



June 23, 2022

**Dear members:**



### **Eastside YMCA to Have New Life**

The YMCA of Metropolitan Fort Worth announced in June that as part of its Vision 25 plan the Eastside YMCA, 1500 Sandy Lane, will become a Community Impact Center under the YMCA umbrella. YMCA CEO Mike Brown announced the change at an annual volunteer celebration. A budget of \$10 million is set to repurpose the Eastside building and property. Congressman Marc Veasey has already secured \$2.5 million in appropriations toward the goal.

### **Short Term Rental Ordinance Under Review**

The Fort Worth City Council is currently reviewing an ordinance prohibiting short-term rentals in residential areas. Rentals of less than 30 days are allowed now only in certain high density and commercial areas. A proposed ordinance change is expected in August or September. If you are for or against allowing AirBnB style rentals in your neighborhood, please contact your representative, District 8 Rep. Chris Nettles. To educate yourself on the issues, check out [Texas Neighborhood Coalition](#) and [Fort Worth STR Alliance](#) for both sides of the argument. If you have questions, please email [wmnanews@gmail.com](mailto:wmnanews@gmail.com) for more information. The issues around this potential change are complex and will affect neighborhoods long-term. East Fort Worth Alliance, representing 15 neighborhoods on Fort Worth's East Side, is part of a coalition, United Neighborhoods of Fort Worth, working on the issue on behalf of neighborhoods.

### **Tabor Farms to Supply Fresh Vegetables to Riverbend Bistro**

[Tabor Farms](#), one of five urban farms operating in Fort Worth, will provide Riverbend Bistro, 7251 Stoneway Drive N, with fresh vegetables from its harvests.

Tabor Farms was founded by Pastor Elvis Bowman, senior pastor at Greater Mt. Tabor Christian Center in southeast Fort Worth. Bowman is an advocate seeking to address local food disparities in his community. Using a fraction of the almost 50 acres the church owns, he founded Tabor Farms with the desire to bring people together while also improving their quality of life.

The urban farm is located just 6 miles south of Riverbend Bistro and uses bio-intensive regenerative growing methods with organic soil amendments and pest control measures.

Spring 2022 crops include:

• Greens (Kale, Collards, and Mustard) • Bacchus Radishes • Purple Top White Globe Turnips • 1015 and Southern Belle Onions • Celebrity, Early Girl and Cherry Tomatoes • Yukon Gold and Red La Soda Potatoes • Provider Green Beans

Summer 2022 crop: • Yellow Squash • Blackeyed & Purple Hull Peas • Okra • Watermelon

Plans for Fall 2022 include reprising many of the Spring 2022 crops while adding: • Bloomsdale Spinach • Sugarsnax Carrots

### **East Lancaster Avenue Set to Receive \$182 million Investment**

[East Lancaster Avenue](#) could benefit from a \$182 million boost to revitalize the former economic corridor, improving accessibility and mobility. Using new federal and state funds, East Lancaster would have access to high-speed internet and better pedestrian and bike lanes. The multimillion dollar initiative is designed to address the area's safety, economic, environmental and equity.

### **Upcoming programs**

**July 11** – Governing Council board meeting online. 11 a.m.

**Aug. 15** – FWPD Chief Neal Noakes will speak to WMNA/Central at 7 p.m., Meadowbrook Poly Methodist Church, 3900 Meadowbrook Drive.

**Sept. 24** – Mindful Market and Farmer's Market At Texas Wesleyan University

**Oct. 4** – National Night Out Fort Worth at Reby Cary Park. Building on last year's award-winning event in cooperation with Reby Cary Youth Library, WMNA plans to expand its activities for families. In 2022, the FWISD STEM truck will be a special attraction.

**Oct. 17** – Texas Parks & Wildlife to Speak on Fosdick Lake fish population and recreation.  
Annual meeting of WMNA.

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