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From the City of River Oaks

City Seeks Applicants to Serve on City Boards

The City of River Oaks is currently seeking applicants interested in serving on a City Board.

Interested persons may fill out an [application](#), sign it and either mail it in or return it in person to the River Oaks City Manager at River Oaks City Hall, located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd, River Oaks, Texas 76114. You may also email the completed application to the City Manager at mgregory@riveroakstx.com.

The River Oaks City Council will make appointments at the July 1 council meeting.

From the City of River Oaks

City Offices to Close June 19 in Observance of Juneteenth National Independence Day

City Offices will close on Thursday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth National Independence Day. There will be no residential garbage collection on that day.

Juneteenth, observed annually on June 19, commemorates the day in 1865 when Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, to announce the end of slavery over two years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation.

General Order No. 3 informed the last enslaved African Americans that they were free, marking a significant turning point in American history.

Juneteenth, blending “June” and “nineteenth,” became a celebration of Black freedom, culture, and progress. It was widely recognized in African American communities before becoming a Texas state holiday in 1980.

In 2021, Juneteenth was designated a federal holiday, acknowledging its national importance.

America observes Juneteenth to honor the struggles and achievements of Black Americans, reflect on the legacy of slavery, and continue striving toward equality and justice for all.

From the Parks Foundation of River Oaks

Nominate a Yard of the Month!

The Yard of the Month program promotes goodwill and recognizes residents of River Oaks who demonstrate exemplary efforts in maintaining their homes and yards to enhance the overall appearance of the entire community.

The City of River Oaks Parks Board will manage the program and judging will be done by those members.

For the months of April through September, the Board will choose one yard per month that models curb appeal and beauty.

Yard of the Month candidates will be judged on the total appearance of their exterior property and front yard as viewed from the street.

Criteria for judging will be based on the visual attractiveness, creativity, originality, beautification, and overall maintenance.

Special consideration will be given to landscapes that include a variety of native plant species.

All City of River Oaks residential properties are automatically eligible to be nominated for Yard of the Month.

The upkeep of the yard can reflect the efforts of the residents or that of a professional landscaper or groundskeeper.

The same property cannot receive more than one award in the same calendar year (not including Holiday Decoration Contests).

Winners may be disqualified if their property is in violation of any city ordinances, and must be willing to have photos of their yard published on the Parks Foundation of River Oaks website and social media channels.

Yard of the Month nominations are due by the last of the month to be considered for the following month’s award.

The Parks Board meets on the first Thursday of each month and will vote on nominees.

The Yard of the Month winner will receive a yard sign to keep and is invited to the October City Council meeting to be recognized and photographed with all of the season’s winners.

To nominate a yard, send an email with the address, names of nominee and nominator, and a picture of the nominated yard to parksfoundationofriveroaks@gmail.com.

