



Be Ready for Hurricane Season

The 2012 Atlantic hurricane season was an active and extremely destructive season, tied with 1887, 1995, 2010, and 2011 as the 3rd most active season in recorded history. Hurricane season is June 1 through on Nov. 30, which conventionally delimits the period during which most tropical cyclones form in the Atlantic Ocean. The Houston and Galveston areas were spared a direct hit by a hurricane in 2012.

The most intense hurricane, Sandy, was a powerful Category 3 hurricane that brought significant damage to portions of the Greater Antilles and the East Coast of the United States in October, causing damages in excess of \$75 billion. Another significant storm, Isaac, brought severe damage to Florida and the Gulf Coast of the United States, resulting in an estimated \$2.3 bil-

lion in damages and 41 deaths. So, please remember to review your insurance policy and consider buying FEMA flood insurance if you live in a flood prone area.

Be Informed

Determine if you live in an evacuation area, know your home's vulnerability to storm surges, flooding, and wind, as well as understand the meaning of National Weather Service watches and warnings. Know where you will go if a mandatory evacuation order be issued. Follow instructions issued by local officials. Consider your options when deciding whether to stay home or evacuate if you are not *ordered* to evacuate. Remember to hide from the wind and run from the water. Be sure to wait until an area is declared safe before returning home.

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Battleground Golf Course & Republic Grill

On May 7, 2013, the City of Deer Park approved an agreement with Touchstone Golf, LLC for the lease of The Battleground at Deer Park Golf Course and Republic Grill. The term of the lease is for ten years, beginning on May 29, 2013 and ending on May 31, 2023, unless extended by mutual written agreement. The term of the lease may be extended for four 5-year extensions upon the mutual agreement of the City and Touchstone Golf. Touchstone Golf is responsible for all operations of the golf course, restaurant, practice facility,

and grounds and building maintenance. The lease provides that Touchstone Golf will pay a minimum rent annually to the City, plus a percentage of gross revenues annually based on a formula beginning the second year of the lease. The approval of the lease culminates a thorough process, which began with the development of a Request for Proposals (RFP) with the assistance of the National Golf Foundation (NGF). The City looks forward to a long and successful partnership with Touchstone Golf.

Results for May 11, 2013 General Election

Mayor:
Jerry Mouton, Jr.

Council Position 1:
Sherry Garrison

Council Position 2:
Thane Harrison

Council Position 3:
Chris Richey

City Officials

Elected Officials

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

You may 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
Sandra Watkins	City Secretary
Donna Todd.....	Director, Finance
Bill Philibert.....	Director, Human Resources
Bill Pedersen.....	Director, Public Works
Scott E. Swigert.....	Director, Parks and Recreation
Rebecca Pool	Director, Library
Malcolm Swinney.....	Director, Emergency Services
Greg Grigg.....	Chief of Police
Linda McHone.....	I.T. Manager

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

City of Deer Park

710 E. San Augustine
P.O. Box 700
Deer Park, TX 77536
281-479-2394 Tel
281-479-2489 Info. Line
281-478-7217 Fax

City services will be closed on July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Curbside collection of rubbish will resume on your next regular collection day.

City Event Calendar



June

- 3 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 4 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 6 Siren Test 6pm
- 17 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 18 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 25 LEPC Meeting - 11am



July

- 1 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 2 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 4 City Services Closed
- Siren Test 6pm
- 15 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 16 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm



August

- 1 Siren Test 6pm
- 5 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 6 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 19 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 20 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 27 LEPC Meeting - 11am

Make a Plan

Protect yourself and your family with an emergency plan. Go to www.ready.gov/make-a-plan for more information. Know how to find each other and what you will do in different situations. Keep a list of important telephone numbers for your reference, such as the Deer Park Police Dept., local utility companies, and your insurance agent.

Build a Kit

Put together a basic disaster supplies kit, which includes bottled water, flashlights, a portable radio, a first aid kit, snacks, non-perishable foods, etc. For more suggestions, go to www.ready.gov/build-a-kit.

Evacuation

During a hurricane evacuation, Deer Park residents will be asked to travel west to Beltway 8 and then north on Beltway 8 to the Hardy Toll Road, continuing north on the Hardy Toll Road to I-45, and then travel north on I-45 to leave the Houston area. The recommended east-to-west routes for getting to Beltway 8 are: Pasadena Blvd., San Augustine St., 13th St. and SH 225 (or its service road). During a mandatory evacuation, tolls will be waived at the Beltway 8 Bridge and on the Hardy Toll Road. Residents evacuating from Deer Park should not travel eastward on SH 225 and try to go north on SH 146 through Baytown. SH 146 is the assigned evacuation route for La Porte, Seabrook, and several other cities to the south so heavy traffic is expected to create a bottleneck at the SH 225 and SH 146 exchange.

Deer Park is located in Zip-Zone C of the State evacuation plan and would call for a mandatory evacua-

tion during a category 4 or 5 hurricane. If you chose to evacuate prior to an evacuation order, you should find all major highways open for travel. Once the evacuation order for any city is issued, the traffic management plan for the area is implemented. Mayors or the County Judge can order mandatory evacuations in Texas. Deer Park residents will be notified about a mandatory evacuation through several methods, such as 530 AM radio, DPTV Channel 16, the City's telephone alert system (Blackboard Connect) or via the local television and radio media.

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

Blackboard Connect Service

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

The ability to register your cell phone number, VoIP (voice over internet protocol) number, and

home or business telephone number is available via the registration portal at www.deerparktx.gov. For more information, call 281-479-2394, Mon.-Fri., 8am-5pm or go to www.deerparktx.gov.

2013 Southeast Harris County Hurricane Preparedness Workshop

This workshop is scheduled for June 8, 10am-2pm, at the Pasadena Convention Center. It's free to the public and will feature Tom Heller, Channel 13's Chief Meteorologist. Information booths include representatives from the American Red Cross, the Deer Park Office of Emergency Management, Harris County Precinct 2, the National Weather Service, and more. There will be door prizes, plus free hot dogs and soft drinks, while supplies last!

Preparation Tips

- Gather important documents and special photos to store in secured plastic bags.
- Take photos or videotape of your property in case you need to file any damage claims.
- Stay with relatives or at a temporary hurricane shelter or hotel out of the path of the storm. If you have pets, you'll need to find pet-friendly places.
- Stock your hurricane kit with items, such as clothes, cash, batteries, flash lights, battery operated radio, bottled water, toilet paper, canned goods, a can opener, and medications.
- Board up windows with plywood. If board is not available, protect your windows by crisscrossing them with layers of duct tape or packing tape.
- Stay indoors.

Economic Development

Business News

- *Therapeutic Health Remedies* was opened by Natalie Cribley at 4650 Center St. She has over 20 years of experience in spa, functional training, medical, and sports massages.
- *Ruby Rodriguez*, formerly a private baker of fun and unique cakes, has partnered with Frank Racioppo of Cookies Express/Regal's Royal Cheesecake at 910 W. Pasadena Blvd.



- Dr. Metz's *Deer Park Family Clinic* is adding 15,000 sq. ft. of new space at 2910 Center St. The new addition will house a pharmacy and their industrial services.



- *Curves Complete*, a new weight management system, has transformed Curves at 122 W. San Augustine from a workout facility for women to a weight management center. For one low monthly price, you'll receive strength, goal, and nutritional counseling, plus personal coaching.
- Donovan Moser of *Adaptive Tech Services*, located at 203 Ivy Ave., is Deer Park's new computer guy. It's a one-stop-shop for all your computer needs - home or office, hardware, software, phone system, website, laptop, basic hardware advice, etc. No job is too small. Go to www.adaptivetechservices.com for more information or call 281-941-2070.



