



City of Deer Park

# Messenger

Summer 2015

## Are You Ready for Hurricane Season?

**H**urricane Season in the Atlantic Basin is June 30 through Nov. 30. Traditionally, our busy season runs Aug. 15 through Sept. However, let's not forget Tropical Storm Allison, which formed at the end of May 2001 and dropped over 36 inches of rain in the Deer Park vicinity during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June!

### *Build a Kit*

There are many resources that suggest items to include in an emergency supply kit. Unfortunately, the items that are sufficient for one family may not be enough for another. We all know that food and water are important items to have, but what other supplies will you need? Determine your needs as a family and involve the children in the process. It will give them a sense of comfort to know that they helped. If anyone requires medications, you may want to ask the doctor for an emergency prescription to carry with you. If you have pets, they'll need supplies too. Make sure your kit includes supplies for a few days. Most importantly, do not wait to make your kit until a storm is approaching and store shelves are empty. For more information, go to [www.ready.gov/build-a-kit](http://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit).

### *Make a Plan*

Vast improvements have been made to hurricane evacuation planning over the past decade. You should, however, have a plan for your family. Keep in mind that roadways will likely be crowded, hotels may be full, and public shelters may not

## Hurricane Workshop

KTRK ABC-13 Chief Meteorologist Tim Heller will be presenting valuable hurricane season forecast information at the Annual Hurricane Workshop and Community Safety Fair at the Pasadena Convention Center on Saturday, May 30, 10am to 2pm. Tim Heller's presentation is scheduled to begin around 1pm. This is a free public event. All residents are encouraged to attend. There will be over 50 information booths, numerous door prizes, plus free hot dogs and soft drinks, while supplies last.

meet your family's expectations. Your family's plan should identify evacuation destinations, such as an extended family member's home, a friend's home, or a hotel located several counties inland. If you will be relying on hotel accommodations and your pets will be traveling with you, confirm in advance that the hotel allows pets. You may also want to consider a few alternate hotels in case there is no vacancy at your first choice. If your family decides to ride out the storm at home, take into account the limitations for assistance and the additional supplies you will need. Emergency response is restricted during the storm's high winds. Supplies to protect the windows of your home, such as precut plywood, are in high demand and short supply

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## Election Results

### **Mayor**

Jerry Mouton, Jr.

### **Council Position 1**

Sherry Garrison

### **Council Position 2**

Thane Harrison

### **Council Position 3**

Tommy Ginn

### **Type B Sales and Use Tax Proposition**

Passed

The results of the election on May 9 were unofficial at the time of this printing. Election results will be official after the canvass is conducted by City Council on May 19, 2015 at 7:30pm.

# General Information

## Elected Officials

Jerry Mouton, Jr. ....	Mayor
Sherry Garrison .....	Council Member - Position 1
Thane Harrison .....	Council Member - Position 2
Tommy Ginn .....	Council Member - Position 3
Bill Patterson .....	Council Member - Position 4
Ron Martin .....	Council Member - Position 5
Rae A. Sinor .....	Council Member - Position 6

Contact the Mayor and members of City Council by e-mail at [cityhall@deerparktx.org](mailto:cityhall@deerparktx.org).

## Department Directors

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
Robert Hemminger .....	Director, Emergency Services
Greg Grigg .....	Chief of Police
Linda McHone .....	Director, Information Technology

## Other Appointed Officials

Jim Fox .....	City Attorney
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## City Facilities

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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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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## June

- 1 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 2 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 6 Siren Test 12pm
- 13 Siren Test 12pm
- 15 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 16 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 20 Siren Test 12pm
- 23 LEPC Meeting - 11am
- 27 Siren Test 12pm

## July

- 3 City Services Closed - Independence Day
- 4 Siren Test 12pm
- 6 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 7 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 11 Siren Test 12pm
- 18 Siren Test 12pm
- 20 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 21 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 25 Siren Test 12pm

## August

- 1 Siren Test 12pm
- 3 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 4 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 8 Siren Test 12pm
- 15 Siren Test 12pm
- 17 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 18 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 22 Siren Test 12pm
- 25 LEPC Meeting - 11am
- 29 Siren Test 12pm



1600 Georgia Ave.

[www.battlegroundgolfcourse.com](http://www.battlegroundgolfcourse.com)

Golf Course 281-478-2080

Republic Grill 281-478-2089

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during the last few days before a hurricane. Also, consider stocking up on additional first aid supplies to include in your emergency kit.

### Stay Informed

Throughout hurricane season, pay close attention to developing conditions that may threaten our area. Local broadcast stations maintain current weather forecast information on their websites. The National Hurricane Center ([www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov)) and the National Weather Service ([www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)) provide a broader view. For local updates, including the city's preparations for a threatening storm, go to [www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov).

### Notify Me

Stay informed with news and announcements from the City of Deer Park by joining the e-mail subscription lists of your choice. Go to [www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov) and select *Notify Me*.

## Fire Department

### Deadly Brooklyn Fire

In March 2015, a tragic fire swept through a Brooklyn, New York, home killing 7 children between the ages of 5 and 16. The fire was caused by a hot-plate in the kitchen that malfunctioned. According to firefighters, the home did not have working smoke alarms on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> floors. The fire started on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor just after midnight while the family was asleep on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. By the time the mother was awakened by the fire and smoke, she was unable to get to her children.



A common factor in deadly home fires is missing or disabled smoke alarms. Check your smoke alarms frequently to ensure they are working properly. Smoke alarms are essential to a home fire escape plan. Smoke spreads quickly so if there is a fire, working smoke alarms can give you early warning.

### Safety Tips

- Install smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom or sleeping area on every level of the home.
- Use interconnected smoke alarms so when one smoke alarm sounds, all of them will sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month.
- Use ionization and photoelectric alarms in the home. Ionization smoke alarms are quicker to warn about flaming fires, while photoelectric alarms are quicker to warn about smoldering fires.
- Install smoke alarms on the ceiling or high on a wall. Smoke alarms should be at least 10 feet away from the stove to reduce false alarms.
- Special alarms with strobe lights and bed shakers are available for those who are hearing impaired or deaf.
- Replace all smoke alarms every 10 years.

## Maxwell Center

The Maxwell Adult Center is a recreational facility for Deer Park citizens, ages 55 and over. We have a coffee bar with free Wi-Fi connection.

Activities at the Maxwell Center include ceramics, brazilian embroidery, oil painting, dominoes, and card games (Bridge and 42). Leather working classes are available on Wednesdays, 9-11am. Join Mike Moeskau for wood carving on Wednesdays, 1-3pm. Free crochet classes are offered on Thursdays, 5-7pm. A new letter writing class

will soon be offered. The Pick & Grin Jam sessions will continue to be on Fridays, 3-7pm, so join us for refreshments and music.

### Meal Programs

Seniors can participate in a congregate meal program and eat at the Maxwell Center or, for those who qualify, sign up for the homebound meal service and we'll deliver lunch to your home, 5 days a week.

