

Announcing Christmas Decoration Contest

The City of Palm Valley Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is hosting a Christmas decoration contest. The contest features 5 categories of the best exterior Christmas decorated residence or business that encourages community pride and Christmas spirit within the city limits of Palm Valley.

The deadline to participate in the competition is sunset on Sunday, December 18. Board members will tour the city using a Rubric with a points system for judging. Selections will be turned over to City Hall. Award recognition signage will be placed at the winning locations no later than Tuesday, December 20. The winners will also be recognized in the January newsletter.

Contest Categories:

Movement Award – Recognizes the best use of physical movement or illusion of physical movement.
Number of moving items

Magical Award – Recognizes the most whimsical presentation. Brings Joy/Laughter

Brightness Award – Recognizes the best and most creative use of lights. Number of lights

Classic Christmas Award – Recognizes the best use of traditional décor. Use of props/decoration

Patriotic Award – Recognizes the best pride and love of America

Please join in the challenge for the best Christmas decorations in Palm Valley!!!!



Drainage Projects Update

The South Drain (Golf Course) ditch construction improvement plans were reviewed last week by the Texas Water Development Board. The final revisions to the construction improvement plans will to be completed and submitted to the TWDB mid- November.

The City is waiting on the Cameron County Commissioner's Court to approve the funding for the By-Pass Drainage Improvements for Lakes 4-7. The County Commissioners Court will notify the City of pending approval.



Upcoming Texas General Election

Early Voting is from Monday, October 24 thru Friday, November 4 at any of the Cameron County Early Voting locations. A list of the locations is available at <https://www.cameroncountytexas.gov/elections/index.php/locations>.

On election Day, Tuesday, November 8, Cameron County will be using Palm Valley City Hall as a polling place for Precinct 80. Voting will take place in the Council Chambers fully manned by election workers hired by the County. **Palm Valley is only providing the location. This is not a City of Palm Valley Election.** Voting will start at 7:00 a.m. and end at 7:00 p.m. You can visit the County website at <https://www.cameroncountytexas.gov/elections/> to view the sample ballot. The last day to register to vote in this election is October 28, 2022. You may contact the County Elections Division at (956) 544-0809 if you have any questions.



Water Rate Update

In January 2022, the City Council approved the Real Strategic Solutions, LLC water and wastewater rate recommendations. The study included an in-depth analysis of the water and wastewater usage, a comprehensive rate analysis, and they developed a rate forecast and model. The City will continue to refer to the study when making the final decisions to increase the rates. The water rate study is available at:

<https://palmvalleytx.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/City-of-Palm-Valley-Water-Rate-Study-21-22.pdf>



Garbage Pickup Discussion In progress

As noted in previous newsletters, the current garbage pickup service will no longer be offered after the end of the year. A discussion was held at the Council meeting of October 18 regarding changes to garbage pickup and brush collection services. Proposals have been requested from three providers. Submitted proposals will be studied for the most cost-effective service and then followed by a formal contract that will go through legal review. The contract will then allow the City to adopt an ordinance authorizing garbage and possibly brush. It is anticipated that the reduced fee will be included in the water bill as an additional line item. Further details on specific charges/ fees, size containers, services offered, and pickup dates will follow after the November Council meeting.



City Hall

City Hall is open to the public. Our staff is available to issue permits, take water or citation payments. 24-hour drop box is still available and mail or email is still an option.

City Council meetings are open to the public with limited seating capacity. However, meetings will still be conducted on Zoom for those that wish to attend or participate from a remote location.

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.

Debris Pickup

The City does not pick up garbage nor debris. The responsibility lies with the property owner and/or resident to ensure any brush and debris is properly disposed of.

Upcoming Holidays and Events

Parks & Rec. Board Meeting – Thursday, October 27, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Special Meeting (Workshop) – Wednesday, November 2, 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.

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