



June 12, 2023

District 11 Elects Jeanette Martinez to City Council

Jeanette Martinez will be the first City Council representative for District 11, a newly formed district created after redistricting in 2022. She was elected in a runoff with Rick Herring on June 10. Martinez will serve a two-year term and will be sworn in as soon as the runoff election is certified. Martinez, who will be the first Latina to serve on City Council, is Tarrant County Commissioner Roy Brooks executive director. West Meadowbrook is part of District 11.

Trees, 41 to be exact, on Normandy Street

Mike Phipps and Eddie Sakerka decided to participate in the city's free tree giveaway with the goal of lining their street with native species. When the project was complete in May, 41 trees had been planted between the 4400-4500 blocks from Rand to North Edgewood Terrance. Trees planted are a range of different types because of proximity to power lines. Species include Chinquapin Oak, Cedar Elm, Mexican White Oak, Live Oak, Desert Willow, Mexican Buckeye and Lacey Oak.

"It was a long process getting approval from each property owner in addition to getting the locations measured and marked, digging holes and planting trees, but the project is finally completed," said Phipps. He thanked Hannah Johnson with the City of Fort Worth Forestry Department for working with him.

Phipps said the project began with nine residents and 14 trees, all within the 4500 block of Normandy. Once all trees were planted, the Community Tree Program notified him that 29 additional trees had not been claimed. The trees that were available exactly matched the amount needed to finish the street. Special thanks go to property owners who allowed trees to be planted and 12-year-old Hudson Alcala who dug all 41 holes. Alcala will live to see the streets of Normandy Road shaded by mature trees that he helped plant. Phipps and Sakerka will collect rainwater in a portable cistern to help keep the newly planted trees hydrated.

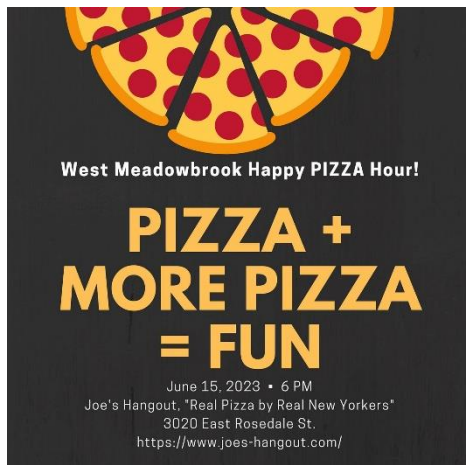
First tree of 41 planted



Volunteers, booths needed for National Night Out

West Meadowbrook Neighborhood Association and Reby Cary Youth Library collaborate annually on the citywide National Night Out public safety and neighborhood block party event. WMNA needs volunteers to help organize booths, giveaways, music, setup, tear down, and sponsorships. Last year WMNA began offering tables to sponsors for a small fee as a fundraising opportunity. Any business in West Meadowbrook can participate, along with neighborhood associations and nonprofits. Please contact [Leslie Shields Botvidson](#) for details on reserving tables and sponsorships. National Night Out is Oct.3, 2023.

Upcoming events



June 15 – 6 p.m, West Meadowbrook pizza party, Joe’s Hangout, 3020 E. Rosedale Street. Another in a series of get acquainted meetings for West Meadowbrook residents.

Aug.21 - 7 p.m., Oakland Lake Park walk and talk with City Departments, MUMC Poly, 3900

Meadowbrook Drive.

September - Officers Slate to be chosen by nominating committee

Oct. 3 - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., National Night Out celebration, Reby Cary Park, 3851 East Lancaster Avenue.

Oct. 16 - Slate presented to membership

Nov. 20 - Officers slate for 2024 voted on by membership.