

Memorial Day Celebration

The Memorial Day event opened with remarks from Mayor Pro Tem Eric Hoff, followed by an opening prayer by Army Veteran John Topp. Army Veteran Mark Buress sang God Bless the USA and our National Anthem. In his keynote speech, Colonel Brian Childs, former Royal Air Force Infantry Commander, honored those who died while serving in the armed forces to keep our country free.

Army Veteran Dean Moss lowered the flag to half-mast, and Army Veteran Ignacio Antonio Garcia Galvez from the American Legion played taps to conclude the ceremony.

If you wish to honor someone, engraved pavers are still available and the engraved paver order forms can be found on the City's website at www.palmvalleytx.com, or please contact the City of Palm Valley by calling 956.423.8384 to receive an engraved paver order form and return it to City Hall. The cost for each paver is \$70.00.





Food and Beverage Station will be available.

Cash and Credit Cards accepted.

City of Palm Valley Independence Day Celebration

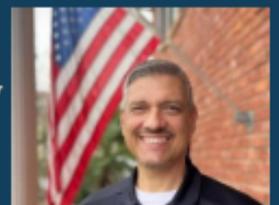
Monday, July 4th, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.



Live Music by The Cool Arrows @ Harlingen Country Club Parking Lot

Parade lineup at 5:30 p.m. Decorate your golf carts, bicycles, and other vehicles!

Grand Marshal: Arnold Gomez, the Wholesale Manager at Sam's in Harlingen, is an active fundraiser for the Children's' Miracle Network and supporter of law enforcement. Arnold has served in the U.S. Army. Most recently, he was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society for maintaining a high GPA while working to complete his Bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership at South Texas College. As busy as Arnold is, he enjoys spending time with his wife and son.



Sponsored By the City of Palm Valley and Harlingen Country Club

Reminder: TABC License forbids you from bringing outside alcoholic beverages on Harlingen Country Club premises.

Drainage Projects Moving Forward

Lake #3 by the sewer plant project is complete. After the sprinkler system repair and hydro mulch is installed, the project will come under budget by an estimated \$8,000.

The South Drain (Golf Course) ditch construction plans have a small alternative modification included in the design. The engineers will then submit the set of construction documents to the Texas Water Development Board for final approval.

The City engineer, David Flinn, announced at the City Council meeting June 21st, Cameron County has some American Rescue Act Funding that his engineering firm has applied for to be applied to the Lake #4 by-pass project.

Favorable September 30, 2021 Audit Report

Quentin Anderson, the City's auditor with Carr, Riggs & Ingram, gave his annual audit report at the June 21st City Council meeting. Mr. Anderson reported the financial statements provided by the City as of September 30, 2021, were in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Mr. Anderson reported the City was in a healthy position with \$2.1 million in assets, of which \$469,504 were unrestricted funds. The City's Water Services finished the year with \$3.4 million in assets, of which \$1.3 million were unrestricted funds.

His firm found no significant non-compliance issues but did recommend three areas of improvement, and management concurs with the findings and recommendations.

Two New Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members Appointed

The City Council members voted June 21st to appoint two new members and reappointed four current members to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Jennifer Gresham and Shane Strubhart are the new board members and will serve three-year terms. Karin Hansen, Julie Herrington, Scott Nelson, Sylvia Rivera, and John Topp will serve new three-year terms. The Parks and Recreation Board provides the city with our Independence Day Celebration, our Lighting of Palms to start the Christmas season, created the Veterans Memorial Park, handles the beautification of the city entrance, most recently adding lighting of the trees year-round and changes the seasonal banners throughout Palm Valley.

Possible Changes in Palm Valley

Included in discussion by the Council at the June 21st meeting were:

Possible plans to eliminate the printed Palm Valley Newsletter and use social media to communicate to the residents.

Waste Management has notified the City that the services they provide will be changing from manned trash collection twice a week to automated 96-gallon wheeled cart containers with a grapple arm truck pick-up once a week, sometime within a year. Currently there are 434 residents that contract with Waste Management for trash collection. Discussion centers around whether the City will pass a franchise ordinance to require all 700 residents to pay for collection added to your monthly water bill or leave the current open market subscription service currently in place.

Municipal Court

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

Hurricane Preparedness

According to the Cameron County hurricane preparedness brochure, the following tips are to better prepare for the upcoming hurricane season:

1. Assemble an emergency kit (see "Be Prepared....Make an Emergency Kit"). Trim loose or dead branches near your house.
2. Secure outdoor furniture, potted plants, barbeque pits and other items that can be blown by the wind.
3. Perform maintenance on your home or business. Replace windows that are cracked or rusted and repair roof leaks.

For more information and the complete brochure, visit <https://www.cameroncountytexas.gov/emergency-management/>

We need to keep our drains clear of any debris/brush to have a good water flow to prevent flooding.

Upcoming Holidays and Events

Independence Day- Monday, July 4th, 2022

City Council Meeting- Tuesday, July 19, 2022



THE COUNCIL

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