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This Fourth of July, leave the show to the pros

With thousands of fireworks injuries treated yearly in hospital emergency rooms, often leaving permanent damage to eyes, hands and the face, the City of Fort Worth and the Fort Worth Police Department (FWPD) and Fort Worth Fire Department (FWFD) encourage everyone to leave the fireworks shows to the pros. It's safer, and it's also the law.

Remind me of the law

• *Remember, fireworks are illegal in Fort Worth*, but the City permits fireworks shows. Besides being illegal, having or setting off fireworks can result in a hefty fine.

• The Fort Worth City Ordinance states: "The possession, manufacture, storage, sale, handling, and use of fireworks are prohibited. Illegal fireworks are punishable by law, and there is up to a \$2,000 fine."

• And remember, what goes up must come down. Any celebratory gunshots can result in jail time.

During illegal fireworks activities, FWPD will have additional resources working overtime in every patrol division. The department will prioritize all calls for a police response, ensuring adequate resources are available to respond to emergencies and high-priority calls for service.

Please do not call 911 to report fireworks. Instead, call the fireworks hotline at 817-392-4444 or report online using the MyFW app; or visit *reportfireworks.fortworthtexas.gov* and file a report.

$\label{eq:protect} Protect\ yourself\ from\ mosquitoes\ with\ these\ simple,\ preventative\ steps$

With the active mosquito season well underway, residents can take a few simple actions to protect themselves and their neighbors:

- **Dump standing water** around your home by emptying and scrubbing all outdoor containers.
- Tightly cover water storage containers.
- Clean out gutters to avoid standing water.
- **Inspect your yard** and empty any containers or areas where water has collected.
- Use screens on windows and doors and repair holes in the screens.
- Apply insect repellent on your body and clothing anytime you are outside.
- ⊙ FortWorthTexas.gov/mosquitoes

Seasoned gardener? Just starting out? Seminars offer practical solutions



Join Fort Worth Water at the Botanical Research Institute of Texas, 1700 University Drive, for monthly Water Saving Seminars. These free Thursday night events, held from 6-8 p.m., offer expert-led classes to help residents conserve water and enhance their landscapes.

Can't attend in person? Seminars will be livestreamed on Facebook and later posted on Fort Worth Water's YouTube Channel. Secure free tickets via Eventbrite/FortWorthWater.

Kicking off on July 10, Heather Bass presents Gardening for Drought, sharing tips to keep your garden thriving with minimal water. On Aug. 7, Hannah Johnson's Trees for Texas explores the best trees and care for the region. Then, on Sept. 11, Heather Bass returns for Wildflower Lawn:

Creating a Pocket Prairie. Perfect for dry or neglected yard spots, this class covers the benefits of wildflowers, choosing the right plants, prepping and planting, and short- and long-term care. Finally, on **Oct. 9**, Gardening for Monarch Butterflies teaches how to support these vital pollinators with water-wise gardens.

With water conservation more crucial than ever during the hot summer months, these seminars allow residents to enjoy a nice evening out and a great yard ahead.

① SaveFortWorthWater.org

WORTH KNOWING



Fort Worth City Council voted to help fund a memorial honoring local servicemembers who died in the **Vietnam War**. In 2020, the Tarrant County Vietnam Memorial Foundation proposed constructing a memorial in Veterans Memorial Park, 4120 Camp Bowie Blvd. The memorial will include artwork by local artist Michael Pavlovsky and will honor the more than 220 Tarrant County servicemembers who died in the war, and others who died later due to conditions resulting from the war.

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Construction is underway on the Fort Worth Police Department's (FWPD) new **Northwest Patrol Division** Facility, 3900 Angle Ave. The new facility will consolidate operations from an existing City-owned facility and a leased facility into one location. The consolidated facility will enhance FWPD's operational ability to serve the Northwest Division community by increasing efficiency and communication. Construction is projected to be complete in spring 2026.

In collaboration with the City of Fort Worth, the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce has introduced a **Homelessness Toolkit** aimed at assisting local businesses in addressing challenges associated with homelessness. The initiative was developed in response to concerns from business owners about the impact of homelessness on daily operations.

WORTH GOING



The National Juneteenth Museum presents **Freedom Vibes**, the nation's premiere Juneteenth celebration, set to take place June 19-22 in Fort Worth. More than a festival, Freedom Vibes is a tribute to the enduring spirit of freedom and progress that Juneteenth represents. Through insightful discussions with thought leaders, performances by award-winning musicians and transformative community-building activities, Freedom Vibes will honor the legacy of emancipation while inspiring new pathways forward.

⊙ FreedomVibes2025.com

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