

Terrell Hills Connection

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Sustainability and the Community



Sometimes we find ourselves asking “What role does the City of Terrell Hills play in the sustainability of our natural resources?” Almost every aspect of our City services plays some role in planning and implementing sustainable practices for our community.

The Administrative Department plans and develops processes and budgets for the preservation of our streets, parks, and green spaces, in order to keep the community a safe and desirable place to live. They continually research more efficient means of providing street lighting and methods to conserve energy and our facilities.

The Police Department protects the environment by enforcing the City Ordinances and State Laws that affect us on a daily basis. These include excessive water runoff, stopping dumping, and putting leaves and grass clippings in the streets to wash down the storm drains and eventually pollute area streams.

The Fire Department is mindful of the chemicals used to help fight fires and those used for training purposes to prepare their personnel to do their jobs in the safest manner possible while minimizing runoff.

Our Public Works Department utilizes safe practices when servicing equipment, storing road repair materials, and effectively removing garbage and debris from the neighborhood. They minimize the use of non-organic chemicals and fertilizers in our public spaces and parks, and try to use mulching instead of raking and dumping techniques.

Finally, our citizens help protect the environment and enhance the sustainability of our natural resources by recycling, utilizing compost in their gardens and landscape, proper mulching to reduce the dependence on water, maintaining their sprinkler systems to keep them operating efficiently without waste, separating their leaves and brush so that the brush can go to a chipping and mulching company, rather than a landfill, and reducing runoff from their properties so that silt, mud and other containments are stopped from getting into our area water sources. When we think about it, the question should really be “What are we not doing to protect our environment?”

A Friendly Reminder From the Terrell Hills Police Department

Please remember to always remove all of your valuables and **lock your vehicle** not only at night time, but at ALL times. Unfortunately, all vehicles that were burglarized in the City of Terrell Hills during 2014 were unlocked and showed no signs of forced entry. We want to keep you and your belongings safe, so remember to keep vehicles locked.

REMEMBER: LOCK IT OR LOSE IT!



City Contact Information

City Administrative Offices (210) 824-7401

Non-Emergency Dispatch Services (210) 824-1009

For Emergencies, Dial 911



The Fire Department Bids Farewell to Our 1991 Fire Engine

On January 7th, 2015, Chief Knupp accepted a check for \$10,000 from President Martin Ritchey of the Mid County Fire/Rescue Department for the sale of our 1991 Ford Fire Engine. Mid County Fire/Rescue is a volunteer Fire Department located in Caldwell County between the cities of Lockhart and Luling. This Fire Engine served Terrell Hills well, and we hope that Mid County Fire Rescue will be able to use it for many years to come.

Pictured left to right: Edward Hanna (Captain, Mid County FD), Martin Ritchey (EMC of Caldwell County and President of Mid County FD) and Fire Chief, Billy Knupp, of Terrell Hills



Help Do Your Part to Prevent the Spread of Oak Wilt

The City receives several calls of concern each year regarding the possibility of trees in the City having contracted Oak Wilt. So far, none of the reported trees were infected. Most of the trees that have appeared to be in distress are suffering from the extended drought. Proper watering techniques, as well as being mindful of the watering restrictions, may reduce the stress on our trees and landscapes.

Oak Wilt has spread over a large area of South Texas, and is a fungal disease. Once established, it is usually spread from tree to tree through an interconnected root system or over distances by sap-feeding beetles that travel from tree to tree.

The best way to battle Oak Wilt is through prevention. Some suggested prevention ideas include:

- Always paint fresh wounds on Oaks, including pruning cuts and stumps, with wound dressing or latex paint immediately after pruning or live tree removal at all times of the year
- Clean all pruning tools with 10% bleach solution or Lysol between sites/trees
- If possible, avoid pruning or wounding of oaks during spring (February 1 through June 30) Reasons to prune in the spring include:
 - 1) To accommodate public safety concerns such as hazardous limbs, traffic visibility or emergency utility line clearance
 - 2) To repair damaged limbs (from storms or other abnormalities)
 - 3) To remove limbs that are rubbing against a building or against other branches, and to raise low limbs over a street
 - 4) On sites where construction schedules take precedence, pruning any live tissue should only be done to accommodate required clearance
 - 5) Dead branch removal where live tissue is not exposed
- Pruning for other reasons (general tree health, non-safety related clearance or thinning, etc. should be conducted prior to February 1 or after June 30



- Debris from diseased red oaks should be immediately chipped, burned or buried (www.texasoakwilt.com)

All tree services are required to have a permit from Terrell Hills prior to performing any tree trimming in the City. Please make sure that the company you use has the proper, up to date permit and is aware of how to prevent the spread of Oak Wilt.

Additional information may be obtained from the Texas Forestry Service, United States Department of Agriculture, the Texas Cooperative Extension Service, as well as several online sources.

Calendar of Events

City Council Meeting: Monday, February 9 at 5:00 p.m.

President's Day: Monday, February 16 (City Offices Will be Closed)