

A New Season of Connection

As we move into the heart of summer and look ahead to fall, there are plenty of fresh opportunities to stay connected and engaged across Fort Worth neighborhoods.

In this issue, you'll find City updates, neighborhood highlights, and helpful information on resources, events, and programs happening throughout July, August, and September. Whether you're looking to get involved, learn something new, or support your community, there's something here for everyone.

Thank you for staying engaged and for the many ways you continue to strengthen your neighborhood and our city.

Lake Como Celebrates a National 3-Peat



The Lake Como neighborhood has done it again, earning its third consecutive National Neighborhood of the Year title from Neighborhoods USA. This latest recognition highlights the strength of Lake Como's community partnerships and continued commitment to supporting residents.

This year's honor was awarded for the neighborhood's College Dorm Kit Program, an initiative led by Como Lions Heart and supported by the Lake Como Neighborhood Advisory Council. The program provides graduating seniors with essential supplies, college readiness resources, volunteer mentorship and a strong send-off from the neighborhood cheering them on. In 2025 alone, the effort supported 28 students and brought together residents, businesses, churches and community partners to contribute more than \$30,000 in resources and countless volunteer hours.

Lake Como's latest recognition adds to previous wins for its Juneteenth Celebration and Walk (2024) and Lake Como Cemetery Revitalization (2025). Together, these projects show a neighborhood that honors its history, uplifts its youth and consistently works to strengthen community connections.

Congratulations to the Lake Como Neighborhood Advisory Council, Como Lions Heart, volunteers and partners for another well-earned national honor.

[You can read the full City News article and watch the video spotlighting Lake Como's award-winning efforts here](#)

Spotlight on Community Leadership: Robin Bohlin and the Lake Country Neighborhood Response Team



As we move through summer 2026, we're taking a closer look at the inspiring projects and people behind this year's Community Engagement Award winners. One story that continues to resonate throughout Council District 7 is the work of **Robin Bohlin** of the Lake Country Property Owners Association, recipient of the 2026 Heart of the Community Award earlier this spring.

Robin earned this recognition through the incredible impact of the Lake Country Neighborhood Response Team, which she founded in 2025 after researching how to build a volunteer network focused on supporting neighbors who might be hesitant to ask for help. Her vision was to create a quiet, compassionate safety net within the community, and in just a year, that vision flourished.

Under Robin's leadership, the team has responded to moments of deep need with dignity, respect, and care. One of the most notable efforts was their support of a homeowner recovering from a house fire. Wanting to protect his privacy, Robin raised \$5,000 discreetly, ensuring he could rebuild without unwanted attention, while volunteers provided meals and essentials during his recovery.

Throughout 2025, the team also stepped in to mow lawns for elderly and disabled neighbors, deliver meals to families during illness or surgery, and provide compassionate support during a heartbreaking loss by organizing a funeral for a family who lost a mother and son within days of each other. And on Christmas Eve, when word came of a family living without furniture, clothing, or food, the team rallied immediately to provide everything needed to get them through the holiday.

Today, the Neighborhood Response Team continues to grow, and Robin's leadership remains a source of strength and innovation for Lake Country. Her ability to bring people together and respond to hardship with empathy is exactly what the Heart of the Community Award was created to honor.

As we highlight our 2025 winners this year, Robin's story stands out as a powerful reminder of how meaningful community support can be, and how much difference one motivated neighbor can make.

Learn About the FY27 City Budget at Upcoming Public Meetings



Work on the City of Fort Worth's FY27 budget is underway, and residents have already helped shape early priorities through the citywide budget survey, which closed on June 30. Throughout the spring and summer, City staff have been sharing updates during Council work sessions to provide insight into what is influencing next year's proposed budget. On August 11, the City Manager will present the recommended FY27 budget to City Council, marking the start of the public engagement phase.

From mid-August through early September, the City will host public budget meetings across Fort Worth, one in each council district. All meetings will be livestreamed and available online, giving residents multiple ways to learn about the proposed budget, ask questions, and share feedback before the budget vote and adoption.

The City Council's public hearing and final adoption of the FY27 budget and tax rate is scheduled for the September 15 Council meeting.

[Residents can follow key dates, view materials, learn about the public meeting schedule, and watch livestreams on the FY27 Budget page.](#)

engageFW Community Academy

The City of Fort Worth has launched a new way for residents to get involved, learn how their city works, and make their voices heard. The [engageFW Community Academy](#) is now open for applications, and it's designed to help residents build knowledge, confidence, and stronger connections with local government.

