

THE SUMMERFIELDS SPOTLIGHT

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2021 MAIN ST. Fort Worth Arts Festival Canceled

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The Board of Directors of Downtown Fort Worth Initiatives Inc. (DFWII), producers of the MAIN ST. Fort Worth Arts Festival, canceled the 2021 festival. Due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns and government restrictions on large gatherings, the annual festival, initially scheduled for April 15-18, will not take place this year.



“It’s with a heavy heart that we’ve come to the difficult decision to cancel the 2021 MAIN ST. Fort Worth Arts Festival,” said Nina Petty, chairwoman of the Festivals and Events Committee for DFWII and member of the DFWII board of directors. “The safety and well-being of our festivalgoers, artists, entertainers, vendors, volunteers and sponsors remain our top priority. We had hoped to hold a festival this year; however, public health concerns will not allow us to do this safely. We appreciate everyone’s continued support during these times and look forward to seeing everyone next year.”

MAIN ST. will relaunch April 7-10, 2022. Final plans will be released later this year with overriding consideration given to public health and safety.

“It’s an extremely difficult time for artists and entertainers from across the country,” said Jay Downie, festival producer. “We encourage everyone to visit our [online gallery](#), browse through participating artists and support artists and entertainers who have been severely impacted by nationwide festival cancellations. We especially encourage you to check out MAIN ST. artists from around the Metroplex and aspiring artists who started their exhibition journeys with us as Fort Worth Emerging Artists.”

SNA Presidents Corner



I hope everyone safely got through the cold blast that hit North Texas. I know many of our residents experienced extended power outages, broken pipes, and boil water notices. Our household was very lucky, we never lost power, didn’t have to boil water, and had no damage. All that money I spent to add insulation to the house might have paid off! I hope everyone has remained healthy and those impacted are getting their homes and routines back to some semblance of normalcy. With the extensive damage city-wide,, contractors to conduct repairs will be spread thin. Watch out for con artists when contracting for repairs. See information on page 4 to help avoid being scammed.

I hope everyone eligible has signed up to get the COVID vaccine. My wife and I signed up last month and just received our second shot of the Pfizer vaccine on February 27th. We went to the Texas Health clinic on Jacksboro Highway in Lake Worth. It was more convenient for us than going to the hospital district on Rosedale. I’m happy to report we experienced no serious side effects. All we’ve noticed is a tenderness around the injection area, similar to what we experience with a flu shot. Both our visits to the clinic went very smoothly. Stay well until we can meet again!

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DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Parkview Elementary Construction Slated to Start in April

A construction fence has been erected around the back portion of Parkview Elementary School. This augers the upcoming construction at that site. Most of the current school will be taken down and a new two-story facility will be built on the east side of the property. It will feature lanes in the parking lot along Bayberry for parents to line up while waiting to pick up their children, reducing much of the traffic that currently lines up along Bayberry

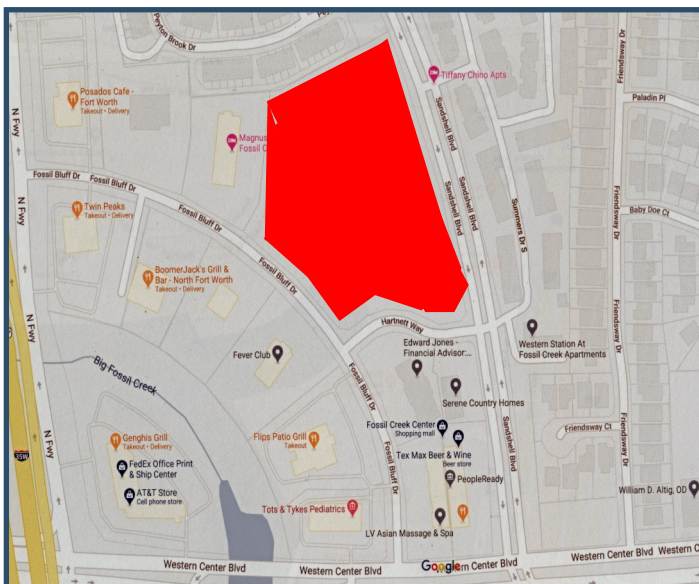
Developments Currently in Progress

Three projects are in different stages of development in our area. We are trying to determine what will be built at these locations, but we know the zoning on these plots of land and feel confident they will be neighborhood friendly developments.

