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**Dear Citizens,**

In the past, we in District 5 have seen several developments hamper the positive growth of our communities. Because of this, many of our neighborhoods today contain countless vacant lots and homes in need of major improvements. But on the positive side, these communities are ripe for redevelopment.

Vacant lots offer opportunities for new quality homes to attract new residents, and new residents bring in the kind of neighborhood commercial development that we deserve.

Many of these areas have experienced significant numbers of duplexes and other incompatible commercial developments not conducive to positive neighborhood growth.

Bringing zoning into compliance with current land uses outlined in the City's Comprehensive Plan will help move District 5 forward.

To date, we have successfully rezoned significant portions of

District 5.

Rezoned areas include the Stop Six Area (bounded by E. Rosedale, Stalcup, Ramey, and Lloyd); Village Creek (bounded by Village Creek, Highway 287 and Wilbarger); and a Section of Sunrise Addition (bounded by Ramey, Village Creek, Fitzhugh and Sheraton).

We've also re-zoned the areas surrounded by Wilbarger, Edgewood Terrace, Eastland and Cary; as well as the community bounded by Fitzhugh, Loop 820, Eastland and Stallcup. And we're not finished yet.

We are moving forward with zoning changes for the Berry/Stalcup Urban Village in order to attract the needed commercial development in this area. Other District 5 communities under consideration of rezoning are Echo Heights, Polytechnic, East Wood and the Handley area.

The zoning along Trinity Boulevard is also a problem, and we are working with the property owners and the cities of Euless, Hurst and

Arlington to address this issue.

These improvements will allow steady growth without fear of improper development. We hosted the first of a series of Economic Development Summits on January 31 that will redirect positive residential and commercial development in our neighborhoods.

Aside from zoning, we're also busy with other priorities, including working with Fort Worth ISD to protect the quality of our schools, the police department to maintain safe neighborhoods, and Code Enforcement to ensure our communities are clean and livable.

It goes without saying that we are moving forward in District 5. With each step, we are clearly focused on a solid plan of redevelopment that will benefit both current and future generations.

Sincerely,

Frank Moss

# Repair your home with a Home Central Loan

A home that's kept in good repair is an asset to its owner and to the community. Unfortunately, not every homeowner has enough cash on hand to fix a leaky roof, stabilize their shaky stairs or repair any number of things that simply become worn out from long-term use or age.

Homeowners in Fort Worth's central city neighborhoods now have a unique opportunity to refurbish their homes and revitalize their community through the Home Central Loan Program, a partnership between a local financial institution, the city of Fort Worth and the Fort Worth Housing Trust Fund.

Home Central Loans for as little as \$5,000 are currently available to residents living in the central city (located within Loop 820) that meet the income criteria. The program offers qualified applicants an interest rate that is slightly lower than the market rate.

The Home Central Loan Program is intended to assist



central city residents with making any necessary repairs or updates to their homes in order to make them safe and habitable. Loans are not available for projects such as foundation repair, patios, hot tubs and fireplaces.

For more information about

the Home Central Loan Program or other home improvement loan programs, contact the Housing and Economic Development Department at 817-392-2574. You may also visit [www.omniamerican.com](http://www.omniamerican.com) or contact a mortgage representative directly at 817-367-5640.

## Housing program offers assistance to residents

The Tarrant County Partnership, Inc (TCHP) is a certified non-profit organization located in Fort Worth. Since 1991, TCHP has dramatically increased the availability of affordable housing to low-income families.

Through the combination of

public and private funds, TCHP operates several programs that provide homebuyer's assistance, affordable rental single-family and multi-family units, architectural barrier removal assistance and the acquisition of existing substandard housing sold to families at below

market value.

Since 1991, in partnership with other entities, TCHP has produced more than 3,000 units of affordable housing and continues to develop more units each year.

