

Celebrating our Nation's Independence

The City of Palm Valley residents celebrated our nation's freedom with our annual Fourth of July parade, including beautiful golf carts decorated with patriotic themes, vehicles, classic cars, and an amazing array of motorcycles from the Southern Justice Motorcycle Club of Harlingen, who led our parade this year. Southern Justice LEMC started in 2007 and consists of law enforcement officers and civilian brothers who demonstrate a strict adherence and respect for the laws of the United States of America and the great State of Texas. They are an organization designed to provide assistance to the less fortunate by supporting local fund-raising benefits and charity organizations.

This year's Grand Marshal was Mr. Arnold Gomez. Arnold is the Wholesale Manager at Sam's in Harlingen, is an active fundraiser for the Children's Miracle Network and a strong supporter of law enforcement. Arnold has served in the U. S. Army.

To close the evening, residents enjoyed dancing to the sounds of The Cool Arrows, and with great food provided by our very own Mayor Pro Tem Eric Hoff and his wife Tina. Kids enjoyed the evening with a water slide. This year's festivities were a return to a fun family event!



Drainage Projects Moving Forward

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

The South Drain (Golf Course) ditch construction improvement plans are still being reviewed by the Texas Water Development Board. The construction improvement plans review comments are anticipated to be complete in October.

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

New City Secretary Starts October 1st

Kathy J. Cherry has been hired as the new City Secretary for the City of Palm Valley as of October 1st. Ms. Cherry has extensive professional administrative and supervisory experience in business operations in the field of financial administration, implementing departmental budget and monitoring. She is leaving her job as Departmental Finance Supervisor of the Department of Public Works for the City of Dallas. She also has experience as a Contract Manager with the City of Dallas Water Utilities.

Ms. Cherry will be working with our current City Secretary Sylvia Trevino through the end of the year.



Changes in Palm Valley

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 open market subscription service currently in place.

Constitution Week Proclamation

On September 14, 2022, Mayor Pro Tem Eric Hoff presented a proclamation to Mrs. Taffy Herridge proclaiming September 17 to September 23 as “Constitution Week”. Constitution Week is celebrated annually during the week of September 17-23 to commemorate its history, importance, and bring attention to how it serves still today. This celebration of the Constitution was started by the Daughters of the American Revolution of which Mrs. Herridge is a member.



Former Police Officer Mancillas Recognized

Former police officer, Frank Mancillas, was presented with a plaque of appreciation for his 7 years of service to the Palm Valley Police Department. The City appreciates his dedicated service to protecting this community and wishes a speedy recovery.



Veterans Recognition

The City of Palm Valley would like to recognize our Palm Valley residents that are veterans at our annual Veterans Day event on November 11 at 9am. If you are a veteran, you can help us by scanning the QR code and fill out the form or by contacting Commissioner Lucio. His cell phone number is 956.320.1089. Thank you for your service.

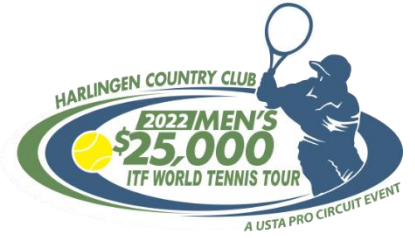


New Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Member Appointed

The City Council members voted on August 31, 2022, to appoint a new member, Melissa Tice, to the Parks and Recreation Board. The current board members are John Topp as Chairman, Julie Herrington as Vice-Chairman, Karin Hansen, Scott Nelson, Jennifer Gresham, Shane Strubhart, and Melissa Tice.

Upcoming Pro Circuit Tennis Tournament

The Harlingen Country Club \$25,000 Pro Circuit Tennis Tournament will be held October 17-23. This will be the 19th year hosting the USTA/ITF World Tour event.



This tournament has players from all over the globe competing with rankings as high as 150 in the world. Every day there will be FREE admission except for the 22-23 which will be \$5.00 in advance or at the gate.

The tournament charity will be The Sunny Glen Childrens Home.

For more information about the tournament or for sponsorship/advertising and or volunteer opportunities please contact Andy Carter 956-412-4100 x104.

Municipal Court

Municipal Court hearings are still being held through Zoom until further notice. Court hearing dates are normally on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.

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

City Council Meeting – Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Veterans Day Event – Friday, November 11, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. (City Hall will be closed on Veterans Day)

City Council Meeting – Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 24, 2022 (City Hall will be closed on November 24-25, 2022)

Lighting of the Palms/Christmas Decoration Contest Kick-off – Friday, November 25, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

THE COUNCIL

Mayor Pro-Tem: Eric Hoff
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Councilmembers: Annete Baker, Gilberto Lucio,
Lisa Taylor, Jerry Wade.

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