

CITY OF DEVINE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – MAY 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

Public Works

Luis Coronado	20 Years
Pedro Peña	3 Years

Devine Municipal Golf Course

Upcoming 4 Way Golf Tournament on May 4 & 5. We have Scrambles at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday night. Contact the golf course staff at 830-665-9943 for any questions.



Devine Municipal Airport

The airport is making progress on a rehab grant for the run away and a fuel farm, organizing with the Texas Department of Aviation. Projects are still in planning phase. The airport is open to all companies for daily transportation needs. Contact the airport manager for any questions at 830-538-4123.



City Hall will be closed on the following day:

May 27th – Memorial Day

From the Desk of Chief Kandy L. Benavides

Devine Police Department



Prevent Theft – Lock your vehicles

If you have been following the local newspaper, Devine Police Department has been actively investigating a group of juveniles who have been breaking into vehicles and in some instances have been stealing them.

The majority of vehicle break-ins occur outside your homes, in your driveways or on the street in front of your homes.

Thefts would be drastically reduced if people would lock their vehicle doors and stop leaving valuables inside their vehicles, especially their car keys.

Be your neighbor's eyes and ears. Talk to your neighbors regarding activity in your neighborhood. By becoming familiar with those who live in your neighborhood, you can help reduce crime.

Remember, if they can see it, they can steal it.

Devine Code Compliance

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

We have received several calls regarding junk vehicles on residential properties. The following ordinance explains what is considered a junk vehicle.

Ordinance No. 6-13B

❖ Junked vehicle means a vehicle that is self-propelled or was manufactured to be self-propelled, or any part thereof, in ordinary public view, which remains inoperable for a continuous period of thirty (30) days if the vehicle is on private property or for seventy-two (72) consecutive hours if the vehicle is on public property.

❖ Declaration of junked vehicle to be a public nuisance.

A junked vehicle, including a part of a junked vehicle that is visible at any time of the year from a public place or public right-of-way:

1. Is detrimental to the safety and welfare of the public;
2. Tends to reduce the value of private property;
3. Invites vandalism;
4. Creates a fire hazard;
5. Is an attractive nuisance creating a hazard to the health and safety of minors;
6. Produces urban blight adverse to the maintenance and continuing development of municipalities; and
7. Is a public nuisance.



UTILITY DEPARTMENT



- ☑ **Friday, May 3, 2019 – LAST DAY** to pay, for past due accounts
- ☑ **Monday, May 6, 2019 - CUT-OFF DAY**, for past due accounts
- ☑ **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.**
- ☑ **Sewer Rates: Reminder - The new sewer rates have taken effect this month for residential customers.** The monthly service charge for each year is based on the average of the three Winter month's (December, January, and February) metered water usage.
- ☑ In addition to the waste wheeler provided by Republic Services, each household is allowed to use a 32 gallon container or 5 bags of leaves **ONLY.**
- ☑ Reminder: A new City Ordinance was approved to establish a civil penalty **for anyone tampering with the water meter.** A civil penalty of \$200.00 will be charged to the account associated with the tampered meter.
- ☑ 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 not weigh more than 50 lbs.
 - Pick-up is strictly for small brush; it must be neatly stacked or bundled facing the same direction.
 - Republic Services will only pick up the allowed portion. If the pile is larger, customers need to call again to schedule a new pick-up date for the remaining brush left behind.
 - Brush will not be picked up if not called in.

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Brush Pick Up-Weekly Schedule

- 1st Week – Starting May 6th
- 2nd Week – Starting May 13th
- 3rd Week – Starting May 20th

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.

Republic Services will not pick up brush on any vacant properties.

Public Works

Water Leak Tips – Routine Checks

Finding and repairing water leaks on your property can save you water and money on unnecessary water leaks.

- Check all toilet components. The flapper seals the drainage of the tank; sometimes they get worn or cracked. If the toilet handle is not working, it may keep the fill valve running and would need to be replaced. The overflow tube should not be overflowing; ideally the level of water has to be at least ½ inch below the overflow tube. You may need to adjust the fill valve or float ball to correct the 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 leaky garden hose.
- Look and feel for underground leaks by looking for wet areas. Look at driveways, curbs 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, in the event they have a water leak and need to turn off their water.
- In case of a water leak, **DO NOT TURN OFF METER**; report immediately to our City Office at 830-663-2804.
- Water saving kits are available at the City Office. Every drop counts.

STORY TIME



Driscoll Public Library - Devine
Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am



Date: May 7

Theme: Mother's Day

Books: Quack and Her Mama by David Soman and Jacky Davis, What Mommies Do Best by Laura Numeroff
Activity: Mom and me

Date: May 14

Theme: Books, Books, Books! (Children's Book Week)

Counting Book: The Crayon's Book Of Numbers by Drew Daywalt
Books: The Foot Book by Dr. Seuss, Lola At The Library by Anna McQuinn
Activity: Reading Books

Date: May 21

Theme: Pets

Counting Books: One Little Monkey by Stephanie Calmenson
Books: Leo's New Pet by Mick Gowar and Richard Morgan, Pet Shop Lullaby by Mary Ann Fraser
Activity: Pets

Date: May 28

Theme: Cats and Dogs

County Book: Spot Can Count by Eric Hill
Books: What A Good Kitty by Mercer Mayer, Just Dog by Hiawyn Oram
Activity: Dogs and Cats



- Friends of the Driscoll Public Library Book Sale and Annual Stuffed Animal Fundraiser scheduled for Saturday May 25th!
- This year we are kicking off our Summer Reading Program "A Universe of Stories" with a cute alien plush for kids to come and bring to life.

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: Lexy



Lexy is a female Red Heeler Mix, approximately a year old. Lexy is always ready to play and is great around other dogs. Lexy enjoys playing with children.

Lexy is in need of a loving, forever home.

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

You can call to set up a visit with Lexy or her many friends at the Devine Animal Kennels.



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, May 16, 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.