



# My Flower Mound

## Town News and Events

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### Everbridge Notification System Offered to Residents

The Town recently switched to an enhanced version of the Everbridge Notification System that will assist residents to stay informed of a variety of events affecting Flower Mound. Types of alerts range from severe weather, evacuations, and other emergencies, to more routine announcements, such as road closures, mosquito control spraying, and water utility maintenance. Residents listed in the 911 database will be automatically subscribed to alerts through their home phone. Through the website, [www.flower-mound.com/emergencynotifications](http://www.flower-mound.com/emergencynotifications), residents can self-register, provide additional contact information, or opt out. During the registration process, residents can choose what types of alerts they'd like to receive (tornado and severe thunderstorm warnings are automatically selected). Residents can also designate preferred contact methods such as cell phone, text/SMS, home phone, and email to ensure real-time access to potentially lifesaving information. Residents can also assign "Quiet Hours", which will disable notifications during the set times, excluding tornado and severe thunderstorm warnings. Anyone who previously signed-up for these types of alerts through former notification systems used by the Town, such as CodeRed or an earlier version of Everbridge, will need to re-register, as the data was not transferred. As an enhanced service, the new Everbridge system comes with a mobile app, "Everbridge ContactBridge", available for iPhone and Android users, which will push notifications directly to a smart device if desired.



### Santa Cops Success

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Flower Mound Police Department's 2015 Santa Cops program a huge success. Generous donations of toys and monies allowed FMPD to help 109 families, with 311 children. Officers and volunteers distributed 1,500 toys and gift cards, including 43 bicycles and helmets. Each child received 3 to 4 gifts.



### You're Invited!

### Women's Health Screening

Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital invites women of all ages to join them for a free Women's Health Screening event on Saturday, February 20 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Located in the hospital lobby, (4400 Long Prairie Rd.), the event will include door prizes, wellness booths, and array of health screenings including: cholesterol, sleep apnea, body composition or body mass index, blood pressure, heart screening and glucose checks. A physicians panel Q&A will be held from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., and keynote speaker, Janine Turner, will speak to attendees at 10 a.m. There will even be an opportunity to pamper yourself with chair massages and eyebrow threading on site. No RSVP is necessary. Please visit: <http://www.texashealthflowermound.com> for more information.



### Cleaning Up in the New Year

Clean up in 2016 by disposing of unwanted or unused household items, but please be sure to know the processes and Town Codes before placing items at the curb for pickup.



- Curbside bulk/brush** pickup is available on standard collection days. Accepted items include yard waste, furniture, and other household items size. Items cannot exceed 3' x 3' x 6' in size, and brush must be cut in four-foot lengths and then tied into bundles, not to exceed 50 lbs. Call 972.539.SERV with questions.
- Household hazardous waste** (batteries, oil-based and latex paints, pesticides, used motor oil, etc.) should NOT be placed in waste or recycling receptacles. Call 1.800.449.7587 to schedule free pickup of these items.
- Dumping** is prohibited. This includes trash and debris such as grass clippings and leaves. Blowing yard waste into the street is not only considered debris, but the grass, weeds, and associated lawn chemicals end up in the storm drains, and negatively impact waterways. If you would like more information, or would like to report a potential violation please call 972.874.6340, or visit <http://www.flower-mound.com/reportviolation>.

## Residential Rehab Program Offered to Residents

The Town of Flower Mound started a Residential Rehabilitation Program in 2012 to assist low and moderate-income homeowners in Town with the rehabilitation of their single family, owner-occupied houses through a grant provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Town is currently accepting applications for this program, as well as a new Minor Home Repair Program, which begins on February 1. Applicants must meet HUD income and property eligibility requirements to qualify. Once all criteria are met, applicants will receive program assistance in the form of a forgivable loan. The Residential Rehabilitation Program has a maximum forgivable loan amount of \$60,000, forgiven over a period of five years. The new Minor Home Repair Program has a maximum forgivable loan amount of \$15,000, forgiven over a period of two years. To learn more, visit <http://www.flower-mound.com/homerehab>, or call 972.874.6040.



## Valentine's Night Out

Who said Valentine's Day is only for adults? Flower Mound Parks and Recreation invites kids ages 5 to 12, to a special after-hours Valentine's Night Out event from 6 to 10 p.m. on Sunday, February 14, at the Community Activity Center. While parents are out enjoying a romantic evening, we'll have the pool open, a pizza dinner, games in the gym, along with a 20-foot screen to wind down the evening with a movie! Pre registration for this event is required. Please visit [www.flower-mound.com/specialevents](http://www.flower-mound.com/specialevents), or call 972.874.6276 to reserve your spot for the Valentine's Night Out fun.



## Town Finalizes Purchase of 22-acres, Park Plans Begin

The Town recently finalized plans to purchase 22-acres of land for recreational use on Flower Mound's western border. The area is off Dunham Road, which can be found near the intersection of U.S. 377 and FM 1171, and while the park has yet to be named, the primary purpose of the area has been decided: practice fields. According to Flower Mound Parks and Recreation, practice fields are always in demand, and while it's too soon to know the specific type of fields the Town will construct, Canyon Falls growth will increase the need for more athletic fields also. Mayor Tom Hayden requested the Town explore the possibility of a community garden here as well.

## Town Recognized for "Green" Vehicle Fleet Efforts

The Town of Flower Mound was recognized by the U.S. Department of Energy's, North Central Texas Clean Cities Coalition for our environmentally-friendly vehicle fleet. Flower Mound was one of seven cities in North Texas to receive the 2015 Outstanding Fleet Bronze Award, specifically for ongoing efforts to reduce petroleum consumption and improve overall air quality. In 2006, the Town Council adopted the Clean Fleet Vehicle Policy and Model Ordinance, making alternative fuel vehicles (E-85 ethanol flex-fuel, and hybrids) the standard among Flower Mound's municipal vehicle fleet.



## Life is Beautiful, Capture It!

Join local photographer, Jen Brown, at the Flower Mound Public Library on Saturday, January 30 at 2 p.m. to learn the basics of photo composition. Participants will be taught how to improve their photos as well as capturing genuine shots without posing. Please bring your camera, this could be a point-and-shoot, DSLR, or cell phone. Register for this free program by emailing [fmpl@flower-mound.com](mailto:fmpl@flower-mound.com), or by calling 972.874.6165.



## CoServ Awards FMPD \$23,125 in Grant Funding

Town Manager Jimmy Stathatos joined Police Chief Andy Kancel recently to accept \$23,125 in grant funding from CoServ. The Flower Mound Police Department plans to use this money to purchase a utility vehicle, which will come in handy at a variety of Town events such as Independence Fest and the Christmas Parade. It will also be utilized in retail parking lot patrols and emergency access to the Town's trail system and parks. The Town is thankful for CoServ's valuable contribution to the community.

