

# The Palm Valley Review

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## ~ Beautification Committee ~



**Yard of the Month** - The winners for July's Yard of the Month are Lyle & Paula DeBolt, chosen by Butch & Grethen Cooley. Drive by the DeBolt's home at 318 Palm Valley Dr West to admire their beautiful, park-like yard with large oak trees and serene landscaping!

### Stuart Place Landscaping Project Update -

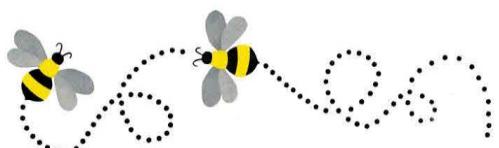
The committee's considerable hard work and dedication over a year have finally begun to take shape. As many of you have noticed, planting has begun for Phase I! We have complete confidence that the landscaping plan will enhance this stretch of land that so many of you have asked us to "*do something about*" to hide not only the uneven wall but improve the overall look of this area. We are very excited that over time, this stretch of land will be attractive!

As a reminder from previous publications, TXDOT holds the easement to this land. As a result, they have the power to tell us what can and cannot be planted. The strict guidelines and extreme limitations for planting on this land include not only a denial for a sprinkler system but also a limited handful of approved native plants from which to choose. This land presents an ideal location for the Native Wild Olive.

The Native Wild Olive tree is a South Texas staple. They love our heat and show it with large, white blossoms from Spring to Fall. The trunk is gnarly and rarely ramrod straight. The fruit (or olive) is not edible and messy so this tree is best planted over lawn or ground cover. They are a slow grower and at maturity, average 10-12 feet providing a nice canopy. They thrive in a dry habitat and are drought tolerant.

Thank you to all who have been stopping by the site to thank our hard working City employees! Our lead project manager, Chendo, and his crew have been working laboriously! Also, the committee would like to thank all who have provided compliments and encouragement on our progress over the last few weeks! We are happy to hear such great feedback and look forward to completing this phase of our project!

**THE BUZZ...** dedicated to citizen comments on a "topic of interest". The City has some grassy land adjacent to Jack Nicklaus, where Bougainvillea hits PV Drive West. We'd like to hear your ideas for this area. Please e-mail - [juliecmartin236@aol.com](mailto:juliecmartin236@aol.com) with your suggestions sometime this weekend.





## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade



The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade was a great success! Many turned out for the parade including a few antique cars, loads of golf carts, bicycles, dogs and a go kart!

Leading the parade was a '73 Corvette Pacecar owned and driven by Keith Martin. Following was Mayor John Cutney in a '68 Corvette



Stingray driven by Councilwoman Julie Martin. Many citizens and HCC members turned out to make this a great parade!

The God Bless America decorated golf cart won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the golf cart division! This was entered by Susie Hood and her granddaughter, Emery, with their two Yorkies.



Palm Valley's cute Bella Bullock won 1<sup>st</sup> place for best costume! She was decked out in 4<sup>th</sup> of July attire as was her matching American



Girl Doll! The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner for best decorated car was the '68 Corvette Stingray, owned by the Martins. We'd like to thank our parade judges, Councilman John Widger, Ann Blankenship, Lois Shreve and Jimmie Traylor for making this contest so fun! We look forward to next year!



## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

At the next council meeting on August 19, 2014, we will be discussing major projects proposed for the next budget cycle. I would like to encourage all residents to attend so that your views can be heard on these projects. In order to fund street improvements, lighting, beautification and normal operation & maintenance, I am proposing a tax increase. We have not had a tax increase for seven years. Your input is important to me and the current council. Hope to see you at the August council meeting.

**NEXTDOOR** - It's a free, private neighborhood network. Find out what's happening in Palm Valley's neighborhood and, recently added, Wildwood Subdivision. You will find posts for upcoming events, lost & found items / pets, safety subjects, recommendations, items for sale, etc... Visit [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com) and sign up!



We welcome the City of Palm Valley Administration to Nextdoor. City policy on joining Nextdoor will only be used as a communication outlet. This will allow the City to relay important information to citizens quickly and effectively. If an issue arises where immediate action is necessary or important information needs to be shared, you must call City Hall or the Police Department.

**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!

## FROM THE DESK OF CHIEF GARCIA

July 7, 2014

Offense: Burglary of a Motor Vehicle

Location: 1400 blk Palm Valley Drive East

Means: Entered unlocked vehicle

Items Taken: Jacket, t-shirt

Estimated value: \$70

July 7, 2014

Offense: Burglary of a Motor Vehicle

Location: 5600 blk La Plaza Means: Entered unlocked vehicle

Items Taken: Lottery ticket, cash

Estimated value: \$22

July 7, 2014

Offense: Theft

Location: 5300 blk Papaya Circle

Means: Removed from mailbox without consent

Items Taken: Eagle mailbox ornament

Estimated value: \$50

July 22, 2014

Offense: Burglary of Vehicle

Location: 1200 block PV

Means: Vehicle window broken

Item Taken: GPS system

***Be extra vigilant of your property and possessions!  
Report ANY suspicious activity 873-1500***

## **HURRICANE SEASON IS UPON US! Be prepared!**

Stop by City Hall for great tips and information on Hurricane preparedness.

**CITY ADMINISTRATION FINANCIAL TRAINING** - Mayor Cutney attended a Public Investment Fund Act training session in Austin in April, as required by law. This same training was also taken by the City Secretary in June. The Public Investment Fund Act, created in 1987, governs the investment of government funds in Texas. Under this law specific parameters are set for Texas cities requiring cities to adopt an investment policy and to designate an investment officer who is required to attend an approved training course. The treasurer, the chief financial officer (if the treasurer is not the chief financial officer) and investment officer must attend at least one training session, ten hours in length and must take ten hours of instruction every two years. The City of Palm Valley already has an investment policy on file and covers safety, liquidity, diversification and yield for all investment activity.

**Street Light Project** - AEP will be starting the street light project very soon. TKC Construction will be trenching according to AEP standards. The first phase of light installations include the locations of 5620 Bobby Jones, 5634 Byron Nelson, 5641 Byron Nelson, 5626 Jack Nicklaus.

**Recycling** – As you know, Coastal Community Recycling has ceased service to Palm Valley and surrounding areas due to lack of participation. We are interested in finding another servicer for our area in the near future. If anyone has any contacts, please give the information to City Hall.

The great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving...

~ Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr - Harvard graduate; physician; poet; professor; one of America's best authors

**Next Scheduled Council Meeting – August 19, 2014 @ 5:00 pm**

**City Info:**

City Hall / Muni Court 423-8384

Police Dept 873-1500

Water Services 423-4040

City Website: [www.palmvalleytx.com](http://www.palmvalleytx.com)

**The Council:**

Mayor: John Cutney

Mayor Pro-Tem: John Widger

Councilmembers: Joe Jones, Julie C

Martin, Angela Wolf, Debe Wright