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SPRING IS UPON US! FLOWERS ARE BLOOMING
AND EVRERYTHING IS TURNING GREEN! WHAT A
WONDERFUL TIME OF YEAR!

APRIL 20 – EASTER

APRIL 22 – EARTH DAY

APRIL 23 – ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS' DAY

APRIL 25 – ARBOR DAY

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

There are many items that are presented to me concerning what Palm Valley residents would like the city to undertake in the future. As Mayor, my job is to balance the daily operations while improving the current infrastructure. The overall goal is to accomplish this balancing act without raising taxes.

During this year's budget process it became apparent that in the near future we are reaching the point of no return without a tax increase. We can continue to patch holes in our streets or we can undertake a major street improvement program.

This subject will be addressed in future Council meetings. I would encourage all residents to come before the Council to voice their opinions. This should be done before the Council takes actions.

John M Cutney ~ Mayor

FROM THE DESK OF CHIEF GARCIA

POLICE BLOTTER February 22 – March 25, 2014

We've received a report of a case where the gasoline was siphoned off of a vehicle in the 1800 block of Palm Valley West. This occurred about 4:00 a.m. on the morning of March 25th. Thus far, this is the only report we have received. Citizens, be on the lookout for this type of criminal activity and report it immediately to 873-1500.

NEW STREET LIGHT LOCATIONS (As of March 5, 2014 - approved by City Council on February 18, 2014)

Between 5118 and 5126 Palm Valley South

5635 Jack Nicklaus

5626 Arnold Palmer

5626 Byron Nelson

Between 1001 and 1009 Palm Valley East

1433 Palm Valley East

Between 1716 and 1800 Palm Valley East

Between 1209 and 1217 Palm Valley East

Between 1724 and 1732 Brazos Circle

Approximately 5620 Gary Player

GET FIT!

GETTING STARTED

By Kelly Cohen

Some say there is a process you go through before making a change in your life. The first thing that happens is you begin to think about making a change. Then you prepare for action, and then take action and finally maintaining the behavior. But isn't getting started the hardest part? No, not, if you can map out a plan to help you overcome barriers.

Common Barriers:

I don't have time-This is always the number one excuse I hear as a personal trainer. How much time do you spend watching television? Can you give up one hour and get moving? Can you get up ½ hour earlier and go to bed ½ hour earlier?

I don't want to join a gym- Walk, it's free and requires very little equipment. Buy a Video that interests you, there are many from Gentle yoga to high intensity cardio workouts.

I can't get motivated- Incorporate a friend in your quest to get healthy, join one of the many fitness groups that meet in Harlingen, set a goal, like a 3 mile walk to fight cancer, or sign up for one of the upcoming events below.

And the biggest barrier of all YOU! Make exercise a high priority - if getting in shape is your goal you must make exercise a priority to reach that goal.

Set a Goal, Map a Plan and Jump into Action. You are worth it!

Upcoming Local events: 3/22/14 Walkerz Against Diabetes- Edinburg, Texas

3/23/14 Alamo Donut Dash-Alamo

5/3/14 The Jailbreak-South Padre Island



BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE ~ Congratulations to Paula Huber, our March yard of the month winner! If you are driving on Palm Valley, drive by her yard located at 1509 Palm Valley Drive East. Each yard of the month winner is awarded a gift certificate to one of our local nursery's.

Keep an eye out for April's "small" yard of the month winner!

Yard of the Month Guidelines and Criteria:

Yard Maintenance

- Healthy Lawn, neatly mowed and edged
- Pruned and trimmed shrubs and trees
- Healthy plants
- Minimum weeds in flowerbeds
- Yard free of debris and clutter

Design and Landscaping

- Use of color and/or texture
- Creative, unique, curb appeal
- Overall aesthetic appeal
- Balance appropriate to house and lot size
- No plastic, silk or artificial plants

REDUCE ~ REUSE ~ RECYCLE

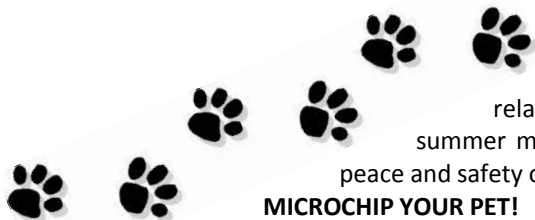


Coastal Community Recycling has started going door-to-door to sign up interested residents for a recycling subscription. The current pricing will be \$7.99/month which will be billed quarterly @ \$23.97. One 14 gallon bin will be provided, but the subscriber is responsible if damaged, lost or stolen. One additional bin may be used as long as it doesn't exceed 40 lbs. Pick up will be done on Mondays and service is expected to commence in April.

*****SPECIAL PROMOTION*****

Sign up BEFORE April 1st \$5.99/month

Visit their website for additional information: <http://coastalcommunityrecycling.com>. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Zach Silva at 956-407-3107.



Pet Info

Friendly reminder, we have ordinances

related to barking dogs, loose dogs, and dog "deposits". With the spring and summer months approaching, we will be actively enforcing all these ordinances for the peace and safety of the citizens and the cleanliness of the community.

MICROCHIP YOUR PET! Harlingen Animal Shelter provides micro chipping services for a \$15.00 fee on a drop in basis. Just takes a few minutes (9-5). A lost animal with a microchip embedded can be "wanded", owner identified and called.

BARK TRAINING - If your dog is barking excessively, it is disturbing someone. Dogs can be bark trained. Let's be considerate of our neighbors. Check out what the infamous Cesar Millan advises on his website Cesar's Way:

<http://www.cesarsway.com/tips/dogtraining/Dog-Barking-101>. There are many other helpful hints for your beloved dog!

