garage (**1200 Houston Street**) and bring that ticket to the City Manager's Office. They will then be handed a voucher that can be used to charge.

Where to park: Parking is available at the Houston Street Garage, [1200 Houston St.](#) (across from the Fort Worth Convention Center). The free parking voucher is only available for that parking garage.

For evening Council meetings, parking at downtown meters is **free after 6 p.m.**



For Fort Worth specific emergency alerts, download the free Code Red app!

With a basic registration, you can sign up for alerts regarding the City's Outdoor Warning System, imminent storm warnings, evacuations, and shelter in place orders.

The MyFW App is now in Spanish!

Have you heard the most recent update? The My Fort Worth (MyFW) App team is thrilled to announce a significant update for its MyFW App and website: both platforms are now available in Spanish! This enhancement is designed to better serve the City's diverse population, ensuring that Spanish-speaking residents can easily access vital City services.

For mobile users: switching the MyFW App to Spanish users need to go into their device settings, select the General for iPhone users and General Management for Android users, and choose Spanish as their preferred language. This user-friendly feature allows Spanish-speaking residents to navigate the app seamlessly, accessing important services!

On the website: the process is simple. Visitors can change the language by clicking on the globe icon located in the top right corner of the MyFW Online Request homepage. This instantly translates the site, providing Spanish-speaking users with easy access to information about city services, events, and more.



What's the 3-1-1 with Fort Worth's new 311 nonemergency service?

Residents are now able to call either 311 or the 10-digit number (817-392-1234) to reach City services. 311, a nonemergency line, can only be dialed from a wireless device and must be called from within Fort Worth city limits. There is no cost for 311 mobile services.

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MyFW app [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#)

Text hello to 817-835-MYFW (6939)

Chat at <http://fortworthtexas.gov/report/>

Call Center 817-392-1234, 1234@FortWorthTexas.gov or use the city's **online reporting form** at <http://fortworthtexas.gov/report/>

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