### Fitness Center

The fitness room is open 6 days a week. Our equipment includes 2

recumbent bikes, a treadmill, and an elliptical machine. Hours of operation are as follows:

*Mon., Wed. & Fri., 7am-5pm  
Tues. & Thurs., 7am-7pm  
Sat., 7am-12pm*

### Bus Trips

*Sept. 13-19, Tunica - Casino Capital of the South  
Dec. 6-12, Branson Holiday Show Extravaganza*

For more information, contact the Maxwell Center at 281-478-7276.

# Police Department

## *Heatstroke Deaths*

According to Kidsandcars.org, from 2000 to 2014, there were at least 566 documented cases in which children died of heatstroke in vehicles. Studies indicate that even in 70° weather, the inside of a vehicle can reach life-threatening temperatures rapidly. In 2012, 2013, and 2014, there were 34, 44, and 30 children under the age of 15, respectively, who died of heatstroke because they were left in a vehicle. These types of deaths can be prevented. Never leave children or pets unattended in a vehicle.

## *Car Seat Safety*

For many, summertime means travel and family vacations. According to Safe Kids Worldwide, road injuries are the leading cause of preventable deaths and injuries to children in the United States. It is estimated that the risk of death can be decreased by 71% when child safety seats are used correctly. Unfortunately, 73% of car seats are not installed or used properly.

Safe Kids Greater Houston hosts local car seat inspection events where certified technicians can ensure that your car seat is properly installed. Do not purchase a used car seat unless you are buying it from someone you know and you can confirm that the car seat has never been in an accident. Once a car seat has been in an accident, it must be replaced.

Set a good example for your children and wear your seat belt every time you ride in a vehicle. Also, please do not leave your child alone in a vehicle for any reason. For more information, visit [www.safekidsgreaterhouston.org](http://www.safekidsgreaterhouston.org) or

contact the Deer Park Police Dept.'s certified child safety seat technicians at 281-930-2000. You may also send an e-mail to Officer Aurelius at [caurelius@deerparktx.org](mailto:caurelius@deerparktx.org) or Officer Bode at [dbode@deerparktx.org](mailto:dbode@deerparktx.org).

## *Protect Your Home*

Do you know how to protect your home while you are away on vacation or simply out for the evening to avoid becoming a burglary victim? Make it appear as if someone is home by using automatic timer switches to turn on your lights and a radio when it starts to get dark. If you will be gone for a couple of days, stop your newspaper delivery and contact your local post office to request your mail to be held. A trusted neighbor may be able to help by collecting your newspaper, opening and closing the curtains, and parking their car in your driveway. Avoid discussing vacation plans where strangers may hear you. Do not post details about your vacation on social media until you are back at home. If you must use a taxi company, select one that is reliable and make it sound like you have arranged for a house sitter. Leave important documents and valuable items with other family members, in a safety deposit box at a bank, or lock them in a safe at home. Consider moving valuable bicycles and similar items from your shed into the house. Lock all doors and windows, and be sure to set your burglar alarm system if you have one. You may also go to [www.deerparktx.gov/police](http://www.deerparktx.gov/police) and complete a Vacation House Check form to request for a police department employee to check on your home while you are away.

## *Citizen's Police Academy*

The Deer Park Police Dept. is currently recruiting citizens for the 32<sup>nd</sup> class of the Citizen's Police Academy. Classes begin on Aug. 20 and meet every Thursday, 6:30-9:30pm, until graduation. Classes generally run for 14 weeks and cover several aspects of police-related work.

Classes include hands-on training in SWAT, DWI procedures, self defense, investigations, communications, and many other topics. Prospective students must be at least 18 years old with a clear criminal history, willing to attend the entire academy, and live, work or attend school in Deer Park.

Graduates are encouraged to join the Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association. Alumni members continue to interact with the police department in a number of capacities.

The academy is provided free of charge. For more information, contact Sheila Plovanich at 281-930-2118 or [splovanich@deerparktx.org](mailto:splovanich@deerparktx.org).

## *P2C Online Access*

The DPPD Records Unit assists the public by processing requests for information under the Texas Public Information Act and retaining departmental records in accordance with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission Retention Schedules. Some records can be accessed online at <http://p2c.deerparktx.gov>. Citizens interested in viewing crime statistics in a map format should go to [www.crimereports.com](http://www.crimereports.com). To request records not available online, submit a written request

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by fax to 281-479-4372, e-mail to [policerecords@deerparktx.org](mailto:policerecords@deerparktx.org), or via mail. You may also submit a written request in person at 2911 Center St. For assistance with the request process, contact the Records Unit at 281-478-2000. For more information on the Texas Public Information Act, go to [www.oag.state.tx.us](http://www.oag.state.tx.us).

## *Changes to Alarm Program*

On April 7, 2015, City Council approved an agreement with AOT Public Safety Corp. to handle the administrative functions for the False Alarm Prevention Program. The program is designed to reduce the number of false alarms patrol officers respond to so they are available for higher priority calls and crime reduction efforts. AOT Public Safety Corp. will use its CryWolf software to manage alarm registrations, false alarm notifications, as well as billing and collections for the city. With these improvements, you are now able to register your alarm system online by going to [www.deerparktx.gov/police](http://www.deerparktx.gov/police) and clicking on the appropriate link. Once you register online, you will be issued a login information so you can access your account any time.



## *Public Safety Training Facility*

The Deer Park Police Dept.'s Public Safety Training Facility is soon to be a reality, and the asset will provide critical benefits to the department and community as a whole. Not only will the facility provide the members of DPPD a consistently

accessible location to complete firearms and other training, but the design of the range may serve to decrease sound levels that reach nearby neighborhoods.

The process of establishing the range, which will be funded through the Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD), has involved the focused work of Captain Wade Conner, Lieutenant Frank Hart, and the members of a DPPD Range Committee. The group not only considered the needs of the department and the city, but also the experiences of law enforcement agencies around the state and the input of local residents.

## *Project History*

According to Conner, the process of researching and establishing a gun range for DPPD started under the leadership of former Police Chief Bill Young. When the CCPD was created in May 2011, establishing a dedicated one-quarter of a percent sales and use tax for crime prevention purposes in Deer Park, the gun range became a primary goal and key focus of the district's long-term plans. "With the support of the CCPD and direction from Chief Greg Grigg, we established the range committee in 2013, built on our existing research and began the process of researching other facilities," he said.

The Range Committee, which included Hart, Community Liaison Sheila Plovovich, Officer Eddie Pereira, Detective Jarrett Hill, and Officer Bill Chaffin, worked together to build research based on the department's training needs and the success of similar training sites around the state. "We looked at a

variety of ranges, and ultimately, our proposed design was piecemealed together from features we saw at multiple sites that matched what we needed," Conner said. "We also learned from the experiences of the range operators we spoke to – one range had to shut down within a month of opening due to lack of ventilation, so we made sure to address that in our design."

## *Range Design, Testing the Sound*

The Public Safety Training Facility, to be constructed near SH 225 at 100 Luella near the existing Fireman's Training Facility, will include a firearms training range and a building for continuing education.

