



City of Deer Park

Messenger

Summer 2018

Historical Marker Coming Soon

After 3 years of cooperative effort and research, the City of Deer Park recently secured a Texas Historical Subject Marker signifying the location of the gravestone of 2 early Deer Park settlers. Approved by the Texas Historical Commission in late January, the marker will be placed in central Dow Park, where the gravestone of siblings Mary Wilson Jackson and William Jackson is currently located. “We are very excited and happy to have received approval for this historical marker,” said Sherry Garrison, City Council member and Historical Committee Chair. “We have been working on this project for 3 years, and we could not have achieved this milestone without the hard work of the



Harris County Historical Commission, SWCA Environmental Consultants, and our staff.”

Preserving History

The gravestone of the Jackson siblings was originally located on Shell Deer Park property and was moved to Dow Park during a 1977 expansion project with a small container filled with a cubic foot of earth from the original site. The

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No Fireworks



Traditionally, people celebrate July 4th with parties, parades, and fireworks. The Deer Park Fire Marshal's Office wants to remind Deer Park residents that the use of fireworks within the city limits of Deer Park is prohibited. Anyone found in violation could be fined. The City of Deer Park allows commercial fireworks displays, following strict state guidelines and permitting. So, celebrate Independence Day with family and friends safely and without the use of fireworks. The City of Deer Park is hosting the 4th Fest Hometown Celebration at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center complete with a fantastic fireworks show.

4th Fest Hometown Celebration



Join us for our Independence Day hometown celebration! There will be attractions, food, face painting, and arts & crafts starting at 5pm.

Show your creative side by entering the sand castle/sand sculpture contest. We'll provide the sand and water for the first 10 teams to enter the contest. Teams must supply all other items. To register, call 281-478-2050.

From 7 to 9pm, *Park Avenue* will kick it up with party/dance music from the 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's, and today! Then at 9:15pm, you'll see the best fireworks show around.

Park Avenue will be back with more music from 9:45 to 10:15pm.

For more information, call 281-478-2050 or go to www.deerparktx.gov/fourthfest.

City Services Closed

No Trash Collection

City offices will be closed on Wed., July 4, 2018 in observance of Independence Day. Please note that there will not be curbside collection of rubbish or heavy trash on that day. Service will resume on your next regular collection day following the holiday.



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.

Department Directors

James J. Stokes	City Manager
Gary M. Jackson	Assistant City Manager
Shannon Bennett	City Secretary
Donna Todd	Director, Finance
Bill Philibert	Director, Human Resources
Bill Pedersen	Director, Public Works
Charlie Sandberg	Director, Parks and Recreation
Rebecca Pool	Director, Library
Robert Hemminger	Director, Emergency Services
Greg Grigg	Chief of Police
James Lewis	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 Theater	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	281-478-7269	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
Visitors Center	832-780-0973	203 Ivy Ave., Suite 606

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June

- 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

July

- 2 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 3 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 4 City Services Closed - Independence Day
- 7 Siren Test 12pm
- 14 Siren Test 12pm
- 16 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 17 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 21 Siren Test 12pm
- 28 Siren Test 12pm

August

- 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
- 28 LEPC Meeting - 11am



1600 Georgia Ave.

www.battlegroundgolfcourse.com

Golf Course 281-478-2080

Republic Grill 281-478-2089

Maxwell Center

A Division of the Parks & Recreation Department

Paragon Casino Trip

For ages 55 & over, June 13-15, \$85 per person for double occupancy or \$150 per person for single occupancy Come press your luck at the Paragon Casino in Marksville, Louisiana. Price includes transportation, 2 nights at the hotel, \$30 worth of free play, and a \$10 food voucher. The bus will depart from the Jimmy Burke Activity Center at 10am on June 13. Call the Maxwell Center today to sign up!

Escape Room & Fuddruckers

For ages 55 & over, June 28, \$35 per person (fee includes entrance to Escape Room only) It's going to be an exciting afternoon in the NASA area! We'll start with lunch at Fuddruckers and then head to the Escape Room. Your team will have 60 minutes to decipher a series of clues to *escape*. Critical thinking

skills and logic will be needed to solve the riddles. Bus will depart from Jimmy Burke Activity Center at 11am.

Dog Days of Summer Social

For ages 55 & over, July 20, 12:30pm, free event, Deer Park Community Center Did you know that the phrase the "Dog Days of Summer" has nothing to do with dogs or even lazy summer days? To the Greeks and Romans, the dog days occurred around the day when Sirius, the Dog Star, appeared to rise just before the sun, in late July. We are not worried about dogs or stars because we will be beating the heat with a sweet ice cream treat! Call the Maxwell Center by July 17 to reserve your spot! Please note that the social will be held at the Deer Park Community Center, Room 12.



Butler Longhorn Museum & Top Water Grill

For ages 55 & over, August 28, 10am, \$15 per person plus lunch Join us on a trip to the Butler Longhorn Museum to learn about the history of the Texas longhorn cattle, as well as view the unique collection of western art and artifacts on display. After a stroll through the museum, the group will have lunch at Top Water Grill, a local seafood restaurant. The bus will depart from the Jimmy Burke Activity Center at 10am on August 28.

Employee Awards



February

Supervisor
Kathy Cobb
Police Dept.



February

Support Staff
Eddie Salazar
Police Dept.



March

Support Staff
Jarrett Grundman
Police Dept.

1st Quarter Team

Water/Sewer Maintenance Crew
Tom Fuller, Supervisor
Mike Deweese
Armando Diaz
Andrew Garcia
Polo Guizar
Brett Hansen
Marcos Villalobos
Dillon Wilburn
Derrick Williams

City News

The City of Deer Park is on Facebook! To connect, go to www.deerparktx.gov/facebook. You can follow us on Twitter @deerparktxgov and on Instagram at deerparktxgov.

Art Park Players

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Modeling Camp

Activity #7226, June 4-8, 10am-12pm, for ages 6-18, \$80 per child, Municipal Court & Theater Building Modeling for young ladies goes beyond striking a pose! This course covers topics, such as runway modeling, social graces, public speaking, make-up and skin care application, interviewing techniques, and posing for the photographer. Make-up and skin care products will be provided to each participant. Each participant will receive a bag of various make-up sponges and applicators.

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Advanced Modeling Camp

Activity #7227, June 11-15, 10am-12pm, for ages 6-18, \$80 per child, Municipal Court & Theater Building
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 and a fashion show at Norma's Country Dreams at camp's end.



Disney Descendants Drama Camp

Activity #7225, June 4-15, 1-5pm, for ages 6 & over, \$150 per child, Municipal Court & Theater Building
This musical performance training camp is one you don't want to miss. There will be food, games, special events, and all things stage! Camp includes a daily meal, swimming pool field trips, camp T-shirt, and a musical review performance at camp's end.

Acting Camp

Activity #7228, June 18-22, 2-5pm, for ages 10 & over, \$80 per child, Municipal Court & Theater Building
This camp focuses on the art of acting and provides extensive train-

ing on the various techniques used in comedic and dramatic performances. An acting showcase will be presented at camp's end.




The Wedding Singer

July 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20 & 21 \$30 Meal & Show or \$15 Show Only
Tickets go on sale June 18. The Wedding Singer is a romantic musical comedy about Robbie Hart, the leader of a popular band that plays at weddings. Although his fiancée leaves him at the altar, his life takes an unexpected turn when he meets Julia, a local waitress engaged to a man who is clearly wrong for her. This is a comical story about finding the right one to grow old with. The performance features big hair, big musical numbers, and plenty of references to the 1980's.



