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From Tarrant Area Food Bank

TAFB Returns to Herman Clark Memorial Stadium With Mega Mobile Event Friday, Sept. 8

TARRANT FOOD BANK

Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB), the primary distribution source of donated food for hunger-relief partner agencies and feeding programs in 13 counties, including Tarrant County, teamed up with Hello Fresh just two years ago to begin handing out their *Meals With Meaning* kits to those in need at the mega mobile events.

This meal kit company will celebrate a milestone when they hand out their One-Millionth *Meals With Meaning* meal kit on Friday, Sept. 8 at Herman Clark Memorial Stadium, located at 5201 Ca Roberson Blvd., Fort Worth, TX, 76119, from 8 to 10 a.m.

The site is home of TAFB's first mega mobile event during the pandemic and where the first Hello Fresh meal kit was handed out to those facing food insecurity in Tarrant County.

The Hello Fresh employees from their local DFW distribution center will also volunteer their time to load meal kits into cars, along with Standard Meat Company employees of the locally owned organization who are providing the protein for the meal kits.

About Tarrant Area Food Bank

Through our network of over 450 partner agencies, TAFB provides access to over one million nutritious meals weekly to children and adults facing hunger. Learn more at www.tafb.org

From Atmos Energy

Atmos Energy Reminds Texans That Every Dig Counts

To protect underground utility lines, Atmos Energy has an initiative led by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) to make sure the practice of safe digging is echoed in communities by calling 8-1-1, a nationwide toll-free number, before any excavation project.

Texas law requires homeowners, excavation companies and contractors to call 811 two business days before digging.

Upon calling the free service, the individual is connected to a local call center that notifies area utility companies of the caller's intent to dig. Professional locators then arrive at the digging site to mark the approximate locations of underground lines with flags, spray paint, or both.

"The safety of customers, employees and our communities is our highest priority, and that includes following safe digging practices any time of year," said Jennifer Ries, vice president of Pipeline Safety. "If you hire a contractor to do the work for you, remind the contractor it is their responsibility to notify 811 a few days before starting to dig."

Striking even a single line can lead to injury, repair costs, inconvenient outages, and fines. Every digging project, no matter how large or small, warrants a call to 811. Installing a mailbox, building a deck, planting a tree, and laying a patio are just a few examples of common digging projects that should only be done after calling 811.

The depth of utility lines can vary for many reasons like erosion, uneven surfaces, or the aftereffects of previous digging projects. Utility lines must be properly located and marked even when digging just a few inches or in a location that was previously marked.

For more information about 811 and safe digging practices, visit or Atmos Energy for more safety tips. Natural gas safety is a partnership, and Atmos Energy invites everyone to become a safety ambassador by signing the Call 811 Pledge.

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Fall 2023 Trash Bash Events Scheduled



The Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD) will host three litter cleanups this fall aimed at removing trash and debris from the areas surrounding the Trinity River in Fort Worth, as well as Eagle Mountain Lake and Cobb Park.

The Eagle Mountain Trash Bash will be held on Sept. 9 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Participants at Eagle Mountain will also be provided gloves and trash bags, and be treated to an after-party at Twin Points Park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Trinity River Trash Bash, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16 and feature nine cleanup locations along the Clear and West Forks of the river throughout Fort Worth.



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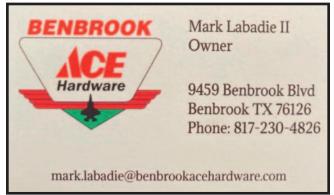
The White Settlement Independent School District (WSISD) is accepting proposals for Walk-In Refrigerator and Walk-In Freezers for Four Campuses. The Request for Proposal - RFP #2324-01 can be obtained on the WSISD website, www.wsisd.com and go to: **Business** Services/Purchasing/Bid Information/Current Offline Bid Opportunities. Please contact Nancy Escobar at nancy.escobar@wsisd.net for inquiries. The deadline for inquiries and questions is Thursday, September 28, 2023 by 2:00 pm. Proposals are due by Thursday, October 5, 2023 by 2:00 pm. Proposals must be sent to White Settlement ISD, Attn: Nancy Escobar, 8224 White Settlement Road, White Settlement, TX 76108. Faxed or e-mailed proposals are not accepted. White Settlement ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

Prior to the event, volunteers will be provided trash bags and gloves in order to safely collect the trash.

Participants can pick up trash anytime between 8 to 10 a.m. and then attend the Trinity Trash Bash Volunteer After-Party from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Coyote Drive-In, located at 223 NE Fourth Street, Fort Worth 76164.

The Cobb Park Trash Bash will also take place in Fort Worth on Sept. 16 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. with an after-party scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 2700 Cobb Park Dr W, Fort Worth, TX 76105.