Hart said several facets of the design are aimed at directing noise away from nearby residences. "The angled berm [surrounding the facility] will direct noise away from the neighborhood, and the bullet trap design system will direct noise back," he said. As the site of the future training facility is within relatively close proximity to residences in the Luella area, a key part of finalizing the design was testing the sound that would be generated by the range and comparing it to what was already created by passing trains and existing traffic. According to Hart, the sound that was already being generated where the range site will be registered between 69 to 80 decibels – with a peak of 96 decibels – during normal traffic, and when a train horn went off, the sound reached 102 decibels. "We compared readings for the site pre-construction to sound levels generated by active ranges with designs similar to ours," Hart said. "We found the sound you can hear from 100 yards away reaches only 78

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decibels, within the normal range of what is already generated at the site. “In other words, the sound generated already is nearly as high now as what it is at a gun range similar to what we’re constructing, so it’s a good place to have a range. It’s very likely having the range in place will physically block some of the sound already impacting nearby homes.”

### *Reaching the Public*

In early 2014, the department continued its due diligence efforts by reaching out to the residents in close proximity to the site. “When we had our research together, we physically sent officers to the 45 houses close to the range to deliver invitations to an open forum about the project,” Conner said. “By holding the meeting, we included residents who could be impacted by us having this range, and I think it was good for them to hear what we had planned. None of the residents who showed up were opposed to the idea of placing a gun range at the proposed site, which was very encouraging for us.”

Conner and Hart said there will be many long-term benefits of having a Public Safety Training Facility that is operated and controlled by DPPD. “Having this facility will open our department up for training and other education conducted on its own terms – we won’t have to wait on other agencies anymore,” he said. Hart said the training building will be utilized not only for firearms training, but also to satisfy the state mandated continuing education requirements for the 62 officers in the department and for community classes. Overall, Conner said he anticipates the Public Safety Training Facility will be of

## Economic Development

### *Business News*

- *H-E-B* is now under construction, building an 83,000 sq. ft. store in Deer Park on the northeast corner of East Blvd. and Spencer Hwy. (north of NTB Tire and directly across East Blvd. from Walmart). For comparison sake, the current H-E-B on Center St. is only 20,000 sq. ft. and the Fairmont Pkwy. store is 70,000 sq. ft. Construction is expected to be completed by Thanksgiving in 2015. The future of the H-E-B location on Center St. remains unknown.
- *Pizza Bella* is open at 3310 Center St. (next to Food Town). Their original location is on Garth Rd. in Baytown. Pizza Bella offers New York style pizza, Italian dishes, and a salad bar.
- *Doggie Styles Pet Grooming* at 4926 Luella Ave. recently celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Owner Penny Newman has over 25 years of grooming experience, and specializes in puppies, as well as senior and disabled dogs. Doggie Styles prides itself in providing your dog with the best possible stress-free visit.
- Deer Park residents Chris and Sonia Perez have opened *Blackfly Skateboard & Apparel Shop* at 8361 Spencer Hwy. (near the intersection at Luella Ave.). This family-owned business caters

very high value to the department and potentially to other agencies. “We absolutely took the best of the best in designing this range, and I suspect it will be one of the top ranges in this area for law enforcement professionals,” he said.

to teens and tweens looking for street and long boards, decks, accessories, licensed band shirts, apparel, body jewelry, and much more. Check out their Facebook page under Blackfly Clothing Store or call 281-930-7705.

- Tim Goss, Clay Smith, and Charlie Zaid have opened *Century Properties Real Estate* at 4504 Center St. (former location of Serendipity Gift Shop). These partners have served the local community for over 12 years. They recently expanded into this 2,500 sq. ft. space and are ready to assist with residential needs, commercial real estate, property management, apartment location, and leasing services.
- Before closing its doors a few year ago, *Deer Park Coffee Company* was located at 118 Dixie in Deer Park. Owner Lenore Melanson is now operating a home-based business offering ground coffee, whole coffee beans, and K-cups. Her best-selling flavors are Texas Pecan, Blue Mountain, and Kona. To place an order, find her on Facebook under Deer Park Coffee Company or call 832-597-7552.

For questions, contact Debbie Westbeld at 281-478-2042 or go to [www.deerparktx.gov/ed](http://www.deerparktx.gov/ed).

## DPTV

Watch episodes of the Texas Parks & Wildlife series on DPTV every Wed. at 1:30pm and Fri. at 9:30am. You’ll be inspired to get outdoors and enjoy what Texas has to offer!

# Public Works

## Code Enforcement

Code enforcement officers provide essential and beneficial services that ensure quality of life within the City of Deer Park. On a daily basis, the Code Enforcement Division handles citizen complaints relating to potential violations of city ordinances that are not criminal in nature. Common violations may include dirty pools, encroachment of easement or right-of-way, falling fences, graffiti, high grass, illegal barbecue pits or containers, junk debris or vehicles, low hanging trees, occupied RV trailers, parking on front yard grass, failure to obtain a permit for building, plumbing, electrical or mechanical work, and failure to obtain a garage sale permit. To report code violations, go to [www.deerparktx.gov/publicworks](http://www.deerparktx.gov/publicworks).

## Building Permits

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

rooms, 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 license fee of \$150, if applicable.

## Flood Insurance

Are you prepared for hurricane season? Flood insurance is highly recommended because no flood proofing measure is 100% guaranteed. 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 such. Renters can buy contents coverage, even if the owner does not buy structural coverage on the building.

Coverage for things outside of the house, like the driveway and landscaping, is not available. If you have a policy, check it closely. You may only have structural coverage (that's all that banks require). When flooding occurs, 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 purchase a flood insurance policy before coverage is in effect. Contact your insurance agent for more information on rates and coverage.

## Property Protection

Repetitive flooding is generally a concern for many in our area. As a result, the city has undergone several drainage improvement projects and has plans for continued improvements. Despite our efforts, the possibility of flooding remains, especially at times when rainfall comes down so fast that the drainage systems are not capable of handling the amount of water all at once. Therefore, you are encouraged to consider some permanent flood protection measures for your property.

- Check your home for water entry points, including windows, doors, dryer vents, etc.
- Know how to shut off the elec-

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tricity and gas.

- Find a safe place in your home to temporarily locate items high enough above the ground to prevent them from being damaged by flood waters.
- Consider raising your outside air conditioning unit, breaker box, and other outdoor utilities above possible future flood levels.
- Consider sealing the walls in your home with waterproof coatings, impermeable membranes, or supplemental layers of masonry or concrete. Doors, windows, and other openings can be equipped with permanent or removable shields. Another precautionary measure is to install backflow valves in sewer lines and drains.

## Automotive Waste Oil Collection

The Sanitation Division is providing residents with a convenient way to properly dispose of oil by adding the service to curbside pick up. The collection trucks are equipped with a waste oil repository to gain control over hazardous waste, protect the environment, and improve community service. Waste oil in screw top containers should be set out with regular garbage on one of your two service days. The household containers will be placed in the oil storage tank and allowed to drain while the collection crew proceeds to the next house. Once the oil container is drained, it will be discarded into the rear hopper and compacted along with the other household refuse.

## City Projects

- *Deer Park Gateway Project* - This project involves installing

a masonry monument within the Center St. right-of-way between Railroad Ave. and State Highway 225. The project was awarded to DT Construction for \$463,500 and is expected to be completed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2015.

