

Hurricane Season Begins June 1

According to the National Weather Service, last year's hurricane season may be remembered best as the "Ghost" of the 2013 Atlantic Hurricane Season. Almost every forecasting organization in May predicted a busy season. Luckily, for coastal residents, the season was a flop.

While 2013 was the least active season on record since 1950, coastal residents are strongly encouraged to prepare for the possibility of a tropical event hitting our area. Think back to Hurricane Alicia, the only major hurricane in 1983. It struck the Houston area causing billions of dollars in damage and killing 21 people.

The preliminary forecast for 2014 indicates that it could be another below average season. However, keep in mind that it only takes one to cause devastation and chaos.

Be Informed

Know your hurricane evacuation zone and determine safe evacuation routes inland. Determine your home's vulnerability to storm surges, flooding, and wind, as well as understand the meaning of National Weather Service watches and warnings.

Make a Plan

Go to www.ready.gov/make-a-plan for details on how to protect yourself and your family, including your pets, with an emergency plan.

Build a Kit

Stock your hurricane kit with items, such as clothes, cash, batteries, flashlights, battery-operated radio, bottled water, non-perishable food, toilet paper, a can opener, and medications. For more suggestions on the items to include in a basic disaster supplies kit, go to www.ready.gov/build-a-kit.

Evacuation

During a hurricane evacuation, Deer Park residents will be asked to travel west to Beltway 8 and then north on Beltway 8 to the Hardy Toll Road, continuing north on the Hardy Toll Road to I-45, and then travel north on I-45 to leave the Houston area. The recommended

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Southeast Harris County Hurricane Preparedness Workshop

This workshop is scheduled for May 24, 10am-2pm, at the Pasadena Convention Center. It's free to the public and will feature Tim Heller, Channel 13's Chief Meteorologist. Information booths include representatives from the American Red Cross, the Deer Park Office of Emergency Management, Harris County Precinct 2, the National Weather Service, and more. There will be door prizes, plus free hot dogs and soft drinks while supplies last!

Results for General Election May 10, 2014

Council Position 4:

Bill Patterson

Council Position 5:

Ron Martin

Council Position 6:

Rae A. Sinor

The results of the election were unofficial at the time of this printing. Election results will be official after the canvass by City Council on May 20, 2014 at 7:30pm.

General Information

Elected Officials

| | |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Jerry Mouton, Jr. | Mayor |
| Sherry Garrison | Councilmember - Position 1 |
| Thane Harrison | Councilmember - Position 2 |
| Chris Richey | Councilmember - Position 3 |
| Bill Patterson | Councilmember - Position 4 |
| Ron Martin | Councilmember - Position 5 |
| Rae A. Sinor | Councilmember - Position 6 |

Contact the Mayor and members of City Council by e-mail at cityhall@deerparktx.org.

Department Directors

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|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| James J. Stokes | City Manager |
| Gary M. Jackson | Assistant City Manager |
| Sandra Watkins | City Secretary |
| Donna Todd | Director, Finance |
| Bill Philibert | Director, Human Resources |
| Bill Pedersen | Director, Public Works |
| Scott E. Swigert | Director, Parks and Recreation |
| Rebecca Pool | Director, Library |
| Malcolm Swinney | Director, Emergency Services |
| Greg Grigg | Chief of Police |
| Linda McHone | I.T. Director |

Other Appointed Officials

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| Jim Fox | City Attorney |
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City Facilities

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| Animal Shelter | 281-478-7274 | 4213 Luella |
| Art Park Players Dinner Theatre | 281-478-7288 | 1302 Center |
| Avon Recreation Center | 281-478-7216 | 601 W. 8 th Street |
| Battleground Golf Course | 281-478-2080 | 1600 Georgia |
| City Hall | 281-479-2394 | 710 E. San Augustine |
| Claude Burgess Recreation Center | 281-478-2060 | 4200 Kalwick |
| Community Center | 281-478-2050 | 610 E. San Augustine |
| Fire Station #1 | 281-478-2043 | 1302 Center |
| Fire Station #2 | 281-478-7282 | 711 E. Pasadena Blvd. |
| Fire Station #3 | 281-478-7281 | 2211 East X |
| Jimmy Burke Activity Center | 281-478-2049 | 500 W. 13 th Street |
| Kingsdale Center | 281-478-7215 | 2218 Kingsdale |
| Maxwell Adult Center | 281-478-7276 | 1201 Center |
| Municipal Court | 281-478-7238 | 1302 Center |
| Police Station | 281-479-1511 | 2911 Center |
| Public Library | 281-478-7208 | 3009 Center |
| Swimming Pool | 281-478-2055 | 610 E. San Augustine |
| Transfer Station | 281-478-7213 | 610 Underwood |

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Calendar

June

- 2 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 3 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 7 Siren Test 12pm
- 14 Siren Test 12pm
- 16 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 17 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 21 Siren Test 12pm
- 24 LEPC Meeting - 11am
- 28 Siren Test 12pm

July

- 1 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 4 City Services Closed (Independence Day)
- 5 Siren Test 12pm
- 7 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 12 Siren Test 12pm
- 15 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 19 Siren Test 12pm
- 21 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 26 Siren Test 12pm

August

- 2 Siren Test 12pm
- 4 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 5 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 9 Siren Test 12pm
- 16 Siren Test 12pm
- 18 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 19 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 23 Siren Test 12pm
- 26 LEPC Meeting - 11am
- 30 Siren Test 12pm



1600 Georgia Ave.
www.battlegroundgolfcourse.com
 Golf Course 281-478-2080
 Republic Grill 281-478-2089

1st Quarter Employee Awards

Maxwell Center



Eugene Wyble - Engineering Inspector (Field Service), City Manager Jay Stokes, Tabitha Calhoun - Public Works Clerk (Support Staff), Brandi Brumley - Dispatcher (Support Staff)



Nathan Bell - I.T. Services (Support Staff), City Manager Jay Stokes, Harold McHone - Crew Leader (Field Services). Paul Kurtz - I.T. Services (Support Staff) not pictured.



City Manager Jay Stokes, & Chris McNeely - Supervisor (February)



City Manager Jay Stokes & Caleb Hollingsworth - Custodian (Field Service)

The Maxwell Adult Center is a recreational facility for Deer Park citizens, ages 55 and over. It is open from 9am-5pm, 5 days a week, and offers a variety of classes. Bingo is every Wednesday at 1pm. For more information or to reserve your spot on one of the bus trips, call 281-478-7276.

Meal Programs

Seniors can participate in a congregate meal program and eat lunch in exchange for a \$2 donation. Lunch is served daily around 11:45am. Reservations are required. We also have a homebound meal program for seniors who are restricted to their homes.

Bus Trips

June 17, Coughatta Trip - The bus will leave the Jimmy Burke Activity Center promptly at 8am. Cost for trip is \$10.

July 16, Christ Church Cathedral (Downtown Houston) - The bus will depart from the Maxwell Center at 9:45am. Lunch in the cloister on the grounds. Cost is donation, plus your lunch.

Saving the Butterfly

The Monarch butterfly population is declining at an alarming rate. The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture has designated June 16-23 as National Pollinator Week to increase public awareness of the declining pollinator populations. Call 281-478-7276 for details on a special presentation that will be offered at the Maxwell Center during pollinator week.

Fitness Room

The fitness center for seniors is open Mon. & Fri., 7am-5pm and Tues.-Thurs., 7am-7pm.

Fire Marshal

Drownings are Preventable

Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional death in children, ages 1 to 4. A small child can drown in only a few inches of water.

Safety Tips

- Never leave a child unattended around a pool, spa, bath tub, or any body of water.
- Keep children away from pool drains and pipes.
- Always keep a young child within arm's reach when the child is in a bathtub. If you must leave, take the child with you.

If you have a pool, be sure to:

- Install a 4-foot fence around the perimeter of the pool and spa.
- Use self-closing and self-latching gates.
- Ensure any pool or spa you use has compliant drain covers.
- Have life saving equipment such as life rings, floats or a reaching pole easily accessible.

