



My Flower Mound

Town News and Events

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Second Prescribed Burn Planned for 'The Mound'

The Flower Mound Fire Department is planning to conduct a second prescribed burn on a portion of The Flower Mound in February (a date has not been set at the time of publication). Last March,



FMFD partnered with The Flower Mound Foundation to execute a prescribed burn on the southern half of The Mound. The upcoming burn will take place on the northern half, removing invasive plant species in order to allow native grass and wildflowers to thrive. These burns also reduce the amount of flammable material, which will help mitigate any uncontrolled wildland fires in the area. Similar to last year's burn, FMFD will have numerous apparatuses and firefighters stationed throughout the surrounding neighborhood to air on the side of caution. Weather conditions will be the ultimate deciding factor on the exact date of the burn. If you are reading this after the event, it's important to understand the benefits to both the environment, and overall fire safety for those who live and work in the area, accomplished by prescribed burns. The Town will provide additional information on the "News Flash" section of the Town's website when a date is confirmed: www.flower-mound.com/news.

The Results Are In!

Flower Mound's Economic Development team has been busy collecting and analyzing the feedback of 1,455 residents who participated in the 2017 Retail & Restaurant Survey.



A complete report of the survey results can be found on the Town's website at: www.flower-mound.com/survey.

Here's a preview of the top requests from the survey:

Retailers:

1. Trader Joe's
2. Central Market
3. Nordstrom
4. Apple Store
5. Costco

Restaurants:

1. In-N-Out Burger
2. Panera Bread
3. The Cheesecake Factory
4. Olive Garden
5. Whataburger

Thank you to all who took the time to take this bi-annual survey. Public input like this is critical to the work that Economic Development staff does in attracting new businesses to Flower Mound.

Lakeside DFW Home to Town's Newest Outdoor Siren

In January, Flower Mound's newest Outdoor Severe Weather Warning Siren was installed in the Lakeside DFW area – bringing the Town's siren total to 23. In fact, since 2014 the number of sirens in Town has more than doubled. With additional sirens comes added safety thanks to an increased coverage area. New siren locations are determined after carefully examining several factors, including proximity to outdoor recreation areas, and places where people are likely to congregate outdoors, among other things. This newest siren location was selected to provide coverage to the southern portion of the North Shore Trail system, in addition to the walkable landscape of the Lakeside DFW shops, restaurants, and outdoor events, only growing in popularity with area residents.



FloMo Food Safety Scores

Flower Mound Environmental Health Services conducts thorough health and safety inspections at all establishments where food is served, several times per year. Full service restaurants are inspected two to four times per year, with establishments like gas stations, which predominantly sell pre-packaged foods, inspected two or more times annually. Food temperatures, storage, and handwashing habits are a few of the many things inspector's look for during these unannounced visits. Any violations are factored into the establishment's food safety score - the fewer the violations, the higher the score out of 100. A comprehensive list of scores is updated monthly at www.flower-mound.com/foodinspectionscores.



Is Your Home Wildfire Safe?

On January 22, the Flower Mound Fire Department battled one of the largest grass fires the Town has ever seen. FMFD, with the help of 23 outside agencies, spent more than 10



hours working to contain the blaze, which started on the northeast corner of FM 1171 and US 377, which eventually consumed more than 239 acres. No evacuations of surrounding homes were necessary, and the cause of the fire is under investigation. While grass fires of this magnitude are not common in Flower Mound, this event illustrates the importance of taking a proactive approach to defending your home against the threat of wildland fires. Here are a few tips:

- Create 30-feet of defensible space between any brush or vegetation, and your home.
- Cut grass often and trim trees to highest canopy possible.
- Use fire-resistant landscaping and building materials for the exterior of homes and decks/patios.
- Remove leaves/dry vegetation from yards and gutters.
- Keep combustible material (gasoline, lighter fluid, paint thinner, etc.) away from home.
- Assemble emergency supplies in a safe place, and plan escape routes with your family.

If you haven't already, please sign up for the Town's Everbridge Emergency Notification System by visiting: www.flower-mound.com/emergencynotifications.

Town's 'Green' Vehicle Fleet Recognized

For the third consecutive year, Flower Mound has been honored with the DFW Clean Cities Fleet Recognition Bronze Award, by the U.S. Department of Energy's North Central



Texas Clean Cities Coalition. Flower Mound was one of 19 cities in North Texas to receive this award, specifically for ongoing efforts to reduce petroleum consumption and improve overall air quality by participating in alternative fuel programs. 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.

Flower Mound Tops 'Most Livable Small City' List

According to a study by SmartAsset, an online finance company, Flower Mound is the No. 1 "Most Livable Small City in the U.S." Researchers looked



at cities with populations of 65,000 to 99,000, comparing 11 factors including: median home value to median income, concentration of entertainment, restaurants, and health care facilities, and unemployment. The study praises the Town for its positive economic climate, and affordable housing relative to the average income. Flower Mound is the only Texas city in the top 10, with Mansfield coming in at No. 12.

2017 Flower Mound Birth Trends, Top Names Unveiled

The Moms and Dads have spoken! Benjamin and Ava took top honors as the most popular boy/girl names in Flower Mound for 2017. As the sole hospital in the community, Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital – Flower Mound let us in on some fun 2017 birth stats we wanted to share with you. There were 1,848 babies were born in Flower Mound, comprised of 932 girls, 914 boys, 35 sets of twins, and one set of triplets. The top three most popular baby names last year were:



Boys' Names:

1. Benjamin (14)
2. Hudson (12)
3. Liam (11)

Girls' Names:

1. Ava (16)
2. Abigail (12)
3. Olivia (10)

May was the busiest at the hospital, with 179 births, followed by September with 175. January took first place as the slowest month with 141 babies born while April and November tied for second slowest with 145 births. Although they were born right here in Flower Mound, hospital staff noticed there were several babies who share their names with English royalty, including James (8), William (8), Elizabeth (8), Camila (8), Charles (7), Henry (7), Andrew (7), and Charlotte (6). If you, or your kids are holiday babies – you're not alone! The hospital welcomed little ones on New Year's Day (2), Valentine's Day (7), St Patrick's Day (5), Easter (5), Memorial Day (4), Labor Day (6), and Halloween (6).