

THE NORTHWEST BEAT

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Prevent the Holiday Shopping Steal

As holiday shopping gets more intense, numerous surveys report a rise in thefts—porch package thefts, online shopping thefts and thefts from cars. Protect yourself and your presents this holiday shopping season with common sense and a few tips from the pros.

Porch Piracy Prevention

- Sign up for email alerts from the shipper, so you know when packages arrive. Contact a neighbor to retrieve packages if you can't.
- Have packages delivered to your work address, self-service locker or to a store near your home. Most large shippers and Amazon don't charge extra for locker service or in-store pickup.
- Instruct delivery persons to put packages behind a planter or at a back door, so they're less visible to thieves.



Online Shopping Security

- Shop with reputable retailers, businesses you've used before or ones you vet through the [Better Business Bureau](#).
- Never shop on public Wi-Fi, where hackers can discover your personal information.
- Look for the lock icon on the left of the browser bar before entering financial info. The shopping site should start with "https" rather than "http" if it's secure.



Shopping Area Theft Prevention

- Don't leave shopping bags—or anything of value—inside your vehicle. Always place packages in the trunk.
- When returning to your car after shopping, be alert. Have your key ready; don't be on your phone. Scan the parking lot for anyone lurking or looking suspicious.
- Beware of helpful strangers. Someone pointing out a flat tire may be trying to distract you.
- As soon as you're in your car, lock the doors.

Report thefts on the [Fort Worth Police Department webpage](#) or by calling the police non-emergency phone number 817-392-4222.

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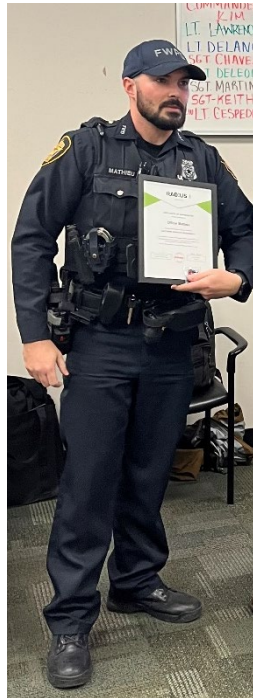
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Northwest Officers Recognized for Outstanding Service

Four Northwest officers were commended last month for their help stopping burglaries at two Northside businesses. Representatives of Radius Security, a commercial security company, attended the midnight shift roll call to present certificates of recognition to Officers Vincenzo Floyd, Jason Macha, Jordan Mathieu and Zachary Briseno for their assistance.

On Oct. 8, Officers Mathieu and Briseno responded to a Radius Security alarm call at Cowser Tire and Service, locating the suspects and recovering burglary tools, gloves and ski masks as evidence.

On Sept. 29, Officers Floyd and Macha, along with Smith Protective Services responded to an alarm call at Cowtown ReTreading. The officers located the suspects' vehicle, which led to their arrest.



Patrol Officers Vincenzo Floyd, Jordan Mathieu and Jason Macha received certificates of recognition and appreciation from Radius Security representatives. Officer Zachary Briseno, recognized but not pictured, was attending a training the night of the presentation.



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Community Open House Concept Offers One-on-One Answers and Assistance

Come-and-go, casual, no PowerPoint presentations or boring speakers! That's what was planned for our Oct. 19 Community Open House at Northside Community Center. Police, city and community partners staffed more than 20 exhibit tables to answer your questions and share information about their free programs. Visitors enjoyed it so much—we plan to do it again. Stay tuned for a date and location near you...



Left to right: A split-screen monitor showed how Real Time Crime Center cameras scan for vehicles and license plates wanted in connection with crimes. FWISD explained educational programs and security measures. Transportation & Public Works had maps of flood-prone areas.



Left to right: Northwest Division Police Commander Jason Kim talked with residents one-on-one about issues in their neighborhoods. Sgt. Deleon explained how bike patrols help prevent crime where officers in vehicles can't easily maneuver, such as parks and The Stockyards. City, police and Workforce Solutions offered hiring and job training information.



At left: District 2 Councilmember Carlos Flores attended.

At right: Two tables offered Neighborhood Services program information.



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Children at Alton Park Apartments enjoyed an old-fashioned cake walk and seeing a firetruck.



Awesome decorations at Azora Ranch Apartments.



NPOs Gonzalez, Massey and Martinez visited with Cahoba-East Lake Worth residents.



National Night Out, the annual celebration that promotes getting to know your neighbors as a way to fight crime, was held Oct. 3, 2023. Thanks to all the northwest Fort Worth neighborhoods who put on events. Take a look, get some ideas, then mark your calendar for Oct. 1, 2024.



Lt. Lawrence hit the do-it-yourself candy apple bar—a creation of Crestwood Place event organizer Maria Cabrera.



Firefighters, Commander Kim, NPO Skelton and Councilmember Hill with Crestwood COP members.



Fair Oaks Apartments residents enjoyed a meal together in the community room.