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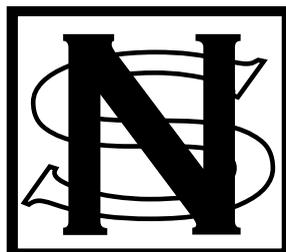
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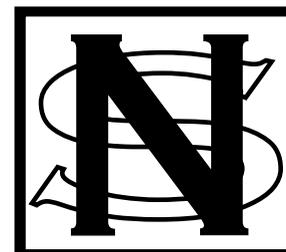
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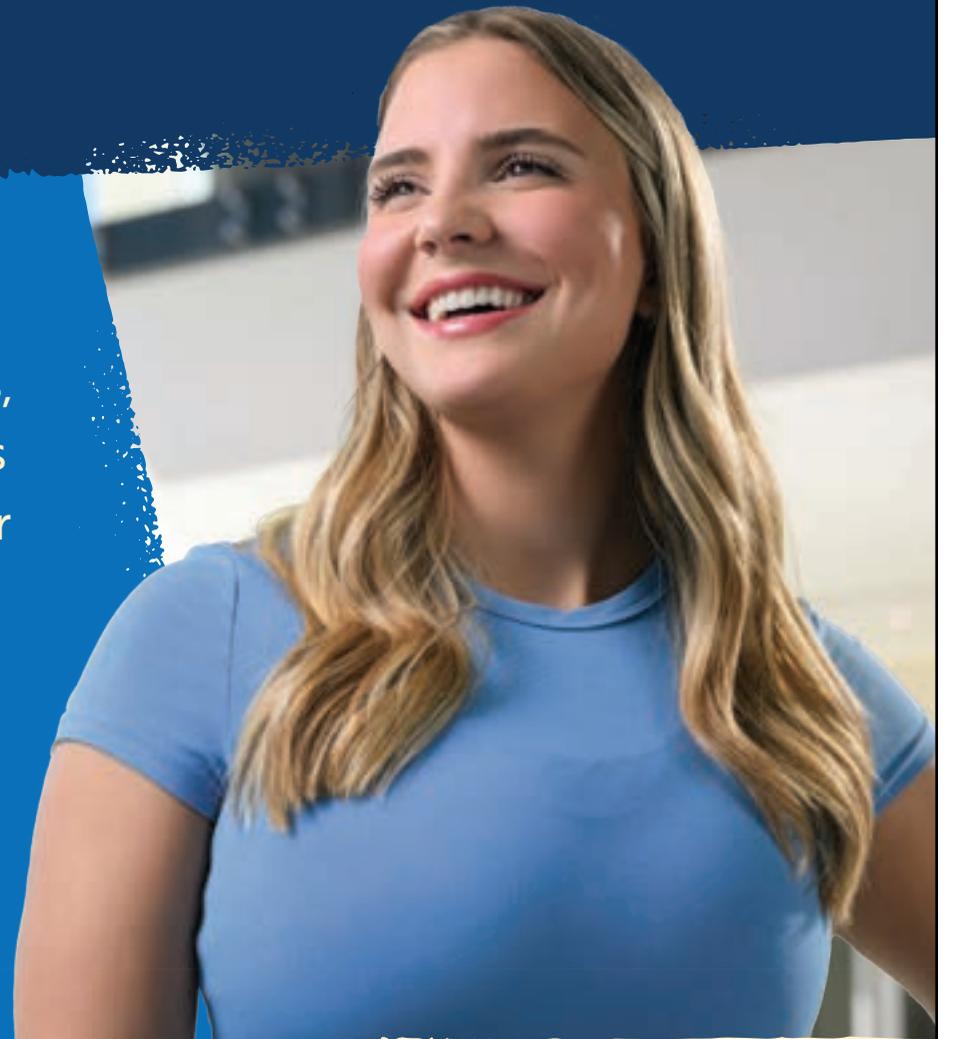
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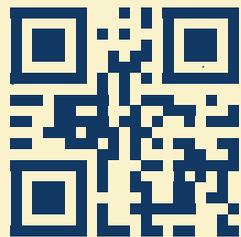
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Today, Tarrant County is one of the most populous counties in Texas.

White Settlement Police Department

CRASE Training Event June 28

The White Settlement Police Department is hosting free training on civilian response to an active shooter event (CRASE).

This event will take place on Saturday, June 28 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Pecan Grove Convention Center, located at 405 N. Las Vegas Trail. This event is open to the public!

CRASE was developed by the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) that was founded in 2002.

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Texas History Minute by Dr. Ken Bridges

Brothers of the Frontier: The Lubbocks' Lasting Legacy in Texas History



Two orphaned brothers headed west in search of adventure and a new life. The story is common in the annals of the frontier. In the case of brothers Francis and Thomas Lubbock of South Carolina, their story would play an important role in Texas History.

Francis Richard Lubbock was born in Beaufort, South Carolina, in 1815 to Dr. Henry and Ann Lubbock. While still an infant, the family moved to Charleston, where younger brother Thomas was born in 1817. Tragedy struck the family in 1829 when their father died. With the family struggling, the 14-year-old Francis quit school to work as a clerk.

In 1835, after the death of their mother, the two brothers moved to New Orleans, where the elder Lubbock worked with a variety of businesses and the 17-year-old Thomas worked as a cotton agent. The revolution erupting in Texas captivated their attention.

Thomas Lubbock and a group of other New Orleans residents organized a unit, the New Orleans Grays, and marched into Texas to support independence. He participated in the Siege of Bexar in late 1835, temporarily wresting San Antonio from Mexican control. After the Texas Revolution, he worked as a businessman and a Texas Ranger.

In 1836, Francis Lubbock followed his brother to Texas and settled in what became

Houston to set up a store. He became heavily involved in politics and was appointed as comptroller by Texas President Sam Houston in 1837.

In 1857, he was elected lieutenant governor of the state but lost re-election in 1859 to Ed Clark, a Unionist. Nevertheless, Lubbock was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1860. He and other southern delegates clashed with northern delegates over the conciliatory platform they pushed to preserve the Union. The Democratic Party fractured, and a convention of southern Democrats, chaired by Lubbock, pushed their own candidate, Vice-President John Breckinridge over the national Democratic candidate, Stephen A. Douglas.

In the meantime, Thomas Lubbock was an ardent secessionist and campaigned for years for secession. Once Texas seceded in 1861, he went to Virginia to enlist in the Confederate Army, fighting in the Army of Northern Virginia during the Civil War. He saw many battles and died at a Kentucky hospital in 1862 as a colonel at age 44.