The first is at the southwest intersection of Sandshell and Basswood Blvds. They are currently moving dirt on this acreage. The sign that has been posted on this land for quite some time has stated in was the future site of a car wash. We are attempting to confirm that.

A building is well into construction just across the street by the drive-thru storage facility . We are investigating the building's planned use, but as yet do not know what is going in at that location. We will provide this information when it is available. It has the same zoning as the storage facility.

The third location is the land at 4550 Basswood Blvd., just to the east-of Ace Hardware. Long-time residents may remember that this site originally had a privately run recreational facility with tennis courts and a swimming pool. It went out of business in the early 1990s. For safety reasons the pool was filled in with dirt and the tennis courts removed. They now appear to be removing the old swimming pool and are preparing the site for some sort of development. We are again trying to determine what is planned there. At one time that land was purchased by a plumbing company, but we do not know if they are still the property owners.



Standard Multi-Family Apartments Proposed In Our Area

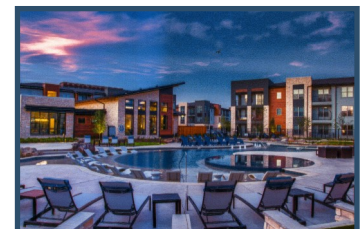
A developer has been working with Councilman Cary Moon and area neighborhood organizations, including the SNA, to construct a 200 unit apartment complex on the land bordered by Fossil Bluff, Hartnett, and Sandshell Blvd. This is the land just to the south of the Carriage Place townhomes who's Association we are supporting.

While the SNA has traditionally opposed new standard multi-family zoning changes, this is not a normal situation. This site is currently zoned G, high intensity commercial. This type of zoning allows several large non-residential facilities such as the Main Event bowling and gaming center in the Presidio Shopping area. Because of the risk of such G-zoned facilities

building on this land, the SNA has conditionally supported this multi-family development.



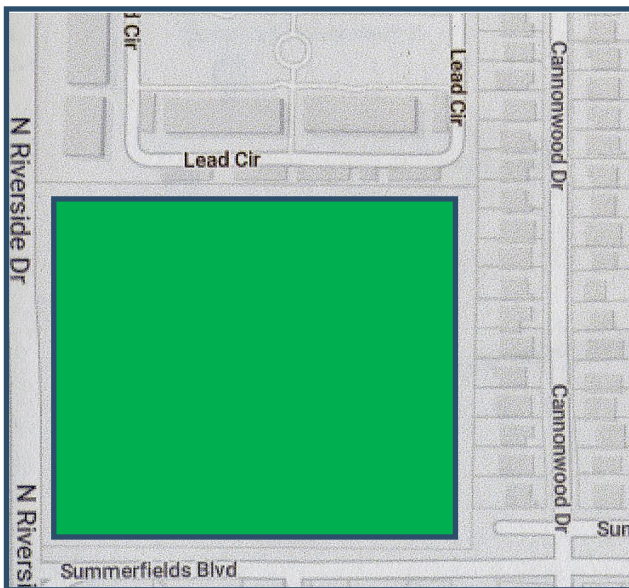
Concept Drawings from the Developer.
Final design is yet to be finalized.



TWO MAJOR SINGLE FAMILY DEVELOPMENTS SLATED FOR FAR NORTH FORT WORTH

The 3,300 single-family home development near Texas Motor Speedway covered in last month's newsletter already has company. Another large development has just been announced. A 2,900 home development is now in the works. This development will be located on Fort Worth land located northwest of Haslet. It is, just north of the existing Sendera Ranch neighborhood. That makes over 6,000 new homes in these two developments, which will house about 25,000 new residents. There will be many more to come.

The economic engine that is Alliance Airport will continue to drive Far North Fort Worth development. Hillwood Development, the builder of Alliance Airport, purchased all the land between the airport and the railhead to its west. The plan is to build a world class logistics center that will attract even more major businesses to our area. There is a very good reason we're seeing all this warehouse construction.



