

THE NORTHWEST BEAT

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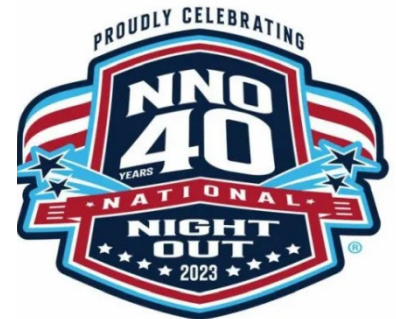
October 2023

National Night Out is Oct. 3

We look forward to seeing you and your neighbors on Tuesday, Oct. 3 as we celebrate National Night Out, the annual event that promotes partnerships between police and the communities we serve. Neighborhood Patrol Officers and command officers will try their best to visit every gathering that registered with the Fort Worth Police Department.

Didn't register? You can still hold your event or just turn on your porch light and walk the block after dinner, saying hello to any neighbors you meet. Getting to know your neighbors is one of the best ways to prevent crime where you live. Contact Crime Prevention Specialist Dot Kent for help planning a NNO event for next year:

Dot.Kent@fortworthtexas.gov or 817-392-3537



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Save the Date!

¡Guarde la Fecha!

October 19 Community Open House

Northwest Police and City Council District 2 invite you to a casual, come-and-go event to share your concerns and get answers to questions. Visit exhibit tables staffed by multiple police and city departments.

Community Open House
Thursday, Oct. 19
6-8 p.m.
Northside Community Center
1100 NW 18th St.

Get information on animal issues, bike patrols, community centers, city council, cleanups, crime & prevention, flooding issues, homeless, jobs, libraries, park projects, traffic, road projects, water projects and more!

19 de Octubre Jornada de Puertas Abiertas

La policía y el consejo del distrito 2 te invitan a un evento de ida y vuelta para compartir sus inquietudes y obtener respuestas a sus preguntas. Visite las mesas de exhibición atendidas por varios departamentos de policía y de la ciudad.

Jornada de Puertas Abiertas
Jueves, 19 de Oct.
6-8 p.m.
Northside Community Center
1100 NW 18th St.

Obtener información sobre problemas con animales, patrullas en bicicleta, centros comunitarios, ayuntamiento, limpieza, delincuencia y prevención, problemas de inundaciones, personas sin hogar, empleos, bibliotecas, proyectos de parques, tráfico, proyectos de carreteras, proyectos de agua y más.

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Bike Patrols Coming to Northwest Division

With its wide-open parks and lakes, winding river trails, commercial corridors, residential neighborhoods and crowded tourist destinations, the Police Department's Northwest Division has a wide variety of terrain to cover. Getting there in a traditional police vehicle can be a challenge sometimes.

This past summer for example, officers had to hike a six-mile trail along Marine Creek Lake in search of a suspect. After catching him, several officers suggested it was time to take a closer look at using bicycles to patrol trails, lakesides, parks and even The Fort Worth Stockyards. To make it happen, officers would need bikes, gear, training and the funds to pay for it all. Thanks to several generous community groups, it's coming together: donated bikes and funds for helmets, uniforms and training. *(See donor photos, next page.)*

In September, nine additional officers completed certification, learning slow-speed skills for riding in crowds, crowd control techniques, using a bike as a self-defense tool, bike safety and repair, nutrition and how to perform basic police functions while operating the bicycle as a vehicle. Expect to see more officers on bikes this fall, when crowds or rugged terrain call for them.



On recent bike patrol in the Fort Worth Stockyards, Sgt. Deleon and Lt. Delano helped two homeless persons find resources and several tourists find their way.



Traffic cones set up in an empty warehouse give bike trainees practice maneuvering in tight spaces.



Bike patrol training includes equipment safety checks and how to make repairs.



At left, trainees practice maintaining balance at slow speeds. It's harder than it looks!

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Thank you! Generous community groups donate bicycles and funds for Northwest PD bike patrols.