What is the engageFW? This free, citywide program gives residents a practical look at how Fort Worth operates and how decisions are made. Participants learn how they can meaningfully engage, influence, and partner with the City to support their neighborhoods and shape Fort Worth's future.



Why participate? engageFW is a hands-on, interactive way to deepen your understanding of local government. Through five dynamic sessions and two field days, participants meet City staff and leadership, see operations up close, and connect with fellow residents who care about their community. It's informative, empowering, and a lot of fun.

Program details

- First cohort begins in September
- Free to participate
- Open to Fort Worth residents or business owners, age 18+
- Must attend at least six of the seven sessions
- Space is limited and applications close on July 26th - [apply today!](#)

[Whether you're curious about how things get done in Fort Worth or looking for ways to get more involved, the engageFW Community Academy is a great place to start.](#)

Bring City Learning to Your Classroom

The City of Fort Worth offers free, 30-minute educational presentations for children and youth, covering topics like careers in city government, how local government works, recycling and sustainability, and protecting our waterways. Additional programs are also available through departments such as Animal Care & Control, Keep Fort Worth Beautiful, Fire, Parks &

Recreation, the Nature Center, the Public Library, and Water. To explore all available presentations or request one for your school or group, [visit our Education Programs page](#).

Get Connected: Is Your Organization Registered with the City of Fort Worth?



Neighborhood and community groups play a key role in keeping Fort Worth connected and informed. If your organization isn't registered with the City, this is a great time to join—HOAs, neighborhood associations, multi-family communities, nonprofits, faith-based groups, and neighborhood alliances are all welcome. Registered organizations receive timely updates on City projects, meetings, engagement opportunities, and other important information to support their work. To learn more and complete your registration, visit the [Community Organization Registration page](#).

City Updates and Resources Spring Edition

- Find the latest news, services, and resources at the Fort Worth [Website](#)
 - Stay engaged and informed at [Connect Fort Worth](#)
 - Use [Oneaddress](#) to find your Neighborhood Patrol Officer (NPO) and Code Compliance Officer
 - Stay informed of the City's [Capital Projects](#) & [Road Closures](#)
 - [Apply to serve on a City Board, Committee & Commission](#)
 - Keep up with [Zoning Cases](#) that may impact your neighborhood
 - Discover [Volunteer](#) opportunities & ways to give back in Fort Worth
 - See how [Keep Fort Worth Beautiful](#) supports neighborhoods
 - Explore events, classes and activities with the FWPL's [Fun Finder](#)
 - Check out upcoming activities on the Parks & Recreation [Events Calendar](#)
 - Tap into programs and resources at your local [Community Centers](#)
 - Discover July to September 2026 Programs at the [Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge](#).
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Share Your Neighborhood Story

Have a neighbor who goes above and beyond, a project that made a difference, or an event that brought people together? We'd love to feature it in a future newsletter.

Send a short description and a photo or two to engagement@fortworthtexas.gov, and help us celebrate the spirit of community across Fort Worth.

Welcoming Samuel to Community Engagement

Samuel began his public service career in 2019 with a commitment to connecting residents with the resources and opportunities that help communities thrive. He believes effective public service grows from strong relationships, clear communication, and meaningful civic engagement.

He joined the City of Fort Worth in 2024, first serving in community centers before leading teen programming initiatives within the Park & Recreation Department. In that role, he developed structured programs that supported youth development and built a sense of belonging across the city.

Samuel now serves as the Community Engagement Liaison for Council District 10 within the Communications & Public Engagement Department. In this position, he focuses on outreach efforts and community-centered initiatives tailored to the district.

He is also supporting the new citywide engageFW Community Academy, helping residents learn more about how their local government works and how to get involved.

Originally from Southern California, Samuel holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from California State University, Fullerton, and is completing his Master of Public Administration at the University of North Texas.



Community Engagement Office

Serving 700+ Neighborhoods and Community Organizations



In the Community Engagement Office, we are here to connect you to your City. As part of the Communications and Public Engagement department, our team serves all Fort Worth residents; meeting you where you live, work, and play. Whether we're attending neighborhood meetings, supporting public events, or hosting educational sessions in schools, we strive to foster open communication and ensure your voice is heard.

We're committed to being your bridge to the City of Fort Worth, providing you with the latest information about city initiatives, programs, public meetings, zoning updates, and more. By staying connected, you can engage with your community, share feedback, and help shape the future of Fort Worth.

For more information, find your Liaison or contact us at the office:

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