

District 5 Newsletter

Here's what's happening in District 5

Salutations from Gyna

Thank you for sharing your email so we can keep you informed on matters of importance to District 5. One of the shining examples of the impact citizen engagement can have is the Handley Meadowbrook Recreation Center expansion project. That center was never included in the list of staff recommended projects, but by attending every bond election public meeting, we got public support via that citizen input and the project was added to the list and approved by voters. You have the very same opportunity to engage in "building" our city budget. Details to do just that are conveyed in our first announcement:

The City of Fort Worth is currently planning the 2023 budget, and we need your help!

Everyone is encouraged to take a photo of Molly, the city mascot, where you think investments are needed. It can be at a park that needs revitalizing or a street that's due to be repaved.

Download a picture of Molly from the city website – www.fortworthtexas.gov/2023budget

Copies are also available at city community centers and libraries.

You can even join Molly in the photo!

Upload your photo to one of these sites by **June 30**:

- App: MyFW app (free in the Google and Apple store).
- [Website](#).
- [Facebook](#).
- [Email](#).

To learn more, visit the [FY2023 Budget](#) page.

Speed Date with NPO

May 23 Speed Date w/NPO & Meet the New Commander event.



District 5 citizens got a chance to meet the new Police Commander and engage with their NPO.

Knowing your NPO equips you with one more tool to make and/or keep your neighborhood safe.



Fort Worth Mayor Pro Tem Gyna Bivens was elected vice-chair of the Regional Transportation Council and will help lead the 44-member transportation policymaking body for the next year

Bivens, who represents Council District 5 in Fort Worth, has served on the Regional Transportation Council since August 2021.

Collin County Commissioner Duncan Webb was elected chair. Webb takes over for Commissioner Theresa Daniel of Dallas County, who has chaired the RTC through its transition from virtual meetings to in-person gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic. Webb will steer the RTC through the 88th Texas Legislature, which begins in January.

Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins will be the next secretary. The new officers will serve in their positions through June 2023.

The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) includes local elected or appointed officials from the Dallas-Fort Worth area and representatives from the area's transportation providers. As the transportation policymaking body for the 12-county Dallas-Fort Worth area, the RTC oversees transportation planning for the fourth-largest metropolitan area in the country, which has a population of approximately 8 million.

The RTC guides the development of roadway, rail and bicycle-pedestrian plans and programs; allocates transportation funds; and recommends projects to the Texas Transportation Commission for other programs. The policymaking body also ensures transportation services are coordinated throughout the region and the metropolitan area complies with federal air quality standards.

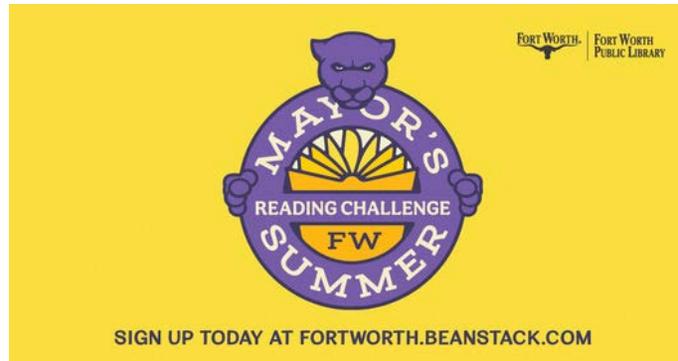
One of the RTC's core functions is the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, a blueprint for the transportation system over a period of 20-25 years. An update to the current plan, Mobility 2045, was approved by the RTC last week. Mobility 2045: 2022 Update must now receive a transportation conformity determination by the U.S. Department of Transportation certifying that it complies with federal air quality regulations.

The region's long- and short-range transportation plans must comply with federal air quality regulations as 10 Dallas-Fort Worth area counties – Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant and Wise – are in nonattainment for ozone pollution.

The RTC has historically taken an innovative approach to meeting the region's

transportation and air quality challenges, allowing the policymakers to enhance the quality of life throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

2022 Mayor's Summer Reading Challenge



Summer reading has never been easier to track and earn rewards!

Take challenges, earn badges and [track your time reading online](#) or on your mobile device through the Beanstack app [for iOS](#) or [Android](#) in the Mayor's Summer Reading Challenge! Register yourself or your entire family and let the challenge begin.

