



**EARLY VOTING (by personal appearance)
SCHEDULE
CITY GENERAL ELECTION
MAY 7, 2022**

CITY OF PALM VALLEY GENERAL ELECTION

For more information, please call City Hall at (956) 423-8384

Monday	April 25, 2022	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	April 26, 2022	8:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	April 27, 2022	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	April 28, 2022	8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday	April 29, 2022	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Monday	May 2, 2022	8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	May 3, 2022	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

CITY OF PALM VALLEY RESIDENTS ONLY

MUST BE A REGISTERED VOTER to vote in this election.

Last day to register to vote in this election: April 7, 2022
Contact County Elections Administrator at (956) 544-0809



Drainage Improvements Update

During a survey of Palm Valley residents in the summer of 2020, 79% of respondents stated that their highest priority was drainage/infrastructure issues. The City Council listened to the citizens and are addressing the drainage issues to reduce the risk of flooding. Preventing property damage to Palm Valley residents is the first priority for the City.

- The City is using \$654,480 of its Infrastructure Drainage Surplus Funds to pay for the Lake #3 dredging project that will be complete this month.
- The City Council entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Harlingen at a minimal cost of \$4,800 to fund a Texas Water Development Board Study for the purpose of flood control in our area.
- The City Council has entered an Interlocal Agreement with Cameron County Drainage District #5 for the construction of our South Drain Project. This project will increase the flow of flood water and is anticipated to lower the water surface level about 5" during a 100 year rainfall event. It is expected to take 6 months. CCDD#5 will pay the entire \$1,418,431 cost of this project, so there will be no cost to the residents of Palm Valley.
- In October 2020, the City Council hired Estrada Hinojosa & Company, Inc. for Financial Advisory Services, and Norton Rose Fulbright to provide Bond Counsel Services.

Your City Council made history on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 when they voted unanimously to move forward on drainage improvements for our City. This is the first time since the City of Palm Valley was incorporated in September 1980 that the City leadership has voted to take major action to reduce the risk of flooding in Palm Valley.

The Council approved the plan recommended by City Financial Advisors Estrada Hinojosa to fund the \$3.4 million cost of drainage improvements over 20 years by adding a monthly drainage fee to each dwelling unit's water bill of \$24 for residential, \$60 for commercial, and \$75 for recreational units for 20 years.



The drainage improvements plan includes:

- **South Drain Project**

The golf course ditch improvements will include removal of the 30" pipe and lining the bottom with concrete rip rap, 3.5' up each side slope. This will increase conveyance of storm water for the planning area, reducing flooding by 5" based on a 100 year storm event (Scheibe TM 2019). This project has also been identified as a needed improvement in both the CCDD#5 Flood Protection Studies (Espey 2008 & Scheibe 2019). The TWDB approved the Final Engineering Report in December 2021, and the 90% Construction Plans & Specifications will be submitted to the TWDB this month.

- **Lake Nos. 4-7, 36" Bypass Line Project**

This project will place a 36" drainpipe from Lake #7 through the golf course to Lake #4, then east between two lots and under Palm Valley Drive East (PVDE), then south along PVDE to Bougainvillea, then east across Dilworth Road and connect to the existing CCDD#5 Drain Ditch. This Bypass line will provide positive conveyance of storm water from the north end of Palm Valley and PVDE (north of Bougainvillea). The Project will also include sluice gates to allow the continued blending of storm water/ WWTP effluent with Golf Course discharge and the option to drain Lakes 4 -7 in the event of a major rainfall event, creating storm water detention. The project is estimated to take 6 months. The City has submitted a Project Information Form (PIF) to the TWDB to obtain funding. Anticipate response in June 2022.

- **Papaya to South Drain Project**

This project will install a new Storm Sewer / Bypass line from Papaya Circle to the new South Drain Project (Golf Course Ditch). The bypass line will connect to Lakes 1 & 2 and include sluice gates to allow the option to drain these Lakes in the event of a major rainfall event, creating detention. The project is estimated to take 4 months. The City has submitted a Project Information Form (PIF) to the TWDB to obtain funding. Anticipate response in June 2022.

- **Dredge Remaining Lakes**

This project will dredge the remaining 6 lakes to remove silt that has built up since 1969 and clean out the existing underground drainage pipes, currently plugged with silt. To save money, this project will be completed by City Waterworks staff over the next 3 years.

- **Bulkhead Walls on Remaining Lakes**

This project will include the strategic installation of bulkhead walls to prevent the bank erosion and silt accumulation. This project will be completed over the next 3-5 years.



New Wastewater Rates appearing on your April Water Bill

The City Council voted to approve the Real Strategic Solutions, LLC water and wastewater rate recommendations effective April 2022. The study included an in-depth analysis of the water and wastewater usage, a comprehensive rate analysis, and they also developed a rate forecast and model. Real Strategic Solutions, LLC presented their recommended long-term rate plans to cover future operations, maintenance, and capital improvements.

RSS LLC reported the rates have not changed since 2017 and have generally been covering costs up until the 2021-2022 fiscal year. With increasing expenses, inflation, equipment needs and potential new debt, future rate adjustments will be necessary.

Current Wastewater Rates	Recommended Wastewater Rates Effective April 2022
Charges are based on the amount of drains Each drain is \$2.50	Monthly base fee of 0-1,000 gallons per unit - \$21.00 Additional \$1.25 per thousand over 1,000 gallons

Municipal Court

Municipal court hearings are still being held through Zoom until further notice.

Upcoming Holidays and Events

Good Friday – April 15, 2022

(City Hall will be closed. Mandatory hours for the City Secretary’s office will be from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. solely for election related business.)

Easter Sunday – April 17, 2022



THE COUNCIL

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