- *Rehabilitation of Pasadena Blvd. Elevated Water Storage Tank* - As part of the Hurricane Ike Round 2.2 CDBG Disaster Recovery funding, and in partnership with Harris County, the elevated water storage tank located on Pasadena Blvd. is being rehabilitated inside and out. Gulf States Protective Coatings is expected to complete the project during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2015 for \$342,000.
- *Rehabilitation of the Coy St. 1-Million Gallon Ground Storage Tank* - The Coy St. ground storage tank is being rehabilitated inside and out. The project is expected to be awarded during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2015. A total of \$600,000 is budgeted for this project out of Water and Sewer Bond Funds.
- *Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project* - This project has been awarded to CSA Construction for \$4,908,600. In May of 2013, City Council authorized staff to enter into a contract with CDM Smith for the design of Phase I. The project is identified in the 10-year Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Plan and is split into two phases. It is being funded with Certificates of Obligation.
- *Norwood St. Reconstruction Project* - The project is currently under construction on Norwood St. between 13<sup>th</sup> St. and

8<sup>th</sup> St., and involves replacement of the concrete pavement and sidewalks, water line, and storm sewer. The project was awarded to Mar-Con Services for \$1,354,818.10.

- *Replacement of 8<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge spanning the Harris County Flood Control Ditch G104-00-00* - The 8<sup>th</sup> Street bridge is near the 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church and the old San Jacinto Elementary. It will be replaced to allow for better drainage in surrounding neighborhoods. The project was awarded to D & W Contractors for \$814,396.
- *Water Line Improvements* - The project involves rehabilitating 3,100 linear feet of existing 6" and 8" water line. The lines will be increased to 6", 8" and 12" HDPE. New fire hydrants will be installed as well. The project will take place on Martha, Peggy, and Marlene Streets, plus a portion of 8<sup>th</sup> St. This project is through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program. PM Construction and Rehab, LLC will perform the work for \$532,896.

## Trees & Shrubs

Property owners are reminded that City Code states any tree, shrub, vine, palm, or similar plant grown on private property must be maintained to allow a 14-foot clearance over any city street, and an 8-foot clearance over a city sidewalk, right-of-way, or easement. Please keep your trees, bushes, and other plants pruned accordingly.

# Library News

## **Beginning Crochet**

*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 18-Aug. 6*

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 18-Aug. 6*

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

## **Monday Movie Flicks**

*Mondays, 10:30am-12pm*

*June 15-Aug. 3*

Join us for a family friendly movie. We'll provide the snacks. Please contact the library for a list of the movies.

## **Thursday Movie Matinee**

*Thursdays, 3pm*

*June 18-Aug. 6*

Join us for an afternoon movie and snacks. Please contact the library for

a list of the movies. Movies will be rated PG or PG-13.

## **Scholastic Book Fair**

The annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the library's meeting room, June 4-13, during regular hours. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Deer Park Library. All proceeds support the library's summer reading program.

## **Every Hero Has a Story**

*Summer Reading Club*

The summer reading club provides children of all ages an opportunity to maintain or improve reading skills during the summer months, while earning prizes for each book log completed. Children may submit up to 6 weekly book logs. The last day to turn in a book log for a prize is Aug. 15.

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 *Unmask!* reading program with similar incentives and guidelines.

Registration for the reading club begins June 4. A detailed brochure of weekly activities and rewards are available at the library.

## **Escape the Ordinary!**

*Adult Summer Reading Program*

*For ages 18 & over*

*June 4-Aug. 15*

*Escape the Ordinary* and make the most of your summer by joining the library's adult summer reading program. Small prize drawings will be held throughout the summer, plus a grand prize drawing at program's

end. Prizes include gift cards, tote bags, and more. Stop by the library to pick up an entry form and then start reading. The more you read, the more chances you have to win!

## **Special Events**

*For ages 4 & over*

*Wednesdays, 10:30-11:15am*

June 17 - Happy the Clown  
June 24 - Sonny the Bird Man, Exotic Wings Productions  
July 1 - Julian Franklin's *Heroes Without Capes*  
July 8 - Express Theatre's *My BFF Dragon*  
July 15 - Crocodile Encounter  
July 22 - Incredible Events' *Captain America's All American Reading Show*  
July 29 - Be a Hero Craft Event

## **Kids Kaboodle**

*For ages 5 to 8*

*Tuesdays, 1:30-2:15pm*

June 16 - Father's Day Craft  
June 23 - Hero's Mask Craft  
June 30 - Patriotic Craft  
July 7 - Turtle Craft  
July 14 - Superfly Airplane Craft  
July 21 - Insect Craft  
July 28 - Game Day  
Aug. 4 - Hero's Bank Craft

## **Preteen Crafts**

*For ages 9 & over*

*Tuesdays, 3-4pm*

June 16 - Summer Sun Craft  
June 23 - Monstrous Superhero Craft  
June 30 - Rainbow Craft  
July 7 - Clothespin Superhero Craft  
July 14 - Bubble Wrap Art  
July 21 - Beach Mosaic Craft  
July 28 - Super Masks Craft  
Aug. 4 - Hero's Bank Craft

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## Teen Tech

For school-aged teens  
Wednesdays, 3-5:30pm  
Starts June 17

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.

**Mystery Book Club** meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Go to [www.deerparktx.gov/library](http://www.deerparktx.gov/library) or call 281-478-7208 for July & August mystery book selections.

### June 9 - International Cozy Mysteries

*The Case of the Missing Servant:  
From the Files of Vish Puri*  
by Tarquin Hall  
&  
*Morality for Beautiful Girls*  
by Alexander McCall Smith

## Computer Classes

Computer classes are free, but space is limited so registration is required. Some classes have pre-requisites. In addition to computer classes, open lab sessions are offered and do not require registration. For more information, 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 precau-

tions, and the basics of e-mail.

- **Using Social Networks** - Learn the basics of social networking sites and how they are used. Websites to be discussed include Facebook, Pinterest, 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, as well as 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.
- **Open Lab Session** - One-on-one assistance for Microsoft Office programs, Windows 7, and more. Our reference librarians can assist with document formatting and electronic resources. Feel free to bring your laptop from home.
- **Basic Genealogy** - Learn how to use the library's resources to research your family history. Become familiar with Ancestry Library Edition and HeritageQuest Online.
- **Genealogy Lab** - One-on-one assistance in your search for family history. Basic Genealogy is a pre-requisite for this lab.

## Career Resources

The library offers 2 classes to benefit job seekers. You will be introduced to online resources and

learn about resume formatting, interviewing tips, job hunting, and more. Registration is required. Call 281-478-7208 for details.

- **Find a Job** - Become familiar with the resources available at the library to assist you with exploring career opportunities, creating or updating a resume and cover letter, preparing for an interview, and more.
- **Keys for Career Seekers** - Discover online resources to assist you with each stage of the job search process, including LinkedIn, Glassdoor, Career Cruising, and Job & Career Accelerator. Access the keys that will help you unlock your potential as a candidate.