Remember, every time you're read to, or are reading those minutes count! Check out our special [summer guest readers](#) and explore our [story times](#), [e-books](#), [audio books](#), [online magazines](#) and [print collection](#).

Drowning Prevention - Low-cost water safety education available for FW families



The Fort Worth Drowning Prevention Coalition will offer its Swim Safe program. The six-day program provides children ages 4-18 and adults 18 and over the opportunity to learn in-water skills that can save their life in the water this summer. In addition to in-water skills, parents and caregivers will also receive classroom education, including the basics of CPR, supervision strategies at the pool and instructions on creating a home water safety plan.

Every family will receive a free lifejacket and a children's book and will gain access to free and reduced-cost swimming lessons at the completion of the program.

[Register online](#) for these 2022 dates:

- **Forest Park Pool**, June 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 at 6:45 p.m. or 7:35 p.m.
- **McDonald YMCA**, July 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14 at 6:45 p.m. or 7:35 p.m.
- **Marine Park Pool**, July 26, 27, 28, Aug. 2, 3, 4 at 6:45 p.m. or 7:35 p.m.

Are You Looking for a Job? Upcoming Citywide Job Fair

The City of Fort Worth will host a citywide job fair this summer. The *It's Well Worth It Job Fair 2022* will be held from **9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 25**, at Como Community Center, 4660 Horne St.

The job fair is intended for all levels of employees, from entry-level to experienced professionals. Attendees should bring copies of their résumé to share with city departments. Onsite interviews may be provided for some positions. Dress for success!

[Preregistration for the job fair is online](#) through **June 25**. Walk-ins the day of the event will also be permitted.

Many departments have immediate openings, and others can speak to you about the services they provide, potential upcoming career opportunities and what a career path in municipal government might look like.

Streets & Transportation Information

Reconstruction of the East Lancaster Corridor Update

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) intends to submit one or more federal grant applications on behalf of the city and region in support of TxDOT's East Lancaster Corridor project.

The project runs from Dottie Lynn Parkway to downtown as a multimodal corridor that includes high-comfort pedestrian and bicycle accommodations, enhanced transit, broadband and other "smart streets" features. City, TxDOT and NCTCOG staff are working to coordinate a unified planning and implementation process to compete for federal funding, based on community vision. Once the process and timeline have been defined, the city and TxDOT will begin planning and engineering work this fall.

The city will be asked to contribute approximately \$16.5 million, consisting of \$6,430,160 in local funds being reallocated from the TEXRail Extension project, plus \$10 million for reconstruction as part of the 2022 Bond Program. The project already has commitments of \$40 million in other federal funds from the Regional Transportation Council and \$10 million in state funds from TxDOT.

How the city is staying on top of alleyway maintenance

The City of Fort Worth continues to provide four alleyway mowing/clearing cycles annually for alleyways that are part of the city's Alleyway Maintenance Program in targeted neighborhoods.

Fort Worth has 2,448 alley blocks in its inventory, with just over half being unpaved or partially paved. Roughly half (1,234) of the unpaved or partially paved alleys constitute the Alleyway Maintenance Program. The city manages the program through contracted mowing services that provide clearing and cleaning, tree trimming and trash removal. Paved alleys, consisting of 251 block segments, are maintained by the Transportation & Public Works Department.

In the current budget, \$804,000 has been allocated for four mowing/clearing cycles per year, starting at the beginning of each calendar quarter (January, April, July and October – weather permitting). The city also offers limited, one-time alley mowing and cleanup services for out-of-program alley locations that have been reported by residents and also fit within the AMP scope of services.

To report an alley that needs maintenance, contact Eric Vodicka in Neighborhood Services by email or at 817-392-7583.

Fort Worth's Safe Routes to School program

Projects include installing new sidewalks, reconstructing existing sidewalks, curb ramps, driveways, signs and other improvements like concrete curb and gutter within an approximate quarter-mile radius of seven elementary schools in Fort Worth.

C.C. Moss Elementary. Construction has started around C.C. Moss Elementary. Construction is 10% complete and work is being performed on Dowdell Street, Freddie Street and Grayson Street.

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MyFW app [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#)

Text hello to 817-835-MYFW (6939)

Chat at <http://fortworthtexas.gov/report/>

Call Center 817-392-1234 OR 1234@FortWorthTexas.gov

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