

The Palm Valley Review

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MOSQUITOS –ANNOYING INSECTS!

The City has been spraying weekly for mosquitos. Every homeowner can help us control the mosquito population here in the City by following a few tips. Thank you – Chendo Flores, Water Supervisor



- Cover trash containers so they will not collect water.
- Water lawns and gardens carefully so water does not stand for several days.
- Repair any leaking plumbing and outside faucets.
- Screen rain barrels and openings to water tanks or cisterns.
- Keep gutters clear of debris & standing water.
- Change water in pet dishes daily. Change water in wading pools and bird baths several times a week.
- Fill in low areas in the yard and holes in trees that catch water.
- Maintain your backyard pool or hot tub and be sure someone takes care of it if you are out of town.
- Stock ornamental ponds with fish that eat mosquitoes.
- Keep drains and ditches clear of weeds and trash so water will not collect.
- Empty or get rid of cans, buckets, bottles, old tires, empty pots, plant saucers and other containers that hold water.



Yards of the Month - August's winners (left) were WB & JoAnn Folsom, chosen by Lyle & Paula DeBolt. The Fulsom's lovely yard is located at 609 Palm Valley Dr East!

In turn, W B & JoAnn chose the home located at 5117 Rico Circle. If you get a chance, take a drive to the Northeast side

of Palm Valley and admire the home owned by Tom Mason & Keith Cox (pic right). They were thrilled to win and quickly had October's winner chosen! Be on the lookout as it could be yours!!!



Also, a second yard will be chosen by the committee for best Halloween Décor!

DeBolt's picture (left) from July is being reprinted due to lackluster print quality.

As some of you may know, Palm Valley has had several break-ins over the summer months. In visiting with neighbors we have agreed that we need to become active in a Neighborhood Watch. When we are out in our yards, walking or driving in our area, stay alert as to what is going on in Palm Valley and report any unusual activity. Keep the Palm Valley police number handy at all times....956-873-1500. When traveling out of town, fill out the form provided by the city and let the PV police department know you will be away. They will walk around your house at different times during the day and night. Tell a neighbor you are leaving so they can keep an eye out for unusual activity. Please keep your porch lights on each evening. There are some very dark areas on our streets. "Thank you" to our city officials for installing more street lights. Criminals do not like lighted areas!

Palm Valley has many entrances off of Wilson, Stuart Place and Dilworth Road. The ideal situation would be to close some of these entrances only at night. There is a lot of traffic at night and most of it is not local residents. I know this is very controversial but it would assist our police department in controlling our streets. If you have a neighbor who has been victimized or it happens on your property, you might want to reconsider your thinking about gating some of our streets at night.

Palm Valley is a wonderful community. Let's all do our part to keep it that way.

Concerned Citizens

FROM THE DESK OF CHIEF GARCIA

July 25 – September 17, 2014

August 1, 2014

Offense: Criminal Mischief

Location: 1100 blk Chico Circle

Means: Broke out window to vehicle

Estimated damage: \$500

August 12, 2014

Offense: Burglary of a Habitation

Location: 5100 blk Bougainvillea

Means: Forced open front door in order to gain entry

Items Taken: Two large screen TVs, watch

Estimated value: \$7200

August 1, 2014

Offense: Burglary of a Motor Vehicle

Location: 1600 blk Palm Valley Drive East

Means: Broke out window to gain entry

Items Taken: Sports bag with baseball gear

Estimated value: \$220

September 9, 2014

Offense: Burglary of a Motor Vehicle

Location: 700 blk Caro Circle

Means: Gained entry through unsecured door

Items Taken: Laptop, radar detector, money

Estimated value: \$3200



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

Street Light Project - The first phase has been completed which included the locations of 5620 Bobby Jones, 5634 Byron Nelson, 5641 Byron Nelson, 5626 Jack Nicklaus. All the boring has been done on the remaining properties scheduled for this year.

~ **BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE** ~

Stuart Place Landscaping Project Update -

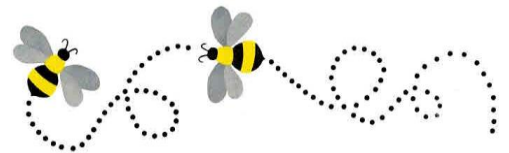
Phase I (Wild Olive Tree planting) of our project is almost complete. After our second phase of installation of new signage at the entrances, we will be focusing on landscaping at the entrances of La Cana and El Camino Real (Phase III)

Thank you to all who have stopped to thank our hard working City employees! Our lead project manager, Chendo, and his crew have been working arduously! The committee would like to thank all who have encouraged our commitment to this project! We are happy to hear such great feedback and look forward to completing this phase of our project!

"FIRST IMPRESSIONS" count - so does arriving and leaving places with a pleasant feel. Great news! The Palm Valley Beautification Committee along with Harlingen Country Club have agreed in concept for landscape enhancement in the green space at the entrance of Palm Valley on El Camino! The length of the one way streets, about 80 yards, will be lined with palm trees and flowering plants. A beautiful welcome and last impression!

We are seeking funding for this project and already have volunteer partners who have agreed to match donations. If you would like to donate to this project for our community, contact Julie Martin at juliecmartin236@aol.com or Diane Stone at dianestone02@gmail.com. We are ready to go and need your help to further enhance our community!

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've received many great ideas in the past couple months for this area. Please continue sending your thoughts to juliecmartin236@aol.com.



BRUSH COLLECTION – The City of Palm Valley does not provide brush collection services. It is the property owner's responsibility to make arrangements to have their brush piles picked up. You might consider contacting Waste Management to see if they provide this type of service.

BUILDING INSPECTOR - Palm Valley has a new building inspector, Mr. Luis Ramos. He will provide his services on a retainer basis. Contact City Hall with any needs!

HURRICANE SEASON IS UPON US! Be prepared!

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

STAY INFORMED! JOIN 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 and sign up! We welcome the City of Palm Valley Administration to Nextdoor. City policy on joining Nextdoor will only be used as an 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!



NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT CARDS! The city is now accepting payments via credit card. There is a 4% 'convenience' fee for every transaction. Credit cards are

accepted for payment of water bills, traffic citations, garage sale permits, building permits, contractor registrations and other miscellaneous payments to the City. VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Discover and debit cards are accepted. The City continues to encourage its residents to sign up for automatic debit payments from their checking accounts for the payment of water bills. Forms are available at City Hall.

CITY COUNCIL - You are encouraged to attend Council meetings. These meetings are usually held on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. However, the Council meeting in September was held on September 10th. At the August 27th meeting, the 2nd public hearing was held to seek comments for or against the proposed tax rate of \$0.452541 per \$100 valuation. On September 10th, the tax rate was increased from \$0.42251 per \$100 valuation to \$0.454541 per \$100 valuation. This is a 3 cent increase which will generate approximately \$38,000 in tax revenue. Additionally, the Council approved the new City Budget which is available on the City's website.

Next Scheduled Council Meeting – October 21, 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

The Council:

Mayor: John Cutney

Mayor Pro-Tem: John Widger

Councilmembers: Joe Jones, Julie C

Martin, Angela Wolf, Debe Wright