To find out more information about each cleanup's registration and packet pickup, cleanup locations and after-parties, visit www.trwd.com/trashbash.











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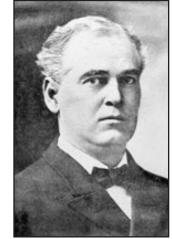
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21st Governor of Texas - Charles A. Culberson by Dr. Ken Bridges

Charles Culberson was part of an influential Texas political family. He would lead a notable career in his own right, serving two terms as governor and three terms in the U.S. Senate.



Culberson was

born in June 1855 in eastern Alabama. Shortly after he was born, his ambitious father, David B. Culberson, moved the family to Texas and set up a law firm in Upshur County and was a state legislator by 1858 and later a United States Congressman from 1875 to 1897.

Culberson graduated from the prestigious Virginia Military Institute in 1874 and earned a law degree from the University of Virginia in 1877. He served as an attorney in Jefferson in East Texas for several years before moving to Dallas in 1887.

In 1890, Culberson made his first run for political office, announcing his candidacy for attorney general. His father's influence as a congressman helped Culberson gain the political traction he needed. As a result, Culberson won the election handily.

Like his predecessor, Jim Hogg, who had ment. since risen to become governor, Culberson attacked the corruption in the railroad industry and the price-fixing practices many railroads used to hurt farmers shipping their crops to market. His popularity by 1894 propelled him to the governorship as well.

As governor, Culberson enacted a number of reforms, just as Hogg had done in the previous four years. He signed laws aimed at combatting monopolies in the state, made modest changes in the judicial system, and gave new powers to the recently formed Railroad Commission in their efforts to regulate railroad practices.

Just as Culberson's second term as governor was ending in 1899, the new state legislature voted to make him the new U.S. Senator from Texas.

of four different committees in his twentyfour year Senate career. Additionally, for Senate Democratic caucus.

For six years, Culberson served as chair- health steadily declining. He died in 1925. man of the powerful Senate Judiciary Committee, which oversaw the Senate's considerations of presidential nominations for federal judges. His committee approved four nominees to the Supreme Court for consideration by the full Senate, including Attorney General James McReynolds in 1914 and Louis Brandeis, the first Jew to serve on the Supreme Court.

That year, Culberson himself faced reelection to the Senate and had to face the voters directly instead of the election held in the state legislature, thanks to 1913 ratification of the Seventeenth Amendment he had supported. Culberson won easily, as he had in most elections so far.

Although Democrats were unable to regain control of the Senate in the 1920 election, Culberson still was able to chair a committee, given his seniority and respect among his fellow Senators. He chaired the Committee on Private Land Claims, a small committee devoted to settling land disputes on property bought from the federal govern-

At the same, he was facing another issue. Culberson was disgusted by the tactics, corruption, and violence of the Ku Klux Klan, which was rising quickly throughout the nation in the years following World War I. He spoke out against the KKK on several occasions, but Culberson's political influence was gradually receding.

Culberson's alcoholism continued to take its toll on him. His grew ill, unable to concentrate on many issues, and he neglected many duties to his constituents in Texas. Constituent service became even more important as the Senate was now elected by the general public rather than state legislators.

In 1922, he faced re-election but was unable to campaign. The KKK threw every-He became an influential member of the thing it had into Railroad Commissioner

Senate. He ultimately served as chairman Earle B. Mayfield, who managed to oust the four-term Senator.

After Culberson's term ended in January two years starting in 1907, he headed the 1923, he stayed in Washington, DC, in general seclusion during his retirement, his

From the City of River Oaks City Council to Meet **Sept. 12**

The City Council of River Oaks meets on the second and fourth Tuesday night of each month, except in December when they meet only the second Tuesday in December.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. in the City Council room located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd.

Agendas for the meetings are available on the City's website.

Minutes of each meeting will also be available on the website once they are completed and posted.





Sept. 11, 2001 **Never Forgotten**

Three Ways to Use TikTok for After-School Learning



While TikTok often gets a bad rap as a time-waster, in reality, there are thousands of influencers on the app sharing content designed to inspire, educate and encourage creativity.

It's no wonder then that a recent survey by Study.com found that one in four Americans use TikTok to enrich their education, with over half doing so because it's easier to understand.

So, rather than tell your kids to stop scrolling, here are three ways to leverage TikTok to enhance your children's learning outside the classroom:

1. Music-making: Did you know that short, digestible TikToks are making it easier than ever to learn to play the piano online?

From @gray_toven, who offers quick tutorials of trending music to @thepianopath, who provides time-strapped prospective piano players tips for getting started, there is an array of content to suit the needs of students looking for instruction and motivation.