Summer Fire Safety

According to the United States Fire Administration, almost 10,000 Americans are injured by fireworks and almost 5,000 are injured by charcoal/wood-burning and propane grill fires annually.

Fireworks Safety

The Deer Park Fire Marshal's Office wants to remind citizens that it is illegal to have fireworks in your possession or to discharge fireworks in the City of Deer Park. The best way to enjoy fireworks is to visit public fireworks displays put on by professionals.

Barbecue Safety

- Before using a grill, check the

connection between the propane tank and the fuel line.

- Do not add lighter fluid to an already lit fire.
- When you are done grilling, douse the hot coals with plenty of water and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.
- Never grill in enclosed areas.

Campfire Safety

- Build campfires away from dry grass and leaves.
- Keep plenty of water and a shovel around to douse the fire when you're done. Stir it and douse it again with water.
- Never leave campfires unattended.

Blackboard Connect

The Blackboard Connect service allows city officials to create and rapidly disseminate time-sensitive messages to telephone numbers stored in our notification database. Any message regarding the safety or welfare of our community would be disseminated using this service. Examples of activations may include, but are not limited to chemical releases/hazardous material incidents, shelter-in-place orders, local area evacuations, dangerous criminal suspect alerts, and missing persons alerts.

To add your phone number, including mobile number, go to www.deerparktx.gov/oem, click on Blackboard Connect and then click on the "Sign Up Now" button, or call 281-479-2394, Mon.-Fri., 8am-5pm.

Hurricane Season

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east-to-west routes for getting to Beltway 8 are: Pasadena Blvd., San Augustine St., 13th St. and SH-225. During a mandatory evacuation, tolls will be waived at the Beltway 8 Bridge and on the Hardy Toll Road. Residents evacuating from Deer Park should not travel eastward on SH-225 and try to go north on SH-146 through Baytown. SH-146 is the assigned evacuation route for La Porte, Seabrook, and several other cities to the south so heavy traffic is expected to create a bottleneck at the SH-225 and SH-146 exchange.

Deer Park is located in Zip-Zone C of the State evacuation plan and would call for a mandatory evacuation during a category 4 or 5 hurricane. If you choose to evacuate prior to an evacuation order, you should find all major highways open for travel. Once the evacuation order for any city is issued, the traffic management plan for the area is implemented. Mayors or the County Judge can order mandatory evacuations in Texas. Deer Park residents will be notified about a mandatory evacuation through several methods, including the city's website (www.deerparktx.gov), city's municipal channel (DPTV), the city's telephone alert system (Blackboard Connect), or via the local television and radio media.

Residents requiring special evacuation transportation assistance because they do not have friends or relatives that can help them evacuate when necessary should register with the 2-1-1 system as soon as possible. For more information on the transportation assistance registry, please refer to page 16.

Police Department

Bias Based/Racial Profiling

Bias based/racial profiling is defined as a law enforcement-initiated act based solely upon an individual's race, ethnicity, or national origin, or on the basis of other criteria rather than upon the individual's behavior, activity, or other lawful reason. Deer Park Police Officers are strictly prohibited from engaging in bias based/racial profiling. Citizens who believe they have been the subject of bias based/racial profiling may file a complaint with any employee of the Deer Park Police Dept. or call the Internal Affairs Division at 281-930-2103.

Citizens Police Academy

The Deer Park Police Dept. is currently recruiting citizens for the 30th class of the Citizen's Police Academy. Classes begin on Aug. 21 and meet each Thursday, 6:30-9:30pm, until graduation. Classes generally run for 14 weeks and cover several aspects of police-related work. Prospective students must be at least 18 years old with a clear criminal history, attend the entire academy, and live, work, or attend school in Deer Park. The academy is provided free of charge. For more details, call 281-930-2118 or send an e-mail to splovanich@deerparktx.org.

Residential Security Check

Deer Park residents are eligible for residential security checks when they travel if they reside in a house and it remains completely unoccupied for more than 72 hours, but less than 1 month. To pick up a form, stop by the police station or go to www.deerparktx.gov/police. A photo ID is required when submitting your application. Call 281-478-2000 for details.

Lock, Take, Hide Program

In an effort to continue to reduce vehicle theft in the city, the Deer Park Police Dept. strongly encourages residents to adhere to the Lock, Take, Hide program. Signs have been placed in parking lots near businesses to remind patrons to lock their vehicle, take their car keys, and hide their belongings. Placement of additional program signs in residential neighborhoods, business areas, and DPISD locations within the city are in progress. For more information, call 281-930-2148 or send an e-mail to ttaylor@deerparktx.org.

Use a Lock & Key

Using a lock and key is the best theft deterrent for your property. Oftentimes, burglars are watching and waiting for the opportunity to come in and help themselves. They will wait until you are distracted and your shed or garage is left open and unattended. Prevent theft by locking the doors to your garage, shed, and home. A thief can come in and leave with your property quietly and quickly. Reacquaint yourself with your neighbors and organize a meeting to discuss ways to protect and look after one another's property. For more information, call 281-930-2148 or send an e-mail to ttaylor@deerparktx.org.

Cell Phone Use & 9-1-1

The Federal Communications Commission estimates that approx. 70% of 9-1-1 calls are placed from wireless phones. With the number of cell phone users increasing, emergency responders face a unique challenge. Cell phones are mobile and not associated with a fixed location. While 9-1-1 call centers may be able to determine a general

location for a caller, the information may not be specific enough to send emergency resources quickly. Cell phone users must provide as much detail about their location as possible to assist 9-1-1 operators with determining their exact location.

Cell phones may still call 9-1-1 when not associated with a wireless service provider or when the screen is locked. While this feature can be a life saver, it also results in many 9-1-1 calls that are not emergencies. These non-emergency calls tie up vital resources. To prevent accidental calls, keep cell phones out of places that can result in unintentional dialing, such as in pockets or purses. Many 9-1-1 calls are also a direct result of children using cell phones for entertainment. Be sure to educate children about the importance of 9-1-1. For more information, go to www.911.org or www.deerparktx.gov/police.

High Accident Locations

Driver inattention and careless driving have been known to be common factors in a few high accident locations in Deer Park. Anything that takes your attention away from driving when you are behind the wheel, including phone calls and text messages, results in driver inattention. These accidents are preventable. Focus on driving without distractions, maintaining safe distances between vehicles, and slowing down since speed is also generally a factor.

No Thru Trucks

We have observed significant damage to our streets from tractor trucks traveling to and from businesses located in La Porte on Old Underwood Rd. Although these

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businesses are located near Independence Parkway/Battleground Road at E. 13th, trucks must drive to and from SH-225 using Old Underwood Rd. to the intersection of S. Battleground Road. Any truck or commercial motor vehicle traveling on the streets of Deer Park must take the most direct route to and from a business within Deer Park city limits. For more information, call 281-930-2152 or send an e-mail to jwhite@deerparktx.org.

Avoid False Alarms When Remodeling

If you are considering remodeling your home, please contact your alarm company to determine the best course of action prior to starting your project. Consider adding a cell phone number as a second verification number. If you are going to allow contractors into your home or business, provide them with a key and ensure they have been properly instructed on the operation of your alarm system, the procedure to cancel a false alarm dispatch, and provide them with a temporary password. If your contractor causes a false alarm, you will be responsible for the unnecessary public safety response and related fees. When your remodeling project is complete, request to have your alarm company send a technician to inspect and evaluate your alarm system. In Deer Park, you are required to obtain a permit from the police dept. to operate an alarm system.

Drug & Alcohol Use in Teens

According to the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, it is common for teenagers to experiment with alcohol and drugs. Teenagers who are at risk for developing serious alcohol and drug

dependencies usually have a family history of substance use disorders, are depressed, have low self-esteem, and feel like they don't fit in. Some of the drugs that teenagers have been found to abuse are prescription medications, over-the-counter cough, cold, sleep, and diet medications, marijuana, LSD, PCP, and heroin. On average, teens first try marijuana at the age of 14, while alcohol use can begin before they reach the age of 12. Parents should openly talk to their children about drugs and learn to recognize the warning signs.

Scam Alerts!

