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UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 21
5 p.m.
City Hall
Council Chamber

Tuesday, July 5
5 p.m.
City Hall
Council Chamber



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Spending a few minutes each month looking through *The Arbor* is a great way to catch up on City news and to get details on upcoming or just-completed projects and events. While this publication remains the best-known source for City information, it is just one of several tools the City uses to communicate with those who live and work in University Park.

In the U.S. 92 percent of adults have a cellphone, nearly two-thirds own a desktop computer and more than 45 percent have an iPad. Due to that level of connectivity, the City has broadened the list of social media platforms we use to distribute information, especially when we have content that is time-sensitive or urgent. Please consider following the City on one or more of our social media platforms.



Twitter - Get timely updates on City issues, projects and events, plus emergency information by following the City on Twitter **@CityofUPTX**. You can also access our latest tweets by going to the City's website homepage at uptexas.org, and clicking on the Twitter logo.



Facebook - Facebook pages for the **Police Department, Parks and Recreation, the Holmes Aquatic Center** and **UP Public Library** provide you with news and information specific to those departments or facilities. You can access them from the City's website homepage.



Nextdoor - Unlike other social networks that connect you with people across the region, or around the globe, Nextdoor centers on neighborhoods, connecting you with people who live within walking distance. Launched in 2010, Nextdoor serves nearly 100,000 neighborhoods across the U.S. Each neighborhood is comprised of about 500 households. In University Park, residents can connect with one of four neighborhoods to find a babysitter, a house painter, a lost dog, or to spread the word about a break-in. Municipalities and public safety agencies across the U.S. have seen the value of using this free platform to communicate with residents. The City created a Nextdoor account last October and we've used it to distribute time-sensitive information to residents dozens of times. You can sign up by clicking on the Nextdoor logo on the City's website homepage.



Instagram - View and share photos and videos posted by the City. Whether it's a gorgeous sunset near SMU or a visual recap of the fun and excitement of another July 4 parade and picnic at Goar Park, Instagram users can follow us at **City ofUPTX**.

- In the past 12 months the City's website has logged more than 650,000 page views.
- City website content is scalable for viewing on all platforms whether you use your desk-top computer, an iPad or your cellphone.

Rotary Club of Park Cities July 4 parade details



Join your neighbors and line the streets of the Park Cities in celebration of the nation's birthday! The annual Independence Day Parade is set for Monday, July 4.

The parade begins at 9 a.m. Parade participants will start lining up at 7:30 that morning near Highland Park Town Hall. The family bicycle judging contest will begin at 8 a.m. at the Park Cities YMCA.

Parade Route

The parade starts on Euclid Avenue and winds through a portion of Highland Park before traveling up Preston

Road, turning right on University Boulevard and ending in University Park's Goar Park.

Family Festival in Goar Park

After the parade, Goar Park is the site of a patriotic family festival featuring music, food, and games. The festival begins about 9:30 a.m. There is no admission charge. So, bring the entire family and join the Rotary Club of Park Cities in honoring America and our community!

For more information, please go to the Rotary Club of Park Cities website at www.parkcitiesrotary.org.

Friday fun - Catch a Dive-In Movie this summer!

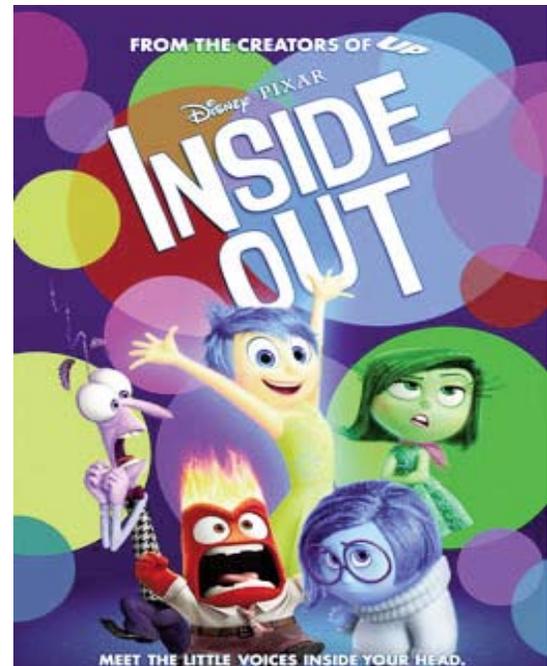


The City's popular Dive-In Movie series starts in mid-July at the Holmes Aquatic Center. Moviegoers are encouraged to watch these shows from the pool. The pool snack bar will be open each night. Admission is free all three nights. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Moviegoers will be admitted beginning at 8:45 p.m. Showtime is 9:15 p.m.