The SNA supported the development of a seniors only (55+) multi-family housing facility on the vacant land located at the northeast intersection of Summerfields Blvd. and N. Riverside Drive. The zoning change request for this facility was approved in August by both the City's Zoning Commission and the City Council.



Concept Drawing

There is no known date for the start of construction, but we'll pass you updated information when we receive it.

Area Road Construction Update

As everyone is probably aware, construction is going full bore on widening N. Riverside Drive to a four lane road from N. Tarrant Parkway south to Basswood Elementary school. This project will also install two traffic circles at the Summerfields Blvd. and Thompson Road intersections with N. Riverside Dr. After a lengthy closure, Thompson Road has reopened to traffic at North Riverside Drive, giving residents easier access when taking to or picking up their children at the Thompson Road Middle School. Please be patient. When completed this will make N. Riverside a four lane road up to North Tarrant. Construction is proceeding well and should be finished, weather permitting, by mid 2021.

A second road improvement project will continue widening N. Riverside Drive from N. Tarrant Parkway north to the existing traffic circle/four lane road at Shiver Road. It is funded and in the design phase. This project will not begin until the current N. Riverside project is complete. This means we have a couple of years before N. Riverside is a four lane road throughout the area.

Other road improvements are planned for the Basswood Blvd. and N. Beach intersection. This project was funded in the City's last Capital Improvement Program and will install two turn lanes in every direction to help alleviate traffic congestion at this busy intersection. No start date is known.

Making Storm Repairs? Beware of Con Artists

Extracted from City Web Site

As the community recovers from the winter blast that did so much damage to homes and businesses, con artists may attempt to take advantage of storm victims.

Here are some tips from the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office to help avoid being scammed:

- Don't hire someone who comes to your door unsolicited.
- Get several quotes before deciding on a contractor.
- Check out contractors online for negative reviews, licensing and Better Business Bureau complaints.
- Never pay in cash, and don't give a repair person money upfront for any reason.
- Don't sign a contract that contains blank spaces.
- Get a written description of work to be done and payments to be made.
- Question any offer that sounds too good to be true.

Tips For Detecting Water Leaks In Your Home

If you think you have a water leak, Fort Worth wants to help you find it.

The city's water conservation staff has posted [online a checklist](#) to search on your own before calling a plumber. It only takes a few minutes to complete.

Many common household leaks are quick to find and easy to fix. Doing so can save money on your water bill.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, 10% of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons a day or more.

The water utility has started notifying customers with a new water meter that the meter is registering continuous water use for 72 hours or more. This may mean there is a private plumbing leak.

Those notifications will continue as data becomes available under the MyH2O program. Customers will be able to see their water use once the customer portal becomes available in the coming months.

Checking your utility bill, conducting a toilet dye test, and checking under sinks, on walls, ceilings and floors for water damage are among the many indoor recommendations.

Outside, check the hose bib for drips and turn on the sprinkler system to look for broken, missing or misaligned spray heads



Our main code issue in Summerfields is solid waste incorrectly placed curbside. Not following the guidelines usually results in waste not picked up, which detracts from the street's appearance and can lead to fines. No one wants to live in a neighborhood with trash sitting by the street for too long. It detracts from the neighborhood's appearance, makes selling homes more difficult, and eventually lowers property values. Because of this the SNA aggressively monitors waste disposal violations and reports them to Code Compliance. We do not like reporting violations that can result in fines, but there is often no alternatives left to us, We much prefer that residents become educated on the City's waste disposal processes, but will not stand idle while trash accumulates in our neighborhood.

