

District 5 Newsletter

Here's what's happening in District 5



District 5 is seeing lots of positive action as we begin the new year!

CentrePort Trail Phase I project approved by Council



CentrePort Trail Phase I approved by Council and will start at the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) CentrePort Station and terminate at the east end of Arlington River Legacy Trail. Anticipated improvements include a 12-foot concrete multi-use path, 3-foot wide shoulders, trail structures (retaining walls, drainage infrastructures, board walks, etc.), and 911 location signs and trail signage. Federal funds were used on this project.

PARENT MEETING AT ROCKETSHIP EXPLORE SCHOOL



FWPD's Community Camera Program



How often do you see online posts asking if anyone caught suspicious activity on their home or business security cameras? Here is your chance to help FWPD by registering your doorbell and security cameras.

Registering a camera does NOT grant automatic access to live video streams or recorded footage; it simply informs the police of the presence of cameras at your location, allowing investigators to reach out to obtain possible evidence that may help solve a crime. However, business owners who wish to integrate their cameras with FWPD's camera system can do so, giving responding officers the ability to receive real-time updates via their video feed.

More info here: <https://refer.flocksafety.com/fort-worth-community-camera-program/>



At long last, there is a plan in place and this plan is the first tangible step toward seeing some long overdue changes along East Lancaster.

The study objective was to enhance safety, multimodal connectivity, and support future economic development. The unanimous Council vote on January 23 was to adopt the recommendations in the Eastside Transportation Plan, the final decisions for any work done along East Lancaster will come down to the Texas Department of Transportation, which owns the avenue also known as State Highway 180.

The Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) will be used by TxDOT as they go through design, engineering, and environmental processes. This state highway is quite historic and has been known by several names through the years – Bankhead Highway (the very first coast-to-coast road in the United States), Dixie Overland Highway, and US Highway 1 and it was the ONLY way into Fort Worth if you were coming from Dallas. It was part of the near Eastside Plan in 2007 yet took years to move along until 2022 when an allocation of \$832,571 from the City was approved to further plans and add infrastructure on the roadway.

This newest plan, the fourth one since 2016, highlighted recommendations such as transit route improvements and roadway modifications slated to spur economic development.

TPW Director, Lauren Prier, says that public comment opportunities will continue as we remain focused on creating a walkable, place-oriented, traffic-calming, noise-mitigating and safer street. The proposed six-lane design for East Lancaster east of Loop 820, will have to meet the environmental commitments that the city is requesting TxDOT and the North Central Texas Council of Governments respect while in their design process. Area east of Loop 820 in Handley includes staying within the existing right of way to preserve historic and cultural resources like the historic cemeteries, as well as the right-of-way between the railroad and the avenue. Regardless of what you have heard or been told, the plan remains 4 lanes from Loop 820 to Dottie Lynn Parkway. The goal is to accommodate future infill development in the Handley Historic District.

Council member Chris Nettles, who sits on Trinity Metro's board of directors alongside Council member Michael Crain, said the transit agency is in full support of the plan as well.

The Eastside Transportation Plan is happening in conjunction with TxDOT's work on [Interstate 30](#) and a regional plan for a [high-speed rail line](#) between Fort Worth and Dallas.

The overhaul of East Lancaster is priced at \$182 million and is now fully funded, from Pine Street to 820. Construction is expected to start by [2027](#). *Please note this does NOT include the Handley area east of 820 which is not yet funded.



<https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/news/2024/1/regional-air-quality>



Fort Worth is losing 50 acres per week of natural open space to development, and this initiative is aimed at uniting public and private community partners to enhance greenspace investment in Fort Worth. On Jan. 23, councilmembers will be asked to consider the development of an aspirational study for the Fort Worth park system. That study would be completed in the summer of 2024.

District 5 News

- [Learn how genocide often starts and how to help prevent it – Welcome to the City of Fort Worth \(fortworthtexas.gov\)](#)
- [Saddle up for a new street name for City Hall – Welcome to the City of Fort Worth \(fortworthtexas.gov\)](#)
- [How Fort Worth is responding to the fentanyl crisis – Welcome to the City of Fort Worth \(fortworthtexas.gov\)](#)

Upcoming Public Meetings:

Warrant Forgiveness Event, Saturday, February 10 from 9am until noon at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, 1901 Amanda Avenue

In an effort to provide constituents a more personal service level and helps overcome transportation, personal fear, and access barriers, this program can help to remove barriers to employment, driver's licenses, and housing opportunities by resolving outstanding cases.

Mosier Valley Park Update, Saturday, February 17 at 1pm at Cathedral of Faith Church of God in Christ, 3500 House Anderson Road.

RECENT ZONING CASES

- SP-23-013 at 12101 Trinity Blvd. - amend site plan to increase total building square footage (Heard at Zoning Commission in December and passed at Council in January)
- ZC-23-169 on T Square St. - zoning change from "G" Intensive Commercial to "A-5" One Family Residential (Heard at Zoning Commission in December and passed at Council in January)
- ZC-23-175 at 1509-1701 odds on T Square St. - zoning change from "G" Intensive Commercial & "A-5" One Family Residential to "R-2" Townhouse/Cluster (Heard at Zoning Commission in December and passed at Council in January)
- ZC-23-197 at 4903 Pollard-Smith Ave. and 5012-5016 E. Rosedale Ave. – amend "PD-1259" to allow for food trucks (Heard at Zoning Commission in December and passed at Council in January)

Winter Safety Tips

ATMOS Emergency Number: 866.322.8667

Contact Atmos Energy's Emergency Number if you have concerns about your gas meter. If you smell gas, evacuate the area immediately and, from a safe distance, call 911 and Atmos Energy's emergency number.