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We tried our best to drop by every National Night Out celebration in the Northwest Division, but it was a tall order! Thank you to the more than 20 groups that organized events. your neighbors is crime prevention at its best!



Volunteers were the key to success as The Landings at Marine Creek hosted dinner, games and treats.



A neighbor's corner front yard was the perfect place to set up the party in North Beverly Hills.



NPO Moreno showed off his patrol car for kids at Remington Point. The HOA also had a petting zoo.



North Side Neighborhood Association teamed up with Northside Community Center for food and fun.

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The Landing invited Fort Worth and Tarrant County officers. The neighborhood reported its biggest NNO turnout in years.



Far Greater Northside Historical NA partnered with North Tri-Ethnic Community Center, offering treats and recruiting new members.



At Sabine Place Apartments, NPO Johnny Gonzalez handed out prizes to kids who answered his safety questions correctly.



Villas of Marine Creek welcomed NPO Lamb with a "We Back the Blue" sign.

Neighborhood Awards Deadline Dec. 17

Do you know a Neighborhood Patrol Officer who's done an outstanding job this year? It's time to nominate them for a City of Fort Worth Neighborhood Award! The deadline for nominations is Sunday, Dec. 17. Get the form [here](#) or call the city's Community Engagement Office at 817-392-6201. **Hot tip:** it helps to submit photos. Let us know if you need a photo of your NPO from our newsletter by emailing Dot Kent at dot.kent@fortworthtexas.gov.

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Northwest Police Division In the Schools

Officers love visiting schools for career days or special occasions. Please make requests three weeks in advance.

The after-school program at W.J. Turner Elementary invited NPO Massey to Show and Tell on Oct. 5. Students enjoyed showing off the school's fall garden.



Patrol Officer Duncan Marek and NPO Dustin Lamb handed out junior police badge stickers and "I'm NOT a Bully" wristbands at Dolores Huerta Elementary School's Trunk or Treat Oct. 26.



Commander Kim and NPO Moreno greeted fans of all ages at Boswell High School's First Responder Night at Pioneer Stadium Oct. 6.



The Tough Stars Fall Festival at JP Elder Middle School featured a basketball game between police and firefighters plus a food giveaway. Both events Oct. 27 supported Fort Worth education. That's Councilmember Chris Nettles above in red and Lt. Delano in photo at right.

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NPO Skelton is a regular visitor at Diamond Hill North Side Youth Assn. games. She says her friend Ayden Ramirez always gives her a hug.



Thanks to Northwest YMCA for inviting us to their Fall Spooktacular Oct. 14. Kids who answered a safety question got to choose a prize.



Northwest Police Lt. Allen Delano enjoyed meeting La Raza Unida Fort Worth Car Club members at the Diamond Hill Pyramid Benefit Car Show & Trunk or Treat Oct. 21.



It was hard to tell real officers from costumed ones at North Tri-Ethnic Community Center's Trunk or Treat, but we think that's NPO Massey on the left.



NPOs Martinez, Skelton and Gonzalez handed out flying discs and answered questions at a safety fair at Lowe's, 3500 NW Centre Dr.

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Oct. 16 was a beautiful day for Councilmember Macy Hill's Walking Town Hall at the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge. Lt. Delano, Commander Kim and NPO De Los Santos (taking the selfie) joined in.



At the North Branch Boys & Girls Club Halloween celebration Oct. 27, NPO Velasquez thwarted a double alien abduction.



Lockheed Martin Family Day returned in a big way Oct. 14, and Northwest NPO Dustin Lamb was among officers attending.



The Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce drew a crowd Oct. 27 at the Northside Boys & Girls Club, 2000 Ellis Ave. Check for future "Coffee with the Chamber" networking events [online](#).

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Help Fight Fraud Against Older Adults

The Federal Trade Commission's October 2023 report to Congress shows a significant rise in fraud against older adults. The report says adults ages 60 and over reported losses of \$1.6 billion to fraud in 2022. Because the majority of fraud is not reported, the FTC estimates older adults' overall losses could be as high as \$48 billion.

The most common ways older adults lost money were:

- Investment scams, up 175%.
- Business impersonation scams, up 78.
- Tech support scams, up 117%.

Help the older adults in your life by watching for and sharing these tips:

Pay the safest way – Credit cards remain the safest way to pay for online or in-person. Federal law limits your liability to \$50 if someone makes unauthorized charges on your account.

Don't share personal info – Never give your personal information to someone who calls or emails you. If someone claims they need to verify your name, birthdate, address, social security number or credit card number, hang up or click delete. The call or email is likely a scammer.

Recognize the signs – Scammers and fraudsters often pressure you to act immediately, claim you've won a prize, offer to fix a problem or give you a deal. They often tell you to pay in a specific way such as gift card, cryptocurrency or wire transfer. Don't do it!

Before taking any action, tell a friend or family member what happened. Talking about it could help you realize it's a scam. The [Federal Trade Commission](https://www.ftc.gov) has more information and resources online.