For further information, contact TCHP at 817-924-5091

# Residents celebrate cleanup of 15-acre illegal dump site

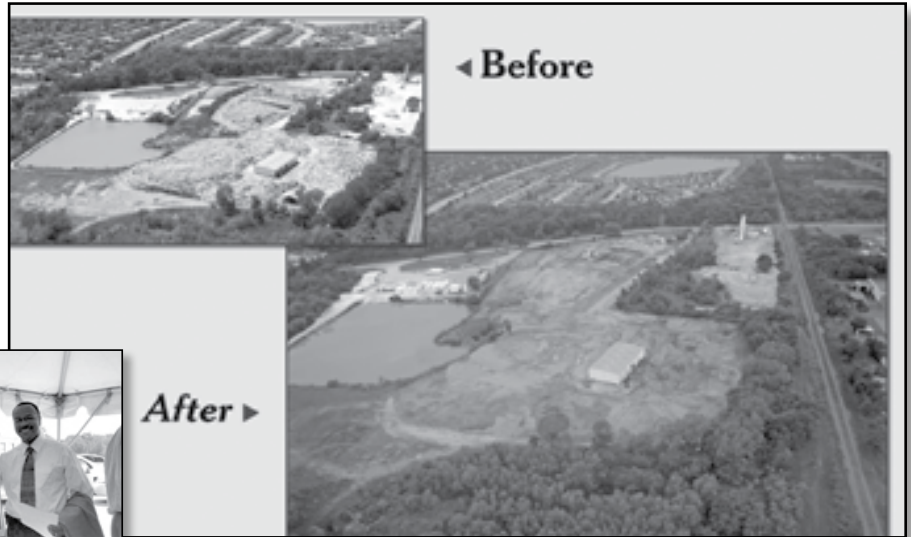
For several years, the Walker Branch Recycling property has been a nuisance to thousands of residents in east Fort Worth. But those residents no longer live in fear of an environmental disaster from a fire thanks to a major cleanup effort led by the state of Texas.

Last August, a press conference was hosted by Mayor Mike Moncrief to announce the completion of the extraordinary cleanup project at the Walker Branch

Recycling site. Joining the mayor were local residents along with Fort Worth Councilmembers Frank Moss and Danny Scarth, former State Senator Kim Brimer, State Representative Kelly Hancock and Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Mark Vickery.

Walker Branch Recycling, Inc. began illegally operating a “recycling” plant in 2002. However, instead of recycling construction and demolition debris, the operator was in fact illegally dumping the materials at a 15-acre site located off Precinct Line Rd. With roughly 6,000 residents living nearby, the dump site posed “... *an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health and the environment*” according to the TCEQ.

The types of illegally dumped items on the property included construction and demolition debris (such as lumber, sheetrock, concrete, insulation, carpet, metal



pipes, paint cans, duct material, etc.).

Also found on site were empty pressurized cylinders, empty refrigerant containers, plastic, appliances, furniture, tires and a large quantity of wood. There was an estimated 370,000 cubic yards of dumped material in piles reaching as high as 30 feet.

Once notified of the problems on the property, and after all

enforcement action failed, the city of Fort Worth filed a civil lawsuit against the property owner, who filed bankruptcy the day before the trial was to begin.

The city then sought the assistance of Brimer and Hancock who helped identify the estimated \$3 million needed to fund the cleanup of the property through TCEQ. The cleanup took approximately 10 months to complete.

## Residents meet new chief at police forum

The District 5 Community Police Forum in January was a success. The forum was held at Rising Star Baptist Church located at 4216 Ave. M. Roughly 100 engaged citizens came to the meeting to dialogue with the Police Department about their concerns and issues. During those discussions, the residents were introduced to Jeff Halstead, Fort Worth’s new police chief. The District 5 office thanks the



attendees for participating and working together to make our neighborhoods safe. We also thank Chief Halstead and the other Fort Worth city staff who were on hand to make this meeting meaningful.