IRS Scam #1

Someone claiming to be with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will inform you that there is a mistake on your taxes and you must send an additional payment to them. You will be asked to load the funds onto a Green Dot MoneyPak and not to pay over the phone with a card. You will be told that if the funds are not loaded onto the Green Dot MoneyPak, the police will be sent to your residence and you will be arrested. This is a scam. Please contact the IRS Southeast Houston office at 281-721-7021 to confirm that there isn't a problem with your taxes.

IRS Scam #2

Someone claiming to be an IRS employee will call you and know basic details about you so you'll believe the call is a legitimate IRS inquiry or bill collection attempt. You'll be asked to obtain a money order or pay online with a debit card. In some cases, the caller has used a device that displays a different phone number on the victim's caller ID. There was even a case

where the phone number that displayed on the victim's caller ID was the Deer Park Police Department's non-emergency phone number. Be aware that the IRS does not call you to collect taxes. The Deer Park Police Department does not collect money on the behalf of the IRS. Remember, never give out personal or financial information to individuals over the phone.

Single-Ring Phone Call Scam

Your cell phone will ring once and then the phone log will appear to have a missed call from an unfamiliar number. When you call back, you will be charged \$20 for an international call, plus \$9 for every minute you spend on the line. The charge will appear on your phone bill. Be very cautious about answering phone calls from numbers you do not recognize. Do not return phone calls from numbers that you do not know. For more information, call the Deer Park Police Department at 281-479-1511.

Shopping Cart Theft

Leaving your purse unattended in a shopping cart gives thieves the perfect opportunity to steal your valuables. To prevent someone from stealing your purse while you are unloading your purchases into the trunk or backseat, place your purse inside the vehicle, confirm that all the windows are rolled up, and lock the doors. Always make sure you have your car keys in your hand or pocket. Your purse can get stolen anywhere - in the parking lot or inside the store. Too often, purses get stolen from shoppers who keep their purses in the cart and then get distracted by a child or step away to look at products on the shelves. Please keep your

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Heavy Trash Pick Up

Non-kitchen type rubbish needs to be placed at curbside by 8am on Wednesdays for heavy trash pick up. At times, the volume of trash causes pick up to continue into Thursday and Friday. If the material was at curbside by 8am on Wednesday, the sanitation crew is aware of it, and will be back by Friday afternoon. For more information, call 281-478-7253.

Guidelines for Heavy Trash Pick Up

- Tree limbs must be less than 50 lbs. or 4 ft. in length.
- Concrete, bricks, shingles, paint cans, and household chemicals must be taken to the Transfer Station on Sat., 9am-4:30pm.
- Tires, batteries, and other car parts are not accepted by the landfill.



Prevent Clogged Drains & Sewer Overflows

Disposing of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) down your household fixtures can be a health hazard, cause an unwelcome clogged sink or toilet, and cost you and your city lots of money.

Blockages account for 43% of all sanitary sewer overflows. You should avoid sending any foreign material down your sewer pipes, including paper products, wood, metal, and toys. The worst items to send down the drain are, of course, fats, oils, and grease. FOG solidifies in the

lines of the collection system and form large chunks that get stuck or build up on the walls of the pipes, thus narrowing the lines headed to the treatment plant. A blockage of the collection system could cause sanitary sewer overflow, in which the sewer overflows and spills into ditches, the ship channel, and the bay. It could also cause the sewer system to backup into your yard and home. Untreated wastewater can be quite costly to clean up and can cause serious health issues for you and the surrounding community, including killing fish in our waterways.

Instead of pouring your cooking oil and grease into the sink drain, place them in a container with a tight sealing lid. Once your used grease solidifies, place it in a trash bag. Liquid oil and grease can be placed in a container, such as an old milk carton, and placed at the street curb with your normal household trash. The city will collect your used motor oil and cooking oil. For residents who compost, used cooking oil is biodegradable and can be added to your compost piles.

A common misconception that can lead to the discharge of FOG into the system is running hot water and slowly pouring FOG down the drain so it does not cause a blockage. If the fats, oils, and grease make it through your lines to the main line, which is not likely because the FOG will cool too fast, the blockage will be building downstream from your connection.

Please properly dispose of FOG and do not send it into the lines of the collection system. Your participation can save money and prevent backups into homes.

Flood Insurance

Flood insurance is highly recommended because no flood proofing measure is 100% foolproof. Most homeowners' insurance policies do not cover a property for flood damage. The City of Deer Park participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) so local insurance agents can sell an NFIP policy under rules and rates set by the federal government. Any agent can sell a policy and all agents must charge the same rates.

Any structure in Deer Park can be covered by a flood insurance policy. Detached garages and accessory buildings are covered under the policy for the lot's main building.

There are two types of coverage which can be purchased separately:

- Structural coverage covers everything that stays with a house when it is sold, including the furnace, cabinets, built-in appliances, and wall-to-wall carpeting.
- Contents coverage covers furniture and other personal possessions except for money, valuable papers, and the like. Renters can buy contents coverage, even if the owner does not buy structural coverage on the building.

There is no coverage for things outside of the house, like the driveway and landscaping. If you have a policy, check it closely. You may only have structural coverage (because that's all that banks require). During flooding, there is usually more damage to the furniture and contents than there is to the structure.

Don't wait for the next flood to buy insurance protection. There is a 30-day waiting period after you

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purchase a flood insurance policy before coverage is in effect. Contact your insurance agent for more information on rates and coverage.

The Importance of Building Permits

A building permit gives you legal permission to start construction on a building project in accordance with approved drawings and specifications. Your permit allows the city code official to reduce potential hazards of unsafe construction and ensure that your completed project meets minimum standards.

Building permits protect the value of the construction project for your home or business. If your construction project does not comply with the adopted codes, the value of your investment may decrease. In addition, property insurers may not cover the work done without permits and inspections. If you decide to sell your home or building after making modifications without the proper permits, you may be required to tear down the addition, leave it unoccupied, or make costly repairs.

By following code guidelines, your completed project will meet minimum standards of safety and will be less likely to cause injury to anyone. If an incident that triggers a lawsuit does occur, a property owner can show that he or she went through the appropriate process for a building permit and consistently met code requirements through inspections by code officials.

Do You Need A Building Permit?

Always check with the Public Works Dept. to discuss your plans with a

Resident Reminders - Parking Regulations

Parking on a two-way residential street requires that the right-hand wheels of the vehicle be parallel to and within 18 inches of the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway. Parking on a one-way roadway requires the vehicle to be parked parallel to the curb or edge of the roadway in the direction of authorized traffic movement with the right-hand wheels within 18 inches of the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway or the left-hand wheels within 18 inches of the left-hand curb or edge of the roadway.

Vehicles parked in a cul-de-sac must also be parked with the right-hand wheels of the vehicle parallel to and within 18 inches of the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway. Do not park head on or back up to the curb. The city's garbage trucks and other vehicles will not have adequate space to turn around.



building official before you begin construction on your building project. If a permit is not needed, the code official can answer your construction questions and provide valuable advice.

A person, firm, or corporation shall not erect, construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, improve, remove, install, convert, or demolish any building or structure (including fences and storage buildings) within the City of Deer Park without first obtaining a permit (building, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, stormwater, or floodplain development).

Permits are usually required for the following:

- New buildings
- Additions (bathrooms, bedrooms, family rooms, etc.)
- Residential work (decks, garages, fences, fireplaces, pools, water heaters, etc.)

- Renovations (garage conversions, kitchen expansions, re-roofing projects, etc.)
- Electrical work
- Plumbing systems
- HVAC system (heating, ventilating, air conditioning)

Any person working within the city limits on any property that is not that person's primary residence who erects, constructs, alters, or repairs a building or structure without the required permits or licenses is in violation of city ordinance and will be subject to a \$500 investigation fee, a triple permit fee, and a \$150 license fee, if applicable.