2. Language learning: The best way to get fluent in a new language is to hear it spoken aloud and to have actual conversations. Fortunately, there are plenty of TikTok accounts making it easy to pick up new vocabulary, absorb grammar, learn common phrases and even connect with a community of students.

Check out @yospanishofficial, which in addition to quick Tik-Toks packed with tips and short lessons, also offers a weekly role play on Zoom so that students can practice conversational Spanish with others on the same mission.

Or, to get familiar with Chinese words and phrases you'll need in common scenarios, such as ordering food in a restaurant or asking for a Wi-Fi password, @chinesewithyan is a great place to start.

3. Homework help: Students no longer need to do their math homework alone. TikTok "tutors" abound that help guide students through their lessons, often in unique and creative ways.

For example, @melodiesformath explains important math concepts through songs, whereas @your.bummy.math.tutor dishes tips for saving critical time on tests and acing important exams, like the SAT.

TikTok tutors are also familiarizing students with their scientific

or graphing calculator, so they can arrive at the answer quickly and easily with their device. Pair these virtual lessons with the latest in calculator technology.

While TikTok may not seem like a learning tool, by digging a little deeper, you'll find complicated concepts and information explained in bite-sized chunks on a familiar and fun interface.

From the Fort Worth Decorative Painters

FWDP Monthly Meeting Sept. 17

The Fort Worth Decorative Painters will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, Sept. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Center located at 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd in Fort Worth.

Sharlene King will instruct a painted holiday notecard project. For more information contact Suzane at 817-269-2821 or visit our website at www.fwdecorativepainters.com.



Texas Water: Present and Future Needs 2023

With Texas voters preparing to weigh in on a proposed constitutional amendment to help finance water projects, Comptroller Glenn Hegar today announced the publication of his agency's report, Texas Water: Present and Future Needs 2023 (available for PDF download from the website), which echoes critical water issues highlighted in the Texas Water Development Board's (TWDB) latest plan.

"This summer's record-breaking heat has been absolutely brutal on all Texans and has clearly reinforced that our state must ensure we have adequate and reliable water supplies for the Texas economy to prosper and to guarantee economic opportunities for future generations," said Hegar, a member of the board of advisers for the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas, a financial assistance program for water projects designed to conserve existing water supplies and create additional water supplies.

The 88th Legislature this year worked to support state and local stakeholders to ensure water needs are met. Senate Bill 28, the New Water Supply for Texas Fund, was passed to provide financial assistance to TWDB to fund water supply projects that create new water sources for the state, including desalination projects, produced water treatment projects, aquifer storage and recovery projects.

With Texas voters preparing to weigh in on a proposed constitional amendment to help finance water projects, Comptroller is made available by the new water supply projects. This fund will only be established if Texas voters approve Proposition 6 on Nov.

"Extreme weather patterns, aging infrastructure and Texas' daily net migration of 1,000 people necessitate increased attention to the state's water supply," Hegar said. "The Statewide Water Plan and this report set forth actionable strategies and projects that clearly demonstrate how Texas will withstand future droughts, and the New Water Supply for Texas Fund, if implemented, will help ensure a more secure water future for Texas."

From the City of River Oaks

Parks Board Meeting Tonight at City Hall

The City of River Oaks Parks Board will meet tonight, Sept. 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room at City Hall, located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd.

Click here to view the Sept. 7 agenda.

From the Fort Worth Botanic Garden

Free Admission Day at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden

The Fort Worth Botanic Garden, located at 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd in Fort Worth, 76107 offers quarterly free admission days.

The Garden is a place where all are welcome and free admission days offer the opportunity for anyone to make emotional souvenirs here and have a relaxing experience.

The next free admission day will be the first day of Hispanic Heritage Month on Friday, Sept. 15. (*The online registration for this event is over, but you can still attend the free admission day – arrive at the garden between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.*)

We're expecting a large attendance on this day, so please watch the FWBG social media pages for all the available parking areas.

For questions, please contact us at 817-463-4160 or email admissions@fwbg.org.

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Council is scheduled for
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Three Day Weekend Forecast



Friday, Sept. 8:

<u>AM</u> - Sunny and hot; high near 108. SW wind 5 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. <u>PM</u> - A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms after 8pm. Mostly clear, with a low around 79. S/SE wind around 10 mph.



Saturday, Sept. 9:

AM - A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 101. SE wind 5 to 15 mph becoming NE in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

PM - A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly clear, with a low around 76. East wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.



Sunday, Sept. 10:

AM - A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Sunny, with a high near 97. E/SE wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

PM - A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 73. East wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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