

CITY OF DEVINE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – MAY 2017

MAYOR- WILLIAM “BILL” HERRING

COUNCIL:

- DISTRICT 1 – DAVID VALDEZ
- DISTRICT 2 – STEVE A. LOPEZ
- DISTRICT 3 – DAVID ESPINOSA
- DISTRICT 4 – KATHY WILKINS
- DISTRICT 5 – HAL LANCE

Monthly Meetings

- Council meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
- Planning and Zoning meetings are normally held the 2nd Monday of each month.

City Hall

Notice of **Public Meeting on May 2nd, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Dr. George S. Woods Community Center. A representative from the Texas Rural Water Association (TRWA) will be here to address the public regarding the asbestos issue with the water lines, and to answer any questions that the citizens may have.

The Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a **Public Hearing on the Preliminary Report** for the zoning change of 154.632 acres of land located between West of IH35 and East Hondo and will create a Final Report for the City Council at a public meeting on Monday, **May 15th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Devine City Hall, located at 303 S. Teel Drive, Devine, Texas.

The Devine City Council will hold a **Public Hearing on the Final Report** of the Planning & Zoning Commission regarding the zoning change described above during the public meeting held on Tuesday, **May 23th, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Devine City Hall, located at 303 S. Teel Drive, Devine, Texas.

City Hall will be closed on the following day:

May 29th – Memorial Day



Devine Code Compliance

- ❖ **THANK YOU** to all of the citizens who are working hard to comply with the city ordinances, to clean up the city. Your efforts do not go unnoticed.
- ❖ Reminder for those who received letters; if you have not taken care of issue within the allotted time, a formal complaint will be filed in the Municipal Court.
- ❖ Please keep grass mowed shorter than 12” and keep areas clean. Do not allow stagnant or unwholesome water to remain visible on property so it does not create a breeding ground for insects. This will prevent harboring of snakes or other wild animals.
- ❖ Starting any work that requires a permit without obtaining a permit first, will result in DOUBLED fees.
- ❖ The County Dump is located off Highway 2200 south of Devine on County Road 5710 and can be reached at phone number 830-426-4261 for site information. There is also a local steel recycling center to get rid of any junk metal.



UTILITY DEPARTMENT

- ☑ **Thursday, May 4, 2017 – LAST DAY** to pay, for past due accounts
- ☑ **Friday, May 5, 2017 - CUT- OFF DAY**, for past due accounts
- ☑ **Sewer Rates:** Reminder; residential customers. The monthly service charge for each year is based on the average of the three Winter months? (December, January, and February) metered water billing.
- ☑ Senior Citizens over the age of 62, if not sure if already receiving discount please call to verify. If you are not setup please come to City Office to fill out appropriate form and bring valid ID.
- ☑ Reminder of new City Ordinance that was approved to establish a civil penalty for tampering with water meters.
- ☑ Reminder for residents to call in to be added to the scheduled brush pick up list.
 - **Each residential address is allowed 1 pile pick up per address, DO NOT pile brush as a group address**
 - **Small brush only, do not mix pile with regular trash, leaf bags or other debris or BRUSH WILL NOT BE PICKED UP**
 - Active residential utility services
 - Only allowed to place 5x5x5 cubic feet pile & weigh no more than 50 lbs
 - Strictly brush, neatly stacked or bundled facing the same direction
 - Provide street location and please place pile in safe location away from electrical wires or anything that may get in the way of the rear-loading brush truck.
 - ACI will pick up allowed portion; if larger pile, customer will need to call again to schedule new date for remaining brush left behind.
 - Will not pick up brush on any vacant properties
 - Will not be picked up if not called in
 - Deadline to call is Friday before noon to be added to new list



Employees' Anniversaries this Month

Public Works

Luis Coronado 18 years

Pedro Peña 1 year



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Devine Animal Care and Control Pet of the Month



Meet: Harmony

Harmony is a shelter dog that is in need of a good home. Harmony is a female German Shepherd and is approximately 1 year old. Harmony is very loving and friendly.

Harmony can be adopted for a nominal fee of \$92.00. This fee includes: rabies vaccination, spay or neutering, basic examination and heart worm test.

*If you are interested or know someone who may be, have them contact Mike or Tyler at
830-663-4403*

Devine Police Department



SCAM ALERT!

Citizens of Devine,

I'm sure that you are aware of I.R.S. Scams. I would like to share with you an incident where one of our citizens received a computer generated recording from an alleged person posing as an IRS employee. The citizen was instructed to call the telephone number that was left, due to legal actions, or a lawsuit that may be filed against you by the IRS. When the citizen returns the call, the person on the other line, usually with a heavy accent, may advise that you have a warrant for your arrest. Most people are alarmed so they begin asking how they can take care of this. The caller may tell you how much you owe and discuss what you are able to pay today. An amount is reached and they may ask if you have the cash in hand or would you need to retrieve it from your bank. At some point in the conversation, the caller may attempt to verify your name, address and telephone number. The caller may ask if you are calling from a land line or your cellular telephone. Now that the caller has engaged with you, they will ask what type of stores you have in your area, Walmart, CVS, Walgreens, etc. You will answer by relaying a name of a store that is closest to you. The caller may instruct you to stay on the phone with them and go to the nearest store. Once inside, the caller may instruct you to tell them what kind of pre-paid cards you can see. After they pick cards from the choices given, they may instruct you to put money on the pre-paid gift cards and read the number back to them. At this point you have given the caller the ability to purchase gifts on-line with your money.

Remember, the I.R.S. will never randomly call or leave you a message. I.R.S. may return a call that you have originally placed. If you receive any messages like what was mentioned above, do not call the number back. Do not give in to fear tactics. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Devine Police Department; we are here for you and will be more than happy to assist you.



Municipal Court Corner

- Thursday, May 18, 2017 - Court at 1:30 p.m.
- Doors open at 1:00 p.m.
- If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Municipal Court @ 830-663-2804.

DRISCOLL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Preschool story time every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. in the library.

May 8th - Night of Colors is an adult night of coloring for entertainment and relaxation from 7:00 p.m. through 8:00 p.m. in the library.

COMING THIS SUMMER

Build a Better World every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in the library.

June 14th - Happy Tails Entertainment at 1:00 p.m. in the library.



Emergency Management

Flooding

With the amount of rain we have had this year, flooding obviously becomes an issue. We ask that if rain or flooding is not directly affecting you, please remain at your residence. Often times we have people that drive around "TO SEE WHAT IS GOING ON" and become part of the problem as opposed to the solution. The increased traffic poses congestion problems that Emergency Services must deal with, rather than the true matter at hand.

Power Outages and Vehicle Traffic



Power outages are rather annoying, however an everyday possibility. Power outages within a populated area become quite dangerous when the affected area has traffic lights. If you are approaching a traffic light at an intersection and the light is not showing Red, Yellow or Green and/or not flashing, that DOES NOT mean to just keep going through it. Be vigilant and slow down or stop especially with approaching traffic. Drive Cautiously!