Mosquito Control

The city uses an EPA approved application to spray for mosquitoes Monday through Thursday during mosquito season. In addition to spraying, the city treats drainage ditches and the storm sewer system (areas of standing water) with EPA

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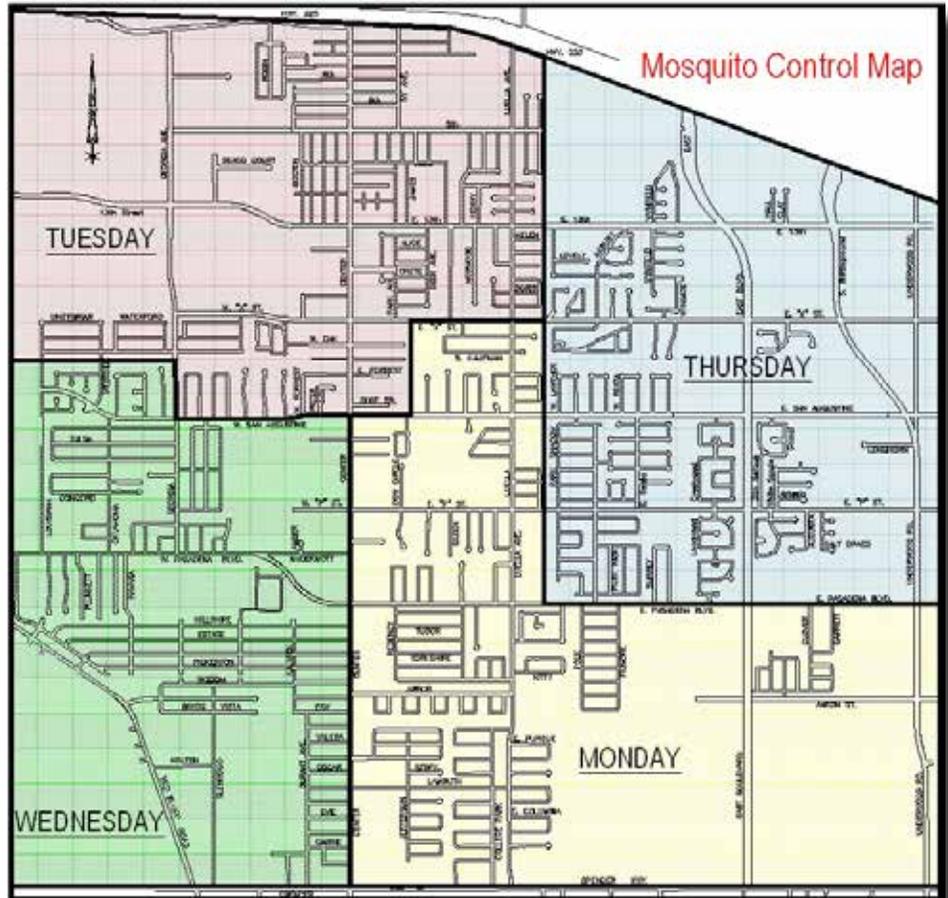
approved Altosid Briquets. This is the most effective approach in controlling the mosquito population by killing mosquito larvae before they develop into adult mosquitoes.



Nothing takes the fun out of an outdoor event like mosquitoes. In addition to inflicting a painful bite, mosquitoes can transmit diseases. Mosquitoes require water to breed. They lay eggs in stagnant or slow moving water, moist soil, leaf litter, or any area that is likely to collect water. Be diligent about getting rid of standing water around your property. Drill holes in the bottom, not the sides, of garbage and recycling containers stored outdoors. Keep the gutters unclogged and clean. Also, make sure your downspouts drain properly, without leaving puddles in the drainage area. Keep swimming pools cleaned and chlorinated, even when not in use. Ornamental ponds should be aerated to keep water moving and discourage mosquitoes from laying eggs. Keep your property clean of items that can hold water, including discarded aluminum cans and tires.

City Projects

- The Patrick's Bayou Storm Water Detention Basin is currently under construction on the north end of town. The project will construct a 35-acre storm water detention basin. The project started in January 2013 and is expected to be completed by mid-year 2014.
- The 12th Street Storm Drain



Improvement Project has been completed. The project was awarded to R. Construction Company on Nov. 19, 2013 in the amount of \$360,110. This project involved drainage improvements on 12th St. at Center Street.

- The Drainage Improvements to Deer Park Gardens Subdivision Project (N. Amy, S. Amy, and Brenda Street) was awarded to DPTOPCO, LLC in the amount of \$156,616. Construction is anticipated to start by summer 2014.
- The Sidewalk Improvement Project went out for bid in April 2014. The project involves installing new sidewalks in areas of town that currently

do not have existing sidewalks and adding sidewalk ramps at various locations. The project is expected to be awarded in summer 2014.

- The Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation for Spencer View Terrace Subdivision was awarded to Horseshoe Construction in the amount of \$538,450. This project is expected to be completed by summer 2014.
- The Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project for Priority Area #3 went out for bid in April 2014. The project involves rehabilitating the sanitary sewer lines in College Park Subdivisions 1-8 and Heritage Additions, Sections 1 & 2. The project is expected to be awarded by summer 2014.

Library News

Summer Reading Club

Fizz, Boom, Read!

The reading club offers children of all ages an opportunity to maintain or improve reading skills during the summer months, while earning incentive prizes for each book log completed. Children may turn in up to 6 weekly book logs. The last day to turn in a book log for a prize is Aug. 16.

The reading club also provides a variety of activities during the summer. Children do not need to be registered in the reading program to participate in these activities.

Teens may choose to participate in the *Spark a Reaction* reading program with similar incentives and guidelines.

Registration for the reading club begins June 5. A detailed brochure of weekly activities and rewards are available at the library.

Adult Summer Reading Program - Literary Elements

For ages 18 & over

Join our 1st adult summer reading program. Prizes will include gift cards, tote bags, and more! Small prize drawings will be held throughout the summer, and the grand drawing will be at the end of the summer program. The more you read, the more chances you'll have to win!

Scholastic Book Fair

The Summer Reading Scholastic Book Fair is June 5-14 during regular hours in the library's meeting room. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Deer Park Library. All proceeds provide incentive prizes for the summer reading club.

Beginners' Crochet Class

For ages 8 to adult

Tuesdays, 7-8pm

This free class is offered at the library for those with some or no previous knowledge. Learn at your own pace. Attend at your own convenience. Initial materials provided. Registration is not required.

Storytime programs for toddlers and preschool children incorporate books, fingerplays, songs, and activities to promote interest in reading and lifelong learning.

Toddler Storytime

For children up to 3½ years old

Thursdays, 10:15-10:45am

June 19-Aug. 7

The sessions include stories and activities designed to encourage a love for books, increase attention spans, and develop basic social skills. Parents and caregivers are required to stay with the toddler to encourage them to participate.

Preschool Storytime

For ages 3½ to 6

Thursdays, 11-11:45am

June 19-Aug. 7

In these sessions, children listen to stories and participate in group activities.

Monday Movie Flicks

Join us for a family friendly movie at the library every Monday at 10:30am from June 16 to July 28. It's free and we'll provide the snacks!

Thursday Movie Matinee

Join us for an afternoon movie at the library every Thursday at 3pm from June 19 to July 31. It's free and we'll provide the snacks! Movies are rated PG or PG-13.

Kids Kaboodle

For ages 5 to 8

Tuesdays, 1:30-2:15pm

June 17 - Stained Glass Craft
June 24 - Ladybug Craft
July 1 - 4th of July Craft
July 8 - Bowlarama
July 15 - Snake Craft
July 22 - Closet Monsters Craft
July 29 - Game Day

Special Events

For ages 4 & over

Wednesday, 10:30-11:15am

June 18 - Happy the Clown
June 25 - Express Theatre's *Little Red*
July 2 - Incredible Events' *Dr. Radium's Mad Mad Science*
July 9 - Marionette Playhouse's *Rumpelstiltskin*
July 16 - Julian Franklin's *Go Wild and Read*
July 23 - Armand Bayou's Reptiles
July 30 - Flower Fairy Family Craft & Parade

Pre-Teen Crafts

For ages 9 & over

Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30pm

June 17 - Surfer Dudes Craft
June 24 - Recycled Octopus Craft
July 1 - Quilling
July 8 - Craft Stick Bowl
July 15 - Plastic Flower Craft
July 22 - Optical Illusion Handprints
July 29 - Dragon Craft

Teen Tech

For school-aged teens

Wednesdays, 3-5:30pm

Starts June 18

Teens will enjoy socializing and a little friendly competition at video gaming, board games, and card games. Free snacks are provided by the Friends of the Library.