The following are the most common violations we observe:

- Plastic bags containing solid waste (including leaves) placed curbside. *Anything in a plastic bag must be placed in the brown garbage cart to be picked up.* Hardware stores sell acceptable paper yard bags for disposing of yard recyclable waste such as clippings, leaves and small branches
- Bulk waste placed curbside too early, sometimes up to three weeks before the next scheduled pickup. Doing so detracts from the street's appearance and could impact neighbors trying to sell their homes.
- Placing bulk waste too close to objects in the yard. Many of the trucks use hydraulic arms to load waste, and if you place it too close to objects such as mail boxes or light poles it may prevent them from picking it up.
- Different types of bulky waste mixed together. Brush and paper-bagged leaves should be separated from furniture and other bulk items. They are picked up by different trucks and go to different locations. Brush and yard clippings are taken to a City facility where along with the paper bags are converted into mulch. This is the main reason they will not pick up yard waste in non-recyclable plastic bags.
- Mixing waste and recyclable items in the Recycle container. Waste and recyclables are picked up by different trucks. Contaminating the Recycle container with household waste will result in the bin not being emptied.
- Placing household and yard chemicals in the recycle or trash containers. These items should be taken to the Environmental Collection Center (ECC) on Bridge Street. You simply drive though, show your driver's license to show you are a Fort Worth resident, and they empty your vehicle for you. See details on the City's web site.
- Placing any electronic item or major appliance curbside for pick up. All electronics should be taken to Brennen Street for disposal. Electronic items such as TVs have integrated circuitry that contain hazardous chemicals such as arsenic. They are disposed of separately so as not to contaminate the landfills.
- Overflowing Waste and Recycle bins. Called "snow cones" because the lid cannot be closed, they can result in the bin not being emptied. Again, the trucks are automated and if the operator feels they cannot empty the container without spillage they will usually bypass the container, thus leaving the resident with another week before it is again eligible for pick up.
- Trash bins left on the street for days after the scheduled pickup date.

Also remember that small limbs (less than 8 feet in length and four inches in diameter) can be placed curbside for pickup with your scheduled weekly trash. Only larger limbs have to wait for the monthly bulk pick up..

BULK WASTE GUIDELINES

Note: Bulk pickup week for Summerfields begins on the second Monday of each month and runs through the following Saturday. Bulk waste should not be placed curbside until the weekend before your scheduled pickup week. For more information we urge our residents to visit the Solid Waste webpage on the City's website (see the link at the end of this article).

The following information was provided by the City of Fort Worth Solid Waste Department:

Bulk collection is once a month. The New guidelines are in place, so brush up before your next monthly collection

The city's Solid Waste Services has new easy-to-follow steps to make residential bulk collection safer and more effective for pickup. (continued on page 6)

BULK WASTE GUIDELINES—Continued from page 5

The goal is to not only collect the waste, but to dispose of it in a safe manner and, when possible, keep it out of the landfill. For example, tree limbs, branches and yard waste are turned into mulch.

