

THE MEADOWLARK

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WEST MEADOWBROOK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



**Please Come Enjoy Food and Community Fellowship
at our monthly meetings. All are welcome!**

Upcoming Events

Oct 21st - WMNA Gen Mtg - 6:45 pm, Meadowbrook UMC, 3900 Meadowbrook Dr.

Oct 21 thru Nov 1 - Early voting for Tarrant County and Texas state elections

Oct 31st - Happy Halloween! Be safe out there!

Nov 5th - Election Day. Get out there and vote!

October guest speaker to cover difficult and sensitive material

October's guest speaker will be a representative from Unbound Now, an organization dedicated to activating local communities to fight human trafficking. Some content in the presentation may be unsuitable for young audiences. Please exercise discretion in bringing your young family members to this particular meeting. To find out more about Unbound Now, visit <https://unboundnow.org/about/>.



It's not too late to do a Little Art on the Prairie



The "little art house on the prairie" is now installed at Tandy Hills. It's filled with pre-stamped postcards. Pick one up, draw your adventure at Tandy Hills and send back in to the Amon Carter Museum.

Friends of Tandy Hills have teamed up with Amon Carter Museum of American Art for an upcoming exhibition titled: "The Perilous Adventures of Mark Dion." Here's how it works:

Beginning September 5, at the View Street entrance, you will find a little, house-shaped box mounted atop a pole. Inside the box you will find a stack of pre-addressed and stamped postcards. Take one of the cards, channel your inner artist self and draw, paint or otherwise describe a view of Tandy Hills. You can do this in-situ at Tandy Hills or in the privacy of your own home. Drop the postcard in a mailbox **before December 2nd** and you may find your art exhibited at the Amon Carter!



Don't miss the last Star Party of the season on November 2nd.

Census takers are coming to your neighborhood

Residents may notice census takers in Fort Worth neighborhood.

This is a normal part of preparations for the 2020 Census. Census Bureau employees will also be in the community to continue collecting information for the American Community Survey and other ongoing surveys.

How to verify that someone is a census worker

If someone visits your home to collect information for the 2020 Census, you can verify their identity:

First, check to make sure that they have a valid ID badge, with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark and an expiration date.

If you still have questions about their identity, contact your Regional Census Center at 972-510-1800 to speak with a Census Bureau representative.

Why are census workers out in communities?

You might see census takers in your neighborhood for a few different reasons:

They are verifying addresses in preparation for the census.

They are collecting responses to the census or another survey.

They are dropping off census materials.

They are conducting quality checks related to the census.

Census takers who verify addresses are called address canvassers. They help ensure an accurate and complete count by verifying addresses and noting where houses, apartments, shelters and other residences are located. Census takers will attempt to knock on every door in the neighborhood they are canvassing.

In May 2020, census takers begin visiting homes that haven't responded to the 2020 Census to help ensure everyone is counted. At the same time, other Census Bureau representatives will be visiting homes for ongoing surveys, such as the American Community Survey.

Be proactive

By April 1, 2020, all homes will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. The best way to avoid a follow-up visit from a census taker is to fill out the 2020 Census questionnaire online, by phone or by mail as soon as you receive an invitation to participate.



PROPOSITIONS ON THE BALLOT

VOTE on November 5th, 2019

PROP 1

Would allow a person to hold more than one office as an elected or appointed municipal judge in more than one municipality at the same time.

PROP 2

Would allow the Texas Water Development Board to issue up to \$200 million in bonds to provide financial assistance for the development of water supply and sewer service projects in economically distressed areas of Texas.

PROP 3

Would authorize the legislature to provide for a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of property located in an area declared by the governor to be a disaster area following a disaster.

PROP 4

Would prohibit the Legislature from imposing a state income tax. (Voters approved a constitutional amendment in 1993 that required voter approval for the Legislature to create a state income tax.)

PROP 5

Would allocate all revenue from the Sporting Goods Sales Tax to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Historical Commission - as was intended when the tax was created in 1993 - to protect Texas' natural areas, water quality, and history by acquiring, managing, and improving state and local parks and historic sites while not increasing the rate of the state sales and use taxes.

PROP 6

Would increase from \$3 billion to \$6 billion the maximum amount of general obligation bonds the legislature may authorize the Texas Public Finance Authority to provide for, issue, and sell on behalf of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.

PROP 7

Would extend the authority to distribute revenues from the Permanent School Fund to the State Board of Education. The General Land Office and other entities responsible for the management of revenues maintain management authority. The proposed amendment clarifies that distributions made are in addition to distributions authorized by any other provision of the Texas Constitution and increases the limit that may be distributed to \$600 million by each entity each year.

PROP 8

Would create the Flood Infrastructure Fund, separate of General Revenue, intended for use by the Texas Water Development Board to provide financing for drainage, flood mitigation, or flood control projects.

PROP 9

Would create a property tax exemption for precious metals held in the Texas Bullion Depository.

(While that depository made Texas the only state to have a state-operated depository it is at a competitive disadvantage because it is also the only state allowing local property taxes on precious metals.)

PROP 10

Would let police dogs and other law enforcement animals retire in their old age to live with their handler or other caretaker.

(The state constitution currently prevents law enforcement agencies from transferring valuable property to a private person or organization for free.)