- *Gina's Italian Kitchen & Pizzeria* is open at 3811 Center St. It's their 4th location in the Houston area, serving freshly prepared Italian classics. There's also a wine bar and outdoor patio.
- *Lucky Pawz* is open at 3811 Center St. The owners are Deer Park residents Brett & Stacey Roy. This new pet boutique offers unique, high quality products for pets and their owners, as well as the everyday necessities for your dog or cat.
- *The Ellard Agency* is celebrating 32 years in business. Les Ellard Jr. opened his insurance agency in March of 1981 in a small office on Luella Ave. The Ellard Agency today is located at 418 E. San Augustine and consistently ranks in the top 1% nationwide for customer loyalty. The Ellard Agency offers homeowners, auto, commercial and life insurance policies to fit your every need.



- *Hurricane Tool & Supply* is celebrating 31 years of business at 4330 Center St., and has recently expanded by constructing a 2,000 sq. ft. warehouse adjacent to the original building.

For questions, contact Debbie Westbeld, Economic Development Administrator, at 281-478-2042.

Maxwell Center

The Maxwell Adult Center is a recreational facility for all Deer Park citizens, ages 55 and over. It is open from 9am-5pm, 5 days a week, and offers a variety of classes. Bingo is every Wednesday at 1pm.

Meal Programs

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

Fitness Room

Stop by our new fitness room at the Maxwell Center to exercise and try out our new fitness equipment. The fitness room is open Monday and Friday from 8am-5pm, and Tuesday through Thursday from 8am-7pm. The fitness room is free for our seniors.

Bus Trips

June 25 - Free Houston Symphony Orchestra performance at Miller Outdoor Theater.

The bus will leave the Maxwell Center at 9:45am. Cost is donation and lunch at Cleburns Cafeteria.



August 17 - Country Western Show at Liberty Opry.

The bus will leave the Maxwell Center at 4pm. Cost is \$12, plus donation and dinner at Mike's in Dayton.



For more details, contact us at:
E.M. Maxwell Adult Center
1201 Center Street
281-478-7276

Fire Department

Drownings are Preventable

Water safety awareness should be a year-round concern for everyone. A small child can drown in only a few inches of water. The majority of deaths and injuries in pools and spas involve children, ages 1 to 2, and occur in residential settings. Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional death in children, ages 1 to 4.

Safety Tips

- Never leave a child unattended around a pool, spa, bath tub, or any body of water.
- Always empty and store buckets beyond a child's reach.
- Teach children basic water safety skills.
- Learn how to swim and ensure your children know how to swim as well.
- Avoid entrapment by keeping children away from pool drains, pipes, and other openings.
- Have a phone close by at all times when swimming in a pool or spa.
- If a child is missing, look for them in the pool or spa first, including neighbors' pools or spas.
- Share safety instructions with family, friends, babysitters, and neighbors.
- Always keep a young child within arm's reach when the child is in a bathtub. If you must leave, take the child with you.
- Don't leave a baby or young child in a bathtub under the care of another young child.

If you have a pool, be sure to:

- Install a 4-foot fence around the perimeter of the pool and spa, including portable pools.

- Use self-closing and self-latching gates; ask neighbors to do the same if they have pools or spas.
- If your house serves as the fourth side of a fence around a pool, install and use a door or pool alarm.
- Maintain pool and spa covers in good working order.
- Ensure any pool or spa you use has compliant drain covers.
- Have life saving equipment such as life rings, floats or a reaching pole easily accessible.

Summer Fire Safety

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

Fireworks Safety

Although fireworks can legally be sold June 24-July 4, the Deer Park Fire Marshal's Office wants to remind citizens that it is illegal to have fireworks in your possession or to discharge fireworks in the City of Deer Park. In 2007, 64% of firework injuries occurred between June 22 and July 22. The best way to enjoy fireworks is to visit public fireworks displays put on by professionals. If you are in an area where fireworks are legal, please follow these simple safety tips:

- Never light fireworks indoors or near dry grass.
- Always have a bucket of water and a fire extinguisher nearby.
- Do not wear loose clothing.
- Stand several feet away from lit fireworks. If a device does not go off, do not stand over it to investigate it. Put it out with water and dispose of it.

- Always read the directions and warning labels on fireworks. If a device is not marked with the contents, direction, and a warning label, do not light it.
- Supervise children around fireworks at all times.

Barbecue Safety

- Before using a grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line.
- Do not overfill the propane tank.
- Do not wear loose clothing.
- Do not add lighter fluid to an already lit fire.
- Keep all matches and lighters away from children.
- When you are done grilling, douse the hot coals with plenty of water and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.
- Never grill in enclosed areas.
- Make sure everyone knows to stop, drop, and roll in case a piece of clothing does catch fire. Call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number if a burn warrants serious medical attention.

Campfire Safety

When camping, it is important to follow a park's rules for campfires.

- Build campfires where they will not spread, away from dry grass and leaves.
- Keep campfires small, and don't let them get out of hand.
- Keep plenty of water and a shovel around to douse the fire when you're done. Stir it and douse it again with water.
- Never leave campfires unattended.

Beginners' Crochet Class

*For ages 8 to adult
Tuesdays, 7-8pm*

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

Dig Into Reading

*For all children through high school
Registration starts June 6*

The summer reading club at the Deer Park Library provides children of all ages with an opportunity to enjoy reading, as well as help maintain current reading skills during the summer months. The program is incentive based with prizes awarded for each book log completed. Children may turn in up to 6 weekly book logs. The last day to turn in a book log for a prize is Aug. 17.

The reading club also offers a variety of children's activities. Children do not need to be registered in the reading program to attend.

Teens may choose to participate in the *Texas Teens Read!* program, which offers similar incentives and guidelines.

Detailed brochures of weekly activities and rewards are available at the library.



Scholastic Book Fair

The annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the library's meeting room June 6-15. The book fair is sponsored by the Friends of the Deer Park Library. All proceeds support the summer reading club.

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 20-Aug. 8*

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 20-Aug. 8*

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

Family Friendly Movie Flicks

For all ages, 10:30am-12pm

June 17 - *The Lion King*
June 24 - *Tale of Despereaux*
July 1 - *Finding Nemo*
July 8 - *Lilo and Stitch*
July 22 - *Cinderella*
July 29 - *The Aristocats*
Aug. 5 - *An American Tail*

Special Events

For ages 4 & Over, 10:30-11:15am

June 19 - Happy the Clown
June 26 - Express Theatre's *The Ransom of Red Chief*
July 3 - Crocodile Encounter
July 10 - Incredible Events' *Jungle Jack*
July 17 - Puppet Pizzazz
July 24 - Julian Franklin, Set Sail
July 31 - Flower Fairy Family Craft & Parade

Kids Kaboodle

*For ages 5 to 8
Tuesdays, 1:30-2:15pm*

June 18 - Animal Jar Craft
June 25 - Owl Craft
July 2 - Star Spangled Wavers
July 9 - Bowling Tournament
July 16 - Airplane Craft
July 23 - Tropical Fish Craft
July 30 - Game Day
Aug. 6 - Bumblebee Craft

Pre-Teen Craft Time

*For ages 9 to 12
Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30pm*

June 18 - Glittery Sun Catcher
June 25 - Castle Craft
July 2 - Independence Day Mobile
July 9 - Felt Monster Dangle Craft
July 16 - Christmas in July
July 23 - Basket Weaving
July 30 - Doorhanger Craft
Aug. 6 - Gnome Sweet Gnome

Teen Tech

*For school-aged teens
Wednesdays, 3-5:30pm
June 19-Aug. 21*

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. Teen Tech will not be offered on July 4. Summer hours are through Aug. 21. Teen Tech will resume normal hours on Aug. 28.

Using Your Library from Home

Access your library account, ebooks, audio books, journal articles, and more 24/7 with a computer, a current Deer Park Library card, and Internet access.