## New Arrivals for Adults

### June

- *Finders Keepers* by Stephen King
- *Truth or Die* by James Patterson & Howard Roughan
- *Reagan: The Life* by H.W. Brands

### July

- *Naked Greed* by Stuart Woods
- *The English Spy* by Daniel Silva
- *Nemesis* by Catherine Coulter

### August

- *Silver Linings: A Rose Harbor Novel* by Debbie Macomber
- *X* by Sue Grafton
- *The Storm of the Century* by Al Roker
- *Joy: Poet, Seeker, and the Woman Who Captivated C.S. Lewis* by Abigail Santamaria

## Award Winning Books for Children & Teens

The winner of the 2015 Newbery Medal, awarded to the author of the

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most distinguished contribution to American literature for children, is *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander. Honor books were *El Deafo* by Cece Bell and *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson.

The winner of the 2015 Caldecott Medal, awarded to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book, is *The Adventures of Beekie: The Unimaginary Friend* by Dan Santat. Honor books were *Nana in the City* by Lauren Castillo, *The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract Art* by Barb Rosenstock, *Sam & Dave Dig a Hole* by Mac Barnett, *Viva Frida* by Yuyi Morales, *The Right Word:*

*Roget and His Thesaurus* by Jen Bryant and *This One Summer* by Mariko Tamaki.

*I'll Give You the Sun* by Jandy Nelson was awarded the 2015 Michael L. Printz Award for excellence in young adult literature. Honor books were *And We Stay* by Jenny Hubbard, *The Carnival at Bray* by Jessie Ann Foley, *Grasshopper Jungle* by Andrew Smith, and *This One Summer* by Mariko Tamaki.

## Library Hours

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

## Emergency Alerts

Deer Park residents are encouraged to register for the city's emergency notification service. To add your contact information to the database, call 281-479-2394 or go to [www.deerparktx.gov/oem](http://www.deerparktx.gov/oem), click on the Blackboard Connect icon, and then click on the one-step notification sign up icon.

## Facebook

The City of Deer Park is on Facebook! To connect, go to [www.deerparktx.gov/facebook](http://www.deerparktx.gov/facebook).

# Emplo y e e A w a r d s 2 0 1 5

January  
Supervisor



Lt. Wade Keeney  
Police Department

January  
Support Staff



John Stein  
Info. Technology

January  
Field Staff



Jason Bergman  
Parks & Recreation

February  
Supervisor



Greg Holleman  
Public Works

February  
Support Staff



Amanda Teltschik  
Police Department

February  
Field Staff



Billy Penick  
Parks & Recreation

March  
Supervisor



Tara Riley  
Finance Department

March  
Support Staff



Sonia Acosta  
City Secretary's Dept.

March  
Field Staff



Marsha Price  
Public Works



# Parks & Recreation



## City Pool

Pool opens for daily operation on June 6 at 12pm. Pool will close for the year on Sept. 7 at 6pm.

### Hours of Operation

Sundays, 2-6pm

Closed Mondays

Tues., Wed., Fri. & Sat., 12-7pm

Thursdays, 12-9pm (family night discount passes 3-7pm)

### Swim Passes

Available for purchase at the pool office and game room.

*\$2 per day for residents (proof of residency required)*

*\$3 per day for non-residents*

*\$50 individual or \$90 family (for up to 5 members) season pass for residents*  
*\$90 individual or \$130 family season pass for non-residents*

## Master's Swim Program

*Monday-Thursday, 5:30-6:30am, for ages 18 & over, \$35 per person per month, Dow Park Pool, USA Certified Swim Coach* The City of Deer Park Aquatics team is offering a master's program for adult swimmers. The program will target a wide range of individual goals, including recreation, fitness, and competitive training. For more information, go to [www.deerparktx.gov/parksandrec](http://www.deerparktx.gov/parksandrec).

## Swim Lessons for Individuals with Special Needs

*Tuesday-Friday, sessions: June 16-26 & July 7-17, 8-8:45am, for ages 8 &*

## Healthy Living

### Exercising in the Pool

Aquatic exercise is a great way to get in shape and stay that way. Exercising in the pool is a fantastic cross-training option and full body workout. It helps the body stay balanced, burn calories, boost metabolism, and strengthen muscles without the extra stress on joints. So, get motivated, jump in the pool, and try one of the following activities:

- Run in a zig-zag pattern from one end of the pool to the other and then run straight through all the currents you just created.
- Plank treading (in the deeper end of the pool) - Tread water with your hands while leaning forward until your body is on an even incline. While keeping your head out of the water, aim to stay stable for 1 to 2 minutes. Modify the activity by holding a pool noodle vertically in both hands.
- Squat Jumping jacks - Jump your legs out hard into a sumo squat as if you weren't in the pool and then jump them back together. Reach your arms out of the water and land with little to no impact.
- If you are looking for motivation through group exercise, try our Master's Swim Program, 5:30-6:30am, or Aqua Zumba.

Lacy Stole

Athletic & Aquatic Supervisor

Source: IDEA Fitness Journal, January 2014

*over, \$55 per person, Dow Park Pool, Instructor Sarah Walker* Lessons will be taught by a certified swim instructor who works in special education full time.

## Fencing: Beginner's Foil

*Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30pm, for ages 12 & over, \$40 per month, Earl Dunn Gym Racquetball Courts, Instructor John Trojanowski* A basic foil fencing course designed to introduce beginners to the rules and convention of foil fencing with emphasis on footwork, blade work, and safety. Classes begin with footwork drills, followed by blade work practice, and end with supervised bouts between fencers. Students physically

exercise while playing a game that keeps the mind active. Equipment is provided.

## Balloon Sculpting

*June 2 & 11, 7-8:30pm, for ages 10 & over, \$35 per person, Deer Park Community Center, Room 10, Master Balloon Artist Ralph Dewey* This is an introductory class to learn the basics of making balloon animals and more. Projects include making a dog, bumble bee, sword, and a hat. A balloon kit with the necessary materials will be provided.

## Summer Track & Field

*Monday-Friday, 8-10:30am, for children in kindergarten-12<sup>th</sup> grade, \$45*

## Tiffany's Tips

### Deer Park Wetlands

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. has awarded a \$400,000 grant to the City of Deer Park to aid in the restoration of a wetlands site. Restoring our dedicated wetland area to its natural state is important to our residents and wildlife. Wetlands improve water quality, reduce pollution, and provide a habitat for wildlife, as well as provide millions of migrating birds with a place to rest. In the last couple of centuries, Texas has lost over half of its wetlands. As the wetlands area is restored, invasive species will be thinned out and monitored for the next several years. The goal is to remove nearly 85% or more of the Chinese Tallow in the next 3 years. Increasing the native wetland species at the site will restore the ecological balance and remind people of the importance of land and habitat conservation. There are plans to add an educational garden to the site to increase nature-based tourism to our city and provide visitors with an enjoyable learning experience. The use of geocaching will further attract visitors who enjoy nature and outdoor recreation. Trails will be permeable and constructed in areas that have the least impact on current valuable vegetation and terrain. Minimal boardwalks will be used throughout the wetland area to connect the public with this unique ecosystem without disturbing the sensitive areas.



Tiffany McGallian, Park Operations Coordinator

*per child, Deer Park High School North Campus* The summer track season begins June 8. 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. Birth certificate is required. A parents' meeting to be held on June 8.

