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Happy New Year! Happy New Year, Neighbors!

As we step into 2025, the Community Engagement Team is excited to continue connecting with you and sharing all the great things happening in our city. In this edition of the newsletter, we're kicking off the year by highlighting the wonderful things happening in our neighborhoods and among our neighbors. Whether it's community events, local partnerships, or the inspiring stories of those making a difference, we are here to spotlight what makes Fort Worth such a vibrant place to live.

We're also taking you behind the scenes of our team's "In the Field" trips to local facilities, like the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge, to deepen our understanding of city resources and better inform the community. From fostering connections to increasing awareness about city services, we are committed to keeping you in the loop and ensuring you have the information you need to thrive. We look forward to a year full of collaboration, growth, and community spirit! Stay tuned for more stories, events, and opportunities to get involved.

Neighborhood Know-How: City Updates and Resources

- [Cold weather resources and shelters for the homeless](#)
- Effective Jan. 1st, earlier closing time in place for City parks www.fortworthtexas.gov/parkhours
- Engage with us online at <https://www.connectfw.com/>
- Quickly and easily report issues with the [MyFW App](#)
- Sign-up for zoning notifications, district newsletters, and more with [CityNews](#)

Save the Date: 2024 Neighborhood Awards



Have you submitted your
Neighborhood Awards application?
It isn't too late.

Each year, the City of Fort Worth hosts the Neighborhood Awards luncheon. It is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the achievements of our neighborhoods.

We know that our neighborhoods do some amazing things each year. The Neighborhood Awards is our opportunity to recognize you and your neighbors for the work that you do.

Visit fortworthtexas.gov/engagement to find out about the awards and to submit your application.

The deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, January 17, 2025.**

Questions? Reach out to your Community Engagement Liaison or email engagement@fortworthtexas.gov.

Neighborhood award categories include:

- Fort Worth Pride
- Spirit of Fort Worth
- Mayor's Civic Engagement & Community Collaboration
- Mayor's Health & Wellness
- Neighborhood Newsletter
- Danny Scarth Trailblazer Award
- Neighborhood Patrol Officer of the Year
- Code Compliance Officer of the Year
- Fort Worth Neighbor of the Year
- Neighborhood of the Year
- Distinguished Services Veterans Award

Mark your calendars! The Mayor's Community Engagement Workshops & Neighborhood Awards will be held **March 1, 2025** at the Doxology Bible Church. Watch for more details.

Community Engagement Team "In the Field" Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge

The City of Fort Worth Community Engagement Team recently embarked on an educational field trip to the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge, taking the opportunity to connect with one of the city's most treasured natural spaces. These field trips to local facilities are an essential part of the team's efforts to deepen their understanding of the city's resources, programs, and services. By experiencing firsthand



the unique offerings of places like the Nature Center, the team can better inform and engage with the public, ensuring residents are aware of the full range of opportunities available to them. These visits also foster stronger connections between city staff and the community, helping to enhance communication, build trust, and promote participation in the diverse programs that make Fort Worth a vibrant and thriving place to live.

Good Neighbor Shout-outs



Community Collaboration Brings Safety and Support to Meadowbrook Resident

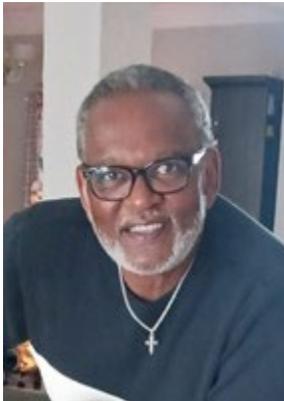
What began as a safety initiative driven by the leadership of the Meadowbrook neighborhood, the Fort Worth Police Department's East Division, Code Enforcement,

Nuisance Abatement, and the office of Jeannette Martinez has blossomed into a true community collaboration. After several months of meetings and discussions, the efforts culminated in a meaningful and impactful outcome for one local resident.

A homeowner on McClean Street, who had been struggling with safety concerns due to frequent trespassing, was identified as needing a backyard fence to regain her sense of security. The resident, Ms. Brown, had reached a point where she no longer felt safe in her own home. The collaborative effort to secure the necessary resources was no small feat, but thanks to the dedication of local partners, Ms. Brown received her new fence this week.