You can download audio books or ebooks from the Houston Area Digital Media Catalog, which is powered by OverDrive, to your

iPod, MP3 player, computer, tablet, or ebook reader. Simply go online to www.deerparktx.gov/library and click on the blue Houston Media Digital Catalog banner. For assistance using your particular device, try the help section on the Houston Digital Media Catalog home page located in the upper right side of the screen. You can also call or stop by the library with your device for assistance.

TexShare databases with access to full articles from major newspapers, such as INFOTRAC Newsstand, as well as reference ebooks in the Gale Virtual Reference Library, or full text magazine articles in EBSCO Academic Search Complete are also available via our Online Resources.

For skills improvement or to study for a standardized test, dive into the Learning Express database. The library staff can assist you with setting up an account so you can access Learning Express from home. In addition, the Learning Express Jobs and Career Accelerator is a great tool for those who are job hunting.

For assistance when initially accessing these resources, call 281-478-7208. Your library card barcode number and PIN are required to access your account online and to check out ebooks and audio books through OverDrive. Individual databases may require a password, which can be obtained from the library. To access all of our online resources, click on the blue book icon at www.deerparktx.gov/library.



Computer Classes

Computer classes are free, but space is limited so registration is required. Some classes have pre-requisites. For more information or to register, please call 281-478-7208.

- **Introduction to Computers** - Become familiar with the computer, and 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, and the basics of e-mail.
- **Using Social Media** - Learn the basics of social networking sites and how they are used. Websites to be discussed will include Facebook, Google, Twitter, and LinkedIn.
- **Microsoft Word 2010 Basics** - Become familiar with the 2010 version of Word and learn how to create and edit basic Word documents, including resumes and letters.
- **Microsoft Excel 2010 Basics** - Become familiar with the 2010 version of Excel and learn how to create and edit basic spreadsheets, and use simple formulas and functions.
- **Microsoft PowerPoint 2010 Basics** - Become familiar with the 2010 version of PowerPoint and learn how to create a presentation using themes, illustrations, transitions, and animation.
- **Ancestry.com, Part 1** - Learn how to search for family history. You'll create a free account so you can access our resources from home and search at your own pace.

- **Ancestry.com, Part 2** - Learn how to use message boards and forums to make connections with other people researching your family line. You'll also be able to search census records for family members who lived before 1930!

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

June 11 - Summer Thrillers
One Shot by Lee Child
& *A Death in Vienna*
by Daniel Silva

July 9 - Police Procedurals
Broken Harbor by Tana French
& *The Summons* by Peter Lovesey

Aug. 13 - Legal Thrillers
Defending Jacob by William Landay
& *Brass Verdict* by Michael Connelly

New Books

- *Downfall* by Jeff Abbott
- *Light of the World* by James Lee Burke
- *Hunting Eve* by Iris Johansen
- *The Eye of God: A Sigma Force Novel* by James Rollins
- *The English Girl* by Daniel Silva
- *Bones of the Lost* by Kathy Reichs
- *Rose Harbor in Bloom* by Debbie Macomber
- *Mistress* by James Patterson & David Ellis
- *Eva's Eye: An Inspector Sejer Mystery* by Karin Fossum
- *The White Princess* by Philippa Gregory

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 questions, contact us at 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.

Automotive Waste Oil Collection

The City's 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.

Adopt-A-Pet

The City's Adopt-a-Pet program offers friendly pets at a minimal cost. Dogs and cats are available for adoption after a holding period of 3 working days. There is a \$50 adoption fee. You must also prepay for the spaying/neutering of the animal and a rabies vaccination. Pets are always available for adoption. Go to www.deerparktx.gov/publicworks

and click on Animal Control to search for adoptable animals. You can also visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/DeerParkTX.AnimalShelter or stop by the animal shelter during normal business hours. Call 281-478-7274 for more information.

Drainage Maintenance

The drainage system in Deer Park includes both open and closed segments. The open sections are drainage swales and ditches, which are utilized to carry storm waters away from homes to drainage areas. The closed system is comprised of storm water inlets and storm drain pipes, which also carry water from streets and developments to drainage areas.

Maintenance of these systems is very important. Debris in ditches and streams can obstruct the flow of flood waters, which can cause overflow onto streets and yards. The City performs maintenance work on the system at least twice a year and on an as-needed basis.

Citizens are expected to perform routine maintenance on ditches located on rights-of-way in front of their properties, including the removal of high weeds, litter, and other items that may be considered a nuisance. The area should also be maintained so that water cannot become stagnant and become breeding grounds for mosquitos.

Dumping is against City ordinance and may be punishable with a fine. To report illegal dumping, call 281-478-7252.

FOG & The Environment

Some of the worst items to send down the drain are fats, oils, and grease (FOG). FOG solidifies in

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

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

Proper Disposal of FOG

Fats, oil, and grease are a major environmental problem in cities all over the country, including Deer Park. Instead of pouring your cooking oil and grease into the drain, pour it into a heat resistant plastic bag or an old container with a tight sealing lid. Once your used grease or oil solidifies or cools, place it at the street curb with your normal household trash or take it to the Transfer Station, the City's local household hazardous waste facility. Be sure to scrape fats, grease, and food from plates and cooking utensils into the trash before washing them or placing them in your dishwasher. For residents who compost,

Public Works

used cooking oil is biodegradable and can be added to your compost piles.

Floodplain Development Permit

Floodplain development permits are required to ensure that proposed development projects meet the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and our City Ordinance. A permit is required for all development in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM).

Development means any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to buildings or other structures, filling, grading, paving, excavation, or storage of equipment and materials. Regulating the floodplain is essential because fill and other material can obstruct flood flow just as any structure can.

The City has discretion to exempt obviously insignificant activities from the permit requirement, including planting a garden, putting up a mailbox, and routine maintenance work, such as painting or reroofing a home. The key is whether the project will present a new obstruction to flood flow, alter drainage, or have the potential to be a substantial improvement. These determinations can only be made by the permit official, not the builder.

To determine if your property is located within the SFHA, contact Public Works at 281-478-7252. To view the map online, go to www.hcfd.org/tsarp.asp and click on the blue box on the right side of the screen labeled Flood Education Mapping Tools. You will then be

directed to a map where you will type in the property address. If the property is located within the 100-year (1%) floodplain, it is considered to be within the SFHA.

Substantial Improvements

Substantial improvement means any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement of a structure when the cost of the improvement equals or exceeds 50% of the market value of the structure before the start of construction of the improvement. Floodplain management requirements for new construction apply to substantial improvements. If an existing building in the SFHA is to undergo a substantial improvement, then the building must be brought into compliance with the floodplain management regulations. These regulations require that the lowest floor of any new or substantially improved residential building be elevated at or above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE). This is critical in the event the residential building in the SFHA is destroyed by fire, tornado, or other disaster. To rebuild the home or make a substantial improvement, it may be necessary to elevate it. For more information, contact Kathy Holcomb at 281-478-7252.

Armand Bayou Bacteria Levels

We all know the importance of protecting our environment, especially downstream natural areas, such as Armand Bayou. High concentrations of bacteria, which are found in both human and animal waste, have been observed in the bayou. The presence of these bacteria could create a health risk to people who swim or wade in the bayou, activities referred to as “contact recre-

ation” in the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards.

In order to address this concern, the TCEQ is developing total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) and an implementation plan (I-Plan) with the goal of reducing bacteria in Armand Bayou and several of its tributaries. For more information, visit www.deerparktx.gov/stormwater.

TCEQ Renews Construction Stormwater Permit

The TCEQ requires that all construction activity that disturbs more than one acre of land obtain coverage under the TPDES Construction General Permit (TXR150000). This permit, which is issued over a five-year term, was renewed on March 5, 2013. All construction activity operating under the previously issued permit must obtain coverage under the new permit within 90 days of the effective date. Go to www.deerparktx.gov/stormwater for more information.