### Aqua Zumba

*Mondays & Wednesdays, sessions: June 8-July 1, July 6-29 & Aug. 3-26, 7-7:45pm, for adults, \$55 per session, Dow Park Pool, Instructor Ana Flores* Aqua Zumba is a safe, effective, and challenging waterbased workout that combines the Zumba formula and philosophy with traditional

aqua fitness. Class is limited to 80. Please wear water shoes.

### B.Y.O.B<sup>anana</sup> Night Out

*July 10, 6pm-12am, for ages 6-12, \$25 per child, Deer Park Community Center* Children will enjoy a night of games, friends, crafts, movies, and swimming at Dow Park Pool. We'll have pizza, snacks, drinks, and banana splits, of course! Only clear pool floats or pool noodles are allowed at the pool.

### Eat Your Art

*Wednesdays, June 10-24, 10:30am-12pm, for ages 8-12, \$35 per child, Deer Park Community Center, Rm 6* Learn how to be artistic and creative

while you make delicious treats. In this class, it is okay to play with your food.

### Spa-tacular Day

*June 12, 10:30am-3pm, for ages 6-12, \$30 per child* It's the ultimate spa party at Regency Beauty Institute. Each young lady will receive an updo, polish, and makeup. We'll have brunch at Savannah Cafe.

### Daddy-Daughter Dance

*June 12, 7-9pm, for all ages, \$35 per couple & \$20 for each additional daughter (before June 5) or \$45 per couple & \$25 for each additional daughter (after June 5), Jimmy Burke Activity Center* Dance the night away under the big top! This year's Daddy-Daughter Dance is inspired by circus-themed refreshments and entertainment.

### Camp Crabgrass

*Monday-Friday, sessions: June 15-19, June 22-26, June 29-July 3, July 13-17, July 20-24, July 27-31 & Aug. 3-7, 7:30am-5:30pm, for ages 6-11, regular hours: \$105 per session for residents, \$115 per session for non-residents, extended hours: \$125 per session for residents, \$135 per session for non-residents, Jimmy Burke Activity Center* Children will enjoy a full week of swimming, archery, riflery, and more. All campers need a sack lunch and 2 snacks per day. Limited to 80 per session.

### Wild Child Destinations

*Tuesdays, 9am-4pm, for ages 6-12, fees vary by field trip, Deer Park Community Center, Rm 10* Join us this summer as we venture to different places in the Houston area. *June 16 - Moody Gardens Palm Beach & Ropes Course, bring sack*

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lunch, \$45 per child

*June 23* - Movie theater (Disney Pixar's *Inside Out*) & iT'Z Family Food & Fun in Pasadena (lunch provided), \$45 per child

*July 14* - Splashtown, bring money for lunch, \$35 per child

*July 21* - Jumping World, Cici's Pizza (lunch provided) & Dow Park Pool, \$35 per child

*Aug. 4* - Pleasure Pier (lunch provided), \$35 per child

*Aug. 18* - Children's Museum (lunch provided) & Tutti Frutti, \$35 per child

## Independence Fun Run

*10K starts at 7:30am, \$30 pre-registration or \$35 race day; 5K starts at 7:45am, \$20 pre-registration or \$25 race day; Children's Patriotic Mile starts at 9am, \$10 pre-registration or \$15 race day* Join us for the Annual Independence Fun Run on June 27 at the Deer Park Community Center. In honor of Independence Day, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Armed Forces Children's Education Fund, which financially assists with the educational needs of the surviving children of the U.S. Military men and women who lost their lives in the war on terrorism. USTAF-certified course.

## Mini Gourmet

*Monday-Thursday, sessions: June 29-July 2 & July 27-30, 11am-1pm, for ages 7-12, \$55 per child per session, Deer Park Community Center, Rm 6* Spice up your summer by learning the basics of cooking and becoming a chef at Mini Gourmet. In each session, we'll explore new recipes and tips that will make your meals a delicious success. Be sure to bring your apron because this could get messy.



## 4<sup>th</sup> Fest

Join us for a hometown celebration on Independence Day at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center. If you are setting up within the perimeters of the activity center to view the fireworks, you are eligible to compete in the Most Patriotic Contest. There is no entry fee to participate. All you need to do is decorate your area. Awards will be given for 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place. For more information, go to [www.deerparktx.gov/parksandrec](http://www.deerparktx.gov/parksandrec). *Richard Brown Orchestra, 5-7pm*  
*The Band Hennessey, 7-9pm*  
*Most Patriotic Contest Judging, 8:45pm*  
*Fireworks, 9:15pm*

## Teen Camp

*July 6-9, 9am-4pm, for ages 12-15, \$120 per child for residents, \$130 per child for non-residents, Deer Park Community Center, Rm 10* Don't miss out on these fun-filled days. Trips include Splashtown, Pleasure Pier, and Fiesta Texas.

## Summer Sports Camps

We've got a variety of sports camps for all ages this summer. These camps will help build confidence and develop skills. For more information, go to [www.deerparktx.gov/parksandrec](http://www.deerparktx.gov/parksandrec). *Beast Sports & Conditioning Camp, for ages 8-12, June 22-25 & July 13-16*  
*Sports Camp, for ages 5-8, June 23-25 & July 14-16*  
*Skills Basketball Academy, for ages 6-12, July 7-9 & July 27-29*

*Volleytots, for ages 4-6, July 20-22*  
*Volleyball Camp, for ages 7-12, July 20-22*  
*Beast Football Camp, for ages 6-12, July 20-23*

## Fast Forward Kids

Designed using research-based programs proven to impact student performance. Our mission is to inspire and build confidence through academic and social learning for all children. For more information, go to [www.deerparktx.gov/parksandrec](http://www.deerparktx.gov/parksandrec). Classes are \$99 per child per class and will be held July 27-31 at the Avon Recreation Center.

*Lego Logo, for ages 8-12, 9-11am*  
*Lego Expert, for ages 8-12, 9-11am*  
*FUN Academy, for ages 5-7, 9-11am*  
*Lego Mania, for ages 4-7, 11:30am-1:30pm*  
*Lego Designer, for ages 4-7, 11:30am-1:30pm*  
*Camp Barbie, for ages 4-8, 11:30am-1:30pm*  
*Fashion Designer, for ages 8-12, 11:30am-1:30pm*  
*Survival Tactics Camp, for ages 8-12, 2-4pm*  
*Your Creative Expressions & Look at Me, I'm an Author!, for ages 6-12, 2-4pm*

## D.I.Y. Projects

Children, ages 7-12, will enjoy cooling off indoors on Thursdays with do-it-yourself art at the Deer Park Community Center, Rm 10. *July 16 - Dazzle with Duct Tape \$40 (lunch provided), 10am-3pm*  
*July 23 - Canvas Painting \$30, 12:30-3pm*  
*Aug. 6 - Sharpie Art \$40 (lunch provided), 10am-3pm*

## Youth Skin Care Class

*July 15, 11am-12pm (for ages 11-13) and 1-2pm (for ages 13-18), \$15 per child, Deer Park Community Center* Learn how to take care of your skin and fight acne. Basic make-up application is also a topic that will be covered. You'll get a facial and have the option to buy products in class.

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### **Skin Care Class for Women**

*July 28, 7-8pm, \$15 per person, Deer Park Community Center, Instructor Leticia Martinez* Learn how to take care of your skin as you mature. Topics to be covered include cleansing, moisturizing, and microdermabrasion treatments. You'll get a facial and have the option to buy products in class.