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 and auditions are held at the Municipal Court & Theater Building located at 1302 Center St.

LEPC

 The Deer Park Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is a non-profit, cooperative partnership of community residents, emergency responders, and chemical industry leaders. The committee works together to protect the health and safety of plant workers, community residents, and our environment. For more information, go to www.deerparklepc.org. A schedule of the monthly LEPC meetings, which are open to the public, is also available.



Wally is a wise turtle because he knows that whenever there is danger, he's safe when he goes inside his shell. Wally wants you to be safe, too! During a chemical emergency, be sure to remember the following safety tips:

1. Go inside your home. Seek shelter in your vehicle if you are traveling.
2. Close all doors and windows, plus turn off your air conditioner or heater.
3. Stay informed by phone, social media, television, or radio.

For updates, check out CAER Online (www.ehcma.org/caeronline), Facebook ([deerparktx.oem](https://www.facebook.com/deerparktx.oem)), Twitter ([@deerparkoem](https://twitter.com/deerparkoem)), Deer Park TV on Comcast Cable Channel 16 or AT&T U-Verse Channel 99, or local news stations, such as KUHF-FM 88.7 or KTRH-AM 740.

To register for the city's emergency notification service, go to www.deerparktx.gov/oem, click on the *Emergency Notifications* icon on the bottom left of the screen, and then click on the CodeRED icon.

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CAER Line Phone System Replaced

The CAER Line is now CAER Online. The phone system previously used by local industrial entities to report emergencies and other information to the public has converted to online and app functionality only. The phone system is no longer in use. Please refer to the CAER Online website at www.ehcma.org/caeronline or download the CAER Online app from the Apple App Store or Google Play.

The CAER Online system is managed by the East Harris County Manufacturer's Association (EHCMA). It was designed to provide a simple, uniform platform and web portal for EHCMA member companies to post messages/alerts about operations and events.

For information about events and chemical releases, refer to the EHCMA website or the CAER Online app.

Check the Back Seat

Texas is known for its hot summers. In the Houston area, we especially know about the humidity that comes with the heat. The hot Texas summer coupled with the humidity can heat the inside of your vehicle to over 120 degrees, which is extremely dangerous for babies and small children. To put it into perspective, a heat stroke can occur at a body temperature of 104 degrees, with death at 107 degrees.

In Texas, it is a crime to leave a child under the age of 7 unattended in a motor vehicle for longer than 5 minutes, unless there is someone 14 years of age or older in the vehicle

with the child. The biggest mistake a parent can make is to think that it won't happen to them.

Tips for Keeping Your Child Safe

- **Look before you lock.** Always open the back door and look in the back seat to ensure that everyone is out of the car, even when you think your child isn't with you.
- **Keep something you need in the back seat.** Put your cell phone, briefcase, computer, lunch, ID badge, or anything essential to your daily routine beside your child.
- **Travel with a furry companion.** Keep a stuffed animal in the car seat. When the baby is in the seat, the stuffed animal rides in the front. The furry passenger serves as a reminder that the baby is in the back seat.
- **Always lock the doors.** Keep the vehicle doors locked, even when it is parked in the garage, to prevent curious children from getting into the vehicle.
- **Put away the keys and key fobs.** Children might want to play with the keys and be able to get into the vehicle without the parents' knowledge.
- **Have a plan with your child-care provider.** If your child is not at daycare or school without prior notice, someone should call to locate the child.

Summer Safety Tips

- Play it safe this summer and wear safety gear when biking, skateboarding, or riding scooters. Helmets and other safety gear, such as knee and elbow pads, can greatly reduce the risk of head injury.
- For those who like to exercise

outdoors, follow the rules of the road. When jogging in the street, run against traffic and utilize sidewalks when possible. If you are running with friends, run in a single file line. If you are biking, bike in the same direction as traffic and obey all stop signs.

- Use multiple safety precautions to prevent an accidental drowning. Put up a fence around your pool to prevent access and use door and/or pool alarms. Be sure an adult is always supervising the children in and around the pool.
- During the summer, children are out of school and most parents are working. Be sure your children know how to call 9-1-1, as well as when it is appropriate for them to call. Create a list of phone numbers (neighbors, friends, and family) the children can call if a situation where they need assistance arises. Periodically check in with them during the day. Children should always be required to check in before leaving the house and again when returning home. Remind your children that there is safety in numbers so it is best to remain with the group of friends when going places.
- Discharging fireworks within the city limits is prohibited. So, please come out to 4th Fest and enjoy the fireworks show sponsored by the City of Deer Park.
- Establish rules for using a computer or smart phone, especially when the children are surfing the Internet. Set a schedule for when the child is required to put down his or her phone/video game controller and enjoy

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some outdoor activities.

- Talk to your children and find out what they are doing. Work hard to keep the lines of communication open between you and your children. It will prove to be a worthwhile investment of your time.

Citizen's Police Academy

The Deer Park Police Dept. is currently recruiting citizens for the 38th class of the Citizen's Police Academy. Classes begin on August 16, 2018 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.

False Alarm Reduction Program

Police personnel respond to thousands of false alarm calls every year. False alarms place a huge burden on manpower and keep first responders away from real emergencies. In

Deer Park, the False Alarm Reduction Program is in place to address this issue.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question 1 - What is an alarm system? An alarm system is any electrical, mechanical, or electronic device or assembly of equipment that emits, transmits, or relays a signal intended to summon, or that would reasonably be expected to summon, by direct or indirect means, the aid of the police department of the city.

Question 2 - Are some alarm systems exempt? Yes, the following are exempt:

- Alarm systems installed on motor vehicles.
- Alarm systems designed not to notify the police department until after the occupants have determined that criminal activity has occurred.
- Alarm systems that provide medical only monitoring services.
- Alarm systems consisting solely of smoke detectors to alert the occupants of a building.

Question 3 - How do I register my alarm system? Go to www.crywolfservices.com/deerparktx and complete the online registration form. For questions on the False Alarm Reduction Program, call 855-905-0611, Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm.

Protecting Your Home

When it comes to protecting your home, you simply can't be too careful. There are several steps you can take to protect your home from invasion or burglary. Don't let your home fall prey to a thief, instead make it a waste of their time and

resources. According to the FBI, a home is burglarized every 15 seconds in the United States, resulting in an average valued loss of \$2,188.

To secure your home all year long, install the following:

- Home security system
- Strong exterior doors made of solid wood or steel
- Deadbolt locks
- Motion-activated sensors on outdoor floodlights
- Locks for your pet doors

When preparing to take a trip, remember to:

- Resist the urge to mention your trip on social media or in public. Wait until you return from your trip to post pictures and stories from your vacation.
- Make an inventory of your valuables, including serial numbers and photos.
- Stop the newspaper and mail delivery or ask a trusted neighbor to pick them up. Having mail pile up in your mailbox or newspapers for the week scattered on your driveway are obvious signs that no one is home.
- Ask someone in your neighborhood to frequently stop by your house and pick up the fliers left by solicitors.
- Park your car inside the garage and ask a neighbor to park in your driveway occasionally.
- Hire a pet sitter to come over frequently to check on your animals. Someone in and out of your home at random times throughout the day may scare off potential burglars.
- Put at least one light in your house on a timer. Having a few lights coming on in the evening and then going off when it is

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- time for bed can make it seem like you are home.
- Make sure all the doors and windows are locked before leaving town.
 - Sign up for the Deer Park Police Department's House Check Program so an officer will walk around your house daily while you are away to confirm everything is secure and locked up.

