

The Palm Valley Review

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It's Palm Valley's 3rd Annual "National Night Out"!

Tuesday, October 1, 2013 ~ 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Come out and meet others in our community!

Enjoy food, entertainment, and various vendors!

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS & KIDS

Provided by Safe KIDS Worldwide ~ Visit safekids.org for more information



Slow down your driving.

Take extra time to look out for children.

Trick or Treat with an Adult.

Walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.

Teach kids to make eye contact with drivers.

Watch for cars & don't run.

Before crossing a street, look left & right & left again.

Choose face paint vs masks which can hinder a kid's view.

Make sure your child carries a flashlight, glow stick or has reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible to cars.

Remind kids that a parent needs to check treats before eating.

"Double, double toil and trouble; fire burn and cauldron bubble." ~ from "Macbeth"

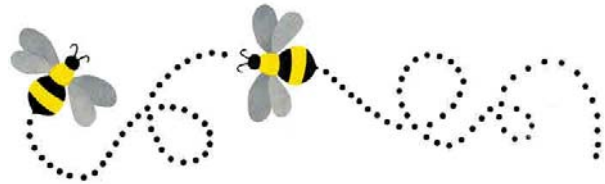
Beautification Committee of Palm Valley

For those of you who may not attend council meetings, this is a committee whose goal is to improve and maintain the visual appearance of Palm Valley. Currently, a venture we are attempting to tackle is the 1.2 miles of land between Stuart Place Road and the "wall". This represents Palm Valley's exterior image. With the rain, this area looks attractively "green". Ultimately, our goal is for this to be a constant. TXDOT holds the Right of Way for this area and we must receive approval for any improvements made to this portion of land. We have met with them a couple of times and have been dealing with a bit of resistance. However, we will push forward! Additionally, Valley Proud, has educated us on their mission and will be a great partner in this endeavor! Also, the Committee has been working on another project. BUZZZZZ ... Be watching for a "sign" near you ...

ORDINANCE REMINDER

City's ordinance on nuisances - *'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.....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 BUZZ... This section is dedicated to citizen comments on a "topic of interest" which will be included on an occasional basis. As Halloween is very busy for Palm Valley, here are what some citizens had to say...



Don and I live at 5125 Grande Circle and we enjoy the Halloween activities, especially the "crowds". We think the PV police do an excellent job of managing the crowds and we think it adds to the fun of the evening to have so many eager children who seem to be accompanied by caring and respectful parents. We like it the way it is. - Beverlee DeCoux & Don Hebeisen

Anything to promote safety on Halloween is wonderful. The "one-way" proposal seems quite reasonable and probably will be effective. - Jimmie Traylor

Since we can't prevent the high volume of traffic and pedestrians on Halloween, we should try to control it. It's a miracle that no one has been injured, as traffic is totally chaotic and walkers completely disappear from view in the LONG distances between streetlights. I would suggest that all traffic is forced to turn RIGHT ONLY onto Palm Valley Drive, thus making it a one-way all the way around. We could close some of the least-used entrances for the evening to make enforcement easier. Access to most side streets and cul-de-sacs is to the right. In those cases where a left-turn is necessary (e.g. Bougainvillea), at least people would not be turning in front of oncoming traffic. People could park on either side of the street and still leave a wide lane open. - Lynne Lerberg

THE BUZZ topics of interest are posted on Palm Valley's NextDoor.

If you are interested in joining NextDoor, please e-mail: juliecmartin236@aol.com or

Sign-up directly at www.palmvalley-hcc.nextdoor.com

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Palm Valley has sprayed twice to help reduce emptying standing water and keeping grass cut. the water to keep it fresh.



the mosquito population. You can help by If you have a bird bath or kiddie pool, change

MUNICIPAL COURT UPDATE

Municipal court fines are not a major source of revenue for the City. It is further prohibited for a municipality to impose a quota of tickets issued to operate and maintain a Police Department. For the past two quarters, the City collected a total of \$32,190.12 in fines.

January	\$6,908.00	March	\$3,153.00	May	\$6,441.31
February	\$4,789.81	April	\$2,832.00	June	\$8,066.00

Out of this amount, \$15,165.39 was remitted to the State Comptroller's office. The City retained \$17,024.73. Court fines are remitted to the State Comptroller's office on a quarterly basis.

The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for
October 15 @ 5:00 pm.

THE COUNCIL

Mayor: John Cutney

Mayor Pro-Tem: John Widger

Councilmembers: Joe Jones, Julie C Martin, Bill Werley, Sr, and
Debe Wright

Quote of the month:

Change is a measure of time
and, in the autumn, time seems
speeded up. What was is not
and never again will be;
what is change.
- Edwin Way Teale