At a September city council meeting, Bike the Blue presented new bicycles to Northwest Division Police bike patrol officers. The donation was the result of a summer fundraiser at Cowtown Bowling.



Former Mayor Betsy Price was among those at FWPD Bike Support Group's "Shoot for the Blue" at Defender Outdoor Clay Ranch. The clay shoot and dinner at Reata Restaurant raised more than \$103,000 for bike patrols.



Thank You for Your Service

One of Fort Worth's original Citizens on Patrol volunteers, Wanda "June" Morton, passed away Aug. 31, 2023. She served in the Northwest Division's Code Blue Citizens on Patrol for more than 30 years.

June's dedication will be missed. The Crestwood resident's community service also included running neighborhood polling stations for decades to make sure everyone could vote.



Northwest police thank The United Lowrider Council of Tarrant County for hosting a First Responder & Military Appreciation Chill & Grill Sept. 17 at Marine Park. Pictured in front of a nice ride are NPO Ralph Salazar, Sgts. Deleon and Martinez and Commander Kim.



Officers were proud to support Texas Rangers & DPS Day Sept. 20 in the Fort Worth Stockyards. The event was part of the 200th anniversary of Texas Rangers.

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Friday Night Lights: Chisholm Trail High School Honors First Responders



Northwest Division Police were among first responders honored at center field during Chisholm Trail High School's Sept. 15 First Responders Night at Rangers Stadium.



Back the Blue wristbands were a hot item! Officers handed them out to fans as they entered the stadium.



Players received congratulations from Fort Worth Police and City Councilman Carlos Flores at the Sept. 9 Sabine Jarvis Little League fall season opener.



The Panthers Police Hockey Team made it to the United Armed Forces Hockey Classic championship Sept. 2-3, but lost 2-1 to the Arlington Fire Department. An Oct. 14-15 matchup at ICE at the Parks Arlington benefits disabled veterans.

TOUGH STARS GIVE BACK
PRESENTS

TOUGH GUYS

2023

4TH ANNUAL
BASKETBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

A DAY OF SLAM DUNKIN' FUN!
Friday, October 27, 2023 | 5 pm to 8 pm
JP Elder Middle School
709 NW 21st Street Fort Worth, TX 76164
DRESS CODE: BRING YOUR A GAME

A COMMUNITY EVENT FOR ALL

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Lt. Delano chats with northwest Fort Worth residents during Coffee with a Cop at Revive Coffee & Café.

Historic Site Welcomes Conversation and Coffee with a Cop

Thanks to Revive Coffee & Café owner Cassie Warren and manager Noble Menchaca for hosting our most recent Coffee with a Cop. The café is located at 2503 Roosevelt Ave. in the Historic Koldin House, built in 1913 by Anton Koldin Sr., a Czech immigrant and former manager of the Stockyards. The Warren's careful renovation of the home will receive a Preservation Project Award Oct. 19 from Historic Fort Worth.



Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Association President Carlos Canizares speaks with Commander Kim at our Sept. 23 Coffee with a Cop event.



Registration is Open for Fall Cleanup

Team up for the [Neighborhood Litter Stomp](#) and help clean up streets, parks or other public spaces near your community 8-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14.

Not sure where to volunteer? Consider joining [one of the seven hub locations](#), including one of the newest one at Avondale-Haslet Rd. in far north Fort Worth.

Signing up for Neighborhood Litter Stomp is easy, and Keep Fort Worth Beautiful provides free supplies to the first 1,000 registered volunteers! [Click here for Neighborhood Litter Stomp info and registration!](#)

A clean community is a safer community!

Crime Prevention Month Tips HOME SAFETY



Keep your outdoor lights on at night.



Change the locks of your new home/apartment.



Leave spare keys with a trusted neighbor.



Have a friend get your packages when you're away.



[NCPC.org](#)



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Cops & Bobbers Pairs Officers with Kids

The Fort Worth Police Athletic League, or PAL, is a mentoring program that brings youth and officers together—in this case, through fishing. Northwest Division's Cops & Bobbers event was Sept. 30 at Casino Beach and paired 8- to 12-year-olds with an officer buddy to teach them how to fish.