If your safety precautions fail to keep burglars out of your house, you still don't need to make it easy for them. Be sure to:

- Hide expensive jewelry. Don't leave it on your bedroom dresser.
- Store your expensive flatware out of sight and not in the dining room hutch or china cabinet.
- Keep important documents, financial information, and small valuables in a fireproof safe, discreetly hidden in your house.

Gun Safety

Start a dialogue with your children about gun safety. Explain that guns are very serious and that an accident involving a gun can hurt or kill a person. Your child should be aware that most adults are, by law, allowed to own a gun. So, even if there isn't a gun in your home, your child needs to know what to do if he or she ever sees a gun.

What should a child should?

1. Stop
2. Don't touch
3. Get away
4. Tell an adult

Remind your children to:

- Walk away and tell a parent if a friend shows them a gun.

- Tell an adult immediately if you see a gun in someone's backpack at school.
- Tell a trusted adult if you hear a boy or girl say that he or she is going to bring a gun to school.
- Follow the 4 simple steps if you find a gun in the park.
- Talk to a parent if he or she is unsure why a gun is dangerous.

Talk to Parents Before Play Dates

Although it may be difficult to do, the Deer Park Police Department recommends that parents talk to other parents about guns. Follow the steps below to make it easier to bring up the subject.

- **Ask with other questions.** Include the question along with other things you would normally discuss before sending your child to someone's house, such as seat belts, animals, or allergies.
- **Use the facts.** Over one-third of homes with children have a gun. Many of those guns are left unlocked and loaded. You just want to make sure that your child is safe.
- **Don't be confrontational.** Present your concerns in a respectful manner. You are simply trying to make sure your child is in a safe environment.

Vacation Safety School

Vacation Safety School teaches safety skills to elementary school-aged children. There will be 2, one-week sessions during the summer from 9am to 12pm. The first session is scheduled for June 18-22 and will accommodate 20 children, ages 7 to 10. The second session is scheduled for June 25-29 and will accommodate 20 children, ages 11 to 15. The program is provided free

of charge to participants. To qualify, students must be residents of Deer Park or registered in the Deer Park Independent School District.

Safety lessons are taught primarily by police department personnel. Topics include Police Officers Care, Home Alone Safety, Stranger Danger, Drug Prevention, Fire Safety, Gun Safety, Bicycle Safety, Neighborhood Safety, Gang Awareness, Terrorist Activities, K-9, and more. During the week, the children will be fingerprinted, go on a tour of the Deer Park Police Department, participate in a bicycle rodeo, and visit with McGruff, the Crime Dog. There will also be a visit from Wally Wise Guy as the children are taught about Shelter-In-Place.

Many community agencies participate in Vacation Safety School training. The Deer Park Police Department Telecommunications Division plans to talk about the emergency 9-1-1 telephone system. The Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department will take the students on a tour of a fire station, show them a fire engine and ambulance, as well as teach them about fire safety and first aid. The Deer Park Police Department Crossing Guards review the correct way to cross the street within a school zone. Other classes include Anti-Bullying, Poison Awareness, and Water Safety.

Each child must complete an application and submit it to the Deer Park Police Department. For more information, contact Sheila Plovovich at splovovich@deerparktx.org or 281-930-2118.

Resident Reminder

Junked Vehicle

All vehicles parked in driveways or roads must be in compliance with the City of Deer Park Ordinance. Junked vehicles are vehicles that are inoperable or have remained inoperable for a period of time and have an expired license plate or invalid motor vehicle inspection certificate. A junked vehicle parked in the driveway or road is subject to fines. If you have a junked vehicle on your property, please bring the vehicle into compliance or remove it from the property. For questions or to report a possible violation, please contact Code Enforcement at 281-478-7254.

Preparing for Hurricane Season

Before the Hurricane

- Before the start of the season, trim or remove damaged trees and limbs.
- Secure loose rain gutters and downspouts, as well as clear any clogged areas.
- Make sure drainage ditches and inlets are free of debris.
- Thin your foliage so wind can flow freely through branches.
- Remove miscellaneous debris from your yard and secure items, such as patio furniture and garbage cans. Anchor objects that are unsafe to bring inside, such as gas grills and propane tanks.

Imminent Hurricane

- Do not cut down trees or do any major yard work.
- Do not begin construction proj-

ects that produce debris.

- Once a hurricane watch or warning is issued, do not trim vegetation of any kind. Unfortunately, there is not enough equipment or manpower to collect the additional material. All resources will be used to pick up the debris after the storm.
- Turn your refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting and open them only when necessary.

After the Storm

- Keep household garbage, recycling, vegetation, and storm debris sorted separately.
- Put all household garbage in securely tied plastic trash bags and place at your curb on your usual collection day.
- Carry any storm debris to the curb/right-of-way. City employees cannot pick up debris on private property.
- Please be patient. City employees will pick up household garbage and storm debris as quickly as possible. Never mix garbage with storm debris and vegetation.

Other helpful resources for hurricane preparedness include www.texasprepares.org, www.readyhoustontx.gov, and <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/2988#>.

Mosquito Control

The City of Deer Park 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 with EPA approved Altosid Briquets. Controlling the mosquito population by killing mosquito larvae before they

develop into adult mosquitoes is the most effective approach.

In addition to inflicting an irritating 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 of garbage cans and recycling containers stored outdoors. Keep the gutters unclogged and clean. Be sure downspouts drain properly and do not create puddles in the drainage area. Keep swimming pools clean and chlorinated. 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.

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.

Emergency Services

Be Prepared for Hurricane Season

Hurricane season in the Atlantic Basin is June 30 through November 30. Traditionally, our primary “busy” season is around August 15 through September. Last year’s Hurricane Harvey was no exception. Keep in mind that a storm can occur very early in the season, so it is important to start preparing your family now. Focus on family preparedness by building an emergency kit, having a plan, and staying informed of weather developments.

Build a Kit

Several resources suggest items to include in an emergency supply kit. We all know that food and water are important items to have, but what other supplies will you need? Unfortunately, the items that are sufficient for one family may not be enough for another. Determine your needs as a family. 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. The emergency kit should contain supplies for a few days. Do not wait to make your kit until a storm is approaching. For more information, go to www.ready.gov/build-a-kit.

Make a Plan

Keep in mind that roadways will likely be crowded, hotels may be full, and public shelters may not meet your family’s expectations. Your family’s plan should identify evacuation destinations, such as a friend’s home or a hotel located several counties inland. If you plan to go to a hotel and your pets will be traveling with you, confirm in advance that the hotel allows pets.

You may want to keep alternate hotels in mind just in case your top choice is full. 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.

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) and the National Weather Service (www.weather.gov) provide a broader view. For local updates, including the city’s preparations for a threatening storm, go to www.deerparktx.gov.

Hurricane Workshop & Community Safety Fair

KTRK ABC-13 Chief Meteorologist Tim Heller will be presenting valuable hurricane season forecast information again



this year at the Annual Hurricane Workshop and Community Safety Fair. The workshop will be held at the Pasadena Convention Center, located at 7902 Fairmont Parkway, on Saturday, June 2, 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.