# 2004 Capital Improvement Programs in District 5

In February 2004, voters approved a bond package that will run through 2010. The 2004 CIP includes funds for street, storm sewer, parks, recreation, community service, library system and fire safety improvements.

The progress of these improvements can be seen in all sectors of our district. The following charts and other information indicate the status of monumental 2004 CIP projects in District 5:

Neighborhood Streets		Status	Year Bond Construction
Street	Limit		
Andrew Avenue.....	Elgin Street to Booker T Street.....	Complete.....	2008
Canberra Court.....	Thannish Avenue to Berry Hill Drive.....	Complete.....	2008
Canton Drive.....	Meadowbrook Boulevard to Craig Street.....	Advertised.....	2008
Chickasaw Avenue.....	Shackleford Street to Miller Avenue.....	Construction.....	2007
Church Street.....	Louise Street to Handley Drive.....	Advertised.....	2008
Dallas Avenue.....	Benton Avenue to E Lancaster Avenue.....	Complete.....	2008
Donalee Street.....	Reed Street to MLK Freeway.....	Complete.....	2006
Eastover Avenue.....	Avenue N to Ramey Avenue.....	Construction.....	2008
Forbes Street.....	Miller Avenue to Hatcher Street.....	Construction.....	2008
Griggs Avenue.....	Forbes Street to E Berry Street.....	Construction.....	2008
Halbert Street.....	Craig Street to Routt Street.....	Advertised.....	2008
Hatcher Avenue.....	Quails Lane to Hardeman Street.....	Construction.....	2007
Heitt Court.....	West Dead End to Canton Drive.....	Complete.....	2008
Heitt Court.....	Weiler Boulevard to East Cul De Sac.....	Complete.....	2008
Hitson Lane.....	Meadowbrook Drive to Acapulco Road.....	Complete.....	2007
S. Hughes Avenue.....	Ida Way to MLK Freeway.....	Complete.....	2008
Ida Way.....	Hillside Avenue to South Hughes Avenue.....	Complete.....	2008
Jennifer Court.....	Eastland Street to Eastland Street.....	Construction.....	2007
Killian Street.....	Shackleford Street to MLK Freeway.....	Complete.....	2006
Langston Street.....	Strong Avenue to Burton Avenue.....	Complete.....	2006
Liberty Street.....	Calumet Street to Willie Street.....	Complete.....	2008
Lois Street.....	Sydney Street to East Dead End.....	Construction.....	2007
Millet Avenue.....	Bishop Street to Campbell Street.....	Construction.....	2008
Millet Avenue.....	Wallace Street to Dillow Street.....	Construction.....	2008
Norris Street.....	Crouch Avenue to East Dead End.....	Construction.....	2007
Saunders Road.....	Marie Jones Road to E Loop 820 South.....	Construction.....	2008
Sun Valley Drive.....	East Loop 820 to Kay Drive.....	Complete.....	2008
Sydney Street.....	East Berry Street to Reed Street.....	Construction.....	2007
Winnie Street.....	Dallas Avenue to South Hampshire Boulevard.....	Complete.....	2006
Whitehall Street.....	Miller Avenue to Pate Drive.....	Construction.....	2007
Van Natta Lane.....	Muse Street to Janice Lane.....	Advertised.....	2008

## City Arterial Projects

- The planned reconstruction of East Rosedale between US 287 and Stalcup is being led by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Construction was set to begin in 2011. However, this start date may be pushed back due to a funding shortfall for the \$40 million project. The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has committed to assist, and city staff continues to actively work with NCTCOG to identify the source of additional funding.

## Major Drainage Projects

- The Central Handley drainage project is complete.
- The Trinity Boulevard culvert improvements project was previously delayed due to permitting requirements with both the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Coordination with new development projects has also been required, as developers intend to build a housing development adjacent to the project. Negotiations with the engineering consultant for the design of the Trinity Boulevard culvert improvements began once again in late 2008. The results of initial studies have led to an expansion in the project, and additional project costs will be covered by the Storm Water Utility. Construction is contingent upon receipt of permits, but is anticipated to begin in Fiscal Year 2010.