After fishing, it was time for a group photo and lunch. Officers cooked hotdogs and hamburgers for the hungry anglers.



What a catch! Cops & Bobbers allows kids to learn a new skill, build their self-confidence and make new friends with some of Fort Worth's finest.

Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge Run/Walk

Join Councilmember Macy Hill for a running and walking town hall at the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge, 9601 Fossil Ridge Rd.

Monday
October 16, 2023
5:30-6:30 p.m.

We will meet at the Hardwicke Interpretive Center (9601 Fossil Ridge Road, FW 76135) and walk/run down Fossil Ridge Road to Buffalo Road to Shoreline Dr. and back again, all within the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge. Participants are encouraged to bring a water bottle and dress appropriately for the weather.



Councilmember Macy Hill



Thanks to plenty of volunteers, there was at least one adult per child, which allowed for both safety and some quality one-on-one time.

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Officers Share Knowledge, Training with Mexican Counterparts

About 900 miles southwest of Fort Worth in the Mexican city of San Diego de la Unión, a small police force works to keep its 40,000 residents safe. The Mexican officers have received expert police training from a handful of Fort Worth officers, including NPO Ricardo De Los Santos. "I've been there seven or eight times over the years," said De Los Santos. "I think the officers get a lot out of it."

Travel and lodging are paid by San Diego de la Unión, and De Los Santos uses his vacation time. The most recent training in August included lessons on collecting crime scene evidence, disarming suspects and using patrol cars, motorcycles and other police equipment for protection and life-saving.

Editor's note: Last month, we told you Northwest NPO Ricardo De Los Santos' son received the Police Department's Life Saving Award, but the elder De Los Santos was unable to attend the awards ceremony. Here's why.



Officer Ricardo De Los Santos, far left, explained strategy, before showing Mexican officers how to safely disarm suspects.



The Church of San Diego de la Unión is a local landmark. Officers say the hourly bell chimes are beautiful but often awakened them at night!



Fort Worth Officer Xavier Morales demonstrates how to collect and process fingerprints from evidence found at a crime scene.



Experts say training local police in Mexico, can help curb violence that may spill across the border into the U.S.

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Chuseok: Korean Thanksgiving Celebration



Commander Kim, Asst. Chief Sparrow and Deputy Chief Mahaffey were among police who attended a Sept. 23 Korean Thanksgiving Festival at Forest Hill Civic Center, organized by Fort Worth Tarrant County Korean Women's Association.



Children learned to make traditional Korean treats at Chuseok, Korean Thanksgiving. It's a major mid-autumn harvest festival celebrating the good harvest and a time to visit with family and remember ancestors.

Northwest Division Police in the Community

Thank you for inviting us to your community events, especially the many cultural celebrations such as the Hispanic Heritage Parade pictured at right. We can't always make it, but we'll try!

These events help everyone get to know and understand the diverse people who make up our Fort Worth community.

If you'd like your Neighborhood Patrol Officer (NPO) to visit your event, association, crime prevention group, business or civic club, please email or call them directly. Find NPO contact info on the last page of this newsletter. If you'd like a crime prevention presentation or exhibit table, please contact Crime Prevention Specialist Dot Kent at dot.kent@fortworthtexas.gov or leave her a message at 817-392-3537.



NPO Massey joined NPO Skelton at Sam Rosen Elementary School's after-school program. Officers talked about bullying and when and how to dial 911.

