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City Council calls May 2 election for bond, charter amendments

City councilmembers set a bond election and a charter election for May 2.

Over the last year, City staff has developed an \$845 million bond program for voter approval. Fort Worth is on a four-year cycle for bond programs, with each of the most recent being approved by voters in 2022.

THE LIST OF PROPOSITIONS:

PROPOSITION A – Streets and mobility infrastructure improvements, \$511,480,700.

PROPOSITION B – Parks, recreation and open space acquisitions and improvements, \$185,140,000.

PROPOSITION C – Public library improvements, \$14,586,000.

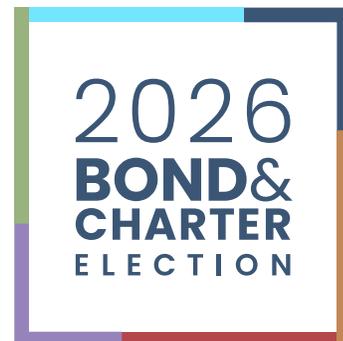
PROPOSITION D – Affordable housing, \$10,000,000.

PROPOSITION E – Police, fire and emergency communications facilities, \$63,919,300.

PROPOSITION F – Animal care and shelter improvements, \$59,874,000.

City Council also ordered a special election to submit proposed amendments to the City Charter, with nine propositions on the ballot.

Each of the propositions will be voted on individually.



fortworthtexas.gov/departments/the-fwlab/2026-bond

NET Force pilot program delivers early results at nuisance properties



Fort Worth launched a pilot of the Nuisance Enforcement Task Force, or NET Force, a focused, multi-department enforcement initiative that aggressively targets the most persistent nuisance properties.

The program kicked off with inspections at three target properties, starting with Sandy Oaks Apartments on Sandy Lane, a property long plagued by deterioration and chronic code violations. In the weeks that followed, NET Force conducted inspections at Eco Motel (also called Cowtown Inn) on East Lancaster Avenue and Southside Food Mart (formerly called Rocky's I) and Rocky's II convenience stores on Hemphill Street.

Teams from Code Compliance, Animal Care & Control, Police, Fire, Environmental Services and Development Services were at these sites with a shared mission: to address nuisance properties that negatively affect surrounding neighborhoods and to improve the quality of life for Fort Worth residents.

Future properties will be selected based on outcomes of the pilot program and a data dashboard.

No bull: Choose buffalo grass this year and give yourself a break

Looking for a lawn that thrives in North Texas weather instead of struggling against it? Buffalo grass is a low-maintenance, drought-resistant option recommended by Texas A&M Agrilife and the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

This native Great Plains grass thrives in Fort Worth's heat and sun. Once established, it needs very little supplemental watering. Deep, dense roots help it withstand drought, reduce runoff and hold soil in place. That means less erosion and a yard that stays put during heavy rain.

Buffalo grass also reduces mowing. Even at its tallest, it reaches about six inches. Many homeowners mow once or twice a season or let it grow naturally for a soft prairie look. Less mowing saves time and fuel.

It forms a fine, soft turf that feels good under bare feet without the heavy fertilization and high water demand common to St. Augustine or Bermuda.

Plant seeds in full or dappled sun in late spring. Keep soil moist during germination, then reduce watering.

[SaveFortWorthWater.org](https://www.savefortworthwater.org)



WORTH KNOWING

► The Fort Worth Police Department (FWPD) reported **2025 offenses** decreased 13.8%, with 48,016 offenses compared to 55,692 in 2024. Also in 2025, crimes against persons decreased 10.1%, crimes against property decreased 17% and crimes against society decreased 1.7%.

police.fortworthtexas.gov/Crime-Public-Info/Department-Reports/Crime-Reports



► Get residential collection reminders direct to your mobile device with the Fort Worth **Garbage & Recycling App**. Friendly notifications pop up on your phone each week and can be particularly helpful during holidays or severe weather days. There is also a Waste Wizard tab where

residents can enter various items in the search and determine the proper disposal method for that item.

fortworthtexas.gov/departments/environmental-services/solidwaste/app

WORTH GOING



► The **MAIN ST. Fort Worth Arts Festival**, presented by PNC Bank, will return to the bricks of downtown Fort Worth for its 39th year April 16-19. As Texas' largest arts festival and one of the top-ranked fine arts events

in the U.S., the free-to-attend festival will span 18 square blocks and offer four days of world-class art, live music, food, drinks and family-friendly fun.

mainstreetartsfest.org

► **Mayfest** is the biggest celebration of community in Fort Worth. Four days of live music, festival food, carnival rides, performing arts, pet adoptions, more than 100 Art and Gift Market vendors, free children's activities, special attractions – the list goes on. Held April 30-May 3 on 33 glorious acres in Trinity Park, Mayfest is one event you won't want to miss.

mayfest.org



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