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Computer Classes

Computer classes are free, but space is limited so registration is required. Some classes have pre-requisites. Register for June classes starting May 21, July classes starting June 18, and August classes starting July 22. For more information or to register, please call 281-478-7208.

- **Introduction to Computers** - Become familiar with computers and technical terminology, plus get comfortable using a mouse, opening software applications, and other basic skills.
- **Browsing the Web** - Learn the basic skills of browsing the world wide web. Topics include search engines, simple search techniques, security precautions, and the basics of e-mail.
- **Using Social Media** - Learn the basics of social networking sites and how they are used. Websites to be discussed will include Facebook, Google+, Twitter, and LinkedIn.
- **Microsoft Word 2010 Basics** - Become familiar with the 2010 version of Word and learn how to create and edit basic Word documents, including resumes and letters.
- **Microsoft Excel 2010 Basics** - Become familiar with the 2010 version of Excel and learn how to create and edit basic spreadsheets, and use simple formulas and functions.
- **Microsoft PowerPoint 2010 Basics** - Become familiar with the 2010 version of PowerPoint and learn how to create a presentation using themes, illustrations, transitions, and animation.

Mystery Book Club meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6pm. Join other mystery readers to discuss the selected books and other mystery favorites. Registration is not required. You are welcome to come whether you have read the books or not.

June 10 - Mysteries From Exotic Lands

*Murder in the Marais:
Aimee Leduc Investigation*
by Cara Black

&

Grandad, There's a Head on the Beach: A Jimm Juree Mystery
by Colin Cotterill

Go to www.deerparktx.gov/library or call 281-478-7208 for July & August book club selections.

New Books for Children

Picture Books

- Mr. Wuffles by David Weisner
- Flora and the Flamingo by Molly Idle
- Ball by Mary Sullivan
- A Big Guy Took My Ball! by Mo Willems
- The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt

Juvenile Books

- Journey by Aaron Becker
- Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures by Kate DiCamillo
- The Mad Potter: George E. Ohr, Eccentric Genius by Jan Greenberg & Sandra Jordon
- Doll Bones by Holly Black
- One Came Home by Amy Timberlake
- The Year of Billy Miller by Kevin Henkes
- The Paperboy by Vince Vawter

- Navigating Early by Clare Vanderpool

Young Adult Beach Reads

- Illusion by Sherrilyn Kenyon
- Midwinter Blood by Marcus Sedgwick
- Resist by A Sarah Crossan
- Going Going by Naomi Shihab Nye
- Ring and the Crown by Melissa De La Cruz
- City of Heavenly Fire by Cassandra Clare

New Arrivals for Adults

June

- Top Secret Twenty-one: A Stephanie Plum Novel by Janet Evanovich
- Any Other Name: A Longmire Mystery by Craig Johnson
- Invisible by James Patterson & David Ellis
- The Last Kind Words Saloon by Larry McMurtry
- Mr. Mercedes by Stephen King

July

- Wayfaring Stranger by James Lee Burke
- Sight Unseen by Iris Johansen & Roy Johansen
- The City by Dean Koontz
- Cut and Thrust by Stuart Woods

August

- Remains of Innocence: A Brady Novel of Suspense by J. A. Jance
- The Lost Island: A Gideon Crew Novel by Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child

Deer Park Library Hours

Mon. & Wed. 10am-6pm
Tues. & Thurs. 10am-9pm
Fri. & Sat. 10am-5pm

Healthy Living - Eat Yogurt Daily

The American diet is more unbalanced than ever. Americans consume only about half of the recommended servings of low fat and fat free dairy each day. Yogurt is one of those items that contains nutrients we are lacking like calcium, vitamin D, and potassium. It can be a great source of high-quality protein, which helps you stay full longer and helps promote muscle and bone health. Recent studies in epidemiology indicate that frequent and healthy yogurt consumption is associated with less weight gain over time and healthy levels of blood pressure and circulating glucose. Eating yogurt every day is an important first step toward creating a more balanced diet and healthier lifestyle.

Lacy Stole
Athletic & Aquatic Supervisor

Source: Fitness Journal, April 2014



Tiffany's Tips - Butterfly Gardens

Let's start a butterfly garden in honor of National Pollinator Week and the Monarch butterfly, the official state insect of Texas. First, select the host and nectar plants. Host plants are plants that support the early stages of a butterfly's life cycle. These are the plants that the caterpillars feed on. Milkweed is a host plant for Monarch butterflies. Nectar plants provide a food source for the butterflies (adult stage). The plants you select determine the types of butterflies you will attract to your garden. Some popular plants are lantana, butterfly bushes, pentas, milkweed, salvia, bat-face cuphea, verbena, coreopsis, and hamelia patens. Look for plant labels with the words "attracts butterflies" at your local nursery. You'll also need a few rocks in your garden so the butterflies can sun themselves. A shady spot with a small saucer filled with a thin layer of moist sand or pebbles will give the butterflies a place to cool off as well. Once your garden is complete, sit back and enjoy the view as the butterflies, hummingbirds, and other pollinators stop by for a visit.

A presentation on Monarch butterflies will be offered at the Maxwell Center during National Pollinator Week (June 16-23). For information, call 281-478-7276.

Tiffany McGallian
Park Operations Coordinator



City Pool

Special Hours of Operation

May 24, 12-7pm Luau & Kiddie Pool Rededication
May 25, 2-6pm Luau & Kiddie Pool Rededication
May 26, 2-6 Luau & Kiddie Pool Rededication/
Memorial Day
May 31, 12-7pm
June 1, 2-6pm
Aug. 30, 12-7pm
Aug. 31, 2-6pm
Sept. 1, 2-6pm Customer Appreciation Day/Labor
Day (No entry free!)

Pool Open for Daily Operation

June 7-Aug. 24.

Sundays, 2-6pm
Closed Mondays
Tues., Wed., Fri. & Sat., 12-7pm
Thurs., 12-9pm (Discount Family Night 7-9pm)

Swim Passes

Available for purchase at the pool
office and game room.
\$2/day residents (proof of residency required)
\$3/day non-residents
\$50 season pass - individual
\$90 season pass - family (up to 5 members)

Pool Patio Reservations

Deer Park residents can reserve the
covered patio area for their next
pool party. Outside food and drinks
are allowed (no glass containers or alcoholic
beverages). Cooking within the gates
of the facility is not permitted.
Lifeguard provided. Available times
are Tues.-Sat., 12-3pm or 4-7pm &
Sun., 2:30-5:30pm. To reserve the
patio, call 281-478-2055.

Private Party Pool Rental

Our 50-meter pool with baby pool
is available for private parties June
7-Aug. 10. Available rental times
are Wed. & Fri., 7:30pm-9:30pm,
Sat., 9-11am, 7:30-9:30pm & Sun.,
6:30-8:30pm. Rentals are subject
to the availability of Deer Park
certified lifeguards and managers.

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Rentals require a \$100 refundable deposit, plus \$100 per hour for residents or \$150 per hour for non-residents, with a 2-hour maximum.

Events & Activities

- *Dive In Movie - June 13: Finding Nemo, July 11: Frozen & August 8: Pitch Perfect (edited), \$8 per person (includes a hot dog, bag of chips & drink)* Watch a movie at the city's pool! Flotation devices are allowed, but they must be see-through. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Door opens at 7pm, movie starts at 8:30pm.
- *Basic Kayaking - 7:30am-1pm, July 25 for ages 6-16 or July 26 for ages 17 & over, \$25 per person* This program is brought to you by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Deer Park Parks and Recreation Dept. Transportation is provided to and from Galveston State Park. You'll learn the basics in paddling techniques, how to paddle in a straight line, and more. Once you master the basics, we will head out to paddle in the coves within Galveston State Park. Children under 10 must be accompanied by a registered adult.