Ed Clark became governor in 1861 after then-Gov. Sam Houston was forced from office. That fall, Lubbock challenged his old foe Clark in the gubernatorial election. Lubbock won by a scant 124-vote margin.

As governor, the Civil War was the focus of Francis Lubbock's administration. He was an outspoken defender of the Confederacy and the draft. He even pushed for drafting non-citizens into the army as well. He attempted to increase trade with Mexico, even offering to trade United States bonds held by Texas and cotton for weapons. Lubbock attempted to spur defense manufacturing in Texas, to little effect. The chaotic whirlwind of Civil War politics consumed his administration, and he declined to run for re-election in 1863.

Lubbock enlisted in the Confederate Army at the age of 46 and was made a lieutenant colonel. He helped organize supplies and troops for the defense of Louisiana during the 1864 Red River campaign and served on the staff of several generals. In August 1864, Lubbock was appointed as a military aide to Confederate President Jefferson Davis. He went to Vir-

ginia to update Davis on activities west of the Mississippi River. This voyage was made even more difficult with the Union naval blockade of the South and that Union forces now controlled the Mississippi River, cutting the Confederacy in half. Lubbock spent the next several months in Richmond, watching the Confederacy disintegrate as Union forces encircled the city and laid siege to it.

The Union Army broke through Confederate lines in April 1865, and the Confederate government fled, Lubbock included. Davis, Lubbock, and a number of others headed south in a mad flight to avoid capture and to try to keep their government alive. Several days later, Lubbock was captured in Georgia. He was held at an army prison in Delaware where he awaited his fate. After eight months, he was released as part of an amnesty program and returned to Texas.

In 1876, the Texas legislature organized Lubbock County in West Texas in honor of Thomas Lubbock. Its namesake city was organized a few years later and a century later would grow to a city of more than a quarter of a million residents. The surviving Lubbock Brother, Francis, continued to piece his life back together after the Civil War and Reconstruction and eventually re-entered politics. He served as state treasurer from 1878 to 1891.

Francis Lubbock died quietly at his home in Austin in 1905 at age 89.



From Meals On Wheels of Tarrant County

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Obituary

Jacqueline Jean Taylor

Jacqueline Jean Taylor, 94, passed away on May 26, 2025.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 4, 2025, in Independence Chapel at Greenwood Mausoleum, 3210 White Settlement Rd., Fort Worth, Texas 76107. Interment followed services at Cope Cemetery, 2722 CR 529, Burleson, TX 76028.



Jackie was born on Dec. 19, 1930, in Erick, Oklahoma, to parents, Charles Miles Cary and Eula Catherine Moore. She was a graduate of Morton High School.

She worked with the American Red Cross, Pangburn's Candies, Panther Oil & Grease and was also a caregiver to children and elderly throughout her life. Jackie was also a member of First Assembly of God in White Settlement.

Jackie was preceded by her husband, David Taylor; her parents, Eula Moore and Charles Cary; sisters, June Crowder, Olga Hufford, and Oleta Clark; and grandson, John Ware.

She is survived by her children, Kathy Ware of Fort Worth, Mike Taylor of Waxahachie, and Beckie Parker of Granbury; eight grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; as well as a host of other loving family members and friends.

White Settlement Historical Museum

Thompson Public Cemetery Volunteer Event Saturday

A Thompson Public Cemetery clean-up and beautification morning is scheduled for Saturday, June 7 at 8 a.m.

Volunteers are welcome to come help with maintenance activities including tidying the fence lines, fixing and painting interior plot fencing, treating for weeds and cleaning and repairing historic tombstones.

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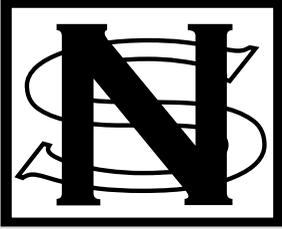
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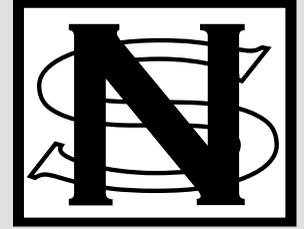
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Friday, June 6:
AM - Sunny, with a high near 91. South wind 5 to 10 mph.
PM - Partly cloudy, with a low around 74. S/SE wind around 5 mph.



Saturday, June 7:
AM - Sunny, with a high near 93. South wind around 5 mph.
PM - A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. S/SE wind around 5 mph becoming N/NW after midnight.



Sunday, June 8:
AM - A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 88.
PM - A 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 69.

[Extended Forecast Click Here](#)