Stop scams that target older adults

Share what you know:

ReportFraud.ftc.gov

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NPO Moncada answered questions from North Side Neighborhood Association members at their regular meeting Oct. 12. The association also posts meetings live on its Facebook page, so members can attend virtually.



At North Beverly Hills Neighborhood Association meeting Oct. 17, NPO Massey reminded residents that leaving cars or trucks running in cold weather is an open invitation to thieves. Cold seats are better than a stolen car!

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Panel Discussion Enlightens COPs

Every month, Northwest Citizens on Patrol members gather for a meal, fellowship and to learn something new. COP Coordinator Sandra Jones invites speakers on a wide variety of policing and community topics. October's meeting featured a panel discussion with our own Lt. Allen Delano, longtime Crestwood COP leader Frank Diaz, NPO Dustin Lamb and Commander Jason Kim. COP members got to ask questions and hear answers about why chain of command is important in police work, how different police divisions work together on certain types of case, school safety, how to recruit COP volunteers and more.



Northwest Police Division bid farewell in October to Patrol Officer Matt Thornton, who's moving from Fort Worth to help with the family farm in Oklahoma. But he's not leaving the profession. He plans to join reserve officers to help keep the peace in his new hometown.

Holiday Stress is Real: Safeguard Your Family

There are many reasons for holiday stress. The Northwest Police Division reminds gun owners to store your guns safely to keep children, visiting family members and others safe. *Guns should be locked, unloaded, and stored separately from ammunition.* The Fort Worth Police Department continues to offer free gun locks. Pick up yours at Northwest Police Division, 4651 N. Main St., Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. These cable locks, provided by Project Child Safe, can be used on most firearms. For more gun safety info: www.projectchildsafe.org

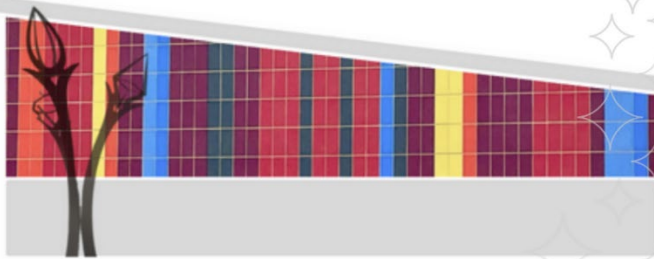


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Diamond Hill Community Center Grand Opening

& dedication of Rising Strong
by artist Elizabeth Akamatsu



Saturday, November 4, 2023

Ceremony at 10 a.m.

Open house to follow till 1 p.m

1700 NE 37th Street, Fort Worth, Texas

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Turkey Bingo

\$1 PER BINGO SHEET
(4 cards per sheet)

**Friday
November 17th
6 p.m.**

Come join us for food and fun as we host our Annual Turkey Bingo Event!

North Tri-Ethnic Community Center
2950 Roosevelt Ave.
Fort Worth, Tx., 76106

For More Info:
Call 817-392-5200
NTECC@fortworthtexas.gov

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HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

HELPING THE KIDS IN OUR Community

DONATE NEW UNWRAPPED TOYS

NOVEMBER 13TH TO DECEMBER 11TH	DROP OFF AT NORTH MAIN SECTOR 4651 N MAIN
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GIFT CARDS OR CASH DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED

FOR INFORMATION OR IF YOU NEED US TO PICK UP TOYS CALL 817.392.3528

Save the Dates

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Community Events



Emergencies
(active crime, medical need)

9-1-1

Non-Emergency Police
817-392-4222

Code Violations/City Services
817-392-1234

Suicide Crisis Hotline
9-8-8

Social Services Resources
2-1-1

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The **MyFW** app is the quickest way to report issues to the City of Fort Worth. After downloading the free app to your smart phone, use it to report street lights out, potholes, graffiti, damaged traffic signs, high grass and more. Provide the location, a brief description and upload pictures if you can. Once submitted, the request goes directly to the appropriate city team for a quick response. You can even view the status of your request and be notified when it's complete. You may also call **817-392-1234** to submit reports.



If you're unable to call 911 in an emergency, text your emergency and address or location to 911 immediately.

The Tarrant County 911 District has launched **text to 911**. Tarrant County residents can use the service to request first-responder assistance. The 911 service cannot receive photos, videos or audio clips. Language translation services are not available when texting.



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Services



You can dial **2-1-1 (or 877- 541-7905)** to find information about resources in our Fort Worth community. Dial 211 for help finding food, housing, child care, senior services, crisis counseling, substance abuse treatment, employment services and much more. A part of the United Way HELPLINE.



Crime Stoppers tipsters are 100% anonymous. Often those who witness a crime, see or hear suspicious behavior or talk, or suspect someone of wrong-doing won't reach out in fear "being involved" in a crime, fear of retaliation or having to appear in court. The Crime Stoppers' system is set up to be 100% anonymous and confidential, giving every resident the safety and freedom to make their community a better place to live.

To learn more about how Crime Stoppers works and rewards offered for tips, check out this link: <https://469tips.com/how-it-works#anon>