- Avoid using an oven or gas stovetop for heating your home.
- Maintain natural gas meters by clearing snow and ice with a broom or brush; refrain from using hard objects.
- Keep external vents for dryers and other gas equipment clear to prevent carbon monoxide buildup.
- Consult a licensed plumber or qualified contractor for any questions regarding proper venting.
- Minimize the risk of frozen pipes by letting faucets run at a trickle, leaving cabinet doors open, and sealing doors and windows.

GET YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZED & REGISTERED WITH CITY'S COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE



District Areas 5 & 11

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2024 Council Schedule	
EXHIBIT A	
Jan 01	New Year's Day
Jan 02	Day after Holiday/No Mtg
Jan 15	ML King Day
Jan 16	Day after Holiday/No Mtg
Mar 5	Primary Election Day
Mar 11-15	PWSD Spring Break/No Mtg
Mar 11-13	NLC/Washington, DC
May 4	Election Day
May 27	Memorial Day Holiday
May 28	Day after Holiday/No Mtg
Jun 17	Juneteenth Holiday
Jun 18	Day after Holiday/No Mtg
Jul 2-30	No Council Meetings
Aug 22-23	Budget Work Shops
Sep 02	Labor Day Holiday
Sep 03	Day after Holiday/No Mtg
Sep 5-6	Budget Work Shops
Oct 1	National Night Out/No Mtg
Oct 9-11	TML - Houston
Nov 5	Election Day/Public Comment meeting will not be held
Nov 13-16	NLC/Tampa, FL
Nov 26	Thanksgiving Week/No Mtg
Nov 28-29	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec 17, 24 & 31	No Meeting
Dec 25	Christmas Holiday
MEETING LEGEND	
Executive Session (Noon)	
Work Session (1 PM)	
Public Comment (6 PM)	
Council Meeting/Zoning (6 PM)	
Council Meeting (10 AM)	
No Meeting	
Council Strategic Goal-Setting Session	
Executive Session and Work Session Only	
City Holiday/Conference	

UPDATE - On-street parking around City Hall after 5 p.m. will be free when Council meetings are held or run into the evening.

2024 Health Expo & Community Screening: Back to Basics for Better Health

Come join us for a community event with speakers on health topics, vendors, and onsite mobile health units!

2024 Dates and Locations:

Saturday, January 27th | 10 am - 2 pm
New Breed Grace
1659 Sandy Ln
Fort Worth, TX 76112

Saturday, February 24th | 10 am - 2 pm
Como Community Center
4660 Horne St
Fort Worth, TX 76107

Saturday, March 23 | 10 am - 2 pm
New Fellowship Church
5420 Flamingo Rd
Fort Worth, TX 76119

Wednesday, March 27th | 10 am - 2 pm
Dan Dipert CTC
2101 Browning Dr
Arlington, TX 76010

Thursday, March 28th | 10 am - 2 pm
Bethlehem Center/Food Pantry
951 Evans Ave
Fort Worth, TX 76104

Saturday, April 6 | 10 am - 2 pm
Dream Performance
6707 Meadowbrook Dr
Fort Worth, TX 76112

Saturday, April 27 | 11 am - 3 pm
Tabor Farms
3400 Village Creek Rd
Fort Worth, TX 76105

Saturday, May 11th | 10 am - 2 pm
Iglesia Bautista Victoria En Cristo
3812 Galvez Ave
Fort Worth, TX 76111

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Thursday, May 16th | 10 am - 2 pm
Stop 6 Mobile Food Pantry
5429 Cox St
Fort Worth, TX 76105

Saturday, May 18th | 9 am - 2 pm
East Fort Worth Montessori
501 Oakland Blvd
Fort Worth, TX 76103

Saturday, June 1st | 10 am - 2 pm
LVT Rise/Carnival
8201 Calmont Ave
Fort Worth, TX 76116

Saturday, June 15th | 10 am - 2 pm
Pilgrim Valley MBC
4800 S Riverside Dr
Fort Worth, TX 76119

Saturday, July 20th | 10 am - 2 pm
Morning Star BC
2551 El Paso St
Grand Prairie, TX 75051

Saturday, August 17th | 10 am - 2 pm
True Vine MBC
3732 Miller Ave
Fort Worth, TX 76119

Saturday, September 21st | 10 am - 2 pm
Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church
801 E Mayfield Rd
Arlington, TX 76014

Saturday, October 19th | 10 am - 2 pm
Pilgrim Valley MBC
4800 S Riverside Dr
Fort Worth, TX 76119

Saturday, October 26th | 10 am - 2 pm
Hope Farm
865 E Ramsey Ave
Fort Worth, TX 76104



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- Text HELLO to 817-835-MYFW (6939)
- Online reporting and chat at fortworthtexas.gov/customer-care
- Call the City Call Center at 817-392-1234

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