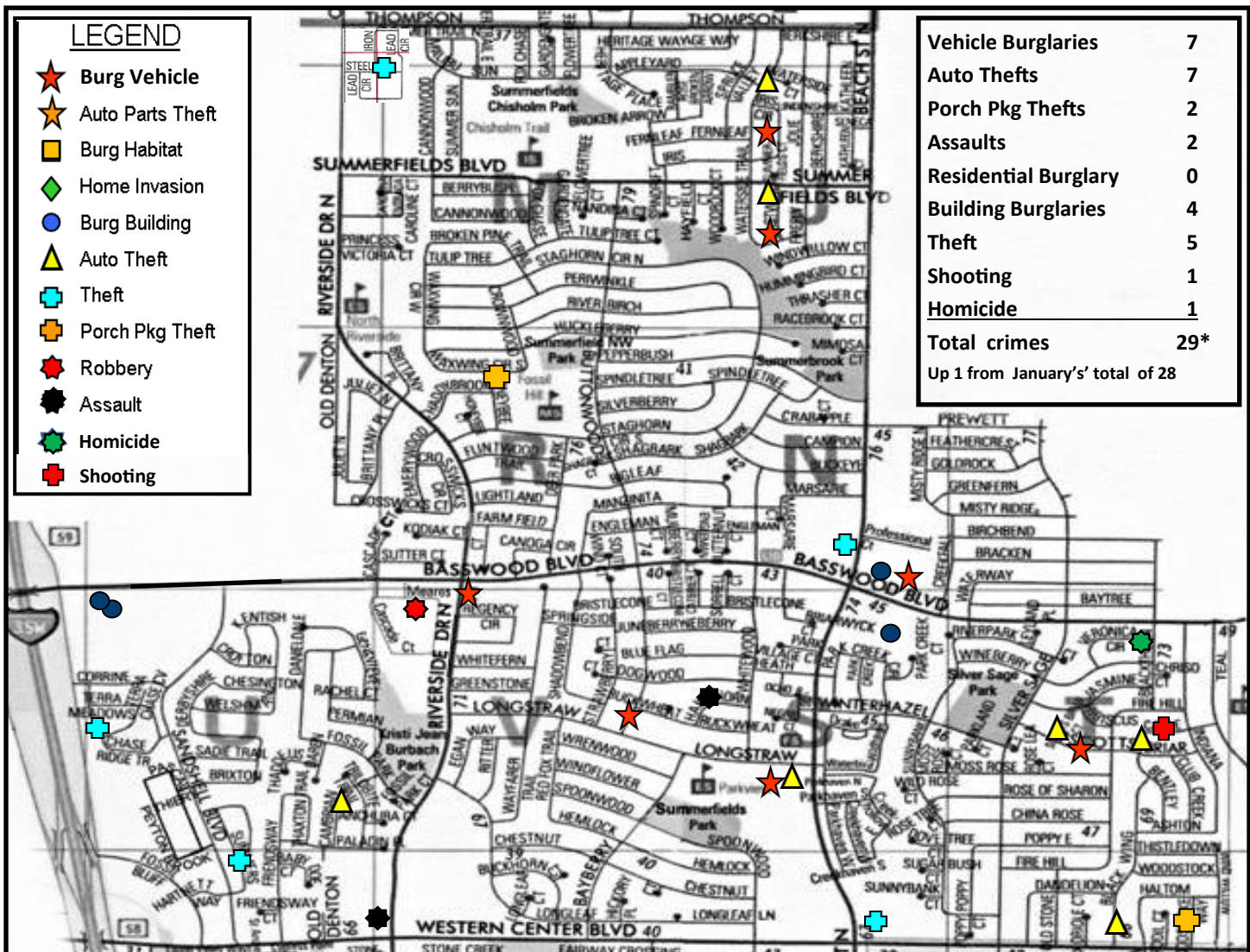
To help curbside pickup go as smoothly as possible, follow the program directions and avoid incurring fines. Here are some best practices and program guidelines:

- Bulk items must be placed on the curb by 7 a.m. Monday of your scheduled collection week. Make sure the pile is not blocked by a vehicle.
- Bulk piles are limited to 10 cubic yards (6 feet by 8 feet by 6 feet), the size of a Volkswagen bug car.
- Plastic bags are not allowed outside the trash cart; residents may incur fines if plastic bags are placed curbside.
- All piles, paper yard waste bags and carts must be separated by at least 2 feet to be collected and to avoid extra fees. No materials can be placed between piles since this creates one large, out-of-compliance pile.
- Any items that fit in the brown garbage cart are not considered bulk and should be put in plastic bags and then placed into the brown garbage cart.
- Large limbs refers to those more than 4 inches in diameter and over eight feet long. Brush smaller than this is considered yard waste and can be collected at the curb on your weekly trash pickup day as part of the yard waste collection program. It must be separated from items like mail boxes, carts, large limbs and any bulk piles

To learn more about the program details, including what materials cannot be set out for bulk collection, check the Solid Waste webpage. <http://fortworthtexas.gov/solid-waste/bulk/>.