## Bridge Replacement

- Design is set to begin on the Cravens Road Bridge over Wildcat Branch Bridge. Construction is expected to start in early 2010, and be completed late 2010

## PACS Projects

Project	Status
Replace existing deteriorated ballfield lighting systems by upgrading centralized computer lighting control system software for citywide fields .....	Complete
Englewood Playground renovation .....	Complete
Handley Park Playground renovation .....	Complete
Post Oak Village Reserve Park development .....	Complete
Village Creek Park Parking improvements .....	Complete
Handley Park security lighting.....	Construction
Eastbrook Park Playground renovation.....	Bid Phase
Prairie Dog Park Road & parking replacement.....	Design
Martin Luther King Park ballfield lighting replacement.....	Not Started

## Fire Service Improvements

- Construction bids were opened for Fire Station No. 27. It is anticipated that construction will start in early 2009 and the new station will open in the spring of 2010.

## Public Health Facilities Improvements

- Construction of the Spay and Neuter Surgical Clinic is nearly complete. A grand opening ceremony is being planned for February 21, 2009, and the facility will be named in honor of Chuck Silcox, the long-time Fort Worth Councilmember.

## 2007 Critical Capital Needs Program

Street	Limit	Status	Year Bond Construction
Bideker Avenue .....	MLK Freeway to Bishop Street .....	Design.....	2008
Bright Street .....	E Berry Street to Reed Street .....	Design.....	2008
Burton Avenue.....	Vaughn Boulevard to Campbell Street.....	Design.....	2008
Avenue M .....	Miller Avenue to S Hughes Avenue .....	Design.....	2008
Edgewood Terrace South.....	Judy Lane to Hampshire Boulevard.....	Design.....	2008
Valley Vista Drive .....	100 S of Hwy 10 to E Hurst Boulevard (Hwy 10).....	Design.....	2008
Capers Avenue .....	Stalcup Road to Farrel Lane.....	Design.....	2008
Osborne Lane .....	S Hampshire Boulevard to Old Handley Road .....	Design.....	2008
Ramson Terrace.....	Maceo Lane to Truman Drive .....	Design.....	2008
Plant Avenue.....	Craig Street to Cravens Road.....	Design.....	2008

## Watch your City Council meetings online!

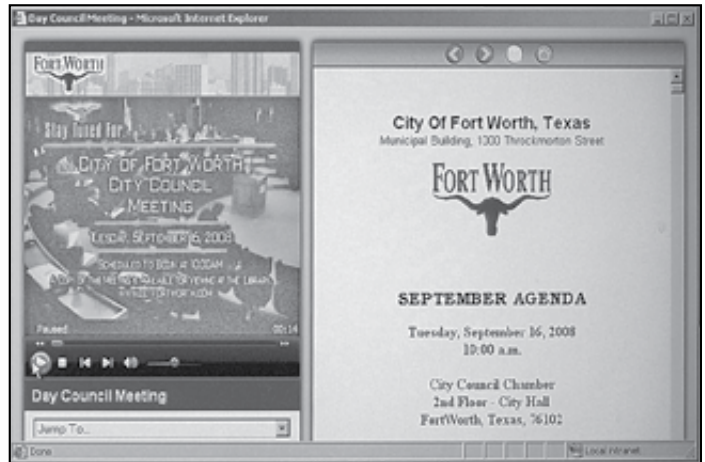
If you recently missed a television broadcast of the Fort Worth City Council meeting, you can now use any computer connected to the Internet to watch live and archived broadcasts of public meetings and other Municipal Channel programming.

