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Pull the trigger. Pay the price. Stop illegal gunfire



Stray bullet incidents often spike around July 4th and are an issue affecting residents citywide. The City of Fort Worth has launched a campaign to reduce stray bullet incidents by increasing community understanding of the risks and consequences of reckless gun use.

The Fort Worth Police Department (FWPD) aims to reassure residents and the community that the City is taking action to put a stop to stray bullet incidents and will not tolerate illegal gun violence. Their goal is to establish a culture of safety, community intolerance and active engagement.

Fireworks are illegal in Fort Worth. Leave the show to the pros

Along with illegal gunfire and with the upcoming July 4th holiday around the corner, the City, FWPD and the Fort Worth Fire Department (FWFD) encourage everyone to leave the fireworks shows to the pros. With thousands of fireworks injuries treated annually in hospital emergency

rooms — often leaving permanent damage to eyes, hands and the face — attending a professional show is safer for all.

Remember: Fireworks are illegal in Fort Worth; only City-sanctioned, professionally run fireworks shows are allowed.

Besides being illegal, having or setting off fireworks can result in a hefty fine up to \$2,000.

FWPD will have additional resources working overtime in every patrol division, prioritizing calls for a police response, ensuring adequate resources are available to respond to emergencies and high-priority calls for service.

To report illegal gunfire, find a safe spot and call 911. To report fireworks, do not call 911. You can:

- Call the fireworks hotline at 817-392-4444.
- Report online using the MyFW app.
- File an online report at reportfireworks.fortworthtexas.gov.

Here's your opportunity to upgrade toilets and conserve water with SmartFlush

Upgrade your toilet and save water — at no cost. The SmartFlush Voucher Program from the Fort Worth Water Department offers qualifying residents up to two free WaterSense-labeled toilets per household. These high-efficiency toilets are designed for long-term savings.

Toilets installed before 1994 can use 3.5 to 7 gallons per flush. By upgrading, you'll conserve water, lower utility bills and support a more sustainable Fort Worth — one flush at a time.

You may qualify if you:

- Have an active Fort Worth Water account
- Live in a home built before 1994
- Are the owner of your home. (Renters can provide a signed consent letter from the homeowner.)
- Haven't reached the maximum allowance of two toilets per home over the lifetime of the property

The SmartFlush CARE program offers the same perks, with support for residents age 70-plus or income-qualified customers. Approved participants get free installation by a City-contracted plumber.

fortworthtexas.gov/departments/water/savefwwater/smartflush/voucher-register



WORTH KNOWING



► Fort Worth Park & Recreation, in partnership with the Texas Historical Commission and the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, unveiled a Texas Historical Marker honoring the **Choctaw Code Talkers**. The marker is located in Veterans Memorial Park, 4120 Camp Bowie Blvd. The ceremony recognized Choctaw soldiers who used their native language during World War I to transmit coded messages, giving U.S. forces a critical advantage.

► The City's Park & Recreation Department opened a new **street soccer field** at Hillside Park. The project transformed an underused tennis court into a dedicated street soccer field featuring artificial turf and built-in goals. The space will host organized programming while remaining open for free play when not in use.



WORTH GOING



► **Freedom Vibes 2026**, June 14–20, is a celebration of freedom, culture, music and community in Fort Worth, future home of the National Juneteenth Museum. The one-of-a-kind festival will bring together unforgettable concerts from your favorite decades, inspiring speakers, art and experiences that honor the legacy of Juneteenth while celebrating the future. Freedom Vibes is designed to uplift, connect and inspire.

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