



Dear members:

We did it! West Meadowbrook Neighborhood Association has been nominated for two Fort Worth Neighborhood annual awards, Spirit of Fort Worth and Health and Wellness. Winners will be announced at a luncheon in Feb.12. WMNA applied for the first time in many years in 2021. WMNA's submitted entries were for National Night Out and the first Walk & Roll community celebration in Oakland Lake Park.

National Night Out at Reby Cary Park



Short term rental ordinance reconsidered

Fort Worth City Council is beginning the process of reconsidering its ban on short term rentals of less than 30 days. Short-term rentals are better known as Airbnb or VRBO properties offered to visitors for weekends or short stays. Investors are buying homes in single family neighborhoods and converting them to this type of property despite the prohibition on such activity. Fort Worth has not enforced its ban unless neighbors complain. Now the city led by Mayor Mattie Parker is getting serious about adapting to a changed environment for single family neighborhoods.

Many options are on the table that would regulate these properties or restrict them to certain zones in the city. If you have thoughts on the existence of investor-owned properties offered for short term rental in West Meadowbrook, please contact Mayor Mattie Parker, District 8 City Council Rep. Chris Nettles, and other City Council members to express your thoughts. Email addresses are located [here](#). Or send an email to wmnanews@gmail.com so that WMNA knows your position.

Public Improvement District 2021 Report

Daniel Haase, Public Improvement District Board Member, provided a 2021 [year-end report](#) on improvements in East Fort Worth and [reduction in vagrants](#) along East Lancaster. East Fort Worth's PID security team is adds an extra layer of protection to the East Lancaster corridor.

Central Hotel on East Lancaster

Ongoing criminal activity at Central Hotel, 5800 East Lancaster, has drawn a response from the city. On January 12, 2022, a letter was sent from the city attorney's office requesting a formal meeting with the owner of the motel. Once a meeting has been scheduled, the city attorney's office and FWPD will meet with owners to discuss options for abate crime at this location and the recourse the motel faces owners do not comply with requests and criminal activity continues.

In the event owners do not comply with the city/PD requests, a petition would be filed to temporarily and/or permanently shut down the hotel.

Volunteer opportunities

Reading Partners is seeking virtual and in-person volunteers to work with students in Fort Worth ISD. Volunteers are trained to work with the same K-3 grade student for a minimum of one hour each week. It's rewarding, fun, and makes a HUGE difference in each student's academic success. No experience is required and volunteers follow a structured lesson plan. A team member from Reading Partners is always present to lend support. Go to <https://readingpartners.org/volunteer-north-texas/> to sign up. Contact jennifer.quick@readingpartners.org with questions.

Sensory Garden upkeep at the Reby Cary Youth Library takes two hours tops. Eastside Community Garden and WMNA partner on regular work days. A quick weeding and pruning keeps the small area looking good for the children who visit. Sign up for a week [here](#).

Reby Cary Youth Library Sensory Garden Work Day



Dues are due

Renew your WMNA membership [online](#) or mail us an application with a check. It's \$18 well spent to help the neighborhood prosper. Dues go to support the organization's operations,

communications and event planning. Business memberships are available, too. \$100 for a Basic membership and \$250 for a Gold.

Update: The City of Fort Worth has launched a new online tool called CFW Permit Assist

This website will walk you through a series of questions to help determine if your project is allowed on a specific property in the City of Fort Worth. [CFW Permit Assist](#).

Quarterly program schedule

West Meadowbrook met in January to hear about progress on the Oakland Lake Park Fosdick Lake dam repair and timeline. The full presentation by Tonda Rice, project manager, is on [Facebook](#). Plans are underway to do a neighborhood cleanup of the lake's floor and surrounding area now that the water level has been lowered for construction. Registration for upcoming [Cowtown Cleanup](#) on March 26 ends Feb. 18. Our next meeting will be the weekend of May 21-22 with the annual picnic and Walk & Roll, a fun, family event in Oakland Park begun last year to celebrate the sidewalk that now encircles the park. A confirmed date and time will be confirmed later this year. We could use your help with planning. Contact us at wmnanews@gmail.com if you're interested in wrangling kiddos at the bike rodeo or setting yard signs to promote the event.

In 2022, WMNA moved to a quarterly schedule. After the May Annual Picnic & Walk & Roll, meetings will follow on the third Monday in August (meeting) and in October. WMNA will continue to support National Night Out in October.

Remember key dates for upcoming elections

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2022 Primary Election - Key Dates

- Last day to register to vote or change address
January 31
- First day to vote early in person
February 14
- Last day to apply for vote-by-mail ballot
February 18
- Last day to vote early in person
February 25
- Election Day and vote-by-mail ballot receipt deadline
March 1

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