SPORTS

- The Masters Championship is coming up at the Augusta National Golf Club this April 10th thru 13th.
- HCC will again be hosting the annual wild-card tournament March 31 - April 6 for players interested in competing for a spot in the 2014 Men's \$15,000 Futures.
- For all you basketball fans, the NCAA Final Four is this weekend. Check the local schedules.

GATING MATERIALS FOR SALE!

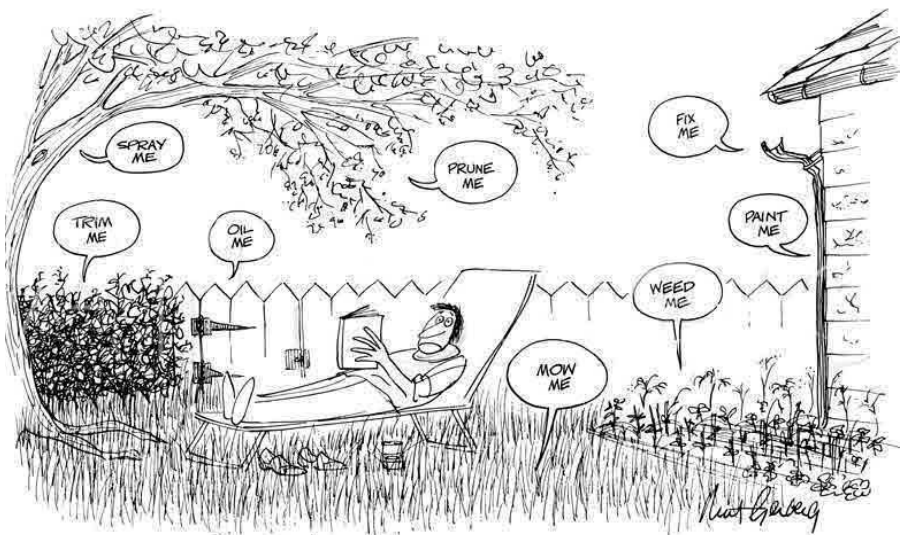
The City of Palm Valley is looking for offers on new aluminum materials from this project. The material is currently being stored at the Hurricane Fence Company yard in Harlingen.

Aluminum Fence Supply - Series A , Industrial, 3 Rail, Black

90	6'h x 6'w Fence Sections	10	2 1/2" x .075 x 9' end posts
44	2 1/2" x .075 x 9' line posts	18	4" x .125 x 9' gate posts

Please contact Joe Jones if interested (956) 245-8965.

YES, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROPERTY BEHIND YOUR FENCE



ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

ORDINANCE 2013-4; ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 2002-3 ADOPTED ON 12-9-2002; ARTICLE 6-2000 - NUISANCES TO ADD ADDITIONAL PROVISION AS IT RELATES TO THE MAINTENANCE OF CITY RIGHT-OF-WAYS ALONG DILWORTH ROAD AND THE ALLEYWAYS

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the maintenance of such property constituting a nuisance also address the right of ways on the City's alley ways and on Dilworth Road along the City limits of Palm Valley; and

WHEREAS, Section 6-201 of Ordinance No 2002-3 is amended to add the new Section 6-201(a) to read: "The owner of 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 of accumulation of weeds, rubbish or any other unsightly, objectionable or unsanitary matter."

ORDINANCE NO 2014-1; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 2002-3 ADOPTED ON 12/9/2002; ARTICLE 6-200 - NUISANCES TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL PROVISION AS IT RELATES TO OVERHANGING LIMBS AND BRANCHES ONTO THE CITY STREETS OF PALM VALLEY, TEXAS.

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the maintenance of such property constituting a nuisance also address the overhanging of limbs and branches onto the city streets of Palm Valley, Texas and

WHEREAS, Section 6-201 of Ordinance NO. 2002-3 is amended to add a new Section 201(b) to read:

"It shall be unlawful for the owner of occupant of any property in the city to maintain or permit limbs of trees growing thereon to overhang or grow above the area between his property line and the curb line of any abutting street, unless such limbs and all branches and foliage thereon is kept trimmed and pruned to a minimum clearance of fourteen (14) feet above the center of the nearest abutting street, or to such higher clearance as will provide an unobstructed view of traffic, intersections, traffic signs and traffic-control devices to oncoming traffic. ..."

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION ALERT SYSTEM – Stay up-to-date on any alerts issued by the City including the Police Blotter! Visit the city's website at www.palmvalleytx.com, go to the link that shows 'sign up' and follow the instructions. It's free. You will receive alerts via email or through text message, pending on your preference.

NEXTDOOR - It's a free, private happening in Palm Valley's Wildwood subdivision. You will items and pets, safety subjects, www.nextdoor.com to sign up



neighborhood network. Find out what's neighborhood and, recently added, find posts for upcoming events, lost & found recommendations, items for sale, etc... Visit today!

AUTOMATIC PAY is available! We'd like to encourage anyone interested in automatic pay for their water bill to please stop by City Hall and fill out a simple form. This would help reduce disconnect and reconnect fees for some properties. It's easy and will save you time!

"It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want - oh, you don't quite know what it is you *do* want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!" ~Mark Twain

Next Council Meeting ~ April 15th @ 5:00 pm

City Hall / Muni Court 423-8384

Police Department 873-1500

Water Services 423-4040

City Website: www.palmvalleytx.com

The Council

Mayor: John Cutney

Mayor Pro-Tem: John Widger

Councilmembers: Joe Jones, Julie C Martin

Bill Werley, Sr and Debe Wright