Fort Worth's Municipal Channel, which until now has been available only to cable subscribers, is now streamed seven days a week, 24 hours a day at [www.fortworthgov.org](http://www.fortworthgov.org). A link to the service is available on the site's home page.

Interested in just one item on a City Council agenda and don't have time to sit and monitor the playback to see just that 10-minute section? No problem. City Council videos are now indexed to the meeting's agenda. This function is like skipping to a "chapter" on a DVD.

This video streaming project was initiated by the council to offer residents and non-residents additional convenient access to information.

NOTE: There are some minimum software requirements for a computer to view the video stream. Check the city's Web site for more details.



## But wait, there's more!

For those residents who subscribe to AT&T U-Verse, the Fort Worth Community Access Channels are now available on channel 99. Once channel 99 is selected, use the drop down menu to pick the channel that you want to watch.

## Meet Fort Worth's new Police Chief: Jeff Halstead

Following a nationwide search, City Manager Dale Fisseler announced the appointment of Jeff W. Halstead as the new Fort Worth police chief. Halstead began his new duties in December.

A 20-year veteran of the Phoenix Police Department, Halstead most recently served as police commander, Homeland Defense Bureau, in that department. He succeeds Police Chief Ralph Mendoza, who retired earlier this year after a 35-year career with the city of Fort Worth.

"This has been a tough decision because we had a number of outstanding candidates, but I believe that Jeff will provide the leadership we need as we enter



a new era of labor relations, and that he will continue to make improvements to an already efficient department," said City Manager Dale Fisseler. "Protection of our residents remains our highest priority."

Halstead began his law enforcement career with the Phoenix Police Department in 1988 as an officer. During his career there, he served as police sergeant responsible for media relations, traffic enforcement and field training. He also held the rank of lieutenant over several other city bureaus and units.

Halstead has a bachelor's in law enforcement administration from Ottawa University in Arizona and a master's in educational leadership from Northern Arizona University.

Earlier this year, Halstead received the U.S. Attorney's Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee's Award for excellence as part of Arizona's planning team for Super Bowl XLII in addition to serving as the police department's lead planner for that event.

## Get Connected

Residents can now register to receive information and news from the District 5 office directly by e-mail. All you have to do is go to [www.fortworthgov.org](http://www.fortworthgov.org) then click on the "Government" tab on the top of the screen. Next, scroll and click on the "Frank Moss (District 5)" tab on the right-hand side. On the top right-hand side of the next screen under "District 5 News" go to "Subscribe" and click on "E-mail" and create a profile. It's that easy.

# Helpful Numbers

This section is included to help residents find direct access to some of the most needed services in the communities.

<b>Trash, recycling, brush, bulky waste</b> .....	Environmental Management .....	817-392-3279
<b>Barking dogs, animal abuse, dead animal, lost or found pet</b> .....	Animal Care and Control.....	817-392-3737
<b>High weeds and grass, junk vehicles, debris, open and vacant structures</b> .....	Code Compliance .....	817-392-1234 <a href="http://www.fortworthgov.org/codecompliance">www.fortworthgov.org/codecompliance</a>
<b>Sidewalks, speed bumps, school zones, curbs</b> .....	Transportation and Public Works.....	817-392-8100
<b>Water service, billing, sewer issues</b> .....	Water.....	817-392-4477
<b>Permits, inspections, licensing</b> .....	Planning and Development.....	817-392-7820
<b>Construction services, engineering</b> .....	Engineering.....	817-392-8306
<b>Housing services, concerns, complaints</b> .....	Housing.....	817-392-7540

## *We want to hear from you!*

Please use this form to send your comments about pressing issues in our District. You can remain anonymous if you choose. Once you have completed this form, place it in a stamped envelope and mail it to: The City of Fort Worth, Council District 5, 1000 Throckmorton St., Fort Worth, TX 76102. You can also submit comments or suggestions by e-mail at [district5newsletter@fortworthgov.org](mailto:district5newsletter@fortworthgov.org).

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