

# CITY OF DEVINE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2018

MAYOR- WILLIAM “BILL” HERRING

**COUNCIL:**

- DISTRICT 1 – DAVID VALDEZ
- DISTRICT 2 – STEVE A. LOPEZ
- DISTRICT 3 – DAVID ESPINOSA
- DISTRICT 4 – JENNIFER SCHOTT
- DISTRICT 5 – CORY THOMPSON

**Monthly Meetings**

- Council meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
- Planning and Zoning meetings are normally held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month.
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meetings are normally held the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month.

**Employees' Anniversaries this Month**

**Public Works**

Rob Flores 23 Years

**Library**

Debra Dubose 11 Years



*Celebrating  
Years of  
Service*



## City Hall



Greater Devine Chamber of Commerce's 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival Carnival starting Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Fall Festival Parade on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> to begin at 10:00 a.m. Food, Arts & Crafts Booths, Live Music and Free Street Dance.

'Til Midnight!

### HOLIDAYS


City Hall will be closed on the following days:

**November 12<sup>th</sup> – In observance of Veterans Day**

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thanksgiving**








Devine Police Department  
Silent Santa Program

The Devine Police Department Silent Santa Program has been highly successful over the past years.

Anticipation for the coming Christmas has begun and we are making preparations for the children of our community and surrounding area.

We will be collecting New and Unwrapped toys at the following drop off points: The Devine Police Department, City of Devine Office, Walmart and at each of the Devine schools. Monetary donations are also accepted at the Devine City Office. Help us bring the joy of Christmas to those in need.

Sincerely,  
Kandy L. Benavides  
Chief of Police



**Fall Festival** is coming up in November. We are asking all residents and business owners to voluntarily clean up their properties in preparation for events. Thank you!

**UTILITY DEPARTMENT**



- Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – LAST DAY** to pay, for past due accounts
- Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - CUT- OFF DAY**, for past due accounts
- Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – RECYCLE**
  - The customer is responsible for providing receptacle
- Waste Wheeler / Cubic Yard Dumpster:** The garbage company collects only house/business trash. Please do not place non-house hold items: construction materials (2x4, tiles, sheet rock), sand, dirt, rocks, chemicals in waste wheelers or **it will NOT be serviced until it is corrected.**
- On **September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018**, the City Council passed a **Rate Increase** on Garbage Rates. This went into effect as of **October 1, 2018.**
- Reminder: A new City Ordinance was approved to establish a civil penalty **for anyone tampering with water meters.** A civil penalty of \$200.00 shall be charged to the account associated with the tampered meter.
- Spam E-mail: The City of Devine **DOES NOT** e-mail invoices to customers. If you receive an e-mail affirming it's from the City of Devine and asking you to view the invoice; select the e-mail and mark it as spam or delete it. Do not open any attachments as they may contain viruses. You can also install spam software to protect your e-mail account.
- Reminders for brush pick up:
  - This service is only for Residential customers with Active utilities inside City limits.
  - Residents must call in their street address/pile location no later than Friday by noon to be added to the brush pick up list for the next scheduled pick up date.
  - Each residential address is allowed 1 pile pick up per address; DO NOT pile brush as a group address.
  - You are only allowed to place a 5x5x5 cubic feet pile & it should weigh no more than 50 lbs.
  - Pick-up is strictly for small brush and it must be neatly stacked or bundled facing the same direction.
  - ACI will pick up allowed portion only. If pile is larger, customer will need to call again to schedule new date for remaining brush left behind.
  - Brush will not be picked up if not called in.

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## Utility Department Cont...

### Brush Pick Up-Weekly Schedule

1<sup>st</sup> Week – Starting November 5 - 9

2<sup>nd</sup> Week – Starting November 12 -16

3<sup>rd</sup> Week – Starting November 19 - 23



For small brush pick-up: Do not mix pile with regular trash, leaf bags or other debris, or brush will not be picked up.

Small brush has to be placed by Monday if on the list.

Pile must be placed in a safe location, away from electrical wires or anything that may get in the way of the rear-loading brush truck.

ACI will not pick up brush on any vacant properties.

## Public Works

### Pot Holes

Due to recent inclement weather there has been an increase on pot holes throughout the City. We are repairing them as we identify them. Please call and report any new pot holes and we will repair them.

### Water Leaks Tips – Routinely Checks

- Check all toilet components. The flapper seals the drainage of the tank, sometimes they get worn or cracked. The toilet handle might not work and keeps the fill valve running; replace it. The overflow tube has to not be overflowing and ideally the level of water has to be at least ½ inches below the overflow tube. Adjust the fill valve or float ball to correct water level.
- Also check faucets, shower heads, plumbing underneath sink, water heater and faucets outside home for leakage. A small drop can waste over 3,600 gallons a month.
- Replacing a hose washer can often fix your leaking garden hose.
- Look and feel for underground leaks by looking at wet areas. Look at driveway, curb or road for signs of water flow.
- If none of the tips help, you may need to contact a plumber for assistance.
- Customers are strongly recommended to install a gate valve on their side of the property to turn off if they have a water leak.
- In the case of a water leak **DO NOT TURN OFF METER**, report immediately to our City Office at 830-663-2804.
- Home indoor water saving kits are available at City Office. Every drop counts.



Date: November 6  
Theme: Hug-a-bear Day (November 7<sup>th</sup>)  
Books: Corduroy by Don Freeman  
Craft: Bear puppet



Date: November 13  
Theme: Giving Thanks  
Books: Thanks For Thanksgiving by Julie Markes, Thanksgiving Is For Giving Thanks by Margaret Sutherland  
Craft: Thankful Turkey



Lets talk ...  
Date: November 20  
Theme: Turkey Talk  
Books: The Very Stuffed Turkey by Katherine Kenah, The Turkey Ball by D.J. Steinberg  
Craft: Feather painting



Date: November 21  
Theme: Snowmen  
Books: Snowmen At Night by Caralyn Buenher, A Snowman Named Just Bob by Mark Kimball Moulton  
Craft: Build a snowman



- Every Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Code Club (Call to sign up)
- October 29<sup>th</sup> – November 2<sup>nd</sup> - Dia De Los Muertos Altar at the library
- November 1<sup>st</sup>- Movie presentation of Coco at 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- November 8<sup>th</sup> –Teen Library Club meeting at 5:00 p.m.
- November 15<sup>th</sup> - Movie presentation of Charlie Brown Thanksgiving and Thanksgiving meal at 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- November 17<sup>th</sup>- International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day 11:00 a.m. (Call library for details)

## Devine Animal Control: Pet of the Month

Meet: Jazz



Jazz is a female Pit mix, approximately 4 years old. Jazz is special needs (deaf) and is looking for her forever home. Jazz is very active, loving and is good with people and other dogs of all sizes.

Jazz can be adopted for a nominal fee of \$92.00. This fee includes rabies vaccination, spay/neuter and other services.

If you or someone you know may be interested in adopting Jazz, please call 830-663-4403 and speak with Lindsey or Kenneth.

Please welcome our new employee Kenneth Byers in our Animal Control Department.



City of Devine Parks & Recreation Board

Come grow with us

Please attend our meetings the 1st Tuesday of every month and help us bring new things to our Devine Parks!!

Come grow with us!



## Municipal Court Corner

- Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - 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.