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THE PALM VALLEY REVIEW

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SPRING IS IN THE AIR!!

After several months of inclement weather, a brief showering of beautiful snow, SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

The flowers are blooming, the trees are looking tall and proud and green, the sun is shining brightly; however, with all of this comes the shedding of old leaves and scattered debris. All of this ends up in our city drains. The City has started sweeping the streets in an effort to do some of the cleanup required. We ask that you also cooperate by making sure that debris does not get into our drains and advising your yard workers to not blow leaves into the street. They can either rake them up and bag them or they can blow them back up onto the yard. We have got to do our best to keep our drains free and clear of trash, debris, etc.

Let's all do our best to keep the beauty of this very unique community! Through everyone's cooperation we can make it happen.

Thank you,
George Rivera
Mayor

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*******BACKFLOW PROGRAM*******

The City Council unanimously adopted an ordinance amending the backflow program. This ordinance now allows that an annual test will be performed by a licensed city employee of all backflow prevention devices installed at a residence to determine if said devices are functioning properly. The ordinance allows the City to charge/bill the resident for this service for the amount of $50 per device, pass or fail. If the device fails, there is opportunity for either replacement of the entire device or repair of part (or parts). The fee for the testing will be invoiced to you and you will be given a certain period of time in which to pay that invoice. Should you choose not to pay at all, the City has the authority to disconnect your water service until payment is made. If the City replaces or repairs your device, there will also be a charge of $350 to $500 for replacement or $150 to $350 for repair which will also be invoiced separately. This service will begin in May.

A complete copy of the ordinance is posted on the City's website at **www.palmvalleytx.com** under the Water link. Copies are available at City Hall as well.

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UPCOMING CITY ELECTION

Date: Saturday, May 5, 2018

Deadline to register to vote in City Election: April 6, 2018.
You must be registered in this precinct to vote in the City of Palm Valley Election.

Candidates whose names will appear on the ballot to fill three (3) Council member vacancies:

Deborah Wright
Michael R. Galvan
Charlie Ramsey
Cynthia A. Thompson

Early voting by personal appearance starts, ends on, and is conducted at
City Hall, 1313 N. Stuart Place Road, Palm Valley, TX

April 23, 2018	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (lst day)
April 24, 2018	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
April 25, 2018	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
April 26, 2018	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
April 27, 2018	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
April 30, 2018	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
May 1, 2018	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (last day)

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BUILDING PERMITS

There is a lot of building activity going on in Palm Valley and this is a good thing. However, it has been brought to our attention that there is building activity on the weekends that is not been permitted. Regardless of what kind of work is being done to your residence, big or small, please just call our office during the week between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to inquire if the work you are proposing requires a permit.

If the work is in progress, or for that matter, completed, the Building Inspector will notify the homeowner and request that a permit be pulled. The consequences of building without a permit are that the permit doubles in cost. In some cases, the Building Inspector can require that the work be taken down. However, we do not want to take those drastic measures. Best that a permit be pulled, when required, to avoid any negative consequences. The City of Palm Valley thanks you for your cooperation.

The ordinance on building regulations is posted on the City's website at www.palmvalleytx.com. Click on "ordinances" on the top row and click on 'view code'. (Chapter 150).

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SIGN PERMITS

The City's Sign Ordinance has been in place since 2003. Title XV: Chapter 158 can be viewed at www.palmvalleytx.com

If you are considering placing a specific type of sign at your residence or in a commercial/office location, please contact City Hall. Most signs will require that a permit application to be filled with an approval or disapproval to follow. Permit applications can be obtained at City Hall.

From Water Department

When paying by check, please make sure that all contents on check are correct:

- Correct date
- Payable to the City of Palm Valley
- Written amount matches the numerical amount
- Signature

The bank has started returning checks back to us for hard to read contents. In most cases, the written amount does not match the numerical amount. We want to avoid any delay in the posting of your payment. Staff will notify you if this occurs with your payment to either submit another check or money order. Should a new check not be submitted immediately, penalty charges will apply to the due bill.

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Harlingen Country Club
"Walk to Fitness"
FREE Walking Club

Starts	April 17, 2018
Days	Tuesdays & Thursdays
Time	1st Group 2nd Group
	7:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.

Lights will be provided. Come enjoy some exercise with your friends & meet some new ones.

Meet at the HCC Fitness Center. Contact Andy Carter to sign up or for more info at 956-412-4100 ext. 104

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Easter is this Sunday April 1, 2018.

The City of Palm Valley wishes each of you a Happy Easter! As a reminder, City Hall will be closed for Good Friday. Have a wonderful weekend!

Dates to Remember

March 30, 2018 - Good Friday (Office Closed)
April 1, 2018 – Easter
April 16, 2018 – Emancipation Day
April 17, 2018 – Tax Day

The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for

April 17, 2018 at 6:00p.m.
We invite you to attend.

THE COUNCIL

Mayor: George Rivera
Mayor Pro-Term: Deborah Wright
Councilmembers::Julie C. Martin, Cynthia Thompson, John Widger, and Paul Powers.

City Hall:	423-8384
Municipal Court:	423-8384
Police DPT:	873-1500
Water Services:	423-4040

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