Property purchase, lease agreement increase City parkland total



The City Council has approved purchasing land and extending a lease, two moves that will result in more parkland for Fort Worth.

Both agreements support Mayor Mattie Parker's Good Natured Greenspace Initiative goal of preserving 10,000 acres of greenspace across Fort Worth in the next five years while also growing and enhancing the City's park system.

- Council approved paying \$13.4 million for approximately 298 acres of ranchland in northwest Fort Worth. The land will be transitioned to parkland known as **Tinsley Ranch Park**. The land is located just west of Hwy. 287 near the City of Blue Mound.
- Council authorized a lease agreement between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the City for public park and recreational purposes. USACE and the City plan to expand the lease areas to include the area known as **Rocky Creek Park and Marina**, adding about 261.5 acres plus about 30.9 acres at the marina.

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City program making an impact on mental health issues and homelessness

The City of Fort Worth is seeing progress from its High ImpACT Pilot Program, an effort to address the intersection of mental health and unsheltered homelessness.

The High ImpACT Pilot Program aims to tackle these issues by combining high-level, mobile psychiatric services with housing assistance through the efforts of an Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team.



High ImpACT focuses on individuals experiencing homelessness in seven target areas that are experiencing long-term unsheltered homelessness and/or severe mental illness.

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Fall in love with water conservation: 2025 Water Saving Seminar Series



Fort Worth Water invites you to nurture a love that grows this Valentine's season — love for Fort Worth water. The all-new 2025 **Water Saving Seminar** Series is here to spark inspiration and help residents cultivate unique ways to save water and money in 2025.

From February through October, fall head over heels for monthly classes that offer creative ways to conserve water while upgrading your surroundings.

Hosted at the Botanic Research Institute of Texas (BRIT) building in the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens, each seminar will introduce attendees to exciting new topics from outstanding new speakers. Topics include pollinator gardening, irrigation repair and setup,

terrarium building, mushroom gardening and medicinal plants.

These new seminars are the perfect way to show your love for hands-on, engaging new topics. Expert-led presentations and hands-on experiences will have you swooning over practical tips and innovative new ideas.

Visit SaveFortWorthWater.org or email WaterConservation@FortWorthTexas.gov to register. Celebrate the season of love by joining this heartfelt endeavor to save Fort Worth water.

WORTH KNOWING



Fort Worth broke ground on **two new fire stations** to improve fire services across multiple districts, ensuring readiness and rapid response capabilities. Fire Station 26 will be a new one-story, two-company and battalion headquarters, located on approximately 1.9 acres of land on the south side of South Drive West. Fire Station 37 will also be a new one-story, single-company station on approximately 4.075 acres of land.

After 10 years of legal battles, the City has completed the process of amending its zoning and licensing rules to ban amusement redemption machines (also known as **eight-liners or gaming machines**) and game rooms. The ban went into effect Jan. 21. Any person or company that violates these ordinances is subject to a fine up to \$2,000 for each day the devices are present on a premise

The City of Fort Worth received a Silver designation from the national SolSmart program for



encouraging the growth of affordable solar energy options at the local level. To achieve SolSmart Silver designation, the City of Fort Worth has trained permitting and inspection staff on best practices for permitting solar energy and solar-plus-storage systems.

WORTH GOING



Witness the magnificent transformation of nature and marvel at the sight of brilliantly colored living jewels fluttering in the Rainforest Conservatory of Fort Worth Botanic Garden during **Butterflies in the Garden**, March 1-April 30. Exhibit visitors will have the chance to see a diverse collection of butterflies from various parts of the world along with local favorites.

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