City Projects

- The Patrick's Bayou Storm Water Detention Basin is currently under construction on the north end of town. The project will construct a 35-acre storm water detention basin. The project started in January 2013 and is expected to be completed by April 2014.
- The Norwood Street Pavement project will be going out for bid in the 2nd quarter of 2013. The project includes pavement and water line replacements on Norwood Street between 8th Street and E. 13th Street. At the time of this printing, a cost estimate for this project was not available.



In Memory of Charly

Charly was born in the Czech Republic on July 30, 2000 and imported to the USA in 2001. He was trained in narcotics detection by Rob Hawkins, Trainer & Owner of Worldwide Canine in Spring Branch, Texas. In 2001, Officer Eddie J. Pereira became the new canine handler for the Deer Park Police Department (DPPD). Officer Pereira was asked to choose 1 of 3 dogs at Worldwide Canine. Unfortunately, Charly was not one of those dogs. Charly belonged to Mr. Hawkins and was being utilized to search schools in and around the San Antonio area. For one day, Officer Pereira was paired up with Charly. The pair worked great together. Charly possessed the drive and focus that Officer Pereira was searching for. When Officer Pereira asked Mr. Hawkins for Charly, Mr. Hawkins was very reluctant and said Charly was not for sale. After much pleading, Mr. Hawkins agreed to sell Charly to the DPPD.

In Dec. 2001, Charly and Officer Pereira became the new DPPD K-9 Unit. Charly's first call was to assist an officer involved in a traffic stop. Upon arrival, Officer Pereira was told that the driver refused to consent to a search of the vehicle. Charly displayed a positive response

at the driver's door so Officer Pereira allowed Charly inside the vehicle. Charly sniffed a large order of curly fries on the dashboard. Officer Pereira grew concerned that he might be embarrassed by the dog simply eating the fries. Charly then placed one paw on the dashboard and waited for his reward. Officer Pereira picked up the fries and found a clear plastic bag containing marijuana underneath. In no time at all, Charly became well-known for his ability to work through contamination and find a violator's drug stash, even after officers had conducted a search and did not find any contraband.

In 2002, Charly and Officer Pereira became members of the National Narcotic Detector Dog Association (NNDDA) and competed in their 1st national competition in Houston, Texas. Charly placed 18th out of 250 dog teams. Charly and Officer Pereira competed in 9 NNDDA Nationals and placed in the top 10 seven times. In 2003, Charly and Officer Pereira competed in the National Police Canine Association Nationals in Pasadena, Texas and won 1st place.

Charly was successful in competitions and on the streets, leading to narcotics arrests, and seizures of illegal substances and U.S. currency from drug violators. He developed such a good reputation that other law enforcement agencies began asking for Charly's help. Charly assisted many local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies throughout his career. In his 8½ years of service, Charly was responsible for bringing 516 misdemeanor and felony drug charges to the Harris County District Attorney's

Office, plus an additional 296 misdemeanor and felony drug cases filed by the other officers and agencies he assisted. In 2007, Charly and Officer Pereira assisted federal agents with obtaining a search warrant for a storage lot in Deer Park. Charly's alert led to the discovery of a small amount of crystal meth, but the agents also found the evidence they needed to charge the suspect with a felony in possession of bomb materials, which resulted in a 40-year federal prison sentence for the suspect. In 2008, Charly assisted federal agents and the La Porte Police Department with an investigation that resulted in 3 ounces of crystal meth. The arrest and further investigation led to the federal indictment of 3 Mexican nationals tied to the Mexican Cartels, who eventually agreed to a plea of 10 years in federal prison.

Charly was an exceptional dog and set a very high standard for canines everywhere. A U.S. Border Patrol K-9 trainer once said, "Man, if I had 2 or 3 Charlys on the border, we would win the drug war." In his career, Charly seized 1,500 pounds of marijuana, 24 pounds of powder cocaine, 1.5 pounds of crack cocaine, 1.8 pounds of methamphetamine, 4.9 grams of heroin, 2.6 grams of black tar heroin, and 2,000 tablets of ecstasy. Charly seized approximately \$200,000 in U.S. currency for the DPPD, which helped fund the COBAN video system installed in the patrol units and the current DPPD's Crown Victoria K-9 Unit. Charly conducted numerous currency sniffs for other local agencies and the Drug Enforcement Administration, which helped seize over \$700,000 U.S. currency.

Police Department

Charly retired from service at the Deer Park Police Department on September 24, 2010. He continued to make some appearances at area schools. Officer Pereira continued to care for Charly until his death on April 8, 2013.

Court Appearance Reminder

When a citation for a traffic violation or other Class C misdemeanor is filed with the Deer Park Municipal Court, it is imperative that you deal with the citation on or before the court date listed. If you choose to appear in court, you must appear on or before the court date. Everyone is entitled to one reset, but it must be requested in person. The Municipal Court grants everyone a day of grace in order to reset initial court appearances or pay fines. Nearly 40% of persons scheduled for court fail to appear on their court date. A failure to appear in court can result in an additional charge and a \$200 fine. If the citation is not rectified within 10 business days after the failure to appear, an arrest warrant will be issued. Recently, 2 plate scan units have been added to the patrol fleet to help locate people with outstanding warrants. These units constantly scan license plates, which are then matched against an outstanding warrant list.

CPR Saves Lives

Anyone can be the victim of sudden cardiac arrest. Effective bystander cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) provided immediately after sudden cardiac arrest can double or triple a victim's chance of survival. As first responders, members of the police department are trained regularly in CPR.

In the 1st quarter of 2013, there were 3 separate cases in which CPR saved someone's life. The 1st incident occurred in January with a female overdose victim. The caller advised that the woman was unresponsive and not breathing. Telecommunicator J. Grundman advised the caller to begin CPR. The caller initiated CPR and continued until Officer Chaffin arrived on the scene and relieved him. Officer Chaffin continued CPR with assistance from Officer D. Bailey until they were relieved by Deer Park EMS who were able to recover a pulse on the victim. Sergeant J. Cooper, Sergeant C. Brown, and Officer R. Coats also responded to the scene. The victim was transported to a local hospital in stable condition.

The 2nd incident occurred in March when a 17-month old child fell into a backyard pool and was found unresponsive and not breathing. The caller was the father of the child who initiated CPR and continued until he was relieved by Deer Park EMS. Sergeant Brown, Officer Reed, Officer Thatcher, and Officer O'Banion also responded to the scene. The child was transported to Bayshore Hospital in critical condition. The child ultimately made a complete recovery.

Also in March, a 3rd incident occurred when a 1-year old was choking and stopped breathing. The caller was the mother of the child. Officer M. Gonzalez and Officer J. Nitchman responded to the scene and began CPR on the child until they were relieved by Deer Park EMS. The child regained consciousness and was transported to a local hospital in stable condition.

These type of success stories make a police officer's and dispatcher's jobs so rewarding. Remember that almost 80% of sudden cardiac arrests happen at home and are witnessed by a loved one. If you know how to administer CPR, there is a very good chance that you could save the life of someone you love.

Look Before You Lock

As outside temperatures rise, the dangers for children being seriously injured or even dying from being left alone inside a hot car also rise. In Deer Park, the average temperature in July is 84.5 °F and the average high is 93.6 °F with spikes as high as 104 °F. In a vehicle, these temperatures rise quickly. When the temperature is 85 °F, the temperature inside your vehicle will be 102 °F in 20 minutes and 120 °F in 30 minutes. Further, when the temperature is 90 °F outside, the temperature inside a vehicle is 109 °F after 10 minutes, 119 °F after 20 minutes, 124 °F after 30 minutes, 133 °F after 60 minutes, and 138 °F after 90 minutes.

