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**Texas Wesleyan University sponsors neighborhood meeting for city officials
and Polytechnic and Wesleyan communities**

FORT WORTH, Oct. 12 – In attempt to bring the community, university and city government together, Texas Wesleyan University will host the second annual Fall Community Fest and Neighborhood Meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Betty and Bobby Bragan Fellowship Hall inside the Polytechnic United Methodist Church, located at 1310 S. Collard St.

“[The idea for the meeting] started with my community class,” said Dr. Sara Horsfall, associate professor of sociology at Texas Wesleyan. “It’s a chance for people in the [Wesleyan and Polytechnic communities] to meet people from the city government and for people in the city government to meet people from the community. There is a real need for better understanding and communication between these groups.”

According to Horsfall, the community fest allows members from each community to “meet and greet” each other and voice concerns while in a positive, enjoyable environment. Dr. Harold G. Jeffcoat, president at Texas Wesleyan, will speak to those in attendance and be

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available for questions.

“I think that part of the outreach of the university to the community, and part of Dr. Horsfall’s reason for having this meeting, is to better connect with the community and to learn how we can work together,” said President Jeffcoat. “To that end, she’s asked me to come to the meeting so I can learn what the community thinks Wesleyan can do to become an even better community partner.”

A representative from the Fort Worth mayor’s office and from city councilman Ralph McCloud’s office will be in attendance, as will Glenn Forbes of Southeast Fort Worth Inc. and Bobby Ray Sanders, an award-winning columnist with the Fort Worth *Star-Telegram*. Forbes will speak on the economic plans for developing the Polytechnic area and Sanders will serve as a mediator for the evening. Also attending will be representatives from the following city departments: Code Compliance, Environmental Management, Fire Department, Fort Worth Human Relations Commission, Health Department, Housing Department, Police Department, Public Works, Transportation Department and Water Department. Each city department will have literature on hand and be available to answer questions from community members.

The neighborhood meeting is free and open to the public, and families are encouraged to attend. Texas Wesleyan will provide pizza, soda and the opportunity to win door prizes. For the children, there will be games, face painting and a safety magic show. For more information, contact Dr. Sara Horsfall at (817) 531-4264 or shorsfall@txwes.edu.

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