

CITY OF DEVINE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2019

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

Employees' Anniversaries this Month

Administration

Denise Duffy 7 Years

Police Department

Bobby Amaro 10 Years

Eliseo Perez Jr. 12 Years

Utility Department

Celina Rodriguez 18 Years



City Hall

Home Program Grants – Applications and funds are still available for anyone interested in getting a home built on their property. If you are interested, contact City Hall.



From the Desk of Chief Kandy L. Benavides

Devine Police Department




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.

UTILITY DEPARTMENT



- Monday, March 4, 2019 – LAST DAY to pay, for past due accounts
- Tuesday, March 5, 2019 - CUT- OFF DAY, for past due accounts
- Thursday, March 28, 2019 – 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.**
- 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.
- Sewer Rates: The monthly service charge for each year is based on the average of the three Winter months' (December, January, and February) metered water billing.
- EEA Rates: The EEA fee has increased to \$2.78 due to the Edwards Aquifer Authority's permit increase.
- 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.

Devine Code Compliance

We are currently hiring for the Code Compliance position, candidate must have a peace officer license & certification.

This is a reminder that the City of Devine has a grease ordinance, Section 98-52.

- **Don't pour oil and grease down the drain**
- **Don't put food scraps down the drain**
- **Don't run water over dishes, pans, fryers, and griddles to wash oil and grease down the drain**
- **Don't rinse off oil and grease with hot water**

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Brush Pick Up-Weekly Schedule

1st Week – Starting March 4 - 8

2nd Week – Starting March 11 - 15

3rd Week – Starting March 18 - 22

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.



Date: March 5th
 Theme: Mardi Gras
 Books: Maisy Dresses Up by Lucy Cousins, Dinosaur Mardi Gras by Dianne De Las Casas
 Craft: Masks



Date: March 12th
 Theme: St. Patrick's Day
 Books: The Luckiest St. Patrick's Day by Teddy Slater, How To Catch A Leprechaun by Adam Wallace
 Craft: Rainbow



Date: March 19th
 Theme: Spring
 Books: Planting A Rainbow by Lois Rupert, I See Spring by
 Craft:



Date: March 26th
 Theme: Lady Bugs
 Books: The Grouchy Lady Bug by Eric Carle, Whaley and Dot: Bug Meets Bundle by Mary Beth Chapman
 Craft: Lady Bugs

- Story Time - Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m.
- Hours of Operation
 - Monday – Friday
 - 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
 - Closed on Saturday & Sunday
 - (830) 663 - 2993
 - library@cityofdevine.com

Devine Animal Control: Pet of the Month

Meet: Robin



Robin is a male Husky Mix, approximately 2-3 years old. Robin is great with other dogs and is very people and kid friendly. Robin is super affectionate and fun to be around.

Robin 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 Golden, please call 830-663-4403 and speak with Kenneth or Randy.

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City of Devine Parks & Recreation Board

Come grow with us!

Come visit our parks! Enjoy and relax.
 Please attend our meetings the 1st Tuesday of every month
 and share ideas and concerns!!

Come grow with us!



Municipal Court Corner

- Thursday, March 21, 2019 - 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.