A core body temperature of 104 °F causes heatstroke; a core body temperature of 107 °F is lethal. A child's body absorbs more heat on a hot day than an adult's body does. According to KidsandCars.org, 87% of children who died from vehicular heatstroke are ages 3 and younger. SafeKids.org estimates that, since 1998, more than 520 children have died as a result of heatstroke, an average of 38 per year, or about 1 every 10 days. More than 1 in 5 children who died of heatstroke in a car were supposed to be dropped off at day care that morning. According to the Department of Geosciences at San Fran-

cisco State University, states with higher incidences of fatalities for children 3 and younger include Texas, Georgia, Indiana, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Virginia.

Several surrounding agencies, including the Deer Park Police Department, have teamed up with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, for the *Look Before You Lock* campaign, which reminds parents and caregivers never to leave a child unattended in a car.

There are 3 simple things you can do to ensure that all children safely exit the vehicle after every trip:

- Never leave a child alone in a vehicle.
- Make it a habit to look in every seat every time before you exit the vehicle.
- Always lock the vehicle and put the keys out of reach of children.

If you ever see a child left alone in a hot vehicle, please call 9-1-1 right away.

Citizens Police Academy Class 28

The Deer Park Police Department is currently recruiting citizens for the 28th class of the Citizen's Police Academy. Classes will begin on Aug. 22 and are held each Thursday from 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 his-

tory, 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 DPPD in a number of capacities.

The course is provided free of charge by the Deer Park Police Department. For more information, contact Sheila Plovovich, Community Liaison, at 281-930-2118 or splovovich@deerparktx.org.

Car Seat & Child Passenger Safety

All children who are younger than 8 years old and less than 4 feet, 9 inches tall must be properly secured in a car seat or booster seat. The DPPD Traffic Unit, in conjunction with Deer Park Emergency Services, Texas Children's Hospital, and other entities under the Safe Kids Greater Houston Coalition, want to remind you that we host car seat educational awareness classes and seat inspections every month. Those who attend the class may be eligible for a free car seat, if they qualify.

The 1-hour classes are by appointment only and are held on the 1st Friday of each month at Deer Park Fire Station #1, 1302 Center St., from 10am-3pm. We also offer car seat installations and inspections by appointment, which generally take about 45 minutes to do. In addition, DPPD works with Safe Kids Greater Houston to host this service at Monument Chevrolet in Pasadena on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 11am-5pm. You must register in advance for the free classes and inspections by contacting Diana Suarez at 832-828-1312 or Sergeant J.W. White at 281-930-

2152. For more information, go to www.safekidsgreaterhouston.org.

Frequent Crash Intersections

Doing anything behind the wheel that takes your attention away from the task of driving results in driver inattention. When an inattentive driver is in a hurried state of mind or driving too fast for current conditions, there is a higher probability for an accident to occur. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, approx. 52% of all accidents occur within a 5-mile radius of home and 69% of all car accidents occur within a 10-mile radius from home. The accident reports reveal that they are likely to share the same contributing factors:

1. Failure to yield the right of way
2. Rear-end collisions

A few high accident locations that the DPPD would like for you to be aware of are listed below. The DPPD will increase enforcement in these areas and seek engineering solutions, when possible. For more information, contact Sgt. J.W. White at 281-930-2152 or jwhite@deerparktx.org.

2012 Most Frequent Accident Locations

- 5600 SH 225 @ Center St. (12)
- 6200-6400 SH 225 @ Tidal (8)
- Center St. @ 13th St. (6)
- Center St. @ San Augustine (9)
- Center St. @ P St. (15)
- Center St. @ Pasadena Blvd. (21)
- Pasadena Blvd. @ Parktown (5)
- Pasadena Blvd. @ Texas Ave. (8)
- Center St. @ Hillshire (5)
- Pasadena Blvd. @ Georgia (8)
- Center St. @ Lambuth (6)
- 4800-4900 East Blvd. (13)

Parks & Recreation

Master Plan

To view the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan, which guides the renovation and development of new and existing parks, facilities, and programs, visit our website at www.deerparktx.gov/recreation and click on Parks and Recreation Master Plan on the menu to the right.

July is Parks & Recreation month!

Celebrate Parks & Recreation month by going to a Concert in Dow Park, swimming at the City pool, or visiting a park with your family. Tell us what you think about our programs at www.facebook.com/deerparktx.parksandrecreation.

Sunrise Exercise

Increases your heart health and muscular strength with cardio and weight training. For ages 13 & over.

\$35/month, \$10 fee added after the 5th Tues. & Thurs., 6-6:45am, Starting June 4 Earl Dunn Gym

Opening Weekend Luau

Enjoy a swim and music at the 2nd annual opening weekend luau!

*\$2 for residents, \$3 for non-residents
June 8, 12-7pm & June 9, 2-6pm
City Pool*

2013 Pool Schedule

Pool opens for daily operation at 12pm on June 8. Hours are Tues.-Sat. 2-7pm and Sun. 2-6pm. Closed on Mon. Wed. is ½ price family night from 3-7pm. Swim passes for sale at the pool office and game room. Pool closes for the season at 5pm on Aug. 25.

\$2 for residents (proof of residency required), \$3 for non-residents, Individual season pass \$50, Family season pass (up to 5 members) \$90

City Pool

Pool Patio Reservations

Deer Park residents can reserve our covered patio area at the pool for their next party! Food and drinks allowed. Lifeguards provided. Call

281-478-2055 for more information.

Patio Party times: Tue.-Sat., 12-3pm or 4-7pm, and Sun., 2:30-5:30pm

Private Party Pool Rental

Our 50-meter pool with baby pool is available for private parties June 13-Aug. 11. Available times are Thurs. & Fri. 7-9pm, Sat. 9-11am & 7-9pm, and Sun. 6-9pm.

*\$100 refundable deposit required, plus \$100/hour (2-hour max) for residents \$150/hour (2-hour max) for non-residents
City Pool*

Game Room Tournaments

Free ping-pong tournaments in the game room at the Community Center on Fridays, 2-3:30pm. Tournaments start at 2pm for ages 7-12 and 2:45pm for ages 13-17. Active game room membership card required.

1st Friday Fun

The Kingsdale Recreation Center will be open 3-7pm for arts & crafts and tournaments. Active Kingsdale membership card required. For all ages.

June 7, July 5 & Aug. 2

Junior Angler

Learn how to fish with TPWD Certified Angler educators. This free Junior Angler class introduces youth, ages 6 & over, to the sport of fishing. They will learn about fish and fish habitat, fishing equipment, knot tying, assembly of basic tackle, regulations and ethics, and safe casting. Each child will receive a certificate and Junior Angler pin. Preregistration is required.

June 7, 9am-12pm

Summer Track & Field

The summer track season begins June 10. The team will compete in the Gulf Coast Track Circuit, which holds 2 meets per week. The program is designed for beginners and serious competitors. Parents' meeting will be held at 1st practice on June 10. Birth certificate is required. For

children, kindergarten-12th grade.
*\$45/child, Mon.-Fri., 8-10:30am
Deer Park Jr. High School Track*

Mini Gourmet

Children will learn about cooking techniques, tools & utensils, etiquette, nutrition, and safety. For ages 7-12.

*\$55/child, Mon.-Thurs., 10am-12pm
Sessions: June 10-13, July 8-11
Deer Park Community Center*

Nature Camp

This outdoor adventure is packed with playgrounds, parks, games, and more. Limited to 40. For ages 6-11.

*7:30am-5:30pm, \$105/session for residents, \$115/session for non-residents
7am-6pm, \$125/session for residents, \$135/session for non-residents
Sessions: June 10-14, July 8-12
Claude Burgess Recreation Center*

Aqua Zumba

A safe, effective, and challenging water-based workout. Limited to 80. Wear water shoes. For ages 18 & over.