Library News

Friends of the Deer Park Library

The Friends of the Deer Park Library support programs for children, teens, and adults. They also provide prizes for the summer reading program. Following the expansion in 2012, Friends purchased and dedicated *The Reading Tree* for children to enjoy. In 2015, Friends installed a built-in display case to commemorate the library’s 50th anniversary.

Friends would like to thank everyone who purchased items at the spring book sale. Your purchases made this the most successful book sale to date, raising \$3,363.40 to support library programs. Friends will host the Scholastic Book Fair from May 29 to June 9. Purchases at the book fair directly support the summer reading program.

Membership

Patrons who wish to support the library are encouraged to join Friends. Annual membership dues begin at \$5 for individuals, \$10 for families, and \$2 for senior citizens. For more information, call 281-478-7208.

Scholastic Book Fair

May 29-June 9

The Friends of the DPPL will host a Scholastic Book Fair along with the Summer Reading Club sign up starting on May 29. Proceeds from this book fair provide incentive prizes for the summer reading program. Stop by to shop at the book fair during normal business hours.

Libraries Rock!

Summer Reading Program

Program brochures with details on weekly activities and rewards are available at the library. The reading

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program offers a variety of children's activities during the summer. Children do not need to be registered in the reading program to participate in the activities. Registration for the program, *Libraries Rock!*, begins on May 29. Children of all ages are encouraged to read during the summer, which helps maintain reading skills while school is out. Reading will earn them incentive prizes for each book log submitted. Children may submit up to 6 weekly book logs. This summer, we're introducing the online reading program where participants can register for the program, log their books, and complete other fun activities online! Teens may choose to participate in the *Libraries Rock!* program geared for teens with similar incentives and guidelines.

Libraries Rock! **Adult Reading Program** *For ages 18 & over* *May 29-August 11*

Make the most of your summer by joining the library's adult summer reading program, *Libraries Rock!* At the end of summer, there will be a drawing for a \$100 gift card provided by the Friends of the Library. Stop by the library to pick up your entry form, start reading or listening to a good book, and earn rewards for it. The more you read, the more chances you have to win!

Featured Fridays

The Featured Friday series began in January 2015 to provide programs of cultural, historical, and local interest to library visitors. It has continued to include an eclectic variety of presenters and topics. Many of the guest speakers are college professors or people with connections to the Deer Park

community. Past program subjects have included the Battle of Galveston during the Civil War, Coastal Tallgrass Prairie of Deer Park, and Fall of the Romanovs.

The Featured Friday program series is one of several services that the Deer Park Library offers. For more information, go to www.deerparktx.gov/library or follow us at www.facebook.com/DeerParkTX.Library.

Movie Flicks

Mondays, 10:30am-12pm
June 11-July 30

Join us for a family friendly movie. We'll provide the snacks. A list of this summer's movies is available at the library.

Matinée Movies

Thursdays, 3pm
June 14-August 2

Join us for an afternoon movie. We'll provide the snacks! Movies will be rated PG or PG-13.

Infant Lapsit Storytime

For ages 0 to 2
Tuesdays, 10:15am
June 12-August 7

Storytime features songs, nursery rhymes, socialization opportunities, and so much more! Parents and caregivers are required to stay with the child to help them participate.

Toddler Storytime

For ages 2 to 3½
Thursdays, 10:15-10:45am
June 14-August 9

The sessions are designed to encourage a love for books and language, 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, 11am
June 14-August 9

Storytime incorporates books, fingerplays, songs, and activities to promote interest in reading and lifelong learning. In these sessions, children listen to stories and participate in group activities.

Kids Kaboodle

For ages 5-8
Tuesdays, 1:30-2:15pm
June 12-July 31

There will be crafts to accommodate 5 to 8 year old children. Materials will be provided free of charge. There will be a bowling tournament on July 24 and a game day on July 31.

Pre Teen Crafts

For ages 9-11
Tuesdays, 3-4pm
June 12-July 31

June 12: Rockin' Rock Craft
June 19: Flower Power Craft
June 26: Summer Beats Craft
July 3: 4th of July Craft
July 10: Bottle Cap Craft
July 17: Christmas in July Craft
July 24: Bowling Tournament
July 31: Game Day

Teen Time

For ages 12 & over
Wednesdays, 3-5pm
Starts June 13

Teens will enjoy socializing, making crafts, and a little friendly competition at video gaming, board games, and card games. Free snacks are provided by the Friends of the Library. Brochures listing the specific crafts are available at the library.

Mysteries & More Book Club

The Mysteries & More Book Club

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meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6pm to discuss books from a variety of genres.

June 12 - Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng

July 10 - Beartown by Fredrik Backman

August 14 - The Late Show by Michael Connelly

Registration is not required. Go to www.deerparktx.gov/library or call 281-478-7208 for details.

Computer Classes

Computer classes are free, but registration is required.

- **Basic Genealogy** - Learn how to use Ancestry Library Edition and search the census using HeritageQuest Online. Complete useful charts and start tracing your roots!
- **Introduction to Computers** - Become familiar with computers and technical terminology, plus get comfortable using a mouse, opening software applications, and other basic skills.
- **Microsoft Excel 2016 Basics** - Become familiar with the 2016 version of Excel and learn how to create and edit basic spreadsheets, as well as use simple formulas and functions.
- **Microsoft Excel Formulas & Functions** - Learn how to get Excel to do the work for you by using commonly accessed formulas and functions.
- **Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 Basics** - Become familiar with the 2016 version of PowerPoint and learn how to create a presentation using themes, illustrations, transitions, and animation.
- **Microsoft Word 2016 Basics** - Become familiar with the 2016

version of Word and learn how to create and edit basic Word documents, including resumes and letters.

- **Microsoft Word 2016: Resumes** - Learn how to create a basic resume with simple formatting and how to save resumes in different file formats.

New Arrivals for Adults

June

- *The Crooked Staircase: A Jane Hawk Novel* by Dean Koontz
- *Princess: A Private Novel* by James Patterson & Rees Jones

July

- *Pieces of Her* by Karin Slaughter
- *The Other Woman* by Daniel Silva
- *Paradox* by Catherine Coulter

August

- *Tailspin* by Sandra Brown
- *Clock Dance* by Anne Tyler
- *Feared: A Rosato & DiNunzio Novel* by Lisa Scottoline
- *Texas Ranger* by James Patterson
- *A Conspiracy of Bones* by Kathy Reichs

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container served as a functional casket for the remains of the siblings. In 2008, the gravestone was moved to Heritage Park where it remained until 2016. At that time, the City contracted with Texas Cemetery Restoration to carefully clean the gravestone and to provide an analysis of its base. With confirmation that the gravestone could safely be transported, City Council approved moving the gravestone back to Dow Park and placing it alongside the container of earth. With the gravestone and the casket together again, the City started the process of pursuing a Texas Historical Marker and began working with Paul Scott, the State

Marker Chair for the Harris County Historical Commission, as well as Hannah Curry-Shearhouse, a historic preservationist with SWCA. “Working with Mr. Scott allowed us to determine first, whether the Dow Park site would constitute a legal gravesite, and second, what kind of marker we would be eligible for,” Garrison said. “With assistance from Curry-Shearhouse, who drafted our official Texas State Historical Marker application, we were able to accurately present the history of the marker to the Texas Historical Commission and await their decision. “In January 2018, we received approval for a Texas Historical Subject Marker for ‘Early Deer Park Settlers.’ We were overjoyed when we received the news!”