Solid Waste Services At-A-Glance					
Questions? Download the Fort Worth Garbage & Recycling App					
	WHEN	HOW	AMOUNT/SIZE	DETAILS	NO
YARD	Weekly on pickup day; set out by 7 a.m.	In paper bags, or optional purchase of green yard cart	Unlimited paper yard bags - 30 gallon size	Place 2 ft. from carts or other objects (cars, trees, mailboxes, water and gas meters.)	No plastic bags or trash
Yard Trimmings Leaves, twigs, grass, shrubs					
Brush, Tied Small Branches	Weekly on pickup day; set out by 7 a.m.	Bundled, tied with string or twine	Unlimited bundles, 8 ft. long, 40 lb. max	Place 2 ft. from carts or other objects	No nylon or plastic straps, ties or wire
Brush, Untied Large Branches	Weekly on pickup day; set out by 7 a.m.	Stacked branches only. All branches should be in one pile	Limited to 10 cubic yards (8 ft. long x 6 ft. wide x 6 ft. tall) max, about size of VW Beetle car. Branches no longer than 8 ft. and up to 4 inches in diameter	Place 2 ft. from carts or other objects. More than 10 cubic yds. collected within 72 hours billed to resident	No stumps, plastic bags, trash, fencing, lumber, or household bulk items
RECYCLING	Weekly on pickup day; set out by 7 a.m.	Unbagged items. Close cart lid completely. Clean, dry and empty items.	As much recycling as can fit with the blue cart lid closed. Second blue cart available on request - free.	May take extras to a drop-off station. Only put acceptable items in the cart. Place 2 ft. from carts or other objects	No plastic bags, Styrofoam, paper towels, food, plastic wrap, electronics, clothes, medical waste
Visit website or app for all items that can be recycled. Blue Cart	Can set cart out after 6 p.m. the day before your pickup day				
GARBAGE	Weekly on pickup day; set out by 7 a.m.	In tied plastic bags inside brown cart. Close lid completely. Place 2 ft. from carts or other objects.	Your choice: a -32, 64- or 96-gallon cart (price varies with size). As many bags as can fit in brown cart with lid closed	Options for extra garbage: 1. Take to drop-off station 2. Upgrade cart size 3. Purchase city-authorized Pay Bags	No unbagged items; no bags outside cart or stacked on cart
Household waste only. Brown Cart	Can set cart out after 6 p.m. the day before your pickup day				
BULK ITEMS	Monthly on pickup day; set out by 7 a.m. the Monday of your assigned week; pickup will be any time between that Monday and Saturday	Stacked on curb in one pile. Acceptable items that are too large to fit in the garbage cart. Separate household bulk and large brush piles	Limited to 10 cubic yds. (8 ft long x 6 ft. wide x 6 ft. tall) max; size of a VW Beetle car. More than 10 cubic yds. billed to resident.	Can be set out after 6 p.m. the Friday before your assigned week. Includes fencing, stumps, lumber in bulky pile. Take extra to a drop-off station	No plastic bags, tires, glass, business waste, electronics, sheet-rock, or appliances with coolant or gas
For items too heavy/bulky for the cart. Visit the website or app for more details. Place 2 ft. from carts or other objects.					
DROP-OFF STATIONS	Open: M-F 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sat 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. (Hours subject to change) Free for Fort Worth Residents	Drop-off Station #1: 2400 Brennan Ave. 76106 Drop-off Station #2: 5150 Martin Luther King Jr. Frwy 76119 Drop-off Station #3: 6260 Old Hemphill Rd. 76134 Drop-off Station #4: 301 Hillshire 76052		Bring a recent water bill, drivers license or other official ID to prove Fort Worth residency	No commercial waste, no rock or concrete
Fort Worth Residents Only. Accepting recyclables, brush, electronics, items for Goodwill and more!					

Summerfields Area Crime Map for February 2021



Summerfields Crime Trends for February 2021:

- The majority of car burglaries (BMVs) were of unlocked vehicles, which remains our most common crime.. It is strongly recommended that vehicles parked outside a garage be locked and nothing left in view from the outside.
- Auto thefts continue to be a problem. Several cars were taken when left unattended while warming up n a driveway.
- We are seeing an increase in violent crimes—assaults, homicides, robberies and shootings.
- While we had no occurrences this month, Fort Worth is still seeing a spike in catalytic converters taken from a vehicle parked outside. The platinum in the converters sells for around \$300 so is a big draw for thieves.
- We had three businesses forcibly entered and burglarized.

Crime Prevention Recommendations:

- If you park your car in the driveway, on the street or in a business parking lot, make sure it's locked. Most car burglaries are of unlocked vehicles. We have car burglars from all over Fort Worth come to our area and police say this is because our area has a reputation among thieves for not securing our property!
- Do not leave anything visible from the outside the vehicle. Doing so could motivate a burglar to forcibly enter.
- Close and lock your garage door. Remember, the door from your garage into your house is usually very flimsy!
- Install motion detector LED lights to illuminate your driveway and property - criminals like the dark.