

## City Council approves incentives for second phase of Stockyards development

City Council approved an incentive for Fort Worth Heritage LLC – a joint venture between Majestic Realty Co. and Hickman Companies – to develop Phase II of the Fort Worth Stockyards along with development partner M2G Ventures.

The site will be located between East Exchange Avenue, Stockyards Boulevard and Packers Street.

The major mixed-use development will include 300,000 square feet of new commercial space, new full-service hotels with 500 rooms, a 295-unit multifamily property, and two or more below-ground parking garages to support Cowtown Coliseum, the Fort Worth Herd and other area improvements.

The first phase of the Fort Worth Heritage project focused on Mule Alley and Hotel Drover, and was incredibly successful – increasing the area’s property value to \$225 million and bringing significant new sales tax to the City of Fort Worth. Tourism in the Stockyards has also increased from 3 million to 9 million visitors annually over the past decade.



## Heritage and Paddock Parks project secures \$1 million gift

Downtown Fort Worth Initiatives Inc. announced a \$1 million gift from the Amon G. Carter Foundation for the Heritage and Paddock Parks project. This funding, combined with the \$36 million in donations, pledges and park bond approvals already secured, propels the total fundraising initiative towards the \$50 million goal.



The two parks, just north of the historic Tarrant County Courthouse, have been studied for more than 10 years. Park improvements include the renovation and reopening of Heritage Park Plaza, improved street crossings at the courthouse, an ADA-accessible canopy walk down the bluff connecting downtown to the Trinity River, and other enhancements to Heritage Park.

Heritage Park is the location of the original Fort Worth army outpost, and Paddock Park was once a line of blufftop mercantile buildings. Park exhibits will reach into history, telling the stories of prehistoric undersea creatures, dinosaurs, the rise of mammals, and the appearance of humans in what is now North America. The exhibits will continue into the present day.

## September serves up opportunities for savings with WaterSense products

The Environmental Protection Agency’s WaterSense program offers guidance and products to help Fort Worth properties reduce water usage and promote sustainability. Here are a few ideas to get you back on schedule for water savings this fall:

**Before Sept. 5 (Labor Day):** Returning to work after a summer break is the perfect time to implement water-efficient practices at your business or office. The WaterSense at Work guide provides comprehensive strategies to enhance water efficiency in the workplace.

**Mid-September:** As children settle into their school routines, it’s crucial to incorporate water-saving habits into their daily lives. Simple actions, such as turning off the tap while brushing teeth, can make a substantial difference.

**Sept. 22 (first day of fall):** With cooler temperatures approaching, students can take on the role of “leak detectives” at their schools. Identifying and reporting water-wasting fixtures helps maintain efficient water use. Schools can adopt WaterSense-recommended practices to fix leaks promptly, reducing water waste and promoting a culture of conservation.

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## WORTH KNOWING



Two buildings in the former **Butler Place** public housing community and a nearby school will be preserved as Historic and Cultural Landmarks. The designation covers buildings at 1715-1750 and 1801-1825 Stephenson St., which represent examples of public housing architecture associated with Butler Place, and a former school at 1201 E. 13th St., built in 1909 to serve the Black community.



**Hughes House**, a new housing development in the Stop Six neighborhood, received more than \$4 million in federal funds to support construction. The community is named after the late Fort Worth basketball coaching legend Robert Hughes. The apartment community will be built in three phases. Hughes House Phase 1 is currently under construction.

The 56-year-old air traffic control tower at **Meacham International Airport** has been selected for replacement as part of a nationwide infrastructure upgrade. The tower, commissioned in 1968, is among 31 across the country selected for replacement and is the only one in Texas. The current tower stands 54 feet, while the new structure will be 120 feet, improving the line-of-sight for air traffic controllers and overcoming visual obstructions on the airport grounds.

## WORTH GOING



A new public art installation, *East Rosedale Monument Project*, transforms a vintage transit bus into a way of talking about the history of buses in the civil rights movement and preserving that history. Engraved panels in the bus shell focus on the stories of people who protested the policies of segregation and fought for justice and equality in Fort Worth. The artwork is near the corner of East Rosedale Street and Evans Avenue.

🔗 [fwpublicart.org/project-highlight-east-rosedale-monument-project/](http://fwpublicart.org/project-highlight-east-rosedale-monument-project/)