This project is a powerful reminder of the impact that community collaboration can have. It was made possible through the combined efforts of Ms. Brown's neighbors, local law enforcement, and the ongoing commitment of the broader Fort Worth community to ensure safety and well-being for all. Special thanks are due to the Fort Worth Police Department East Division, the FWPD Community Safety Partnership Unit, Meadowbrook Neighborhood Association, Code Blue, Burleson Tree Service, State Representative Ramon Romero Jr., and Rachel Arellano from District 11, whose collective support made this project a reality.

This is a shining example of how, when a community comes together, it can make a real difference in the lives of its members. Ms. Brown can now rest easier, knowing that her home is safer—and that the power of collaboration is stronger than ever.



A Beacon of Community Spirit: Larry Turner's Enduring Service

For over six years, Mr. Larry Turner of Summer Creek South has consistently demonstrated an unwavering commitment to his community. His dedication to keeping his neighborhood clean and beautiful is truly inspiring.

Every week, without fail, Mr. Turner diligently collects litter across the entire perimeter of the community. This encompasses a significant area, including 9 street medians, 7 entryways, and 13 monuments.

His efforts go beyond the call of duty, showcasing a genuine passion for enhancing the living environment for all residents.

Mr. Turner firmly believes that maintaining a clean and attractive neighborhood is a shared responsibility. He emphasizes that pride in one's community transcends property ownership, extending to renters as well. This inclusive perspective underscores his deep understanding of the interconnectedness of the community and the importance of collective action.

Mr. Turner's consistent efforts over six years exemplify the true meaning of community spirit. He serves as a role model for all residents, inspiring others to contribute to the

betterment of their shared space. His dedication is a valuable asset to the Summer Creek South neighborhood, creating a more pleasant and welcoming environment for everyone.

Small Business Spotlight

La’Creamian – A Sweet Slice of Local Flavor

We’re shining a spotlight on La’Creamian, a charming ice cream and coffee shop owned by Lisa Jackson, located at 215 W. Eighth St. in downtown Fort Worth. La’Creamian has become a beloved spot for locals and visitors alike since opening in 2023, offering a delicious selection of creamy ice creams, rich coffee, and a warm, welcoming atmosphere.



Despite the challenges faced by small businesses, including the recent disruption caused by the nearby hotel explosion, Lisa’s determination and passion for her business continue to shine through. "We're not just about serving ice cream — we're about creating a place where people can connect and enjoy a moment of sweetness," says Lisa.

La’Creamian’s success is a testament to the resilience of small businesses that form the backbone of our community. Lisa’s dedication to quality and customer service has earned her loyal customers, and the shop’s delightful offerings have made it a favorite destination for those looking to satisfy their sweet tooth.

In times of difficulty, it's even more important to show up for our local businesses. Stop by La’Creamian today for a scoop of their famous homemade ice cream or a freshly brewed cup of coffee — and remember, every small purchase makes a big difference in supporting our neighborhood’s economy. Let’s keep these local gems shining!

Holiday Highlights

Wedgwood Winter Wonderland



On Dec. 21st, the Wedgwood South and Wedgwood East Neighborhood Associations worked together (along with the Southwest Community Center) to put on quite the family event - Wedgwood Winter Wonderland! It included Breakfast and Photos with Santa (courtesy of SWCC), a bounce house, crafts, cookie decorating and a kids' entrepreneur market! We had 20

kids sell their crafts at the market and so many families and neighbors attended! We hope to make it even bigger and better next year!

Submit Your Stories

The *Community Corner* is all about celebrating the people and accomplishments that make our neighborhoods special, and we want your input! Do you know an outstanding neighbor who goes above and beyond? Has your neighborhood achieved something worth sharing, whether it's a new community project, a successful event, or a positive initiative that brought residents together?

We'd love to spotlight these stories in upcoming editions of the newsletter, so others across the city can be inspired by your experiences. Whether big or small, every story has the potential to make a difference in another neighborhood!

You can email us at engagement@fortworthtexas.gov with a short description and any photos you'd like to include.

Let's celebrate the spirit of community that makes Fort Worth such a great place to live!

About Us

The Community Engagement Office connects neighbors, educators, and community leaders with city services and each other. We provide educational programs for students and adults regarding city services and training programs for community building. For more information, find your Liaison or contact us at the office:

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