According to Scott, Deer Park’s application was one of only 155 marker applications approved by the Texas Historical Commission for the entire state of Texas. “This was a good learning experience for all involved,” he said. “Deer Park fulfilled its duty to preserve the monuments of our past.” Curry-Shearhouse said she was very pleased to have been a part of securing the historic recognition for Deer Park. “Councilwoman Garrison was very helpful in identifying research sources, providing materials, and making sure that I had all of the tools I needed in order to write the marker application,” she said. “It was really interesting to write about the Jackson and Wilson grave marker because the stone has such a unique story.” Garrison wished to specifically thank Assistant City Manager Gary Jackson and Special Projects Coordinator Cristina Gossett for their assistance throughout the course of the marker application process.

Economic Development

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- *Bows and Beaus Boutique* is now open at 4134 Center St. The cute children's boutique carries a wide variety of boys' and girls' boutique clothing, adorable shoes, hand-made bows, and accessories for infants through size 10. See store highlights on Facebook or visit www.bowsandbeausboutique.com.
- *Heavenly Couture Boutique* has opened at 5010 Luella Ave. (near the corner of Luella and Spencer Highway). You must check out this wonderful women's boutique, which carries the latest styles in clothing, shoes, and fun accessories. Sizes range from teen to plus sizes. Call 281-429-3990 for more details.
- *Snow House* is now open at 8361 Spencer Highway (corner of Spencer Highway and Luella). They feature delicious desserts, teas, wings, fries, smoothies, yogurt, and "snow," which is shaved ice made from milky ice blocks. It looks almost like frozen cotton candy and tastes amazing!
- Dr. Pamela Liu has opened her new 2,200 square foot *TexSmiles* dental office next door to Planet Fitness at 3601 Center St. in the Deer Park Marketplace retail center.
- *Deer Park Animal Hospital* has broken ground for their new facility on East Blvd., directly across the street from Heritage Elementary. Their new building will be bigger and better, with upgraded boarding capabilities and improved access for clients and patients. Construction is expected to be complete by the end of 2018. At that time, they

will relocate from their current location at 2822 Center St.

- Daniel Salas grew up in Deer Park. He is currently employed at 24Hr-Safety on Georgia Ave. When Danny is not working, he is mixing it up at events all over town as *DJ Danny B.* Let this fun, yet professional, mix-master liven up your next event! Danny can also provide professional lighting, a premier sound system, custom Snap Chat filters, a photo booth, and more. Reach this local DJ at 713-922-7648 or danielsalajr@gmail.com.
- Authentic, Japanese ramen has now arrived in Deer Park at *Otsuka Ramen & Bar*, located at 8035 Spencer Highway (near Chipotle). The owner is Andy Chen, who also owns Spicy Chen Asian Bistro on Spencer near Center St. Eating ramen is an everyday ritual in Japan, and traditional ramen is more about the broth than the noodles. Otsuka sent their chef to Japan for a 6-month course on authentic preparation, consisting of simmering broth for over 10 hours and finding the perfect ingredients like savory meats and vegetables.

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

Agenda & Minutes

To view City Council agendas and meeting minutes, or to listen to audio recordings of past meetings, go to www.deerparktx.gov and click on the *Agenda & Minutes* icon.

Parks & Rec.

Tiffany's Tips

Community Garden

The Parks and Recreation Dept. will soon have a community garden through a partnership with local citizens who want to have a positive impact on the community. The Parks Dept. will help prepare and layout the plots, as well as screen the applicants. A limited number of plots will be available behind Patrick's Cabin in the coming months. Fall planting is our target date for completion of the plots. Water will be available on site. You are strongly encouraged to maintain your gardens and keep them visually appealing. Applications will be accepted starting in June. To sign up for a plot, contact the Parks & Rec. Dept. and fill out an Adopt-a-Spot application. Applicants chosen for a plot must sign a one year Adopt-a-Spot agreement. Check out the Parks & Recreation Facebook page for updates.

Summer Safety

Texas summers mean extreme heat, which can pose serious health risks for people and pets. Keep your family safe with the simple steps below:

- Wear sunscreen, breathable long-sleeved shirts, and wide-brimmed hats.
- Drink lots of water and hydrating beverages to replenish electrolytes.
- Watch for signs of heat-related illness, which can lead to heat exhaustion and heat stroke.
- Never leave children or pets in the car.
- Take frequent breaks to cool off.
- Use bug spray.
- Always watch your children when near water and make sure they wear life jackets.

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PARC Meetings

The Parks & Recreation Commission, the liaison between the community and the Parks & Rec. Dept. is appointed by City Council and meets on the 1st Monday of every month at 11:30am in the Community Center.

Ordinance on Park Hours

City parks are open to citizens on Friday and Saturday, 5am-11pm, as well as Sunday through Thursday, 5am-10pm with the exception of Dow Park, which is open 24 hours. Any person who violates the provisions of this ordinance or fails to comply will be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be liable for a fine of not more than \$200.

Youth Sports Associations

Deer Park is home to many youth sports organizations.

- Challenge Soccer, Gary O'Brien - garycobrien@comcast.net
- Deer Park Girls Softball, Eric Ripley - ericripley@hotmail.com or 281-235-3341
- Deer Park Rams, Jeff Kuebler - vjkuebler@gmail.com or 281-253-2568
- Deer Park Seminoles Football, Dax Kiefer - dkiefer4@gmail.com or 281-614-9360
- Deer Park Soccer FC, Joe Dyson - dyson.dpsfc@gmail.com or 281-853-5405
- Deer Park Tigers, Raquel Stewart - deerpark_tigers@yahoo.com or 832-283-6105
- DP Pony Baseball, Jacob Guerra - jguerra.dppl@gmail.com or 832-754-7668
- Quest Soccer, Scott Sotelo - ssotelo@gmail.com or 281-814-4664

Pool

The Dow Park Pool will open daily Tuesday through Saturday, 12-7pm, and Sunday, 2-6pm, beginning May 26 at 12pm. Pool is closed on Mondays for maintenance. Tuesdays are dollar off admissions from 12 to 3pm. Admission fee for the pool is \$2 per person for residents and \$3 per per-

son for non-residents. Residents may purchase an annual individual pass for \$50, while non-residents can purchase the annual pass for \$90. An annual family pass, for up to 5 people, may be purchased for \$90 by residents and \$130 by non-residents.

Sand Volleyball Court

The Dow Park Sand Volleyball Court is open for play on a first-come, first-served basis. We offer 2-hour practice rentals for \$25 per hour with no deposit. Tournaments can be held at the courts for \$100 per court with a \$100 deposit and a 12-hour maximum rental. Lights are available at the facility for \$10 per hour per court. All rentals can be made in person at the Deer Park Community Center.

Extended Hours

The game room will be open Monday through Friday, 10am-8:30pm, and Saturday, 10am-2:30pm. The Earl Dunn Gym will be open Monday through Thursday, 6am-9pm, and Friday, 6am-6pm. **New!** From June 9 to August 4, the gym will be open on Saturdays, 9am-6pm. The Community Center, including the game room and gym, will be closed on July 4.

Dow Park Splash Pad

Chase away the summertime blues at the Dow Park Splash Pad! The splash pad is open daily, 5am to 10pm, through November 1.

Movies in the Park

Watch a movie on the big screen under the stars in Dow Park every 1st Saturday of the month. Movies begin at dusk and will be shown, rain or shine. If the weather does not permit watching the movie outdoors, the movie will be shown inside at the Earl Dunn Gym. Admission is free and concessions will be sold by the Citizens Police Academy Alumni.