*\$55/person (Session 1 & 2), \$45/person (Session 3)
Mon. & Wed., 7-7:45pm
Sessions: June 10-July 3, July 8-31, Aug. 5-21
City Pool*

Adult Summer Softball

League play begins June 10. It's 8 weeks of scheduled doubleheader games on all grass infields. All leagues are class D leagues registered through A.S.A. Payment required to secure a spot for your team. Mandatory managers' meeting is June 6 at 6pm.

*\$420 per team or \$400 per team for teams returning from spring 2013
Mon. evenings - Men's recreation teams
Tues. evenings - Co-recreational teams
Thurs. evenings - Men's competitive teams
Adult Sports Complex, 2600 Pasadena Blvd.*

Fitness Day at the Pool

This free outdoor wellness event on June 14, 3-6pm will have health and wellness vendors, prizes, and more.

The Houston Dynamo will have mini-demonstrations and competitions.

City Pool

Camp Crabgrass

Children will enjoy a full week of swimming, archery, riflery, and more. All campers need a sack lunch and 2 snacks per day. For ages 6-11.

\$105 for residents, \$115 for non-residents, Mon.-Fri., 7:30am-5:30pm

\$125 for residents, \$135 for non-residents, Mon.-Fri., 7am-6pm

*Sessions: June 14-21, June 24-28, July 15-19, July 22-26, July 29-Aug. 2, Aug. 5-9
Jimmy Burke Activity Center*

Spa-Tacular Day

It's the ultimate spa party at Regency Beauty Institute. Each young lady will receive an updo, polish, and make-up. We will have brunch at Savannah Bakery. Limited to 10. For ages 6-12.

\$25/child, June 22, 9-11:30am

Meet at the Deer Park Community Center, Rm 10

Bravo Cheer Tumbling

Bravo Cheer is now offering summer tumbling classes!

Level 1 Tumbling, ages 4 & over, \$55/child, Mon. & Wed., 5:30-6:30pm

Advanced Tumbling, ages 6 & over, \$60/child, Mon. & Wed., 6:30-7:30pm

Hip Hop, ages 6 & over, \$55/child, Mon. & Wed., 7:30-8:30pm

June 17-July 2

Jimmy Burke Activity Center

Wild Child Destinations

Meet at the Community Center for these activities.

Moody Gardens, ages 7-12, July 16, 8am-5pm, \$40/child

iT'Z Willowbrook, ages 7-12, July 18, 10am-5pm, \$45/child

Splash Kids Art, ages 6-12, July 23, 10:45am-4pm, \$40/child

Concerts in the Park

Come enjoy a free night of outdoor music, 7-8:30pm at Dow Park.

June 20: Ryan Harris and the Killin' Time Band (Country)

June 27: 80 Proof (80's Rock)

July 11: Silver Shoes (Folk)

July 18: Little Late for Nashville (Country)

July 25: The Harris Family (Faith Night)

Aug. 1: Hidden Shadows (Indie Pop Rock)

Aug. 8: The Lost Boys (80's Cover)

Sept. 5: Almost Endless Summer (Oldies)

Daddy-Daughter Dance

Celebrate Father's Day with dancing, horse drawn carriage rides, and door prizes at this semi-formal to formal evening. Advanced tickets available at the Community Center, 9am-8pm.

June 22, 7-9pm

Advanced tickets - \$30/Daddy-Daughter couple, \$20 for additional daughter

At the door - \$35/Daddy-Daughter couple, \$25 for additional daughter

\$3/person carriage ride, \$5/picture

Jimmy Burke Activity Center

Dynamo Soccer Camp

The Houston Dynamo Youth Programs present Dynamo Soccer Camp, June 24-27, Mon.-Thurs. For details, go to HoustonDynamo.com/preacademy, call 713-276-7589, or send an e-mail to preacademy@houstondynamo.com.

\$125 for ages 5-6, \$210 for ages 7-14

Dow Park Soccer Fields

Movies in the Park

Enjoy a movie on the outdoor inflatable screen at Dow Park.

June 29 - Rise of the Guardians (PG), 8pm

July 27 - Wreck It Ralph (PG), 8:15pm

Aug. 24 - National Treasure (PG), 8:30pm

Paint Me

A basic plaster painting class for all ages. Limited to 50.

\$7/piece, July 5, 12, 19 & 26, 1-3pm

Deer Park Community Center, Rm 6

Bravo Cheer Team

The next season of Bravo Cheer is July 2013 through April 2014.

Mon., 5-6:30pm, Mini Team (ages 8 & under), \$55/month

Mon., 6:30-8:30pm, Youth Team Level 1

(ages 11 & under), \$65/month

Tues., 5-6pm, Show Team (ages 5 & under), \$45/month

Tues., 5-6pm, Level 1 Tumbling (ages 4 & over), \$45/month

Tues., 6-8pm, Youth Team Level 2 (ages 11 & under), \$65/month

Wed., 5-6pm, Advanced Tumbling (ages 4 & over), \$55/month

Wed., 6-8pm, Junior Team Level 1 & 2 (ages 14 & over), \$65/month

Jimmy Burke Activity Center

Adult Swim Lessons

A new beginner/intermediate level swim class for adults.

\$35/person, Tues.-Fri., June 18-28,

5:30-6:30pm

City Pool

Swim Lessons

Enroll your child in Ellis Certified swim lessons. Levels are based on the age of the child, and the discretion of the parent and lifeguard/instructor.

\$35/session

Baby Splashes (3 mo-3 yrs old), Pre-school (ages 3-5), Beginner (ages 5-8), Advanced

Beginner (ages 7-10), Intermediate (ages 9-11), Advanced (ages 10 & over)

Tues.-Fri., 9-9:45am or 10-10:45am

Sessions: June 18-28, July 9-19, July

30-Aug. 9

Saturdays, July 6-Aug. 3, Baby Splashes & Pre-school only

City Pool

Basic Dog Obedience Training

Learn how to train your dog to listen using positive reinforcement.

\$75 per 8-week session

Tues., July 9-Aug. 27, 7-8pm

Jimmy Burke Activity Center

Dive In Movie

Watch *Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted* at the pool on July 19. Children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Door opens at 7pm, movie starts at 8:30pm.

\$8/person, includes a hot dog, chips & drink.

City Pool

Parks & Recreation

Bring Your Own Banana Sleepover

Stay up all night to play games, watch movies, swim, and more. Limited to 45. For ages 5-11.

\$35/child, July 26-27, 7:30pm-7am

Deer Park Community Center

Back-to-School Bash

Enjoy a back-to-school bash at the Kingsdale Recreation Center on Aug. 23, 4-7:30pm - free pool and ping-pong tournaments, hot dogs, and drinks. For all ages.

Mini Gourmet Grilling

A special edition of Mini Gourmet focusing on grilling, grilling vocabulary & techniques, tools & utensils, nutrition, and grilling safety. For ages 8-14.

\$55/child, Mon.-Thurs., Aug. 5-8, 9-11am

Dow Park Pavilion

Ladies Low Impact Aerobics

A cardiovascular exercise class for sculpting, weight training, and elevating your heart rate.

\$20/month, \$10 fee added after the 5th

Mon., Wed. & Fri., 8:30-9:30am

Deer Park Community Center

Pilates

Strengthen your core, tone your body, and improve your flexibility.

Tues. & Thurs., 6:30-7:30pm

\$40/month (2 classes/week), \$20/month (1 class/week), \$7 walk-in fee, \$10 fee added after the 5th

Deer Park Community Center

Deer Park Karate

We teach Taekwondo and ShorinRyu. Learn a variety of defensive and offensive maneuvers.

\$30/month (2 classes/week), \$40/month (3 classes/week), \$10 fee added after the 5th

Mon., Wed. & Fri.

Tiny Dragons (ages 4-6), 4:30-5:30pm

Introd. Class (ages 7-12), 6:40-7:15pm

Beginners' Class (ages 7-12), 7:15-8pm

Teen & Adult Class (ages 13 & over),

8-8:45pm

Deer Park Community Center

Zumba Fitness

Experience a high energy workout that combines dance and fitness with Latin rhythms. For ages 16 & over.