- *Swim Lessons -* With our new partnerships, we now offer new swim lesson programs and classes to accommodate semi-private lessons

and those with special needs. For more information, go to www.deerparktx.gov/parksandrec.

- *Movie in the Park - June 7 @ 8:30pm (Cars 2), July 5 @ 8:30pm (Toy Story 3) & Aug. 2 @ 8:15pm (Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2)* Watch a family friendly movie in Dow Park on the 1st Saturday of every month for free!
- *Concert in the Park Kick Off Night - May 30, 5:30-8:30pm, free for all ages, Dow Park* This summer we are kicking off the Concert in the Park series with Ryan Harris and the Killin' Time Band. They will be opening for singer and songwriter Adam Hood!
- *Concert in the Park - Thursdays, 7-8:30pm, free for all ages, Dow Park* June 5: The Scars Heal in Time (Alternative), June 12: Almost Endless Summer (Oldies), June 19: Evermore (Faith Night), June 26: Lonestar Bluegrass Band (Bluegrass), July 10: Little Late for Nashville (Country), July 17: Silver Shoes (Folk), July 24: Nick Michael Taylor (Texas Blues) & July 31: The Stringbenders (Zydeco)
- *Fast Forward Kids -* Designed using research-based programs proven to impact student performance, Fast Forward Kids offers classes for children (ages 4-12) involving different levels of engagement, creativity, and hands-on learning. Our mission is to inspire and build confidence through academic and social learning. Classes include Gifted and Talented Expressions, Learning with Play-Doh and Hot Wheels, Look at Me I'm an Author, Fashion Designer, Lego Expert,

Camp Barbie, Jumpstart Kindergarten, Survival Tactics Boot Camp, and many others.

For more information, go to www.deerparktx.gov/parksandrec.

- *Texas Outdoor Family Camp Out - June 21 @ 9am to 11am on June 22, for all ages, free if you sign up through the Parks & Recreation Dept., Galveston State Park* The camp out is brought to you by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept. and the Deer Park Parks & Recreation Dept. Join us for this overnight camping adventure! It is free of charge for families signing up through our Parks & Recreation Dept. thanks to a generous grant from the National Park Foundation.



- *Summer Track & Field - Starts June 9, Mon.-Fri., 8-10:30am, for children in kindergarten through 12th grade, \$45 per child, Deer Park High School North Campus* The team will compete in the Gulf Coast Track Circuit, which holds 2 meets per week. The program is designed for beginners and serious competitors. Parents' meeting will be held at 1st practice on June 9. Birth certificate is required.
- *Teen Camp - June 30-July 3, 9am-5pm, for ages 12-15, \$105 for residents, \$115 for non-residents, Jimmy Burke Activity Center* Visit some of the coolest

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destinations in the Houston area this summer! Mon. - IT'Z Family Food & Fun (lunch provided), Tues. - Pleasure Pier, Wed. - Movies (lunch provided), and Thurs. - Splashtown

- *Tennis Camp - Sessions: June 9-12, July 7-10, July 14-17 & Aug. 4-7, 8-9am for ages 5-8, 9-10am for ages 9-14, \$60 per child per session, Dow Park Tennis Courts* This camp is designed for children at beginner through intermediate levels. They will learn the fundamentals of tennis, as well as court positioning, and friendly competition. Children must bring water, a towel, and a racket. Be sure they wear appropriate shoes. All participants will receive a sports camp bag.
- *Archery Camp - Aug. 18-21, Mon.-Wed. 1-3pm, Thurs. 1-5:30pm, for ages 8-12, \$75 per child, Jimmy Burke Activity Center* Learn the basics of archery from US Archery level 2 certified instructors. Archery instills confidence, increases attention spans, and inspires a willingness to try other sports.
- *Volleyball Camp - July 21-31, Mon.-Thurs., for ages 7-9, 9:30-11:30am, for ages 10-12, 12-2pm, \$85 per child, Earl Dunn Gym* Learn the fundamentals of volleyball, including passing, setting, hitting, and serving. This camp is for beginner and intermediate level volleyball players looking to improve their skills. Instructors are former Division I and II players and current club coaches. Participants will receive a sports camp bag.
- *Adult Summer Softball - \$420 per team or \$400 per return-*

ing team, Mon. evenings - Men's recreation teams, Tues. evenings - co-recreational teams & Thurs. evenings - Men's competitive teams, Adult Sports Complex, 2600 Pasadena Blvd. League play begins June 10. It's 8 weeks of scheduled doubleheader games on all grass infields. All leagues are class D leagues registered through A.S.A. Payment required to secure a spot for your team. Register by June 2 and receive an additional \$20 off, plus 6 softballs for your team.

- *Wild Child Destinations - Spend your summer visiting exciting places in the Houston area. All sessions will depart from and return to the Deer Park Community Center. Unless otherwise indicated, children will need to bring a sack lunch.*
June 10: Old MacDonald's Farm, 9am-4pm, \$25 per child
June 12: Pleasure Pier, 9am-4pm, \$40 per child, lunch provided
June 17: Cici's Pizza, Splash Kids Art & Tutti Frutti, 10:45am-4pm, \$40 per child, lunch provided
July 1: IT'Z-Willowbrook, 10am-5pm, \$45 per child, lunch provided
July 8: Schlitterbahn-Galveston, 9am-5pm, \$45 per child
July 15: Space Center Houston, 9am-4pm, \$35 per child, lunch provided
July 17: Splashtown, 9am-5pm, \$40 per child
July 29: American Girl Store & Bistro and Ice Skating, 9am-3pm, \$60 per child, lunch provided
July 31: Houston Zoo, 8am-3pm, \$35 per child
- *Balloon Twisting Basics - June 12, 7-8pm, for ages 10 & over, \$35 per person, Deer Park Community Center, Room 10* Learn

the basics of making animals and objects from balloons with Ralph Dewey, Master Balloon Artist. A balloon kit will be provided.

- *Balloon Twisting School - Thursdays, July 31-Aug. 21, 7-8pm, for ages 10 & over, \$60 per person, Deer Park Community Center, Room 10* In this 4-week course, Ralph Dewey, Master Balloon Artist, will cover the basics and beyond. A balloon kit will be provided. Previous balloon experience not required. You'll learn about several balloon types and how to make various animals, flowers, and a hat.
- *Dazzle with Duct Tape - July 9, 10am-3pm, for ages 7-12, \$30 per child, Deer Park Community Center* Make awesome accessories, such as wallets, bags, bracelets, mobile phone cases, or flip flops, with the funky duct tape colors and designs. Duct tape will be provided, but you are allowed to bring your favorite too! Lunch and drinks will be provided.
- *Daddy-Daughter Dance - June 21, 7-9pm, advance tickets \$30 per Daddy-Daughter couple, plus \$20 for each additional daughter, or at the door \$35 per Daddy-Daughter couple, plus \$25 for each additional daughter, Jimmy Burke Activity Center* Dads and daughters, create lasting memories with a semi-formal to formal evening of dancing, door prizes, and more. Light refreshments will be provided. Purchase tickets in advance at the Deer Park Community Center.

For more information, check out the *Live and Play* brochure at www.deerparktx.gov/parksandrec.

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Celebrate the 4th of July at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center. There's something for everyone to enjoy this year! Various attractions on site from 5-9pm. Indoor Stage: 4 Fabs and the King, 5:30-6:30pm & 7-8pm. Outdoor Stage: Never Stop Believing, 8-9pm & Livin' on a Prayer, 9:45-10:45pm. Decorate your viewing area for the fireworks to enter the Most Patriotic Contest and you may go home with an award. Anyone within the perimeters of the Jimmy Burke Activity Center is eligible to compete. Judging starts at 8:45pm. Awards for 1st-3rd place will be given.

New Skate Park Hours

Mon.-Sat., 12-3pm & 6-9pm
Sun., 6-9pm
Skate park ID is required.
Available for purchase in game room. Membership is valid for 1 year from purchase date. Helmets are required inside the Skate Park.
17 & Under, \$10 for residents, \$20 for non-residents
18 & Over, \$7 for residents, \$15 for non-residents

Closure notices due to inclement weather will be posted at www.facebook.com/deerparktx.parksandrecreation and www.deerparktx.gov/parksandrec.

