

September 2026 General Meeting

Tue, 22 Sept 26

Welcome and Introductions

- Meeting opened by Bryant Haertlein, president of the Fairmount Neighborhood Association
- New attendees introduced: Mitch McCarty (longtime resident, first meeting), Shannon (resident ~1 year), Sophia and partner McKenna (moved in two weeks ago)
- Main agenda: guest speakers from Oncor and Laird Inc. presenting on the 8th and Rosedale construction project

District 9 City Updates (Jackson Basham)

- Office of the Police Oversight Monitor community office hours: Thursday, October 1, 4–6pm at Southwest Community Center
- National Night Out: Tuesday, October 6, partnering with Fire Station Community Center
- Neighborhood Litter Stomp: October 17, 8–11am; adopt a public location or join Keep Fort Worth Beautiful at Trinity Park
- Arts Goggle: October 24; last one for 1–2 years due to the West Magnolia cast iron replacement project
- Former Daggett Montessori School: FWISD conducting long-range facility planning; recommendations to board expected late fall
 - Properties worth \$5M+ or of civic importance now require public engagement and a full board vote
 - Building currently vacant; report any trespassers to police or the council office
- Elizabeth Place Apartments (2008 Hemphill): new owner in permit process, architect and contractor in place; city lawsuit and code enforcement remain active
- Quiet zones for trains on (Mistletoe Blvd, Park Place Ave, Windsor Place): designs complete, bid for contractors March 2027, construction August 2027, completion May 2028
- 8th and Rosedale project: working hours expanded to 7am–7pm; delayed two weeks due to utility conflicts requiring hand digging
 - Concrete pouring near 8th and Rosedale for the next two weeks
 - After that, all traffic control south of Rosedale removed and shifted north
 - Full repaving of 8th Avenue expected by mid-November 2026

Public Safety Update

- National Night Out: Will be at Daggett Park with hamburgers 6–9pm, October 6; seeking volunteers with refrigeration space for food bought at Costco the Friday prior

- Code Blue volunteer program: seeking new volunteers; training provided, contact the officer for a form
- Two known local offenders (Felipe and Julio) currently in jail; community urged to call 911 if either is seen engaging in illegal activity

Oncor Underground Infrastructure Project (Kelly Joeckel, Don Perkins, Lance Anglin)

- Project scope: new underground duct bank system running feeders from Mistletoe Substation east along Rosedale
 - Eight 6-inch conduits, concrete-encased, 16–20ft deep
 - Manholes: 3ft wide at surface, 12ft x 12ft underground; spaced along the route
 - Two feeders going in now, with capacity for two more in the future
 - Replaces two overhead pole lines; adds significant load flexibility and redundancy across the grid
- Bore pits: largest footprint of the project; entrance pits 16ft x 40ft x 22ft deep, cannot be plated over for safety reasons
 - Emergency services notified of all traffic control plans at all times
- Construction timeline: started approximately one week prior to the meeting; expected to run through June/July 2026, with a goal of energizing feeders by August to support summer load
- Key challenge: dense, poorly documented legacy utilities requiring hand potholing and frequent rerouting

Road Closures and Traffic Impacts

- Now through end of November: lane closures on Rosedale between 6th Ave and College
- November timeframe: small closure at the main intersection; full closure at Pulaski and 6th Ave
- Biggest disruption: full closure of the I-30 Rosedale exit ramp
 - Required because traffic was backing onto the highway, creating rear-end collision risk
 - Planned for after Christmas through approximately mid-March (before spring break)
 - Weather-dependent; cold snaps prevent concrete pours and could extend the timeline
 - TxDOT reviewing and approving the traffic management plan
- During active digging: two lanes closed during work hours (7am–5:30pm), one lane reopened at night where possible
- Intersections at cross streets may require detours; drivers directed to turn east or west on Rosedale to reach the next open crossing
- Traffic patterns on 8th and Rosedale currently changing frequently; will stabilize once lane closures are set for several weeks at a time

Upcoming Events and Next Meeting

- National Night Out: Tuesday, October 6, Daggett Park, 6–9pm
- Historic Cantey Lecture and Awards Night: October 21, Women's Club Fort Worth; lecturer is Bill Patterson, Chief Preservation Officer for Texas Historic Commission
 - Check historicalfortworth.org for tickets and Cantey Lecture links
- Fort Worth Historic Preservation Plan update: public input requested
 - Online meeting: October 1, noon–1:30pm
 - City staff also present at the October 21 awards night for in-person input
- Next general meeting: Tuesday, October 27; agenda includes budget vote and a mini-workshop on researching historic homes using city archives
- Fairmount merch, memberships, and committee sign-up sheets available at the back table