June 2 - Leap (PG), July 7 - Deep (PG), Aug. 4 - Wonder Woman (PG-13), Sept. 1 - A Wrinkle in Time (PG)

Summer Track

The summer track program for kindergarten through 12th grade students is led by veteran track coaches Andy Williams and Tendai Lynch. Practices are Mon., Wed., and Fri., 8-10am, at the Deer Park High School North Campus. Track and cross country meets are held during the week, as well as one Saturday. The program runs June 4 through Aug. 10 and is affiliated with the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation. Birth certificate is required to compete.

Swimming Lessons

Enroll your child in our Ellis certified swim lessons this summer. The appropriate level for your child will be determined by the age of the child, the skills reported by the parent, and the discretion of the swim staff. For the 2-week sessions, classes are held Tuesday through Friday, 9-9:45am or 10-10:45am. Mondays are reserved for rain out days. The 2-week sessions will be June 5-15, June 19-29, and July 10-20. The Saturday sessions are for Baby Splashes, Preschool, and Beginner classes only and will be held June 16-July 28. No classes on June 30.

\$40 per swimmer per session for ages 5 & over (8 classes, 45 min. each), \$35 per swimmer per session for Baby Splashes & Preschool I (8 classes, 30 min. each), \$30 per swimmer for Sat. sessions (6 classes)

World's Largest Swim Lesson

June 21, 6-6:45pm, for all ages, free admission, Dow Park Pool To increase awareness and encourage water safety this summer, we are hosting the *World's Largest Swim Lesson*. The curriculum is set and the staff will be spread out across the pool.

Game Room Parties

We're hosting a free game room party that all ages will enjoy! There will be games, activities, and theme-related fun. *June 22 - Aloha! It's Party Time, July 6 - Independence Day Soiree, Aug. 24 - Book Worm Bash, Sept. 21 - When I Grow Up*

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Adult Softball

There will be 2 softball leagues; a co-ed league on Tuesdays and a men's league on Thursdays. The leagues are 9 weeks of regular season double-headers, plus a post-season, seeded playoff tournament played on the 9th week for the top 6 teams. The cost for this league is \$375 per team. Games are played at 6:30pm at the Adult Softball Complex.

Adult Volleyball

3 separate volleyball leagues will be offered: indoor recreation volleyball (Tues.), outdoor sand volleyball (Wed.), and indoor spike volleyball (Thurs.). The recreation league features a no spike rule. The outdoor sand and indoor spike volleyball leagues both operate by the same spike rules. Indoor leagues are played at the Earl Dunn Gym, while outdoor sand volleyball is played at the Dow Park Sand Volleyball Courts. The cost for this league is \$150 per team.

Camp Crabgrass

Monday-Friday, 7:30am-5:30pm, for ages 6 to 12, \$105 per session for residents, \$125 per session for non-residents, additional \$25 per session if taking advantage of lunch option, Jimmy Burke Activity Center It's a full week of swimming, archery, and more. **New!** For an additional \$20 per week, a hot lunch and drink will be provided for your child. During registration, indicate if you would like this lunch option. Changes to the menu will not be allowed. All campers need 2 snacks per day. Campers who are not participating in the lunch option will need to bring a sack lunch. Limited to 80 children per session. *June 4-8 (Typhoon Texas), June 11-15 (Pleasure Pier), June 18-June 22 (iFLY), June 25-29 (Urban Trampoline Park), July 16-20 (Marvel Universe Live), July 23-27 (iT'Z), and July 30-Aug. 3 (Pirates of the Gulf Coast Museum and Galveston Railroad Museum).*

Concerts in the Park

Join us for our summer concert kick off with *Flashpoint* on June 8, 6-8pm, at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center. Concessions will be sold by the Art Park Players, as well as the Space City Spudz food truck. Concerts will be on Thursdays, 7-8:30pm, tentatively at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center. *June 14 - Leslie Lugo Band (Salsa), June 21 - Curtis King (Blues), June 28 - 4 Barrel Rambler (Country), July 12 - Allison Bishop (Folk), July 19 - Lost Boys (80's), July 26 - Vince King (Elvis Gospel), Aug. 2 - Third Stone (Rock & Roll), Aug. 9 - Studio One (Pop)*

Dive In Movies

Join us for a movie by the pool! Flotation devices are allowed but they must be clear. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Doors open at 7pm. Movie starts at 8:30pm. Admission is \$10 per person. Fee includes a Chick-fil-A box meal and drink. Limited to the first 200 registrants. Registration is required. *June 15 - The Lion King (PG), July 13 - Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (PG-13), Aug. 3 - Coco (PG)*

Daddy-Daughter Dance

June 16, 7-9pm, for all ages, \$30 per couple & \$12 for each additional daughter, Jimmy Burke Activity Center Join us for a Cinderella-themed night! There will be light refreshments, music, and door prizes. Photos will be available for a small fee. **New!** This year, there is an option to purchase a meal (Chicken Alfredo, salad, bread, and tea) to be served before the dance from 6 to 7pm for an additional \$10 per person. Please register by June 13.

Night Swims

All ages are encouraged to attend our special evening swims once a month. Admission is \$5 per person at the Dow Park Pool from 8 to 10pm. *June 22 - Mother Son Sports Night, July 27 - Christmas in July, Aug. 10 - Daddy Daughter Mermaid Night*

Independence 5K, 10K & Mile

June 30, 10K starts at 7am, \$30 pre-registration or \$35 race day; 5K starts at 7:15am, \$20 pre-registration or \$25 race day; Children's Patriotic Mile starts at 8am, \$10 pre-registration or \$15 race day Join us for our annual Independence run/walk. Sicoustics will be your DJ on the course so you won't even need to provide your own tunes. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Nature Camp

July 9-13, 7:30am-5:30pm, for ages 6-12, \$105 per child for residents, \$125 per child for non-residents, Dow Park Days are full of playing outdoor games, traveling to parks, and learning archery. Limited to the first 45 children.

Life Skills for Every Teenager

July 30-Aug. 2, 10-11am, for ages 13-18, \$35 per person, Deer Park Community Center Teenagers will learn the basic life skills every young adult should know before they leave home to lead their own lives. The topics to be covered include car maintenance, personal safety, managing money, as well as home and personal care.

Junior Angler

August 10, 10am-12pm, for ages 6 & over, free, Jimmy Burke Activity Center Learn basic fishing skills and techniques, as well as the regulations that govern the sport. The class includes casting practice, fish identification, and learning about habitats.

Archery Camp

Aug. 13-15, 10am-2pm, for ages 9-13, \$45 per child, Jimmy Burke Activity Center This is a crash course in Recurve Archery! Participants will learn foundational archery skills and safety from US Archery level 2 certified instructors. Archery instills confidence, increases attention span, and inspires a willingness to try other sports. Lunch is included.