Fri. July 15 -- [Inside Out](#)

Fri. July 29 -- [The Good Dinosaur](#)

Fri. August 19 -- [Zootopia](#)



City news briefs

National Public Works Week observed



Sponsored by the American Public Works Association and observed by municipalities in the U.S. and Canada, National Public Works Week is observed each May. The week highlights the role of public works in our daily lives.

In University Park Public Works includes those who work in Engineering, Traffic, Facilities Maintenance, Infrastructure Maintenance, Right of Way, and Sanitation.

- Each UP Sanitation employee lifts an average of 4 tons a day.
- UP has 74 miles of street pavement, 40 miles of alley pavement, 63 miles of sanitary sewer mains, 25 miles of storm sewer mains, and 463 fire hydrants, all maintained by the Infrastructure Maintenance Division
- UP has approximately 6,000 traffic signs, including 1,374 street name signs.

Warning Siren destroyed by lightning

A severe storm left its mark on Smith Park last month when lightning destroyed one of the City's pole-mounted warning sirens. The unit damaged a section of fence as it fell onto a nearby tennis court.



Each of the City's six omnidirectional sirens generates decibel levels that extend blocks beyond their specific location. The sirens are

used to alert those who are outside to a variety of threats to public safety and property. Most commonly they are activated for tornadoes, high winds or large hail. Until a new unit is operational, the Smith Park neighborhood will be alerted by sirens positioned southwest and northeast of the park.

Help the City control contaminated stormwater runoff

For the past few months crews have been removing silt from the pond in Williams Park. Soon they will start that same process on a



section of Turtle Creek north of City Hall. The effort is part of a multi-phased project that involves the construction of a collapsible dam south of McFarlin, the

installation of a bridge on that section of roadway, and improvements in and near Williams Park. It's estimated that crews will remove 22,000 cubic yards of silt from those two locations at a cost of nearly \$900,000. Comprised mostly of trash, leaves and grass clippings, the silt is the aftermath of stormwater runoff.

Q: What is stormwater?

A: Stormwater is rain that cannot soak into the ground.

As it collects it begins to flow to lower elevations, including storm sewer inlets that are designed to capture runoff. As the stormwater flows to nearby inlets, it picks up contaminants that in addition to the debris mentioned above also contains fertilizers, pesticides, vehicle fluids and pet waste. Stormwater in University Park ends up in all our ponds and waterways.

Q: Can residents help the City minimize polluted runoff and improve the quality of stormwater?

A: Yes. There are several simple steps you can take to help reduce polluted runoff. First, never put things in a storm drain, or fertilize before it rains. Second, don't blow yard waste and grass clippings into the street. It's also a good idea to properly dispose of chemicals and paints, clean up after your pets and wash your vehicle at a commercial car wash so soap and oils stay out of nearby inlets. For more information on this topic, visit the City's website at uptexas.org or wheredoesitgo.com.

2016 UP Firecracker Fun Run

Celebrate America's birthday with a run through the beautiful streets of University Park! On Monday, July 4, before the Park Cities 4th of July Parade, the City of University Park will host its annual "UP Firecracker Fun Run." Designed for participants of all ages and abilities, the run will begin and end at Curtis Park. Start time is 7:30 a.m. The City will provide participation medals for all those who complete the run.



Fun Run registration details:

All participants, regardless of age, must register for the event. Runners 12 and under participate for free. Fun Run t-shirts are guaranteed **ONLY** to those who pre-register. For those who choose to register the day of the event, race t-shirts will be distributed on a first come basis until the remaining shirts are gone.

Preregistration: For participants 13 and over, the fee to preregister is \$15. Monday, June 27 is the last day to preregister, and be guaranteed a shirt. Please **DO NOT** mail forms after this date!

Race Day Registration: Registration the day of the race begins at 6:30 a.m. at Curtis Park. The fee for those 13 and over on race day is \$20.

Please use the form below to register by mail, or register in person at the Peek Service Center at 4420 Worcola Street.

Make checks payable to City of University Park Fun Run.

For more details and a map of the race route, please visit the City's website at uptexas.org, or contact the Parks and Recreation Department office at 214-987-5488.

2016 UP Firecracker 5K Fun Run Registration Form

Please complete one (1) form per family.

Participant Name <small>(Please List Each Person Participating)</small>	Age	T-Shirt Size <small>(Shirts are ADULT sizes only)</small>				
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		S	M	L	XL	XXL
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		S	M	L	XL	XXL
		S	M	L	XL	XXL

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone #: _____

Check Enclosed
 Visa
 MasterCard
 Discover
 American Express

Credit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

Please complete form and mail to: 3800 University Blvd, ATTN: Parks & Recreation, University Park, TX 75205
 Be sure to mail BEFORE June 27th!