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### *Community Corner*

A Newsletter for Fort Worth Neighborhoods



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### Farewell and Best Wishes To Terrence Hamilton

Following our recent Neighborhood Awards, we want to take a moment to celebrate and bid farewell to Terrence Hamilton as he embarks on an exciting new opportunity with the City of Cleburne. For the past six years, Terrence has been an invaluable part of the Community Engagement Department, excelling in his work to connect, support, and empower Fort Worth's neighborhoods. His dedication, enthusiasm, and ability to bring people together have made a lasting impact on our community. While we will certainly miss him, we are excited to see him take this next step in his career. Please join us in thanking Terrence for his years of service and wishing him all the best in this new chapter!

### Community Engagement Team: "In The Field"

This past month, members of our Communications and Public Engagement team traded city streets for serene waters, kayaking through the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge! As we paddled along the West Fork of the Trinity River, we experienced the incredible natural beauty right in our own backyard. Guided by Nature Center staff, we navigated winding waterways, spotted wildlife like great blue herons and turtles, and shared meaningful conversations about the importance of preserving our green spaces.

Want to experience it for yourself? The Fort Worth Nature Center offers guided paddle tours with a naturalist, so you can explore these scenic waters while learning about the local ecosystem. Visit their website to sign up for your own adventure!



The Community Engagement Office connects neighbors, educators, and community leaders with city services and each other. We provide educational programs for students and adults regarding city services and training programs for community building. For more information, find your Liaison or contact us at the office:

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# Neighborhood Awards Survey Results

What are your top priorities for your Neighborhood in 2025?

Our recent community survey gathered valuable insights from residents, highlighting key areas of focus for neighborhood improvement.

The results can be grouped into 3 main categories: Public Safety & Code Compliance, Civic Participation & Policy, and Community Engagement & Volunteerism. Below is a breakdown of the top priorities identified by respondents.



- Improve neighborhood safety with better lighting and crime prevention measures.
- Address homelessness and panhandling issues.
- Ensure code compliance to maintain community standards.



- Maintain strong attendance at monthly community meetings.
- Advocate for zoning regulations that support community needs.
- Foster a long-term sense of investment among residents for their families and neighborhood.



- Increase active community involvement.
- Enhance engagement with new residents.
- Inspire and support volunteers to prevent burnout.

# Neighborhood highlights



## Neighborhood of the Year

Congratulations to Lake Como for being recognized as Neighborhood of the Year! This historic and vibrant community has demonstrated outstanding dedication to preservation, beautification, and unity through its efforts to restore and revitalize the Lake Como Cemetery.

Lake Como will represent the City at the National Neighborhood Awards in Jacksonville, Florida next month!



## Neighbor of the Year

This year, we proudly recognized Janet Williamson as Neighbor of the Year for her unwavering dedication to the Westcliff Neighborhood Association and the broader Fort Worth community; including the Neighbor to Neighbor program.

## Neighborhoods Recognized at Council

This year's Neighborhood Award winners were officially recognized by Mayor Mattie Parker at a recent City Council meeting, celebrating their outstanding contributions to the Fort Worth community. From revitalization projects to community engagement efforts, these neighborhoods and leaders have gone above and beyond to make Fort Worth a better place to live.



## **"YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR VOICE"**



### **NEIGHBORHOOD AWARDS SATISFACTION SURVEY**

Thank you for attending the 2024 Neighborhood Awards! Your feedback is valuable in helping us improve future events. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP FORUM SCHEDULING SURVEY**

We're excited to host our first Neighborhood Leadership forum, but we need your input! Your feedback will help us choose the best dates and times to ensure more neighbors can attend.

Take a moment to fill out our quick survey and let us know when works best for you. Together, we can build stronger, more connected communities!



## **Submit Your Stories**

The *Community Corner* is all about celebrating the people and accomplishments that make our neighborhoods special, and we want your input! Do you know an outstanding neighbor who goes above and beyond? Has your neighborhood achieved something worth sharing, whether it's a new community project, a successful event, or a positive initiative that brought residents together?

We'd love to spotlight these stories in upcoming editions of the newsletter, so others across the city can be inspired by your experiences. Whether big or small, every story has the potential to make a difference in another neighborhood!

You can email us at [engagement@fortworthtexas.gov](mailto:engagement@fortworthtexas.gov) with a short description and any photos you'd like to include.

Let's celebrate the spirit of community that makes Fort Worth such a great place to live!