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City on track to improve safety, mobility at railroad crossings

Fort Worth is advancing plans to improve safety and mobility at railroad crossings, where more than 102,000 vehicles are affected by blocked crossings each day.

The Transportation & Public Works (TPW) team recently presented railroad grade separation priorities identified through the City's Master Transportation Plan. Fort Worth has more than 200 public at-grade railroad crossings, with blocked crossings creating more than 5,100 vehicle-hours of delay daily. From 2021 through 2025, 190 rail-related crashes resulted in six fatalities and 60 injuries.

The City is evaluating 26 potential grade separation projects based on safety and mobility needs, community feedback, cost effectiveness, readiness and feasibility.

One proposed project would elevate N.E. 23rd Street, Decatur Avenue and Samuels Avenue over multiple railroad tracks, eliminating seven existing at-grade crossings.

The City also is pursuing technology solutions, including train detection sensors, roadside warning signs and real-time train delay information to help drivers, agencies and emergency responders. Together, these efforts will help create a safer, more reliable and better-connected transportation network for residents, businesses and visitors.

Drips are scary

Fort Worth Water helps fixed-income eligible customers stop water waste and lower high water bills through the SmartRepair Program. The program offers no-cost repair of minor visible and known plumbing leaks for Fort Worth Water customers who qualify based on fixed-income levels.

Toilet leaks are one of the most common sources of wasted water in a home. A leaking or running toilet often goes unnoticed, but it wastes water every day and leads to higher monthly bills. Through SmartRepair, eligible homeowners may receive minor plumbing repairs for leaking or running toilets, dripping faucets, leaking hose bibs, leaking showerheads and installation of high-efficiency WaterSense fixtures as replacements when needed.



The work is completed by a City-contracted plumber at no charge to the homeowner.

Eligibility is based on fixed-income levels.

Income documentation for all adults living in the home who are over the age of 18 must be provided for review by submitting a completed Income Eligibility Packet and SmartRepair Application.

SmartRepair does not include repairs to water mains, sewer lines, clogs, foundational leaks, water heater leaks, leaks behind bathroom walls, leaks under floors or irrigation repairs. Additional exclusions apply.

Learn more about the SmartRepair Program and request an Income Eligibility Packet and SmartRepair Application by emailing WaterConservation@FortWorthTexas.gov.

Litter leaves a mark

Litter shows up in our neighborhoods, parks, waterways and along the roads we travel every day. The impact of litter does not stop where it initially lands and reaches beyond what we notice at first glance. A loose piece of trash can travel down the street, enter a storm drain

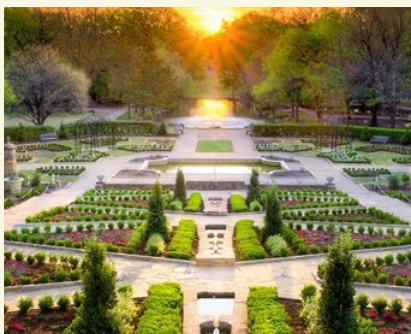
LITTER
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and make its way into a creek or river, turning one piece of litter into a larger environmental issue.

The good news? We all have opportunities to change where litter ends up — whether that means preventing it from reaching the ground in the first place, speaking up when we see a problem or getting involved in cleanup efforts across our community. Each action plays a part in reducing litter and leaving a positive mark on Fort Worth.

[FortWorthTexas.gov/litter](https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/litter)

WORTH KNOWING



► Here's one to grow on! **Fort Worth Botanic Garden** earned accreditation from the American Alliance of Museums, the highest national honor a museum can receive. Accreditation from AAM places FWBG among an elite group of U.S. institutions. Of the nation's estimated 33,000 museums, only about 1,100 are AAM-accredited. That makes FWBG part of a small, elite circle of institutions recognized for excellence.

► As part of the Central City Flood Control Project, **Ham Branch at Harmon Park** is transforming from a degraded urban stream into a thriving natural ecosystem. Led by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in partnership with Tarrant Regional Water District and the City of Fort Worth, the effort will restore the stream bed and banks, re-establish a streamside corridor and create wetland habitat. The project supports the City's Good Natured Green Space Initiative by building partnerships to preserve Fort Worth's natural heritage, protect its water supply and enhance parks to meet our community's growing needs.



WORTH GOING



► Travel overseas without leaving town! Surround yourself in the beauty and traditions of Japan at the **Fort Worth Botanic Garden Fall Japanese Festival, 9 am.-5 p.m. Nov. 7-8**. Experience taiko drumming, tea ceremonies and authentic tunes. Browse unique art and gift vendors, enjoy tasty treats from food trucks, and take part in family-friendly crafts and cultural activities.

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