City Construction Projects

Public Works

- *Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project* - This project is identified in the 10-year Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Plan. The project was split into two phases and is being funded with Certificates of Obligation. Phase I of the project was awarded to CSA Construction and was completed in February 2017 at a cost of \$4,998,654. In June 2017, Phase II of the project was awarded to LEM Construction in the amount of \$13,636,685. Anticipated completion for Phase II is August 2019.
- *Street Replacement Project & Construction of New Animal Shelter* - The City received \$7.5 million from the sale of Series 2015 Certificates of Obligation for the Street Replacement Project, as well as the construction of the new Animal Shelter. A portion of the funds, along with \$1,633,813 allocated in the Capital Improvement Fund (FY 2017-2018), will fund the Street Replacement Project. The Street Replacement Project has been awarded to D&W Contractors in the amount of \$5.1 million. Construction is expected to begin before June and continue for 450 days. The funds from the sale of the Series 2015 Certificates of Obligation will also be used for the construction of the new Animal Shelter. Quorum Architects, Inc. was hired to design and oversee the project. In April 2017, this project was awarded to Construction LTD in the amount of \$2,240,668. The ground breaking ceremony was held on June 13, 2017, with construction starting shortly thereafter and expected to be completed by the 4th quarter in 2018.
- *New City Hall* - The new building is under construction on the vacant property east of the existing City Hall. After the construction of the new building is complete, the existing building will be demolished. The project was designed by cre8 Architects and is being built by Construction LTD at a cost of \$6,121,000. Construction is expected to be completed in May 2018, after which the staff at the current building will move into their new offices. After the existing building is demolished, more parking spaces and landscaping will be added. The entire project is expected to be completed by the end of June.
- *Police Firing Range and Classroom* - In Nov. 2014, City Council authorized staff to enter into a contract with Griggs Group, Inc. (G2) for the design of the Deer Park Police Firing Range and Classroom. On April 5, 2016, the project was awarded to IKLO Construction in the amount of \$1,881,500. The facility is currently under construction and being funded with CCPD funds.
- *Sidewalk Improvement Project (Pasadena Blvd., East 13th Street and Spencer Highway)* - J. A. Costanza & Associates Engineering, Inc. was hired to design this sidewalk project. The improvements include 5 locations along Pasadena Blvd., one location on East 13th Street, and one location along Spencer Highway. The project was awarded to GMJ Paving Company, LLC during the City Council meeting on September 19, 2017 in the amount of \$288,233.75. This project was completed in the 1st quarter of 2018.
- *Manhole Rehabilitation, Phase 2* - Fuquay, Inc. has been hired through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program to perform the services for this project. An inspection was conducted by Fuquay identifying manholes in the city's sanitary sewer system that need to be repaired and rehabilitated using an epoxy liner system. This system prevents further damage by sewer gases, preventing manhole failure, and extends the life of the system. The project consists of 5,000 square feet of liner to be installed in 32 manholes. The cost of this project is \$229,912 and is being funded with Certificate of Obligation Bond Funds. This project was completed in the 1st quarter of 2018.

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- *Dow Park Pavilion Project* - This project was identified as one of seven approved projects in the 2015 Type B dedicated sales tax election that was voted for by Deer Park residents. The City entered into a contract with Half Associates as the architect and South Pool and Spa as the general contractor. The project is funded with \$1.5 million from Type B sales tax. The new buildings have been installed and progress continues on the pavilion structures, sidewalks, and much more. Completion is expected to be in late spring/early summer 2018.
- *Spencerview Athletic Complex* - This project was one of seven approved projects in the 2015 Type B dedicated sales tax election that was voted for by Deer Park residents. The City entered into a contract with T.F. Harper as the general contractor and

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Halff Associates as the architect. The project was funded with \$2 million from Type B sales tax. The project began in June 2016 and the dedication was held on Aug. 1, 2017, after the completion of the project. The complex is open to the public and is being used by the Deer Park Pony League for baseball.

- *Maxwell Adult Center* - This project was one of seven approved projects in the 2015 Type B dedicated sales tax election that was voted for by Deer Park residents. The project is funded with \$2 million from Type B sales tax. The City of Deer Park selected Halff Associates as the architect and Frost Construction as the general contractor for the project. Construction began in November of 2017 and is expected to be completed in fall 2018.
- *Girls Softball Renovation* - This project was identified as one of seven approved projects in the 2015 Type B dedicated sales tax election that was voted for by Deer Park residents. This project is funded by \$3 million from Type B sales tax. The City selected Tandem Services as the general contractor and Halff Associates as the architect for this project. Construction began in January 2018. A majority of the grubbing and tree removal has been completed and progress continues on the sidewalks, utilities, and more. The project is expected to be completed in fall 2018.
- *New Soccer Complex* - This project is another one of the seven approved projects in the 2015 Type B dedicated sales tax election. The project is being funded with \$4 million from Type B sales tax. The City of Deer Park

selected Halff Associates as the architect and Tandem Services as the general contractor. Construction began in January 2018. Tree removal and grubbing is underway at the future soccer site location. The City will continue to make progress on the project with utilities, lighting, and more. The project is expected to be completed in the 1st quarter of 2019.

- *CorWorth Concession and Restrooms* - The FY 2016-2017 Budget included 2 pre-fabricated CorWorth restrooms. One, with concession and storage, will be installed at the Adult Softball facility on Pasadena Blvd. The other with restrooms will be installed at the Claude Burgess Center, located at 4200 Kalwick. The total cost for both buildings is \$284,243. SKE Construction was selected as the general contractor for the project. The buildings and building foundations have been completed. The facilities will soon be transferred to the Adult Complex and Bayou Bend locations for permanent placement and public usage. The installation is anticipated to be completed in the 2nd quarter in 2018.
- *Wayfinding Program* - A comprehensive wayfinding program was developed to educate and direct visitors to Deer Park, as well as engage those that are unaware of what the City has to offer. The Deer Park Civic Wayfinding System is intended to celebrate the history and vibrancy of the area, while giving special attention to the parks, recreation, and open spaces of Deer Park. The City's approach was to implement the wayfinding system in phases over a period of several fiscal years. The

wayfinding signs are classified as primary vehicular signs, secondary vehicular signs, tertiary vehicular signs, and monument signs (located in front of a park or city building). Approximately 90% of Phase 1 has been completed. This project is being funded out of hotel occupancy tax (HOT) revenues.

- *Deer Park Nature Preserve* - Phase 1 was part of a voter approved General Obligation Bond program. \$500,000 is allocated in bond funding for this project. The City applied for and received a Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant in the maximum amount of \$400,000 of which the City will match an equal amount. The project will consist of a parking area, decomposed granite trails, a gateway structure, as well as lighting along the walking trails and a sidewalk. RVI is the project architect. The City has awarded construction of the project to Millis Development and Construction, LLC. A conceptual plan envisions Phases 2 and 3, which include an education center and more, pending future funding availability. The first pre-construction meeting for city staff, the architect, and the general contractor was in April 2018. In addition, there will be a separate contract for the restoration of the Wetland area under guidance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. City staff is currently working with SWCA on the scope of this project and plans to go out for bid. This is a joint project with Texas Parks and Wildlife, City of Deer Park, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Council Actions

