



**To the Mayor and Members of the City Council**

**February 6, 2024**

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**SUBJECT: MAYOR'S COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS AND 2023 NEIGHBORHOOD AWARDS**

The purpose of this Informal Report is to provide an update on the Mayor's Community Engagement Workshops and the 2023 Neighborhood Awards. This annual event allows the city to provide training for our neighborhood leaders, as well as to recognize the outstanding work done by our neighborhoods. The Fort Worth Neighborhood Awards were established in 2003 to encourage and recognize outstanding neighborhood participation and projects.

This year's event will be held on March 2 at Doxology Bible Church, located at 4805 Arborlawn Dr. The event will once again be free for participants, thanks to our generous sponsors Central Market and Meritain. Benign

**Event Schedule**

8 - 9 a.m.	Check-in and Exhibits
9 – 11:45 a.m.	Community Workshops
12:30 – 2 p.m.	2023 Neighborhood Awards Luncheon

**Exhibitors**

We will have approximately 30 exhibitors participating in this year's event. This will allow City departments and community organizations to share information with participants. The list of exhibitors is currently being finalized and will be shared with Council once it is complete. If you have a particular organization that you think may be interested in participating, please let us know.

**Workshops**

We asked Neighborhood leaders what workshop topics they were interested in, to determine programming for this year's event. We will be providing three breakout sessions, each providing six workshops during each session. The more popular topics will be offered twice. We will also have a workshop during each session that is offered in English and Spanish.

This year's workshops include:

- Zoning 101 \*\*
- How We're Tackling Litter - Working with the City to Keep Your Neighborhoods Clean! \*\*
- An Update on Homelessness
- City Budgeting 101 – It's a Balancing Act!
- Volunteering: Invest in Your Community and Yourself
- Using Communication & Social Media to Keep Your Neighborhoods Engaged
- Educating Citizens on the Importance of Boards & Commissions
- TPW Infrastructure and Streets – A department overview
- Priority Repair and Community Action Partners – Services & Resources
- Working with FWPD to Keep Our Neighborhoods Safe – Crime Prevention Specialists & Code Blue \*\*
- Handling Difficult Situations and Conversations
- We Have an App for That!
- Making Bad Meetings Better – Robert's Rules of Order
- Community Engagement Office - How Can We Help You?

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**Registration is currently open at [fortworthtexas.gov/engagement](https://fortworthtexas.gov/engagement).** Community Engagement staff is sharing the information with all associations. Please feel free to share with your neighborhoods. The event flyer in English and Spanish is attached.



### **Awards**

Award applications were accepted from November 1 through January 8. We also offered five workshops to help associations complete their applications. We received 48 applications this year from our Neighborhood Associations and HOAs.

Award categories include six group awards and four individual awards:

#### **Group awards**

- Neighborhood Newsletter Award
- Fort Worth Pride Award
- Spirit of Fort Worth Award
- Mayor's Health & Wellness Award
- Mayor's Civic Engagement & Community Collaboration Award
- Neighborhood of the Year Award

#### **Individual Awards**

- Neighborhood Patrol Officer of the Year
- Code Compliance Officer of the Year
- Danny Scarth Trailblazer Award
- Fort Worth Neighbor of the Year



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Judging will be done by community outreach and engagement staff from a neighboring city. Finalists will be notified after the judging is complete. We will also provide a list of finalists to all council members.

If you have any questions about this IR, please contact Michelle Gutt, Director of Communications & Public Engagement, at [Michelle.gutt@fortworthtexas.gov](mailto:Michelle.gutt@fortworthtexas.gov).

**David Cooke**  
**City Manager**

# Join us for the Annual Community Workshops and Neighborhood Awards



THE MAYOR'S  
**community  
engagement**  
**2023**  
WORKSHOPS &  
NEIGHBORHOOD AWARDS

**March 2**  
**Doxology Bible Church**  
4805 Arborlawn Drive

Registration for the workshops and  
luncheon are now open.  
Visit [fortworthtexas.gov/engagement](https://fortworthtexas.gov/engagement)  
to sign up today.

8 - 9 a.m.	Check in
8-noon	Exhibits
12 - 2 p.m.	2023 Neighborhood Awards Luncheon

## Choose from the following workshops:

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There is no charge for this event,  
but registration is required.  
**Don't wait!**  
The event frequently fills up.





# Acompáñenos para el evento Anual de Talleres y Premios Vecinales



THE MAYOR'S  
Community Engagement  
**WORKSHOPS &**  
2023 NEIGHBORHOOD AWARDS

**2 de marzo**  
**Doxology Bible Church**  
4805 Arborlawn Drive

Ya está abierta la inscripción para los talleres y el almuerzo.  
Visite [fortworthtexas.gov/engagement](https://fortworthtexas.gov/engagement) para inscribirse hoy.

8 - 9 a.m. Registro

8-12 p.m. Exhibición

9-11:45 a.m. Talleres

12 - 2 p.m. Almuerzo de Entrega de Premios Vecinales 2023

## Elija entre los siguientes talleres:

- Zonificación 101 \*\*
- Cómo Combatimos la Basura – ¡Colaborando con la Ciudad para Mantener los Vecindarios Limpios! \*\*
- Información Actualizada Sobre los Indigentes
- Presupuesto Ciudadano 101 – ¡Es un Acto de Equilibrio!
- Voluntariado: Invierta en su Comunidad y en sí Mismo
- Utilizar Comunicación y Las Redes Sociales para Mantener a los Vecinos Involucrados
- Educar a los Ciudadanos Sobre la Importancia de los Consejos y Comisiones
- Infraestructura de Transporte y Obras Públicas (TPW por sus siglas en inglés) – Una visión general del departamento
- Reparación Prioritaria y Socios de Acción Comunitaria – Servicios y Recursos
- Trabajando con la FWPD Para Mantener Nuestros Vecindarios Seguros – Especialistas en la Prevención del Crimen y Código Azul \*\*
- Manejo de Situaciones y Conversaciones Difíciles
- ¡Tenemos una Aplicación Para Eso!
- Mejorar las Malas Juntas – Reglas de Orden de Robert
- Oficina de Participación Comunitaria – ¿Cómo Podemos Ayudarle?

\*\*Estos talleres serán ofrecidos en Inglés y Español.

El evento no tiene costo alguno, pero la inscripción es obligatoria.  
**¡No espere!**  
Con frecuencia el evento se satura.