\$64 per session, \$10 walk-in fee

Tues. & Thurs., 7:15-8:15pm

Sessions: June 4-27, July 9-Aug. 1, Aug. 6-29

Deer Park Community Center

Market Days of Deer Park

Dow Park is the place for homemade goods and ready-made items every 3rd Saturday of the month. Send an e-mail to marketdays@yahoo.com to become a vendor.

June 15, July 20 & Aug. 17, 9am-1pm

Getting Paid To Talk

Explore several aspects of voice over work for television, radio, and more. Go to www.voicecoaches.com/gppt. For ages 18 & over.

\$10/person, July 22, 6:30-9pm

Deer Park Community Center

Concealed Handgun Class

This course covers the rules and regulations to obtain a license to carry a concealed firearm in the State of Texas, as well as the safety, maintenance, and storage of a firearm. Fingerprinting is required prior to the class. For ages 21 & over or 18, if actively serving in the military. Go to www.tchconcealed.com for more information.

\$100 for students, \$90 for Deer Park educators, \$70 for City employees, \$70 for DPVFD, \$60 for Active Military or Reserve, \$40 for Police Officers

June 1 & Aug. 3, 8:30am-4pm

Deer Park Community Center

Deer Park Tennis

All intermediate and advanced level tennis players are encouraged to join.

\$89 for 1 class/week, \$178 for 2 classes/week

Tues. & Thurs., July 16-Aug. 22

Performance Team (ages 10 & over), 5-6pm

Tournament Tough (ages 12 & over),

6-7pm

Dow Park Tennis Courts

Tennis Camp

Children will learn the basics of tennis. Rackets are provided. Limited to 20.

\$55/session, Mon.-Thurs.

June 17-20 (ages 5-8), 8-9am or 5-6pm

June 17-20 (ages 9-13), 9-10am or 6-7pm

June 24-27 (ages 5-8), 8-9am

June 24-27 (ages 9-13), 9-10am

Dow Park Tennis Courts

Pins n' Things & Making Friendship Bracelets

Some of the top "pinned" ideas for artwork, jewelry, recycled fashion, and more off the popular social site "Pinterest" are broken down and explained step by step. You'll also learn how to make friendship bracelets using different techniques, colors, and designs at a variety of skill levels. For ages 8-12.

\$90/child, Mon.-Fri., July 8-12, 9-11am

Deer Park Community Center

All Skills Volleyball Camp

This camp is for beginner and intermediate level volleyball players looking to improve their skills. Players will be grouped by age, ability, and experience. For ages 6-12.

\$80/child, Mon.-Thurs., 10am-12pm

Sessions: June 10-13, July 15-18

Deer Park Junior High, 410 E. 9th St.

Safety & Self Defense for Kids & Teens

Children will learn important safety tips, plus basic striking and blocking techniques. Register for both sessions at once, and receive a \$20 discount.

\$45/session, Tues. & Thurs.

Sessions: June 4-27, July 2-30

Ages 6-12, 2:30-3:30pm

Ages 13-17, 3:45-4:45pm

Deer Park Community Center

Adult Cardio Tennis

It's the ultimate high energy workout to get in shape and burn calories.

\$65/week (1 class), \$130/week (2 classes)

Mon. & Wed., July 15-Aug. 22,

10am-12pm

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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.

Citizen Work Request

Do you know of something that needs to be done? Maybe something we have missed? Please let us know. Simply complete this form and return it to: City Manager, 710 E. San Augustine, Deer Park, Texas 77536.

You can also submit a Work Request online at www.deerparktx.gov.

Together we can make Deer Park a better place!

Location _____

Briefly describe the work _____

May we call you for more information?

Name _____

Phone _____ Best time to call _____

Council Actions

February 2013

- Accepted the completion of the Emergency Sewer Rehabilitation project of 700-900 Arbor. Final cost was \$49,871.
- Approved the purchase of a 2013 Ford Fusion through the Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing Program for the I.T. Department.
- Approved the purchase of a Kubota Cab Tractor through the Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Parks & Recreation Department.
- Authorized staff to seek bids to re-plaster the community swimming pool.
- Approved the purchase of a HVAC System for Fire Station #3 through the Choice Texas Purchasing Program.
- Approved the purchase of Higher Ground Recording Software from Commercial Electronics for the Police Dept.
- Approved staff to seek proposals for the emergency replacement of a 12" sanitary sewer line for Park Vista Lane.
- Approved a resolution amending incentive pay.
- Approved a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and an ordinance calling for a Joint Public Hearing to rezone 4426 Pasadena Boulevard from Single Family-1 to Office and Professional.
- Approved an ordinance calling a Public Hearing on the amendment of the Fire Control, Prevention and Emergency Medical Services District 2012-2013 Budget.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Crime Control and Prevention District 2012-2013 Budget.
- Accepted the completion of the Lambuth Street project. Final cost was \$124,336.48.
- Approved Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$20,400, and Change Order No. 2 in the reduced amount of \$209,076.63, and accepted the completion of the Sanitary Rehabilitation project for South Pasadena Plaza. Final cost was \$1,054,196.37.
- Approved the appointment of a member to the Boards and Commissions Selection Committee.
- Approved the appointment of a member to the Budget Advisory Committee.
- Approved an agreement with Deer Park Independent School District to provide a polling location for a General Election of Board of Trustees on May 11, 2013.
- Approved the renewal of an agreement with Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson for the collection of delinquent emergency service bills and delinquent municipal court fines and fees.
- Approved the adoption of a grievance procedure per Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1974 to comply with the Federal Housing and Urban Development regulations.
- Approved the renewal of a depository agreement with Wells Fargo Bank for a period of one year.
- Approved an action to amend the City's financial management policy.
- Approved a resolution for an excessive force policy to comply with grant requirements.
- Approved a Community Development Block Grant Section 3 Policy resolution to comply with grant requirements.
- Approved the appointment of a member to the Senior Citizen Commission.
- Approved an ordinance appointing a member of the Council to fill the unexpired term of Position 1.
- Approved an ordinance calling for a General Election on May 11, 2013.

March 2013

- Authorized staff/selection committee to negotiate the lease or management of the Battleground Golf Course.
- Approved the amending of the minutes for the Dec. 18, 2012 regular meeting to include the wording "awarding the bid for Patrick's Bayou Storm Water Detention Basin."
- Approved a change order for the TDRA Generator project, reducing the contract amount. Project has been completed at a final cost of \$24,583.05.
- Approved the adoption of the Parks Master Plan.
- Approved the acceptance of the FY 2011-2012 audit.
- Approved the purchase of a 2013 Chevrolet 2500HD Silverado crew cab for the Park Maintenance Dept. through the H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program.
- Approved an ordinance updating the City's Code of Ordinances and fee schedule.
- Approved a resolution for an agreement between the City of Deer Park and the Department of Justice for an H-GAC grant for a surveillance camera audio system.
- Approved the renewal of a lease

agreement to provide 8 copiers for the Police Department through Texas Buyboard.

- Approved the purchase of a camera security system and access control for the Police Dept.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances Section 86-51, Political Signs, Special Permit, and Section 86-150.
- Approved an ordinance amending the speed limit on East Boulevard and 13th Street.
- Approved a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and an ordinance calling for a Joint Public Hearing on the request of San Jacinto Baptist Church to rezone from Church to General Commercial.
- Awarded the bid for the re-plastering of the swimming pool to Aquatec in the amount of \$78,804.
- Authorized staff to issue a Request for Proposal for professional audit services.
- Approved the Quarterly Investment Report for October through December 2012.
- Authorized staff to seek bids for a 1-year supply of lime slurry.
- Approved the purchase of a 26 cubic yard open top refuse truck for the Sanitation Dept. through H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program.
- Approved the purchase of a 2013 Ford Explorer for the Senior Services Dept. through the Buyboard Cooperative Purchasing Program.
- Approved a resolution supporting Texas House Bill 335 as it calls for public notices to be placed online, rather than

through newspapers, saving municipalities the costs associated with running legal advertisements in printed newspapers.

