Greetings Citizens of Palm Valley,

As you may have noticed, we have seen many of our homes selling rather quickly. While I am very sad in seeing some of our older residents leave for one reason or the other, I am very happy to see new families setting roots in our lovely city. It is with honor and great pleasure that I welcome you to the City of Palm Valley. Our City is filled with citizens who hold a deep love for this community and I know you will have that same sense of feeling for our City. It is my mission to act with integrity, compassion, and a deep sense of pride in our community. Palm Valley is evolving with a future that continues to burn brightly and I look forward to the accomplishments we can achieve together.

The City of Palm Valley has the extremely good fortune to have the Harlingen Country Club. As such, we have the privilege of boasting on having the best Golf Course in the Rio Grande Valley that further cements our future as a “best” place to live and raise a family in South Texas. There is nowhere to go but up! It is my deepest hope that our new citizens will take advantage of what Palm Valley and the Country Club have to offer and share their sense of pride in their community. A positive attitude is contagious and we want both citizens and visitors alike to feel the optimism and hospitality of one of the friendliest cities in South Texas.

My door is open to all citizens of Palm Valley. Please feel free to share your thoughts, your goals and your concerns with me and the rest of your public servants at City Hall. Together, we have accomplished great things and we will continue on this path of success. By honoring past traditions and forging new ones, we will show Palm Valley’s true potential to those communities around us.

Sincerely,
Mayor George Rivera
The City of Palm Valley
From the Police Department,

First of all, I would like to thank YOU, the CITIZENS OF PALM VALLEY for having worked with and assisted the Police Department in keeping this community safe and secure on a daily basis. Because of this partnership and the hard work of the officers and citizen volunteers (a BIG THANK YOU to Mr. Charlie Ramsey!), I am happy to report there have been no reported burglaries of garages, homes, or vehicles in three years! This would not have been possible had it not been for everyone working together to ensure we are all safe.

With the Summer months soon approaching and the sun setting much later in the day, leading to more people out and about, I wanted to quickly address and remind everyone of a few important City Ordinances that we have and do actively enforce on a daily basis:

RVs/Boats/Trailers
- May only be parked at residence 3 days per every 30 day period.
- If parked on street, MUST request parking permit from PD.
- Police Department has started keeping an active log in case of violations.

Golf Carts
- Are allowed on any streets with speed limit of 35 mph or LESS.
- May only cross Stuart Place Rd, not drive along or on it.
- If used at night, golf carts MUST have headlamps, tail lamps, reflectors, parking brake & mirrors (Texas State Law, TRC 551.404).

Vehicles
- Vehicles are prohibited from being parked on the grass or yards.
- Ordinance restricts "junked" vehicles which are inoperable, not registered, etc.

Walkers/Joggers/Bicyclists
- Walkers/Joggers must walk facing traffic.
- Bicyclists ride with traffic.
- Reflective equipment and/or light MUST be used at nighttime.

Dogs
- Loose dog violations (Leash Law). Dogs MUST be leashed (electronic leashes permitted).
- Barking dog ordinance. Ordinance requires one written warning, then subsequent citation.
- "Pooper Scooper" ordinance. Please pick up after you pets. City personnel have placed receptacles around the City for your convenience.
- Officers have and will issue citations for violations.

Cats
- The stray cat population appears to be increasing.
- If you have strays on your property, contact City Hall so as to report the location.
- We will be working with the Cameron County Animal Control service to develop a response plan.

Police Chief Alvaro Garcia
The City of Palm Valley
At the Council Meeting of April 17, 2018 Mayor Rivera presented a plaque of appreciation to Councilman John Widger for his dedicated service to the City of Palm Valley. Councilman Widger served as Councilman from 2012 to 2018 and served as Mayor Pro Tem from 2013 to 2017. Thank you, John, for your commitment to the City of Palm Valley. You will be missed! John has left Palm Valley and has moved to Virginia to be closer to family.

MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK – May 6-12, 2018

WHAT IS A CITY SECRETARY?
A City Secretary is an officer of the City, appointed by the Mayor and City Council. The position of City Secretary is a statutory position required by State law. The role of a City Secretary is often a misunderstood position in local government. City Secretaries (or Municipal Clerks or Town Clerks) are often the first and most direct link between the residents and government. To the uninformed, City Secretaries are thought to fulfill a primarily clerical role. The importance of the position’s role, however, is quite clear. The tasks are dictated by law or statute and include some of the most basic services expected by residents. The position is also responsible for providing transparency in local government. While clerks are tasked with some functions that are clerical in nature, the professionalism associated with this position is apparent to those familiar with local government functions.

I am proud and honored to serve as Palm Valley’s City Secretary!!

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS WEEK

The week of April 23 through April 27 is designated as Administrative Professionals Week with April 25 being THE DAY. With much gratitude and appreciation I honor Nora Vergara, Utilities Clerk and Monica Guzman, Support Services Aide and front office clerks for the City of Palm Valley. Their dedication, commitment and loyalty to their jobs deserve public recognition. They aim to provide smiles and good customer service to all of our customers through their tasks that they fulfill.

HAPPY ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY, LADIES!!!! I appreciate you.

From: Sylvia R. Trevino, City Secretary
UPCOMING CITY ELECTION
Date: Saturday, May 5, 2018

You must be registered in this precinct to vote in the City of Palm Valley Election.

Candidates names will appear on the ballot to fill three (3) Council member vacancies:

- Deborah Wright
- Michael R. Galvan
- Charlie Ramsey
- Cynthia A. Thompson

Early voting by personal appearance starts, ends on, and is conducted at City Hall, 1313 N. Stuart Place Road, Palm Valley, TX

April 23, 2018 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (1st day)
April 24, 2018 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
April 25, 2018 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
April 26, 2018 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
April 27, 2018 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
April 30, 2018 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
May 1, 2018 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (last day)

HISTORY OF MOTHER’S DAY

Celebrations of mothers and motherhood can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, but the clearest modern precedent for Mother’s Day is the early Christian festival known as “Mothering Sunday.”

Over time the Mothering Sunday tradition shifted into a more secular holiday, and children would present their mothers with flowers and other tokens of appreciation. This custom eventually faded in popularity before merging with the American Mother’s Day in the 1930s and 1940s.

https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/mothers-day

THE COUNCIL

Mayor: George Rivera
Mayor Pro-Term: Deborah Wright
Councilmembers: Julie C. Martin, Cynthia Thompson, John Widger, and Paul Powers.

City Hall: 423-8384
Municipal Court: 423-8384
Police DPT: 873-1500
Water Services: 423-4040

City’s Website: www.palmvalleytx.com

Dates to Remember:
May 5th – Cinco de Mayo
May 13th – Mother’s Day
May 28th – Memorial Day
May 28th – Office Closed

The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for
May 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
We invite you to attend.
You're Invited

MEMBER-FOR-A-DAY
OPEN HOUSE*

FREE OPEN HOUSE FOR
ALL PALM VALLEY RESIDENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 6 • MIXER, 11 AM-1 PM

Harlingen Country Club would like to invite you to try the club for free. Offering the best conditioned
golf course in the area, five lighted tennis courts, swimming pool, and indoor and outdoor dining
under an expansive covered patio, drop in and see what you are missing. Palm Valley residents
can come meet the staff, learn about the club during our Member for the Day Mixer and
our Membership Promotion going on from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Lounge and Patio.

*Offer limited to Palm Valley residents only. Golf tees times must be made in advance by contacting Estella Gild at 956-412-4100 or estella@harlingencc.com.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT BY CALLING ESTELLA AT 956-412-4100 EXT. 120 OR ESTELLA@HARLINGENCC.COM

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