Trick or Treating Safety Tips:

- Stay close to friends & family
- Bring a light source (make sure it's charged)
- Stick to sidewalks & crosswalks



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Scam Alert: CHIP Children's Health Insurance

With some Medicaid Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage ending after the pandemic, the government may reach out to update your family enrollments. But scammers may try to get to you first. So how can you spot them? To protect you and your family from scams:

1. Remember that **CHIP won't charge you to renew or enroll**. CHIP may reach out by email, phone or text messages to renew coverage — but they won't ask you to pay. They also won't ask for personal financial information, like your bank account or credit card number.
2. **Don't click on links in text or email messages**, even if it looks like the message is from your state's Medicaid agency. That's a scam. Go to [Medicaid.gov](https://www.Medicaid.gov) to find your state's Medicaid agency. Then contact that agency to get more information.
3. **Start at [HealthCare.gov](https://www.HealthCare.gov)** to compare insurance plans, coverage and eligibility. The site requires information about your monthly income and age to give you a quote—but not financial information such as bank account or credit card number, that's a scam.
4. **Medical discount plans are not medical insurance**. Scammers often pitch medical discounts by claiming they're the same as insurance. They're not and offer very little in return.

If you spot a CHIP scam, report it to the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ReportFraud.ftc.gov).



Need to renew your family's CHIP coverage?

CHIP won't ask you to pay to renew. But scammers will.

[Medicaid.gov/renewals](https://www.Medicaid.gov/renewals)

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

The graphic features a teal background with a white text box containing the main message. To the right is an illustration of a family (two adults and a child) with a stethoscope around their necks. At the bottom left is the Federal Trade Commission logo.



KIKI'S CLUB

ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

EVERY MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

STARTING OCTOBER 2ND

11 AM - 1 PM

AGES: 18 & UP

Prepare for a day of Fun & creating memories, and taking part in a variety of enjoyable activities. Here's what to anticipate:

- ✓ Gym Activities
- ✓ Arts N Crafts
- ✓ Field Trips

Fort Worth

North Tri-Ethnic Community Center
2950 Roosevelt Ave., Fort Worth, Tx., 76106
(Must Have a City of Fort Worth Membership)

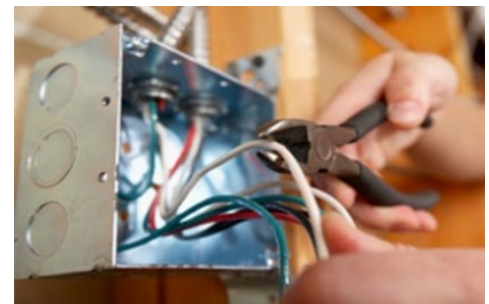
817-392-5200
NTECC@fortworthtexas.gov

The poster has a dark blue background with colorful illustrations of a treehouse, a child running, and a kite. A circular inset shows a man holding a sign that says "ALL I WANT TO DO IS PLAY".

Need Help? Home Repair Program is Expanding

Fort Worth's Neighborhood Services Department will receive more funding for its [Priority Repair Program](#) that helps low-income families make critical repairs so they can stay in their homes. Without the program, residents would have to take out loans to pay for repairs to keep their houses habitable.

Applicants who are elderly and households with young children will have priority. Water line fixes are the most needed. During winter months, heating becomes important.



Electrical issues, sagging subflooring and broken water heaters are also addressed.

For more information contact Neighborhood Services [Priority Repair Program](#) online or call 817-392-7548.



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

BEAT	NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL OFFICER	EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
C11	SALAZAR, R.M.	rafael.salazar@fortworthtexas.gov	817-996-0406
C12	DE LOS SANTOS, R.	ricardo.delossantos@fortworthtexas.gov	817-991-8463
C13	SKELTON, M.	magdalena.skelton@fortworthtexas.gov	817-992-0170
C14	GONZALEZ, J.	johnny.gonzalez@fortworthtexas.gov	817-925-2505
C15	ZENTENO, J.	jose.zenteno@fortworthtexas.gov	817-929-8959
C16	MONCADA, O.	oscar.moncada@fortworthtexas.gov	817-944-2725
D11	MASSEY, K.	kirk.massey@fortworthtexas.gov	817-994-3408
D12	LAMB, D.	dustin.lamb@fortworthtexas.gov	817-999-6104
D13	MARTINEZ, S	sergio.martinez@fortworthtexas.gov	817-996-2702
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D NPOs	SGT. MARTINEZ, I	isaac.martinez@fortworthtexas.gov	817-682-3072



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.



TEXAS
Health and Human
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>