- Approved a recommendation from the Historical Committee for \$600 in expenditures for signs and decorations related to the Totally Texas Festival parade float.

April 2013

- Authorized staff to seek lease purchase financing for a 26 cubic yard open top refuse truck for the Sanitation Dept.
- Authorized staff to seek bids for a 1-year supply of fuel.
- Authorized staff to seek bids for the Senior Meals program.
- Approved a request from SOZO Church for a Specific Use Permit for 4200 Center St., and referred this item to the Planning & Zoning Commission to conduct a Public Hearing.
- Approved a resolution amending Sections 6.8 and 6.9 of the Personnel Policy Manual as it relates to maternity leave and bereavement leave.
- Approved a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and an ordinance calling a Joint Public Hearing on the request to rezone 1110 James from Single Family to Two Family to construct a duplex at that location.
- Authorized the restart of the rezoning process on the request of San Jacinto Baptist Church to rezone 3002 Center St. from Church to General Commercial.
- Approved an ordinance amending the sign ordinance relating to political signs Section 86-51

of City Code regarding the placement of political signs in the City's rights-of-way and omitting Section 4.

- Approved a resolution to join the TexSTAR Investment Program to allow for greater diversification of investments.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Fire Control Prevention Emergency Medical Services District FY 2012-2013 Budget.
- Approved an ordinance amending Section 66-198 of the Traffic Code relating to parking on P Street.

Central Collections & Utility Billing

You can conveniently pay your water bill by automatic bank draft. For information on setting up the electronic draft, call 281-478-7221. You can also pay online at www.deerparktx.gov.

City News

To keep you informed about what's happening in our community, the City of Deer Park has the e-mail notification service **CITY NEWS**.

To join, visit us at www.deerparktx.gov.

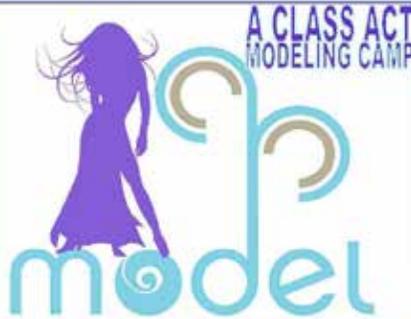


The City of Deer Park recycling containers are located at the Transfer Station, 610 Underwood Road. Your recyclable materials (aluminum, plastic, glass, and paper) will be accepted at the Transfer Station on Mon.-Fri., 9am-6pm, and Sat., 9am-4:30pm. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 281-478-7253.

Art Park Players

Employee Awards

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MUSICAL THEATRE
FOR AGES 6-18
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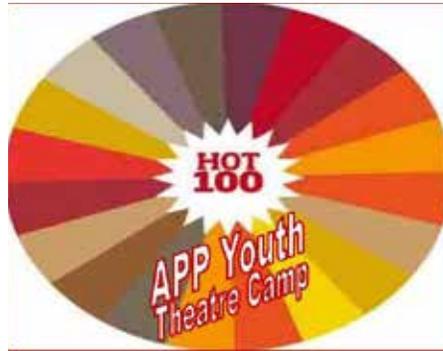


MODELING CAMP
FOR GIRLS AGES 6-18
June 10-14, 2013 Monday-Friday
10am-12pm \$75 per student
Includes runway show at camp's end!

ADVANCED MODELING CAMP
FOR GIRLS AGES 6-18
June 17-21, 2013 Monday-Friday
10am-12pm \$75 per student
Includes portfolio work and photo session with
a professional photographer!



ACTING CAMP
FOR AGES 10 & OVER
June 10-21, 2013 Mondays-Fridays
10am-12pm \$75 per student
Includes play performance at camp's end!



FEATURING YOUR FAVORITE
CHART-TOPPING HITS!
June 10-21, 2013 Mondays-Fridays
1pm-5pm \$125 per student
Price includes T-shirt &
2 tickets to camp performance.



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

Check out our all-star cast at
www.artparkplayers.com.

To view photos from Art Park
Players productions, visit
www.ArtStarFoto.com.

NOT PICTURED
January – Support Staff
Brandi Brumley, Police Department



February – Support Staff
Jennifer Griffin, Parks & Recreation Dept.



February – Field Services
Tina Taylor, Police Department



March – Supervisor
Tiffany McGallian, Parks & Recreation Dept.



March – Support Staff
Daryl Denzer, I.T. Services Department



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The mission of the City of Deer Park is to plan and execute activities necessary to provide quality services to the citizens so that the opportunity to enjoy a high quality of life is afforded to all.

Parks & Recreation

Volley Tots

Children will play with a lighter ball, a lower net, and a smaller court, and participate in fun drills and games to develop hand-eye coordination, spatial awareness, motor skills, and muscle strength.

*\$50/session, Tues.-Thurs., 10-11am
Sessions: June 18-20, Aug. 6-8
Earl Dunn Gym*

Fast Forward Kids

- *Play Dough's World of Discovery* (ages 4-7), Mon.-Fri., July 8-12, 11:30am-1:30pm, \$90/child, Deer Park Community Center, Rm 11
- *Lego Mania* (ages 4-7), Mon.-Fri., July 29-Aug. 2, 11:30am-1:30pm, \$90/child, Deer Park Community Center, Rm 11
- *Jumpstart Kindergarten* (ages 4-8), Mon.-Fri., July 29-Aug. 2, 2-4pm, \$90/child, Deer Park Community Center, Rm 10
- *Camp Barbie* (ages 4-8), Mon.-Fri., July 29-Aug. 2, 9-11am, \$90/child, Deer Park Community Center, Rm 10

- *iPad Summer Camp* (ages 5-7), Mon.-Fri., Aug. 5-9, 11:30am-1:30pm, \$90/child, Deer Park Community Center, Rm 10
- *Roll Away with Hot Wheels* (ages 5-8), Mon.-Fri., July 8-12, 9-11am, \$90/child, Deer Park Community Center, Rm 11
- *Look at Me, I'm An Author* (ages 5-12), Mon.-Fri., July 8-12, 2-4pm, \$90/child, Deer Park Community Center, Rm 11
- *Mad Science - Newton's Lab* (ages 6-12), Wed., July 10-24, 11am-12pm, \$55/child, Deer Park Community Center, Rm 12
- *Mad Science - Seeking Our Senses* (ages 6-12), Wed., July 31-Aug. 14, 11am-12pm, \$55/child, Deer Park Community Center, Rm 12
- *Recycled Collages, Containers and Crafts/Duct Tape Madness* (ages 8-11), Mon.-Fri., July 8-12, 11:30am-1:30pm, \$90/child, Deer Park Community Center, Rm 10
- *iPad Summer Camp* (ages 8-12), Mon.-Fri., Aug. 5-9, 9-11am or 2-4pm, \$90/child, Deer Park

- Community Center, Rm 10
- *Say Chees/Create Your Own Super Heroes* (ages 8-12), Mon.-Fri., July 8-12, 2-4pm, \$90/child, Deer Park Community Center, Rm 10
- *Fashion Designer* (ages 8-12), Mon.-Fri., July 29-Aug. 2, 9-11am, \$90/child, Deer Park Community Center, Rm 10
- *Lego Logo* (ages 8-12), Mon.-Fri., July 29-Aug. 2, 9-11am or 2-4pm, \$90/child, Deer Park Community Center, Rm 11

Fourth Fest



Celebrate Independence Day (July 4) at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center with family fun activities, a Johnny Dee's Rocket 88's concert (6-9pm), and the fireworks display (9:15pm).