Art Park Players



Drama Camp

Join us for afternoons packed with food, games, special events, and training in musical performance! Camp includes daily meal, swimming pool field trips, camp T-shirt and a musical performance at camp's end.

*For ages 6-18, \$125 per child
Monday - Friday, June 9-20, 1-5pm*

Acting Camp

This camp focuses on the art of acting and provides extensive training on the various techniques used in comedic and dramatic performances. An acting showcase will be presented at camp's end.

*For ages 10-18, \$50 per child
Mon.-Fri., June 16-20, 10am-12pm
Instructors Alec Trevino and Fred White*

Modeling Camp

Session 1: Modeling for young ladies goes beyond striking a pose! Training includes runway modeling, interviewing skills, public speaking, and more. A fashion show will be presented at camp's end.

*For ages 6-18, \$80 per child per session
June 9-13, 10am-12pm
Instructor Susan Mele*

Session 2: Advance from the runway to print modeling and portfolio building! Training includes a professional photo shoot at camp's end.

*For ages 6-18, \$80 per child per session
June 16-20, 10am-12pm
Instructor Susan Mele*

Season Tickets

It's the perfect time to renew your season tickets! Call 281-478-7288 for more information.

Diamond Package: Corporate Sponsor
4 tickets, 4 dinner productions, acknowledgment in the program

Platinum Package: Season Patron Plus
2 tickets, 4 dinner productions, 2 tickets - Christmas dinner production, 2 tickets - Puttin' On The Ritz production, 2 tickets - Potluck Playfest production, acknowledgment in the program

Gold Package: Season Patron
2 tickets, 4 dinner productions, acknowledgment in the program

Silver Package: Season Ticket Holder
1 ticket, 4 dinner productions

Bronze Package: Show-Only Ticket Holder
1 show-only ticket, 4 productions

Thoroughly Modern Millie

The Art Park Players presents a summer musical for the whole family! The Roaring 20's, New York City, millionaires, social climbers, criminal conspirators, and tap-dancing secretaries make up this hilarious and joyful Tony Award winning musical about the "modern woman" caught between money and love.



*July 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 25 & 26
7pm Dinner, 8pm Curtain
July 13 & 20
1pm Lunch, 2pm Curtain*

To purchase tickets to any of our shows, call the Art Park Players Box Office at 281-794-2448. Unless otherwise noted, productions and camps are held at the Municipal Court & Theatre Building located at 1302 Center Street.

Register Today - Before a Storm is on its way!
Transportation Assistance Registry

If you will need help evacuating in the event of a hurricane, please dial 2-1-1 to register in advance for a ride. Dial 2-1-1 as soon as possible, if you:

- Have a disability or special health care need and require assistance to get out.
- Cannot drive and cannot arrange for transportation.
- Do not have a vehicle and you have no one else to help you evacuate.

The 2-1-1 registration process gives local emergency planners a better idea of the number of individuals who may need assistance, and the type of assistance they may need. The State of Texas will provide your information back to local emergency planners so they can plan accordingly.

Once you are registered, your information is safe in the state database. There is no need to call either 2-1-1 or your local emergency management office back to verify registration. This includes people who registered last year. Unless there is a change to your information, you do not need to re-register.

You will need the following information to register:

- Name
- Address
- Phone number (There is only room for one number, so please give the best number to call.)
- Contact name
- Contact relationship (aunt, brother, son, friend, landlord, etc.)
- Contact phone number
- Do you need transportation? (yes or no)
- Do you have any pets or service animals? (yes or no)
- Do you have a special medical need? (Describe the type of need you have.)



Save Your Life. Dial 2-1-1 To Register In Advance For A Ride.

Report A Concern

To report a concern or issue that needs our attention, complete this form and return it to:
City Manager, 710 E. San Augustine, Deer Park, Texas 77536.

You can also submit the appropriate form online at www.deerparktx.gov.

Together we can make Deer Park a better place!

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Best time to call: _____

Location of concern: _____

Describe the issue: _____

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- Approved the purchase of 2 Scag 61” zero turn mowers from Landsdowne-Moody Tractor & Equipment Co. for the Parks & Recreation Dept.
- Approved the purchase of a Kubota Tractor through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Parks & Recreation Dept.
- Accepted the completion of the W. 13th Street Pavement Failure and Replacement project. Final cost was \$88,073.10.
- Accepted the completion of the 2012 Water Line Replacement project. Final cost was \$248,793.
- Approved the purchase of various building improvements for door access systems and a surveillance system through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program.
- Approved the purchase of a chlorine feed system from Moody Bros., Inc. for the Water Treatment Plant.
- Renewed an agreement with Houston Community Newspapers/Deer Park Broadcaster through January 31, 2015.
- Approved amending ordinance 2810 and Section 50-75 of the Code of Ordinances concerning swimming pool enclosures.
- Approved an ordinance accepting a 10-foot wide fiber optic cable easement at St. Hyacinth Catholic Church.
- Approved an ordinance calling for a General Election on May 10, 2014.
- Approved an ordinance amending Section 66-196, Schedule G, of the Code of Ordinances providing for amended traffic regulations, providing a savings clause, providing for severability, and declaring an emergency.
- Awarded the bid for asbestos abatement and demolition of 1210 S. Amy to A & M Environmental in the amount of \$21,005.
- Authorized the purchase of 5 Chevrolet trucks for various departments through the H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program.
- Authorized the purchase of a John Deere Utility Tractor for the Street Maintenance Dept. through the H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program.
- Approved the expenses for City Council to attend the National League of Cities’ Congressional Cities Conference in Washington, D.C. March 8-12, 2014.
- Approved the acceptance of the Quarterly Financial Report for the first quarter ended December 31, 2013.
- Approved the acceptance of the Quarterly Investment Report (October – December 2013).
- Authorized staff to advertise and receive bids on the 2013 Sidewalk Improvement project.
- Approved the purchase and installation of 3,000 feet of L.M.R. direct burial cable for the police station/radio system.
- Approved the purchase of audio/video equipment for the Parks & Recreation Dept. through the Texas Department of Information Resources Cooperative Purchasing Program.
- Approved the purchase and installation of ball field fencing at Spencer View Athletic Complex from Dow Pipe & Fence Supply Company.
- Approved the purchase of an additional shade structure and concrete pad for the renovation of the children’s pool and fence at the Dow Park Municipal Pool.
- Approved the purchase of additional shades, 3 picnic tables, and trash receptacles for Dow Park through the Texas BuyBoard Cooperative, Contract #423-13, with T. F. Harper & Associates LP.
- Approved a proposal from Klotz Associates for professional services for Crosswalk/Signals Traffic Study at the intersection of Center Street and Pasadena Blvd.
- Approved an agreement with the Tarrant County Cooperative Purchasing Program to participate as a member of the Tarrant County Cooperative Purchasing Program.
- Approved a contract with IDS Engineering for the design of drainage improvement projects on E. Oak Street, E. Forrest Street, E. Highline Street, and authorization to advertise and receive bids for the construction of these improvements.
- Approved amendment of the city’s financial management policy.
- Approved an ordinance amending the classification scales and pay range charts for full-time employees of the City of Deer Park.
- Approved an ordinance amending the definition of “Parade” in the current parade ordinance by adding to the definition of “Parade” in Sec. 66-151.