November 5 is Election Day

Last day to apply for a mail-in ballots is Oct.25.

Early voting begins Oct. 21 and ends Nov.1.

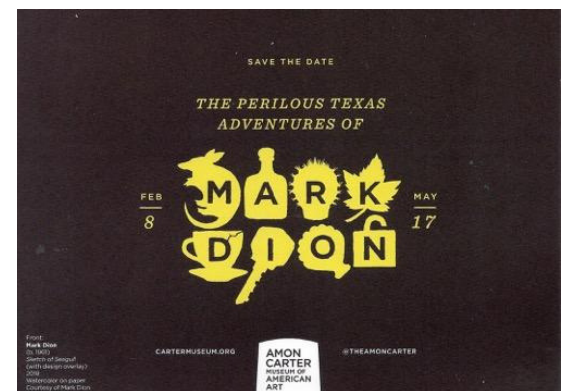
First election with voting centers and new voting machines.

Registered voters may visit any polling place in the county.

Review the 10 proposed Texas Constitution amendments in the infographic to the left.

Tarrant County issues include \$825 mil bond vote for TCC to build & renovate buildings.

For more information about this election or voting in Tarrant County, contact the local elections office at 817-831-8683.



Enjoy a safe Halloween experience at FWPD's Trunk or Treat

Fort Worth spooks and goblins can experience a safer alternative to traditional trick or treating when the Fort Worth Police Department's Exploring Program hosts a Halloween Trunk or Treat event from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Bob Bolen Public Safety Complex, 505 W. Felix St. The family-friendly event is designed to transfer Halloween from the uncertain streets to the safety of a secured parking lot. Participating groups will turn the backs of cars, trucks and SUVs into the new front porch, creating a safer environment for parents and youth. Enjoy a vehicle display, games, face painting, candy stations, displays and exhibits. The event is sponsored by the FWPD Explorer program.



HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL
COMMUNITY EVENT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31
6:30 - 8:30PM | CLC*

FOR THE KIDS Carnival Games
Halloween Treats
Face Painting
Bounce House

FOR THE ADULTS Door Prize Drawings
Cake Walk
Concessions

Adult costumes are encouraged
(no scary ones or masks please)

FREE ADMISSION
Game Tickets: 5 for \$1

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What kind of recreational opportunities would you like to see in Fort Worth?

With more than 1 million people moving to the DFW area since 2010, it's no secret that Fort Worth is growing — and the city's Park & Recreation Department wants to make sure that recreational programs and facilities are growing along with it.

The 2019 Park & Recreation Survey is open through Nov. 24, and provides an opportunity for residents to give feedback about the city's recreational activities and facilities. Current facilities include community centers, athletics fields, golf courses, parks and trails, as well as some of the department's special-use facilities, like the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge and the Log Cabin Village.

About the survey

The survey explores how residents use current recreational facilities, and how frequently they do so. It also gives residents the opportunity to provide feedback on facilities that they think are needed in Fort Worth parks. This includes traditional park facilities such as playgrounds and trails, and some facilities that currently have a small or limited presence locally, like skate parks, disc golf courses, dog parks and age-friendly playgrounds.

The Park & Recreation Department is collaborating with National Service Research on this survey, which is administered about every five years. The results help inform the direction of the Park & Recreation Department's Master Plan.

Residents are encouraged to take the survey before it closes. All survey feedback is anonymous, and residents are asked to complete only one survey per household.

Residents can access a link to the survey via fortworthtexas.gov.

Repairs to begin on Oakland Avenue

After over two years of back and forth with the city's transportation department, Oakland Ave is FINALLY slated for resurfacing to begin the last week in October. Repairs on Oakland were made about 2 years ago, but within months were showing signs of deterioration. Mike Phipps on the WMNA board has been a tireless advocate for this project. Mike, we all THANK YOU for your bulldog persistence in getting this street some attention! Drive safe, everyone!

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SAT, DEC 7 | 12-3PM

WOODSHED
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JOIN US FOR OUR MAIN EVENT
SILENT AUCTION
MANY FANTASTIC ITEMS TO BID ON

FACE PAINTING

PHOTOS WITH SANTA PAWS

MINGLE WITH ADOPTABLE PETS

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Yard of the Month

October's Yard of the Month belongs to Delilah Brumley. Go by 3204 View St and see her elaborate and very spooky decorations. She worked for two days setting up the scenario in her front yard and on her house, and was not deterred when storms came through and carried away parts of it. The scene will evolve when those are replaced.



Out of Office(r)

NPO Chavez will be out of office for approximately 6 weeks through September & October for medical leave and much needed R&R. Calls to his number will forward to Officer Cleveland. Officer Ward will of course be available for any concerns as well. We wish you the best of health, Officer Chavez!




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WMNA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

ANNUAL DUES Your 2019 dues are \$18 per household. Please make your check payable to WMNA and mail to:

WEST MEADOWBROOK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION * PO BOX 8133 * FORT WORTH, TX 76124

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIPS

If you own a business in the West Meadowbrook area, we have a membership option for you. To improve your visibility and network with area residents, join the West Meadowbrook Neighborhood Association. Annual fees are a reasonable \$75 and include a business card sized ad in the Meadowlark every month of your active membership.