



THE PALM VALLEY REVIEW

ELECTIONS 2020



Date of City General Election: May 2, 2020
Time: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall

To elect three (3) Councilmembers.

Expiring terms: Councilwoman Cynthia Thompson; Councilman Michael Galvan and Councilman Jerry Wade.

MUST BE A REGISTERED VOTER AND RESIDENT OF PALM VALLEY TO VOTE. MUST PRESENT PICTURE I.D.

1st day to file for a place on the ballot: JANUARY 15, 2020

Last day to file for a place on the ballot: FEBRUARY 14, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M.

To run for office in a general law city in Texas, you must, among other requirements:

- Be a citizen of the United States;
- Be at least 18 years old on the date of the election; and
- Be a registered voter and have lived in the State of Texas for at least 12 consecutive months prior to the filing date for the election; and in your city for at least six (6) months prior to the filing date for the election.

FIRST STEPS FOR CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR A CITY OFFICE: www.ethics.state.tx.us

A GUIDE TO BECOMING A CITY OFFICIAL: www.tml.org/pub-cityofficialguide

Candidate packets are available in the City Secretary's office. If you have any questions, please contact the City Secretary at 423-8384.

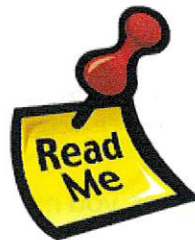
From the Police Department

We would like to remind all residents of existing ordinances which we will resume enforcing:

- Tall Grass/Debris/Garbage
 - Photos will be taken and mailed to residents. Failure to comply may lead to a citation.
- Overnight Parking
 - Restricted between 2a-6a.
 - May obtain parking permit for 3 nights but only for non-residents and renewable once
- RVs/Boats/Trailers
 - Limited to 3 days per 30 days
 - Warning will be given. Failure to comply may lead to citation
- Runners/Joggers
 - MUST have light or reflective gear at night while on roadway
 - Should be going against traffic (State Law)

Thank you for acknowledging the importance of these ordinances.

 **THANK YOU**
FOR YOUR COOPERATION!



FENCES

The City Council recently approved an amendment to the ordinance that sets regulations for fences in Palm Valley. The ordinance was amended to allow 8 ft. High fences on the **rear of properties** whose backyards face Dilworth Road, as well as properties that face the ditch on Palm Valley South and along the alleyway running from Bellino all the way to Wilson Road. These locations will be the only exceptions where 8 ft. high fences will be allowed and **only in the rear**. The current fence regulations for the other properties in Palm Valley remain the same. It is still required by the City that a permit be pulled when wanting to erect a fence on Palm Valley properties. If you are in doubt whether you need a permit or not, regardless if it is a new fence or a replacement, or even an extension to a current fence, you have to call City Hall and request a fence permit application.

CITY HALL

City Hall finally has new flooring!!!!!! For several months now, City Hall has had nothing but bare concrete flooring. The flooring has now been completed and ceramic tile has been installed throughout City Hall. Previously we had carpet tiles and, of course, all that got wet due to the flood in June. Staff is thankful to the City Council for authorizing this expenditure which has allowed us to get back to normal operations.

NEW ZONING BOARD MEMBER

Dennis Easley was appointed as a new member to serve on the Zoning Commission. Mr. Easley was appointed to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Geane Gill who resigned earlier in the month. Gratitude and appreciation go to Mr. Gill for his dedicated service and time to the Zoning Commission. Other members who serve on this Board are:
Alex Hinojosa, Jr., Chairman; Bill Greer, Vice Chairman; Phill Perez and Benito de Leon.



From the Water Department

Backflow Program

The City Council unanimously adopted an ordinance amending the backflow program. This ordinance now allows that an annual test will be performed by a licensed city employee of all backflow prevention devices installed at a residence to determine if said devices are functioning properly. The ordinance allows the City to charge/bill the resident for this service for the amount of \$50 per device, pass or fail. If the device fails, there is opportunity for either replacement of the entire device or repair of part (or parts). Should you choose not to pay at all, the City has the authority to disconnect your water service until payment is made. If the City replaces or repairs your device, there will also be a charge of \$350 to \$500 for replacement or \$150 to \$350 for repair which will also be reflected on your water bill. **If you are a renter, upon receiving the bill with this additional charge, please discuss with your landlord to determine payment responsibility in order to avoid any late fees or penalties.**

A complete copy of the ordinance is posted on the City's website at www.palmvalleytx.com under the Water link.
Copies are available at City Hall as well.

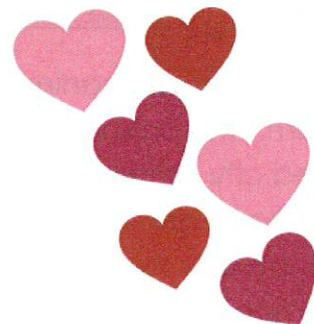


Important Dates to Remember

- February 02, 2020 – Groundhog Day
- February 14, 2020 – Valentine's Day
- February 17, 2020 – President's Day
- February 25, 2020 – Mardi Gras Day
- February 26, 2020 – Ash Wednesday
- March 8, 2020 – Daylight Savings Begins
- March 17, 2020 – St. Patrick's Day
- March 19, 2020 – 1st day of Spring



*Happy
Valentine's
Day*



The next regular City Council meeting is
scheduled for

February 18, 2020 at 6:00p.m.
We invite you to attend.



THE COUNCIL

Mayor: George Rivera
Mayor Pro-Tem: Cynthia Thompson
Councilmembers: Lisa Taylor, Michael Galvan,
Jerry Wade, and Eric Hoff.

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

City's Website: www.palmvalleytx.com