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Fort Worth Police Department launches 'Drone as First Responder' program

The Fort Worth Police Department (FWPD) announced its new Drone as First Responder (DFR) program. This technology-driven initiative is designed to enhance emergency response times and provide real-time situational awareness for first responders.

Using Flock's DFR technology, the program deploys remotely piloted drones from docking stations and responds to scenes of emergencies to provide responding personnel with additional information from the piloted drone. This is designed to support faster decision-making, improve situational awareness and enhance response coordination.

Chief Eddie Garcia said the DFR program will strengthen the department's operations and the role emerging technology plays in modern emergency response.

3-peat! Lake Como wins National Neighborhood of the Year again

The Lake Como Neighborhood Advisory Council and community partners earned the national Neighborhood of the Year title from Neighborhoods USA (NUSA), marking Lake Como's third consecutive national title.

The national title builds on momentum Lake Como has already generated this year. Before receiving the overall Neighborhood of the Year award, the neighborhood first won the Social Revitalization and Neighborliness category for its College Dorm Kit Program.

The College Dorm Kit Program, led by Como Lions Heart in collaboration with the Lake Como Neighborhood Advisory Council, goes beyond helping students pack for college. In 2025, 28 graduating seniors were matched with sponsors, connected to college readiness resources and supported by volunteers who helped prepare them for the transition to campus life. By the time students headed off to school, they carried more than dorm supplies and laptops. They left knowing an entire neighborhood was invested in their success.

Autumn is around the corner. (Really.) All new fall water saving seminars are on tap.

Discover the 50 best plants for North Texas and learn how native, drought-tolerant choices can thrive with less water. Join the **August** Water Savings Seminar for practical tips on smart planting, efficient irrigation and beautiful landscapes that beat the heat while saving money, water and time all season long outdoors.

Texas climate can be tough, but your landscape can still thrive. Join the **September** Water Savings Seminar, Texas Water and Climate, to learn practical ways to handle heat, drought and sudden storms with smart watering, soil care and plant choices that save water, protect your yard and lower utility costs throughout the year ahead.

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SAVE THE DATE

FREE Water Savings Seminars

50 Best Plants for North Texas with trwd
Thursday, Aug. 13, 6–8 p.m.

Texas Water and Climate with trwd
Thursday, Sept. 6, 6–8 p.m.

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WORTH KNOWING

▶ Fort Worth plans to move forward with building a new **downtown library** from the ground up and will repurpose a previously purchased building at 512 W. Fourth St. as a community arts incubator. Many findings led leadership to determine that the location would not be the best choice to proceed with as a modern public library. The Fourth Street building will now be transformed into a community arts incubator.

▶ The Fort Worth Fire Department (FWFD) Fire Recruit Class No. 100 and EMS Recruit Class No. 1 graduated from the **FWFD Training Academy** this summer. This is the first time in the 155-year history of FWFD that a single-role class graduated, marking this historic milestone for the City of Fort Worth.

WORTH GOING

▶ Watch history unfold as the legendary **Fort Worth Herd** — a majestic parade of Texas longhorns along East Exchange Avenue in the Fort Worth Stockyards — commands the streets twice daily at 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. This living tribute to Fort Worth's cowboy legacy remains the world's only twice-daily cattle drive, inviting visitors to witness the raw power and untamed spirit of the American West.

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