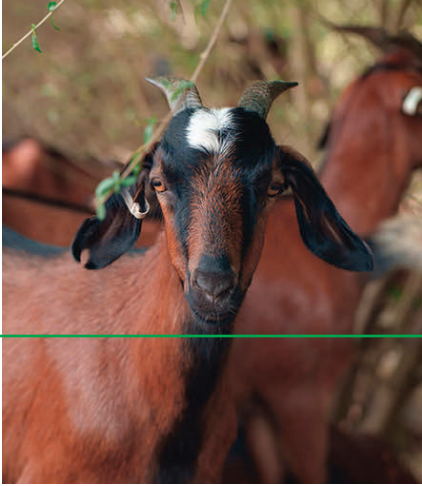




Have you herd? Goats are Park & Recreation Department's newest cleanup crew

These four-legged landscapers have been grazing in Fort Worth parks, tackling unwanted vegetation one bite at a time. Their mission: helping maintain healthy green spaces while adding a little "goat-itude" to the workday!

"Goats are a practical, environmentally friendly solution for managing invasive vegetation in our parks and open spaces," said Dave Lewis, Park & Recreation Department director. "They can access areas that are difficult for equipment to reach while improving habitat conditions for native species and creating a better park experience for our residents."

The City contracted with two different "goat consultants" (yes, there is such a thing!): Restoration Grazing and Open Space Grazing. All told, the herds have been noshing on Chinese privet and other overgrowth at Mosque Point Park, Patino Open Space, Love Circle Park and Lake Como Park. Their voracious appetite for invasive species is helping clear around 160 acres. (Nom, nom, nom!)

Stop by, say hello (from a respectful distance) and watch as they turn park maintenance into the most adorable public works project you've ever seen.

FWACC rolls out free 'Chip & Snip' mobile spay/neuter clinic

Fort Worth Animal Care & Control launched the new Chip & Snip Community Pet Clinic, a mobile trailer designed to provide free spay and neuter services throughout Fort Worth. This fully equipped facility brings essential veterinary care directly into neighborhoods.



of homeless animals by preventing unplanned litters.

"The Chip & Snip trailer lets us bring these services directly into neighborhoods where the need is the greatest," said FWACC Assistant Director Chris McAllister. "It's about partnering with residents right where they live to make responsible pet care easy and accessible."

Spaying and neutering also provide key health benefits. Pets that are fixed are less likely to develop certain cancers and are less prone to roam, fight, mark territory or show aggressive behavior.

Appointments are available through an online registration portal on FWACC's webpage. All procedures are performed by licensed veterinarians and trained medical staff to ensure high-quality care.

The program is part of FWACC's effort to encourage responsible pet ownership and expand access to critical pet services. Chip & Snip builds on that momentum by meeting residents where they are, removing barriers to care and helping reduce the number

Shower smarter this September

September is the right time for Fort Worth homeowners to take a closer look at indoor water use. Outdoor watering often gets the spotlight during hot weather, but your shower also plays a major role in daily water use.

One simple upgrade can support big savings. Replace



an older showerhead with a high-efficiency WaterSense-labeled model. These showerheads use less water while still providing a strong, comfortable shower. A standard showerhead uses about 2.5 gallons of water per minute. WaterSense-labeled showerheads use no more than 2.0 gallons per minute.

That small difference adds up fast, especially in busy households with multiple showers each day.

It is one of the easiest home upgrades you can make. Most models are affordable, easy to find and simple to install with basic tools.

This September, shower smarter. Look for the WaterSense label when shopping online or at your local home improvement store.

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WORTH KNOWING

► **Fort Worth Public Art** recently installed "Eastchase Island" at the intersection of Meadowbrook Boulevard and Eastchase Parkway in Council District 5. The whimsical exhibit transformed an ordinary traffic median into something unexpected: a landscape where oversized mushrooms, a larger-than-life snail, wandering ants and a watchful ceramic toad spring to life amid the everyday flow of traffic.

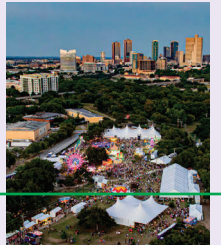


► **Streams & Valleys Plaza** in Trinity Park is a new community gathering space along the Trinity River and Trails. Made possible through a partnership between the City of Fort Worth and Streams & Valleys, the project transformed an underutilized area near the southwest side of the Phyllis Tilley Memorial Pedestrian Bridge into a welcoming destination for recreation, connection and community.

WORTH GOING

► Put on your polka shoes! **Fort Worth Oktoberfest** is bringing a bit of Bavaria to Trinity Park, Sept. 24-26. Gear up for nonstop contests, games, food, fun and merriment. (Dachshund Dash, anyone?)

[fortworthoktoberfest.com](https://www.fortworthoktoberfest.com)



► Looking to add some fabulous fall color to your autumn landscape? Lucky you! The **Fort Worth Botanic Garden's Fall Plant Sale** is back Oct. 2-3.

Green thumbs and beginner gardeners can browse a wide selection of specialty plants, including native perennials, annuals, trees, shrubs and pollinator-friendly favorites that are all hand-selected by horticulture experts.



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