

Waterwheel project streams forward after City, TRWD agreement

City Council approved a memorandum of understanding with the Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD) to advance the Trinity River Waterwheel Initiative. The TRWD Board has also approved the collaboration.

The innovative partnership seeks to remove floating litter and debris from the Trinity River by piloting a floating, waterwheelpowered trash interceptor in the Trinity River. The City of Fort Worth, TRWD, Streams & Valleys Inc. and sponsoring partners support a goal of reducing floating litter and debris in the Trinity River.

The waterwheel will be installed at the Clear Fork of the Trinity River and will remove trash and debris from the river's



surface using hydropower or solar power, containment booms and a conveyor belt system.

Installation is expected to be completed by fall 2024.

Volkswagen Beetles teach Fort Worth bulk waste disposal

Employees in Fort Worth's Environmental Services Department are motoring around in two Volkswagen Beetles as a way to educate residents on proper bulk waste disposal.

The VW Bug is a marketing tool that began more than a decade ago when the City bought the now classic cars to illustrate the limits on the size and volume of bulk waste allowed curbside.

Why a VW Bug? Many Fort Worth residents still struggle with noncompliance when disposing of their waste, which can result in extra fees. The size of a VW Bug is easy to visualize.

Each household is allowed to set out up to 10 cubic yards - 8 feet long, 6 feet wide and 6



feet tall - of bulk waste on their assigned bulk collection week. Anything larger generates a fee.

Make sure the materials set out are accepted in the bulk waste program, and set the bulk and brush piles at the curb on the correct day and time.

Dig in to free seminars to learn the latest water-saving techniques

The 2024 Water-Saving Seminars - a series of highly requested, fun and free courses - will be held monthly at the picturesque Fort Worth Botanic Gardens' BRIT Building.

Nine engaging seminars cover a range of topics designed to help residents become watersaving experts when it comes to outdoor landscaping and design. From "Digging In: Soil Prep" to "Rain Gardens," each class is packed with practical tips and great visuals to help residents optimize water usage around the home and garden.

Are you a new homeowner and need help demystifying your sprinkler system, or just forget how yours works? There is a class for that. Want to learn how to turn your yard into an edible oasis of fruits, nuts and berries? Yep, there's a class for that. Classes include trivia, giveaways, expert presentations and one-on-one question-andanswer sessions.

Join the Fort Worth Water conservation team and expert speakers from around the state online or inperson each month. Tickets are free and available one month before each presentation.

Visit SaveFortWorthWater.org Events and Classes to sign up for "Digging In: Soils, Sites and Bed Prep," 6-8 p.m.

Feb. 8. No ticket? No problem. Email WaterConservation@FortWorthTexas.gov and there will be a seat waiting for you.

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An impressive string of grand openings and groundbreakings has taken place recently, providing new facilities, housing and

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• Stop Six residents celebrated the grand opening of Cowan Place Senior Living, 5400 E. Rosedale St. The mixed-income community launches a new phase of residential housing as part an initiative that will transform a historic community in southeast Fort Worth into a vibrant, safe and sustainable neighborhood with access to quality education, healthcare, services and amenities.

• Diamond Hill Community Center is now open at 1700 N.E. 37th St. The new facility offers a spacious gymnasium, fully equipped boxing gym, teaching kitchen, modern fitness center, versatile meeting spaces, game room and computer lab.

• The City of Fort Worth, in partnership with its Housing Finance Corporation and private developer Ojala Holdings, broke ground on an affordable housing development named Tobias Place at the southeast corner of Hemphill and Biddison streets. The development encompasses 288 units designed to offer deeply affordable housing options for a diverse range of residents.

• Fort Worth and community partners broke ground on the Las Vegas Trail Neighborhood Health Center, located on 3.7 donated acres at the corner of Calmont Avenue and Cherry Lane in west Fort Worth. It will be home to pediatric and adult medical and social services and a Fort Worth Police storefront. The two-story, 40,000-square-foot center opens in late 2025.

WORTH GOING



This Thing is Legendary! It's not just a slogan. It's why the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo is the most authentic western lifestyle experience anywhere. It runs Jan. 12-Feb. 3. Rodeo action features the Best of the West Ranch Rodeo, Best of Mexico Celebración, Cowboys of Color Rodeo, Bulls Night Out Extreme Bull Riding and Texas Champions Challenge. Check out the livestock and horse shows, kid-friendly activities and exhibits, live music, carnival midway, shopping, great food and more. o fwssr.com

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