March 2014

- Authorized staff to proceed with

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- year four of the SSO Initiative Program by advertising to receive bids for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project.
- Authorized staff to advertise for an auction of commercial 40-cubic yard front loader trucks and dumpsters through Rene Bates Auctioneers.
 - Authorized the appointment of members to the Finance Committee.
 - Approved the renewal of the annual roof maintenance contract with Tremco, Inc.
 - Approved an agreement with Langford Engineering for the Surface Water Treatment Plant Improvements to replace the backwash return pumping system, the automatic transfer switch, and the utility service appurtenances.
 - Approved an agreement with Atlas Roofing for roof repairs for the Library through the Choice Facility Partners Purchasing Cooperative.
 - Approved an ordinance abandoning a right-of-way easement, control, jurisdiction, and dominion of the City of Deer Park, Texas, over a 1.685 acre portion of land, a 60-foot wide right-of-way, by plat titled Clarksville Street, in the City of Deer Park, Texas.
 - Approved a change order for the 12th Street Storm Drain Improvement project in the amount of \$44,409.06. Total amount of contract is \$403,829.16.
 - Approved the expenses for City Council to attend the National Hurricane Conference in Orlando, Florida April 14-17, 2014.
 - Approved the purchase of 6 laptops to be used by Emergency Medical Services and funded by the Fire Control Prevention and Emergency Medical Services District.
 - Approved the purchase of a 2014 Ford F-150 Super Crew truck for the Public Works Sanitation Dept. through the Tarrant County Cooperative Purchasing Program.
 - Approved the purchase of a 2015 Ford F-250 truck for the Public Works Street Maintenance Department through the Tarrant County Cooperative Purchasing Program.
 - Authorized staff to advertise and receive bids for a one-year supply of lime slurry for the Water Treatment Plant.
 - Authorized staff to proceed with the 2014-2015 Implementation Plan to accomplish the second year of the 2013 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan.
 - Approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget for the issuance of the \$4,510,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2012.
 - Approved the acceptance of the FY 2012-2013 Annual Audit.
 - Authorized staff to negotiate an agreement with Knudson, LP for the Comprehensive Plan, Zoning & Subdivision Ordinance Update.
 - Approved a resolution of support submitted by Glenwood Trails II LP to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for 2014 Competitive 9% Housing Tax Credits for the Glenwood Trails II apartments.
 - Approved an ordinance for a Specific Use Permit requested by the Deer Park Volunteer Fire Dept. to locate a container at the Fire Training Drill Field.
 - Accepted a proposal from Binkley & Barfield Consulting Engineers for professional engineering services for the Norwood Street Reconstruction project.

April 2014

- Approved the purchase of 2 Dixie Choppers through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program.
- Authorized staff to seek bids for a one-year supply of gasoline and diesel for all city vehicles and equipment.
- Approved the purchase of a Ford F-150 truck with lift gate for the Water Treatment Plant through the Tarrant County Cooperative Purchasing Program.
- Approved the purchase of a Toro Sand Pro 2040Z Traction Unit for the Parks Maintenance Dept. through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program.
- Approved a resolution to adopt the Parks & Recreation Commission Bylaws.
- Approved an ordinance to grant Harris County Flood Control District an easement into Patrick's Bayou Detention Pond property.
- Approved an ordinance calling a Joint Public Hearing on the request to rezone 16.0976 acres out of George Patrick Survey, Abstract 624, from Single Family 1 (SF1) to Single Family 2 (SF2).
- Approved an ordinance calling a Joint Public Hearing on the

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request to rezone 206 Helgra from Multi Family-2 to Community Service to operate a convalescent home.

- Approved an ordinance adopting and enacting a new code for the City of Deer Park, Texas and providing for the repeal of certain ordinances not included.
- Approved the installation of crosswalk improvements at the intersection of Center Street and Pasadena Blvd.
- Approved a Specific Use Permit for a day care facility at 2709 Center Street.
- Approved a recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Commission at the request of the Deer Park Pony Baseball Association to rename Colt Field, Dan Bowyer Field.

Adopt-a-Pet

Searching for a new pet? Dogs and cats are available for adoption at the Deer Park Animal Shelter. There is a \$50 adoption fee, plus you must prepay for the spaying or neutering of the animal and a rabies vaccination. To see the pets currently available for adoption, visit the shelter Mon.-Fri., 8am-5pm or Sat. 8am-12pm or go to www.facebook.com/DeerParkTX.AnimalShelter. For more information, call 281-478-7274.



Economic Development

Business News



- *Waller County Line Pit Barbeque* has opened at 6915 Spencer Hwy. on the borderline of Deer Park and Pasadena (in the former location of Two Cities restaurant at the corner of Spencer and Red Bluff). Their menu features all the usual barbeque standards, plus burgers, salads, and some unique appetizers.
 - *County Line Customs - Truck Accessories* has come to Deer Park at 9515 Spencer Hwy. (near the intersection of Underwood Rd.) Area native Levi Harper is the owner. The shop sells all types of bolt-on accessories for trucks, SUV's, and cars, including lift kits, wheels, hitches, spray-in bed liners, and level kits. Levi takes pride in offering fair prices with excellent customer service.
 - Mona Beediahram has reopened her embroidery store, *AMB Designs*, at 4922 Luella. You might remember her former 5-year location at Center and Lambuth (near RPAC's warehouse). Mona is back in business and offering all her usual services including custom embroidery, screen printing, rhinestones, signs, and decals. Need a letterman jacket? She offers jackets and patches, plus a wide variety of school spirit wear and memorabilia.
- *Adaptive Tech Services*, along with owner, *Donovan Moser*, have earned the Angie's List Super Service Award for 2013, reflecting an exemplary year of customer service. It is a one-stop-shop for all your computer needs at home or in the office, including hardware, software, phone system, website, laptop, and basic hardware advice. No job is too small. Need help with site preparation for an office move or expansion? Call Donovan at 281-941-2070.
 - Larry Finn has merged his store, *New Creations*, at 4005 Center St. with *The Jewelry Factory*, which he originally opened in Pasadena many years ago. Stop by Deer Park's Jewelry Factory to make-over your favorite piece of jewelry or to find the latest designs in jewelry and watches.
 - *Cookies Express* at 910 W. Pasadena now has 14 different types of cookies, including snickerdoodles, molasses, and peanut butter with a chocolate bullseye.
 - *Koby's Fine Jewelry* at 3428 Center St. now has a great financing program with low rates and terms up to 60 months.

For questions, contact Debbie Westbeld, Economic Development Administrator, at 281-478-2042 or go to www.deerparktx.gov/ed.

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Police Department

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purse closed and with you at all times. For more information, call 281.930.2148 or send an e-mail to ttaylor@deerparktx.org.

Vacation Safety School

Send your child to Vacation Safety School for one week this summer. We'll talk to your children about home alone safety, stranger danger, drug prevention, fire safety, gun safety, bicycle safety, water safety, poison awareness, and more. Safety lessons will be presented by the Deer Park Police Department, Deer Park Fire Department, and the Deer Park Crossing Guards. The children will be fingerprinted, taken on a tour of the police station, participate in a bicycle rodeo, plus enjoy a visit from McGruff the Crime Dog and Wally Wise Guy. Vacation Safety School will be from 9am to 12pm, June 23 through 27 for children ages 7 to 10, and July

21 through 25 for children ages 11 to 14. Only 20 children will be accepted per session. The program is offered free of charge. To qualify, children must be residents of Deer Park or registered in the Deer Park Independent School District. An application must be completed and submitted to the Deer Park Police Dept. For more information, call 281-930-2148 or send an e-mail to ttaylor@deerparktx.org.

Look Before You Lock

As outside temperatures rise, the dangers for children being seriously injured or dying from being left alone inside a hot car also increases. In Deer Park, the average temperature in July is 84.5 °F and the average high is 93.6 °F with spikes as high as 104 °F. In a vehicle, these temperatures rise quickly. When the temperature is 85 °F, the temperature inside your vehicle will be 102 °F in 20 minutes and 120 °F in

30 minutes. Further, when the temperature is 90 °F outside, the temperature inside a vehicle is 109 °F after 10 minutes, 119 °F after 20 minutes, and 124 °F after 30 minutes. A core body temperature of 104 °F results in heatstroke while 107 °F is lethal. A child's body absorbs more heat on a hot day than an adult's body does.

Several surrounding agencies, including the Deer Park Police Dept., have teamed up with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, for the *Look Before You Lock* campaign, which reminds parents and caregivers never to leave a child unattended in a car. Make it a habit to look in every seat every time before you exit the vehicle. Always lock the vehicle and keep the keys out of a child's reach. If you ever see a child left alone in a hot vehicle, please call 9-1-1 right away.