### **Glow with the Flow Party**

*July 31, 8-10pm, \$10 per person (includes pool admission, Chick-fil-A dinner, and glow items)* Let's light up the night at Dow Park Pool! All ages are welcome. Children, ages 12 & under, must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Youth Flag Football League**

*For ages 6-11, \$60 per child (includes jersey), Adult Softball Complex, 2700 Pasadena Blvd.* Youth Flag Football is an alternative for parents who hesitate allowing their children to play tackle football. Volunteer coaches, which are often parents of the players, help run each team

by conducting practices and keeping parents informed. There are 2 scheduled practices per week (starting in Aug.) and games are on Saturday mornings (starting Sept. 12). To become a coach, you must register at [activenet.com/dprecreation](http://activenet.com/dprecreation).

### **Archery Camp**

*Aug. 10-12, 10am-2pm, for ages 8-12, \$75 per child, Jimmy Burke Activity Center* Learn the basics

of recurve archery from US Archery level 2 certified instructors. Archery instills confidence, increases attention span, and inspires a willingness to try other sports.



### **Splash Games**

*Aug. 20, 11am-12pm, for ages 5-12, free, Deer Park Community Center* Beat the Texas heat by joining us at the Deer Park Community Center for cool water games!

## Art Park Players



### **Acting Camp**

*For ages 10 & over, \$50 per child  
June 15-19, 10am-12pm*

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.



### **Modeling Camp**

Modeling for young ladies goes beyond striking a pose! Our training includes runway modeling, interviewing skills, public speaking skills, make-up and skin care application, and more.

*Session I: Introduction to Modeling Camp, for ages 6-18, June 8-12, 10am-12pm, \$80 per child* Topics covered include runway modeling, social graces, public speaking, make-up and skin care application, interviewing techniques, and posing for the photographer. Students are divided into age groups and learn the techniques applicable to their age. There will be a fashion show on June 12 at 11am where students will receive their certificate for completing the course.

## Adopt-a-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 view 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](http://www.facebook.com/DeerParkTX.AnimalShelter). For more information, call 281-478-7274.

## Billing & Collections

Conveniently pay your water bill online, by mail, via electronic draft, or in person. We have a drive-thru window, as well as a 24-hour payment drop box available at City Hall. If your services have been disconnected due to non-payment, you cannot pay online to restore service. To begin the reconnection process, payment must be made in person at the counter or the drive-thru window. Call 281-478-7221 for more details.

## Art Park Players

*Session II: Advanced Camp, for ages 6-18, June 15-19, 10am-12pm, \$80 per child* Move on from the runway to print modeling and portfolio building with our advanced model training. This advanced course is for students who received certification in the previous course. Students will review skills from the introduction course and learn about selecting an agent, completing a resume, and preparing a portfolio. Students will also participate in a photo session with a professional photographer. There will be a fashion show at Norma's Country Dreams in Deer Park where students will receive their certificate for completing the advanced course.



### *Drama Camp*

*Radio Disney: The B Sides*

*For ages 6-18, \$125 per student,  
Mon.-Fri., June 8-19, 1-5pm*

Join the Art Park Players for an exciting 2 weeks at summer drama camp. Area youth will gather for training in musical performance, vocal and movement sessions, acting lessons, technical training, theatre games, field trips, pool days, and rehearsals for the Musical Review Show on June 19 at 7pm.

For more information, call 281-478-7288. To purchase tickets to any of our shows, call the Art Park Players Box Office at 281-794-2448. Unless otherwise noted, productions, camps, and auditions are held at the Municipal Court & Theatre Building located at 1302 Center Street.



### *Hairspray*

*July 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24 & 25*

It's 1962 in Baltimore, Maryland, and quirky, plus-sized teen Tracy Turnblad has one dream, to dance on the Corny Collins Show. When she gets put in detention with the African-American students at the school, they teach her some dance moves. Her new found groove wins her a spot on Corny's show. Overnight, Tracy transforms from a nobody into a star and uses her newfound influence to advocate for racial integration on the television show. Tracy faces scrutiny and bullying from the network producer, Velma, and her popular, but vicious, daughter, Amber. With the help of the teenage heart-throb Link, host Corny Collins, and Motormouth Maybelle, Tracy overcomes the odds and succeeds in her mission to integrate the Corny Collins Show. Tony Award-winning *Hairspray* continues to be one of the most widely produced musicals, not only because of its wit and charm, but also because of its message of acceptance and progress.

## Council Actions

### *February 2015*

- Approved the purchase from PM Construction & Rehab, LLC through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program to perform the Year-5 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$410,040.
- Accepted the completion of the Year-4 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project. Final cost was \$1,754,760.38.
- Accepted the completion of the Deer Park Fire Station #2 addition. Final cost was \$79,115.
- Approved the purchase of a Kubota tractor for the Park Maintenance Dept. through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$30,559.50.
- Approved the purchase of a submersible pump for the South Plant Lift Station from Hahn Equipment in the amount of \$68,100.
- Approved the purchase of a conveyor for the belt press at the Wastewater Treatment Plant from JDV Equipment in the amount of \$44,800.
- Approved the purchase of a Western Star 4700 tractor truck through the Houston-Galveston Area Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$113,917.
- Approved the purchase of a LifePak 15 monitor/defibrillator from Physio-Control, Inc. in the amount of \$34,570.24.
- Authorized the library to submit a grant application for reimbursement of \$4,000 through the Edge Initiative Program developed by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

# Council Actions

- Authorized staff to seek Requests for Proposals (RFP) for professional hotel occupancy tax auditing services.
  - Approved a resolution to authorize the City of Deer Park to participate in the Purchasing Cooperative of America Cooperative Purchasing Program administered by the Region III Education Service Center.
  - Approved an ordinance accepting the Industrial District Agreements.
  - Approved the results of a Joint Public Hearing to rezone 3.69 acres of the remainder of La Porte Outlot 614 on East Boulevard from General Commercial to Highway Service.
  - Awarded the bid for the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Replacement project to D & W Contractors in the amount of \$814,396.
  - Accepted the completion of the 2013 Sidewalk Improvement project. Final cost was \$312,033.55.
  - Approved the purchase of a Kubota tractor for the Wastewater Plant through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$19,432.15.
  - Authorized staff to seek bids for the lease purchase financing of a Western Star 4700 tractor truck.
  - Approved the purchase of a 2015 Chevrolet 1500 Silverado 4 x 2 Crew Cab for the Park Maintenance Dept. through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$26,949.
  - Approved the purchase of a John Deere Compact Track Loader for the Street Maintenance Dept. through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$72,855.91.
  - Authorized staff to seek bids for the mowing and edging services on city-maintained esplanades, entrances, and right-of-ways.
  - Approved the purchase of a 2016 Ford Super Duty Chassis with gooseneck body for the Street Maintenance Dept. through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$52,007.30.
  - Approved the acceptance of the Texas Dept. of Transportation Memorial Day Click It or Ticket incentive award for the purchase of a Pro-Laser II radar.
  - Approved an agreement with Randall-Porterfield Architects, Inc. for Phase I of the Jimmy Burke Activity Center Renovations/Additions.
  - Approved an agreement with T. F. Harper & Associates LP through the Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for the reconstruction and upgrades for Room 12 at the Community Center and miscellaneous projects at Dow Park.
  - Approved an agreement with The Payment Group, LLC to provide telephone citation payment services through TrafficPayment.com.
  - Approved a policy on the naming of city buildings, facilities, parks, roads, and other city assets.
  - Approved a resolution adopting an overall economic development policy.
  - Approved an ordinance and a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission for a specific use permit to operate a lay down yard at 2900 East San Augustine Street.
  - Approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget.
  - Approved an ordinance calling a General Election for the election of a Mayor and 3 Council members to take place on May 9, 2015.
  - Approved an ordinance calling a Special Election to submit a proposition for Type B Sales and Use Tax at the rate of one-half of one percent.
- March 2015*
- Accepted the Quarterly Investment Report for Oct.-Dec. 2014.
  - Accepted the completion of the City Hall Parking Lot Expansion project. Final cost was \$79,958.53.
  - Approved the purchase of a 2015 Chevrolet 3500HD Silverado 4 x 2 regular cab dump truck for the Park Maintenance Dept. through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$44,198.
  - Approved the renewal of the annual roof maintenance contract with Tremco, Inc.
  - Approved an agreement with cre8 Architects for the City Hall renovations.
  - Approved a change order for the replacement of the backwash return pumping system at the Surface Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$6,090.
  - Approved a resolution establishing perimeters for the projects undertaken pursuant to the Type B economic development sales and use tax proposition to be considered at the May 9, 2015 election.
  - Approved an ordinance amend-

