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Independence Day

Friday, July 4th, 2014

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

We are rapidly approaching the annual budget cycle for fiscal year 2014-15. On the agenda are some projects that have been started and some that need to be addressed in the coming year(s).

Projects in progress are the additional street lights and the Stuart Place landscaping project. The addition of four (4) new street lights is funded in the current 2013-14 budget. If sufficient funds remain the additional six (6) lights will be installed at the end of this fiscal year. The Stuart Place beautification project was approved by the City Council on May 20, 2014. TxDOT has, since then, given their approval for Phase I of the landscaping project along Stuart Place Road. $20,000 has been allocated in the current budget for this project and an additional $20,000 will be added in the new fiscal year's budget.

Under serious consideration will be a method to improve the life of our streets. The exact program will be studied in the coming months. A program to completely resurface our streets will cost between 8 and 9 million dollars. This cannot be accomplished without borrowing and committing the City to debt for the next 20 years. The Council was briefed during the last meeting as to the City's ability to borrow the money. Fortunately, the City's credit rating is good.

However, we are looking at lower cost options that can extend our pavement's life.

The Council will have briefings on various alternatives in the coming months.

Steve Womack and the City's Building and Permit Committee have been working diligently to find ways to streamline and clarify current ordinances as they relate to building regulations in Palm Valley. This is especially important when contracting roofers to ensure the completed jobs are windstorm certified.

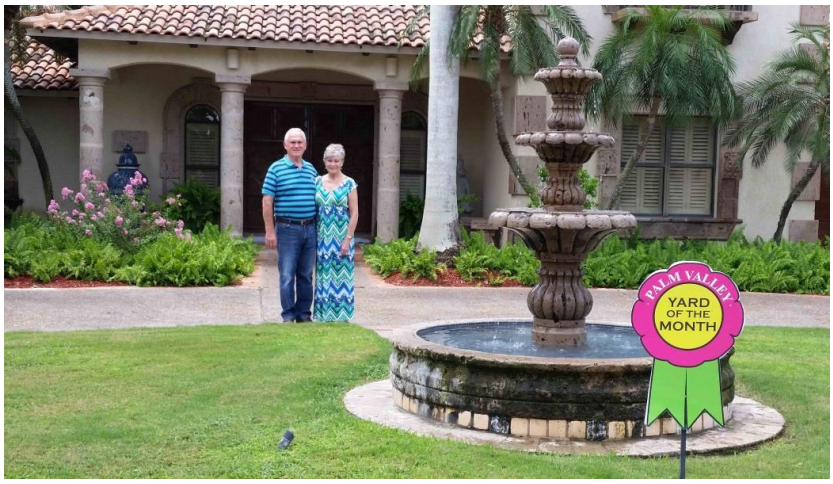
We are grateful for our dedicated staff. Health care and compensation are paramount to keeping these fine employees. Last, but not least, is funding for our ongoing daily maintenance and operations which will also have been considered during the budget process.

John M Cutney
Mayor

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

~ Yard of the Month ~

Lois Shreve, May's Yard of the Month winner, chose June's winning yard, owned by Gretchen & Butch Cooley. Drive by their home located at 5501 Palm Valley Dr North to see their beautiful yard! The Cooley's have already chosen July's winner. Be on the lookout as it could be yours!



Come out and join us for the Annual 4th of July Parade!
Decorate your golf cart, bike, antique car, kids, dogs, etc … !

Registration: 9 am HCC tennis courts
Parade starts @ 10 am

FROM THE DESK OF CHIEF GARCIA

Vehicle break-ins 6/24/14

1100 blk Palm Valley Drive East
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5000 blk Bryon Nelson

All vehicles were unlocked and unsecured. Reminder to everyone, lock your vehicles and do not leave expensive items in plain sight.

Theft:
5000 blk La Vista

Identity Theft - Identity theft occurs when someone assumes your identity to perform a fraud or other criminal act. Criminals can get the information they need to assume your identity from a variety of sources, including by stealing your wallet, rifling through your trash, or by compromising your credit or bank information. They may approach you in person, by telephone, or on the Internet and ask you for the information. The sources of information about you are so numerous that you cannot prevent the theft of your identity. But you can minimize your risk of loss by following a few simple hints.

Tips for Avoiding Identity Theft:

- Never throw away ATM receipts, credit statements, credit cards, or bank statements in a usable form.
- Never give your credit card number over the telephone unless you make the call.
- Reconcile your bank account monthly, and notify your bank of discrepancies immediately.
- Keep a list of telephone numbers to call to report the loss or theft of your wallet, credit cards, etc.
- Report unauthorized financial transactions to your bank, credit card company, and the police as soon as you detect them.
- Review a copy of your credit report at least once each year. Notify the credit bureau in writing of any questionable entries and follow through until they are explained or removed.
- If your identity has been assumed, ask the credit bureau to print a statement to that effect in your credit report.
- If you know of anyone who receives mail from credit card companies or banks in the names of others, report it to local or federal law enforcement authorities.

Report ANY suspicious activity 873-1500

HURRICANE SEASON IS UPON US! Be prepared!

http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/threatawareness/weather_aware_hurricane.htm
http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/preparedness/factsheet_hurricanes.shtm
http://emergency.portal.texas.gov/en/Pages/Hurricane.aspx

Street Light Project - AEP will be starting the street light project within the next few weeks. TKC Construction will be doing the trenching according to AEP standards. The first phase of light installations will be on 5620 Bobby Jones, 5634 Byron Nelson, 5641 Byron Nelson, 5626 Jack Nicklaus.

Need a new roof or making repairs? You must ensure that the roofing company/roofers you hire must be registered at City Hall and they must pull a permit to do the work. It would be helpful for them to have the WP1 application for Certificate of Compliance.

City Audit - The City's Audit for fiscal year ending September 30, 2013 was presented and accepted by the City Council on June 17, 2014. The auditing firm of Long Chilton conducted the audit and they noted the City is in sound financial standing.

Stuart Place Landscaping Project Update – In an effort to improve the exterior appearance of Palm Valley along Stuart Place Road and the sound barrier wall, the Beautification Committee has presented a plan to TXDot. The landscaping plan consists of plants native to The Valley. Because TXDot has the ROW along this stretch of land, the committee had to follow a list of restrictions. Phase I of this project has been approved by TXDot and planting will commence in the coming weeks. This phase consists of planting native Wild Olive Trees along Stuart Place Road and the sound barrier wall. We are very excited that over time, this stretch of land will look better!

This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave ~ Elmer Davis

Elmer Davis was a well-known news reporter, author, the Director of the United States Office of War Information during World War II and a Peabody Award recipient.

Next Scheduled Council Meeting – July 15, 2014 @ 5:00 pm

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