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PUBLIC SAFETY

In an effort to promote safety throughout the community, stop signs at various locations throughout the community were enlarged as well as solid, white lines added to provide better visibility. Brought to the attention of the council was a public awareness campaign focused on neighborhood and community wide traffic safety issues called "Keep Kids Alive, Drive 25". Additionally, bike safety has become an increased concern for our community. The City Council, at their meeting on May 20, 2013, authorized the reduction in the speed limit inside the community from 30 mph to 25 mph.



Chief Garcia's July 2013 Citation Report

In July 2013, 88 citations were issued. Of these 88, 45 were for "Speeding". The following is a

breakdown of the citations:

45 speeding citations

- 25 issued on Stuart Place Rd
- 13 issued on Dilworth Rd
- 7 issued within the City

The 7 issued within the City were issued at the following speeds:

- 1 @ 31 mph in a 25 mph zone
- 4 @ 30 mph in a 25 mph zone
- 2 @ 29 mph in a 25 mph zone

Driving 25 mph around our 3 mile circle will take 7 minutes 12 seconds. Driving 30 mph on the 3 mile circle will take you 6 minutes. That's a difference of 72 seconds.



BICYCLE SAFETY

As a friendly reminder to bicyclists, all bicyclists are required by Texas law to follow traffic rules. Two excellent websites to visit are www.biketexas.org and www.austintexas.gov. Bike Safe!

CRIME

We are happy to report that there have not been any burglary/robbery activities within the City since the end of April. As a continued reminder, please keep your vehicles locked, keep valuables out-of-sight and keep your home lights on at night.

The Palm Valley City Council, at its meeting on July 16, 2013 authorized the advertising for bids on the temporary gating project proposed for the community. All streets, other than the main entrance/exit on El Camino Real, are proposed to be gated. These gates will be closed at a certain time at night then re-opened again at a specific time in the early morning hours.



Installation of security cameras is underway. As you may have noticed, the cameras with License Plate Readers have already been installed at the main entrance/exit on El Camino Real. This is the City's effort to provide further security for the safety of its residents. Additionally, estimates are being prepared by AEP for additional street lighting within the community.

POLICE DEPARTMENT



The mission of the Palm Valley Police Department is to enhance the quality of life for those living in the City of Palm Valley by providing quality police service to the community, through fairness, integrity, and professionalism, promoting a safe environment through police and citizen interaction, and by the impartial enforcement of the ordinances and laws of the City of Palm Valley and the State of Texas, within the frame work of the United States Constitution. We appreciate our hard working police force that is on-duty 24/7 and only a phone call away: 873-1500.

INVOLVMENT

Council meetings are now held at 5:00 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in order to allow for more citizen involvement and attendance as per voted on by the City Council during the May 20, 2013 meeting. All City Council meetings are open to the public. The agenda is posted on the City's website at

www.palmvalleytx.com, usually on Thursday of the previous week.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Our PD has begun working on this year's "Annual National Night Out" scheduled for October 2, 2013. Details coming soon...

TRANSPORTATION

Valley Metro, Route 44, serves La Feria/Santa Rosa/Primera. Call 1-800-574-8322 to schedule a pick up. This route is able to deviate up to ½ mile from its route if riders call at least 1 day in advance. Fares are:

Adults **\$1.00**

Elderly (60+), Disabled, Veterans, Medicare w/ID card, Students w/ID card **\$.50**

Children (under 7) must be accompanied by an adult and transfers are **free**.

HURRICANE SEASON



Hurricane season lasts thru November, so come by City Hall and pick up handouts with useful information and preparation checklists or visit Palm Valley's website for links with preparedness information. As an interesting note, the City of Palm Valley falls out of the mandatory evacuation route; therefore, if faced with a serious hurricane, evacuation would be voluntary.

PETS

As a reminder for those of you with pets, the City of Palm Valley Ordinances #97-7 and #2000-3 ***requires that an owner of an animal that defecates on any lot used as a residence, on any condominium grounds, or any City property between the residence and the street, including the street, and on any vacant lot or any other property not owned by the owner of the animal shall properly remove such defecation to an acceptable receptacle.*** Please adhere to the requirements of these ordinances.



Scoop the Poop!

CHEMICAL RESPONSIBILITY



Did you know that by utilizing pesticides in the garden or around the house to keep unwanted critters at bay you might be inadvertently poisoning your neighbor's or your own pet? The loss of a pet is comparable to losing a family member. Please be conscientious when using chemicals around your home.

ORDINANCE UPDATES

At the July 16, 2013 meeting, the City Council unanimously approved an ordinance amending the existing ordinance on nuisances. The current ordinance addresses a **nuisance** to be ***any condition on private property which endangers the public health, safety or welfare including, but not limited to an accumulation of trash, debris, carrion, filth, brush or stagnant water on such property or the unsightly and uncontrolled growth of weeds, or any other plant material on private property to the degree that it constitutes a fire or health hazard.....***

This ordinance has now been amended to **add** language that reads ***the owner or occupant of any lot or other real property in the city which abuts an alley or along Dilworth Road shall maintain the area between the property line and the pavement of such alley or abutting the pavement of Dilworth Road along the City limits of Palm Valley in a condition free from accumulation of weeds, rubbish or any other unsightly, objectionable, or unsanitary matter.***

The following provisions have now been added to the parking ordinance:

- A parking permit may be issued by the Police Department permitting parking on the street during prohibited hours.
- The permit must be requested from the Police Department or its personnel
- The permit shall be displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle on the driver's side
- No more than two (2) permits shall be issued per residence
- Permits shall only be issued to vehicles belonging to non-residents
- The length of the temporary permit shall not exceed three (3) consecutive nights per 30-day period.
- The permit shall contain all pertinent vehicle information
- Failure to display an issued permit shall result in a violation of City Ordinance No. 96-7
- Improperly parked vehicles shall be cited under current Texas Traffic Laws

OUR CITIZENS

Sadly, Mr. Hosea Jr., a former PV Councilman, passed away this last week. We send condolences to all his friends and family.

Warm wishes for a quick recovery go out to Debe Wright, our current Councilwoman. Best wishes that you will soon be back to doing all the things you love!

The beginning of a new school year is just around the corner! Best of luck to all our students for a great school year!

Quote of the month:
The road to success is always under construction.
- Anonymous

THE COUNCIL

Mayor: John Cutney
Mayor Pro-Tem: John Widger
Councilmembers: Joe Jones, Julie C Martin,
Bill Werley, Sr, and Debe Wright

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