# Council Actions

ing the Code of Ordinances Section 94-1 Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places by adding Section 94-1(c), 94-1(d), and 94-1(e) of the City of Deer Park, regarding obstructions and encroachments.

- Approved an ordinance accepting the Industrial District Agreements.
- Approved an amendment to the Fire Control, Prevention and Emergency Services District's budget.
- Authorized staff to advertise and receive bids for a one-year supply of lime slurry for the Water Treatment Plant.
- Authorized staff to issue Requests for Qualifications for architectural services related to the development of the Deer Park Wetlands.
- Authorized the purchase of a digital system processor for the Parks and Recreation Theater Dept. in the amount of \$4,190.
- Approved and accepted the FY 2013-2014 Annual Audit.
- Approved an agreement with Deer Park Independent School District to provide a polling location for a General Election of Board of Trustees on May 9, 2015.
- Approved an ordinance amending Section 64-124 of City Code of Ordinances related to the definitions of illegal smoking substances.

## *April 2015*

- Awarded the bid for lease purchase financing of a Western Star 4700 tractor truck for the Sanitation Dept. to U.S. Bancorp Government Leasing & Finance Inc.
- Awarded the bid for Phase I Wastewater Treatment Plant

Improvements to CSA Construction in the amount of \$4,908,600.

- Awarded the bid for mowing and edging services on city-maintained esplanades, entrances, and right-of-ways to Hydrozone Landscape Corporation in the amount of \$21,294.
- Authorized the purchase to perform water line pipe bursting on the 2015 Water Line Improvement Phase III project to Inland Pipe Rehabilitation through the H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$532,896.
- Authorized staff to seek bids for a one-year supply of gasoline and diesel fuel.
- Authorized the purchase of a 2015 Ford F-350 regular cab DRW 4 x 2 truck for the Water and Sewer Maintenance Dept. through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program to Silsbee Ford in the amount of \$42,723.30.
- Approved a recommendation from the Historical Committee to purchase 3 museum cases in the amount of \$10,947.
- Authorized the purchase of equipment to renovate park and playground amenities at Bayou Bend and College Park through the Texas BuyBoard to Playwell Group in the amount of \$76,788.79.
- Authorized the purchase of an Integrated Enterprise-wide Security System, IP Video Surveillance through the BuyBoard to Lensec, LLC in the amount of \$40,747.
- Accepted the completion of the Water Line Improvements 2013 Phase II project. Final cost was \$452,173.73.

- Approved an agreement with AOT Public Safety Corporation (Cry Wolf) to perform alarm tracking and billing services for 38% of collected revenue.
- Approved an agreement for Hotel Occupancy Tax Audit Services to MuniServices, LLC at an annual cost of \$4,400.
- Approved a Museum Collection Development Policy.
- Approved a resolution authorizing the city's participation in the National Joint Powers Alliance Purchasing Cooperative.
- Authorized the purchase of chairs from KI Furniture through the National Joint Powers Alliance Purchasing Cooperative for the Police Dept. in the amount of \$6,654.15.
- Awarded the bid for a one-year supply of lime slurry for the Water Treatment Plant to Lhoist North America at a price of \$164 per dry ton.
- Authorized the Police Dept. to apply for and accept a grant through the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act.
- Approved a contract for Independent Contractor with the Deer Park Seals Swim Team for 2015.
- Approved a resolution denying CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC's application to increase distribution rates within the city.
- Approved a resolution amending the City of Deer Park Personnel Manual Section 6.9 Funeral Leave to a new Funeral/Bereavement Leave Policy.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Alarm Ordinance and an ordinance amending Appendix B – Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges.

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***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:

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- 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
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- Phone number (There is only room for one number, so please give the best number to call.)
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- Contact phone number
- Do you need transportation? (yes or no)
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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](http://www.deerparktx.gov).*

***Together we can make Deer Park a better place!***

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## Prescription Program

The City of Deer Park, in collaboration with the National League of Cities, offers a prescription discount card program that may save residents an average of 20% off the regular retail price of prescription drugs at participating pharmacies. The card is free to all Deer Park residents, regardless of age, income, or existing health insurance. For more information, call 888-620-1749 toll free or go to [www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov), hover over *Our Community*, and click on *Prescription Discount Card Program*.

## Garage Sales

Garage sale permits are required in Deer Park. The permit fee is \$5 and may be obtained from the Utilities Dept. at City Hall. A garage sale sign permit is available for an additional \$5. A \$25 deposit is also required and will be refunded to you once all stickers are returned. A garage sale permit can be issued only once within a 6-month period for the same address or same person and cannot exceed 10 consecutive days.

## Streetlights

CenterPoint Energy maintains streetlights throughout our area. To report a street light outage, call 713-207-2222 or visit [www.centerpointenergy.com/cehe/support/streetlight](http://www.centerpointenergy.com/cehe/support/streetlight). You will be asked to provide the 6-digit stenciled number on the pole to identify the exact location of the pole with the issue.



## Recycle

We offer single-stream recycling at the transfer station! Residents can recycle their paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, and metal cans by dropping them all into one single bin. Sorting your recyclables is no longer necessary. The guidelines to ensure that quality material goes into the recycling bins can be found at [www.deerparktx.gov/recycle](http://www.deerparktx.gov/recycle). When you recycle, be aware that food waste, plastic bags, and polystyrene foam cups and containers are not acceptable. Improper recycling can slow down the process or even ruin the entire load of recyclables. The Transfer Station is located at 610 Underwood Road and open Monday through Friday, 8am to 6pm, and Saturday, 9am to 6pm. For more information, call 281-478-7213.