February 2018

- Awarded the bid for the Deer Park 2016 Street Improvements project to D&W Contractors in the amount of \$5,111,954.
- Approved the sale of surplus furniture and fixtures from the current City Hall building.
- Approved a balancing change order and accepted the completion of the 10” force main replacement at HCFCD B112-00-00. Final cost was \$51,463.
- Accepted the completion of the Water Plant maintenance building. Final cost was \$221,290.
- Accepted the completion of the Water & Sewer Plant maintenance building. Final cost was \$571,120.
- Accepted the Deer Park Community Development Corporation Quarterly Report for the period of October 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017.
- Referred a request for a Specific Use Permit to Planning and Zoning Commission from Healing Ministries of the Lord Jesus Christ to operate a church at 5014 Luella.
- Approved a change order at the Maxwell Adult Center for mold removal, needed foundation repairs, an improved electrical service connection, and sheetrock replacement.
- Approved an amendment for additional professional services from Brinkley Sargent Wiginton Architects to complete the Maxwell Adult Center project in the amount of \$7,000.
- Approved an agreement with Houston Community Newspapers for services associated with printing legal notices.
- Approved the purchase from Vaught Services, LLC to perform sanitary rehabilitation of Deer Meadows Section 3, Green Way Plaza, and Meadows Village subdivision in the amount of \$1,746,210.50.
- Approved the purchase of bleachers from GT Grandstands for the Girls’ Softball Renovations Type B project in the amount of \$79,192.
- Approved a resolution authorizing the city’s participation in the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance.
- Approved a resolution authorizing the city’s participation in the NPPGov.
- Awarded the bid for the fiber-glass water slide system for the Dow Park swimming pool to Vortex USA in the amount of \$125,762.70.
- Approved the purchase of furniture (Council Chambers audience seating) for the new City Hall facility through the US Communities Cooperative BuyBoard.
- Approved an ordinance appointing a member to the Crime Control Prevention District Board.
- Approved an ordinance amending Section 66-173, Schedule A: “Stop” signs.
- Approved an ordinance regarding Deer Park Elementary school zone signs on Luella Ave.
- Approved an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances Appendix A-Zoning, Section 14.02 to allow Heliports or Helistops as an accessory use for medical facilities in the Highway Zoning District and by amending Section 10.3 Zoning Matrix by adding “S” to Highway Zoning Districts for Helistops and requiring a Specific Use Permit.
- Approved an ordinance calling for a General Election on May 5, 2018 to elect 3 Council members.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget for the Bayou Bend/Claude Burgess restroom addition.
- Approved the purchase of a Chevrolet Silverado 1500 2WD truck for the Athletic/Aquatic Dept. from Silsbee Ford in the amount of \$25,183.
- Approved the purchase of 2 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 trucks for the Park Maintenance Dept. from Silsbee Ford in the amount of \$59,222.
- Authorized staff to issue a Request for Proposals for professional auditing services.
- Accepted the Quarterly Investment Report for October 2017 – December 2017.
- Approved the reappointment of Troy Cothran as the City of Deer Park’s representative on the Board of Directors for the South East Texas Housing Finance Corporation.
- Approved an agreement with DPISD to provide a polling location for a General Election of Board of Trustees on May 5, 2018.
- Approved an agreement with Ardurra Group, LLC for professional engineering services related to the residuals handling at the Water Treatment Plant.
- Referred a request for a Specific Use Permit to the Planning and Zoning Commission to construct a Memory Care & Assisted Living Facility on the southwest corner of X Street and East Boulevard.
- Referred a request for a Specific Use Permit to the Planning and Zoning Commission to operate an industrial group 35 bulk warehouse at 2851 E. Pasadena Blvd.
- Approved an ordinance granting a pipeline franchise to FLST, LLC for a 16” Ethane Pipeline.

Council Actions

- Approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Water & Sewer Fund Budget.
- Authorized the purchase of a building to contain the PAX unit at Coy Drive in the amount of \$22,800.

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- Authorized the purchase of a new air handling unit for the Deer Park holding facility in the amount of \$17,572.
- Authorized staff to issue a Request for Proposals for soccer program services.
- Accepted the Quarterly Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 first quarter ending December 31, 2017.
- Accepted the certification for unopposed candidates for the May 5, 2018 election.
- Approved a contract with PGAL for architecture services for the design of the Deer Park EMS Annex.
- Approved the purchase of 5 electronic marquee message signs from National Signs in the amount of \$255,000.
- Approved an agreement with SHI for the Microsoft Enterprise Services Agreement renewal in the amount of \$69,506.66.
- Referred a request to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a Specific Use Permit to operate an assisted living facility at 4320 East Boulevard.
- Approved a resolution amending the Personnel Manual regarding the Emergency Pay Policy.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances Section 74-1 Hours for certain Parks and Recreation facilities.
- Approved an ordinance amending Schedule B-Fee Schedule of the

Code of Ordinances pertaining to pet adoptions.

- Approved an ordinance canceling the May 5th election.
- Authorized staff to seek bids to obtain lease purchase financing for a new 2018 Freightliner M2-106-80 garbage truck.
- Approved the purchase of a 2018 Freightliner M2-106-80 garbage truck through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing program in the amount of \$190,929.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget for the Parks and Recreation Dept.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget for the Sanitation Dept.
- Approved the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Annual Audit.
- Authorized the purchase of playground equipment for Brookhollow, Brownwind, Park Green, and Parkside Place parks from Kompan Inc.
- Approved an ordinance amending the wage/classification scale to include city engineer, part-time reference librarian.

April 2018

- Accepted the completion of the Estate, Stephanie, and Kingsdale Waterline Rehabilitation project. Final cost was \$260,580.72.
- Authorized the changing of the meeting time of the Board of Adjustment and Planning and Zoning Commission to one hour earlier.
- Approved the Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation for a Specific Use Permit from Healing Ministries of the Lord Jesus Christ to operate a church at 5014 Luella Ave.

- Authorized staff to seek bids for the purchase of an overhead crane system for the Fleet Maintenance Department.
- Authorized staff to negotiate a professional services contract with Cobb Fendley Engineering.
- Authorized the purchase of video surveillance and access control equipment from Lensec through BuyBoard in the amount of \$32,099.23.
- Approved a recommendation from the Historical Committee to purchase a display case to be placed at the library in the amount of \$3,724.
- Authorized the purchase of services from Fuquay, Inc. through BuyBoard to perform Manhole Rehabilitation Phase 3.
- Approved an agreement for professional services with Statehouse Consultants.
- Authorized the purchase of 60 desktop and laptop computers from Dell through a continuation of their lease/purchase via the Texas Department of Information Resources.
- Approved a resolution denying CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC's application for approval of a distribution cost recovery factor to increase distribution rates within the city.
- Approved a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and an ordinance on a request from Victory Park Industrial, LLC for a Specific Use Permit to construct a bulk warehouse at 2851 E. Pasadena Blvd.
- Approved an ordinance amending the city's Code of Ordinances Section 34-104; Operation of Alarm Systems.

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: _____

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Escape Planning - Get Out And Stay Out!

Do you know what to do if a fire breaks out in your home? You may have only a brief amount of time to get out safely. So, be sure everyone in your family is prepared.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends the following safety tips:

- Create a home escape plan and draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows.
- Know at least 2 ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows open easily.
- Identify an outside meeting place, such as a tree, light pole or mailbox that is a safe distance away from the home where everyone is expected to meet.
- Practice your home fire drill at night and during the day twice a year. Be sure to practice using different ways out.

- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Close doors behind you as you leave.

Be sure that every family member in the home knows . . .

- If the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out. Never go back inside for people or pets.
- If you have to escape through smoke, get low and move under the smoke to get out.
- Call the fire department once you are safely outside.

The Facts

- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Install smoke alarms inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home.
- Smoke alarms should be inter-

connected. When one smoke alarm sounds, all of the smoke alarms should sound.

- According to an NFPA survey, only 1 of every 3 American households have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.
- While 71% of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only 47% of those have practiced it.
- One-third of American households who estimated thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening. Unfortunately, the time available is often less and only 8% said their first thought when hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!

For more information, go to www.sparky.org.