



OAK LEAF NEWS

Spring / Summer 2016

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MAYOR'S MEMO

Howdy all and welcome to spring! After a mild winter, spring is blooming and telling us it's time to get back outside again. Life is moving fast around my house as my son is finishing his senior year and preparing to go off to college. It is an exciting and hectic time for our family.

Speaking of hectic, our city dodged a near miss on December 26th. The path of the tornado stayed just west of our city. There were no reports of major damage to any homes in Oak Leaf. Several properties had minor damage and debris littering yards. Being out on that night, I saw much of the destruction first hand. S. Hampton Road was blocked with a tree down, but it was quickly cleared by a few Oak Leaf residents. I offer my heartfelt appreciation to these gentlemen and many others that jumped in to help that night. Both Westmoreland and Red Oak Creek Drive were completely blocked by downed trees. Numerous agencies and first responders were working across the area clearing roads and assisting residents that suffered damage. I wish I could name them all but the list is too long.

Many of us got to experience a real sense of community over the next week. It was a massive coordinated effort to move anything salvageable from Shields Elementary to the new location on Live Oak Street, hundreds of people showed up and worked at both locations to ready the new campus for kids returning from Christmas break. The support of the community was the most amazing thing I have ever experienced. Everyone that fol-

lowed the news, reporting on Shields, saw just how great our surrounding communities are.

Over the next few months, a couple of projects will be starting. The Woodhaven Bridge will be replaced with a new structure having steel truss framework and a concrete driving surface. The new bridge will be two-lanes wide and able to handle larger vehicles like trash trucks and school buses. Once that project is complete, the county will come in and rehabilitate the roads, widening them to their full width. For the second project, we are developing plans to build a pavilion on the city hall property. This will be the central feature of a future park, and we look forward to using it during the National Night Out event in October.

After serving the City of Oak Leaf for the last eight years, I decided not to run for another term as mayor. The May Council Meeting will be my last to preside over, but I will stay in contact with the Council and help them through the transition. The two other council members up for reelection also decided not to pursue new terms. So the Council will welcome two new members in June and have one vacancy to fill. I want to thank Mark Bounds and Matthew Gardner for their years of service to the citizens of Oak Leaf. I have enjoyed working with each of you over the years and hope that we have made positive strides for the city. I look forward to seeing everyone in October at National Night Out. Best wishes and greatest of blessings to each of you.

Take care,
Craig Wilson

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City hall will be closed:



Memorial Day
May 30th

Independence Day
July 4, 2016

Labor Day
Sept. 5, 2016

Vietnam Veterans Ceremony



There was a short ceremony hosted by the Daughters of the American Revolution remembering the men and women that died in the Vietnam War. The Honor Guard was there with citizens, veterans and council members. It was especially moving to see veterans shake hands and tell each other they were glad they had made it home.



December 8th

Discussing amendments to Chapter 3-Building Code.

January 12th

Cancelled

February 9th

Discussing and choosing new city logo but wanting color options.

March 8th

Reestablishment of Economic Business Development Board

April 12th

Cancelled

New council members, Jimmie Lamb and Susanne Ellis, will be taking office in May.

SELF DEFENSE CLASS



Classes are the **third Saturday** of each month.

Check the city's website for a monthly class schedule.

You can register by contacting City Staff.

DOG REGISTRATION CHANGES

NOW, you have the option of registering your dog for one or three years depending on the length of the rabies shot.

One-year registrations are \$5 for altered dogs and \$10 for unaltered dogs.

Three-year registrations are \$15 for altered dogs and \$30 for unaltered dogs. If you are registering your dog by mail, there is an additional \$1 charge per dog for registration.



CITY HALL ROOM RENTAL

The city hall meeting room is available to rent for public and private events. It has a 50-person capacity with a full kitchen and bathroom facilities. Tables and folding chairs are also provided. The rental fees are as follows:

Resident Rate: \$100.00

Non-resident Rate: \$150.00

Refundable Damage Deposit: \$150.00

For more information, please call or e-mail City Staff.

Spring Clean-Up

On **April 23rd**, the City's Spring Clean-up Event will be held from 8:00 a.m. to noon at city hall.

There will be dumpsters for household trash, debris and bulky items (no overly large items will be allowed) and a separate dumpster for metal items and appliances WITHOUT Freon.

All brush brought in will be placed in piles and must be manageable in size, and there will be a truck to haul off vehicle batteries and oils.

A paper shredding truck will also be on-site from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

We CANNOT accept concrete, paint (unless completely dried out) or hazardous waste.

KIDNET KORNER

1. Why did the banana go to the doctor?
2. What do you call a lazy kangaroo?
3. What do you call an owl that does magic tricks?
4. What do you call an everyday potato?
5. How do you put a baby alien to sleep?
6. What do you call a thieving alligator?



DCI SANITATION, LLC

972-646-5461



Holiday Schedule:

Pick-Up Scheduled for:

Week of...

Memorial Day, May 30th

Thursday, June 1st

No Recycling That Week

Independence Day, July 4th

Thursday, July 6th

No Recycling That Week

Labor Day, Sept. 5th

Thursday, Sept. 7th

No Recycling That Week

Basic Information: The standard amount of trash for a single household is 8 bags. D.C.I. Sanitation will pick-up two bundles of limbs/brush (*tied and weighing less than 50 lbs.*) each week. Also, they will pick up miscellaneous bulky items for a minimal fee. Call (972) 646-5461 for payment plans and discounts.

*****Remember to secure all trash and recyclables to prevent them from blowing into your neighbors' yards.*****

(1) It wasn't peeling well (2) A pouch potato (3) Whoodini (4) A commentator (5) You rocket (6) A Crookodile

HELPFUL HOUSEHOLD HINTS

- ❖ Cover refrigerator shelves with Press and Seal Wrap...then when it gets dirty, you just peel it off and apply a new piece.
- ❖ Slide the pillow case over the blade of the fan and pull it back. All the dust will fall into the bottom of the pillow case. Take it outside and shake it out when you're done.
- ❖ Since coffee filters are lint-free, you can swap them out for paper towels to give mirrors a no-streak shine.
- ❖ To help repel bugs. put a couple of drops of lavender or peppermint oil on a cotton ball or two and place in a small jar or container. Then poke holes in the lid and cover and put around a room.
- ❖ For insect repellent, add a couple of peppermint or lavender oil to 2 teaspoons of almond or sweet oil and dab on skin.



FIREWORKS

Shooting of fireworks is not permitted in the City of Oak Leaf.

Fireworks also traumatize many animals, since they experience everything through their senses. They can be overwhelmed by the sudden booms, flashes and the burning smells. Because of that, more pets run away on the Fourth of July and New Year's Eve, so make sure your pet is wearing proper identification.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CITIZENS



If you know of someone that may need assistance during and/or after a natural or man-made disaster, please let City Staff know.



Going out of town?

Did *you* know the Ellis County Sheriff's Office offers a house check service, which can utilized if you are on vacation or away on a trip? Just call 972-825-4901.

NEED A BUILDING PERMIT?

Unpermitted work done on a house may result in dire consequences, especially if the work causes damage to a structure. If an insurance claim is filed, the homeowner may be informed the loss will be not covered, because no inspections were done to discover construction defects or negligence.

Having a professional inspect the property not only protects their safety but also protects against liability in the future when it comes time to sell the residence. Work performed without a permit must be disclosed at the time of sale. Failure to do so could result in legal complications for the seller down the road.

Not only are permits needed for electrical, plumbing, and HVAC work but also for flatwork and hot water heaters.



What's wrong?

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Oak Leaf City Council meets at 301 Locust Drive the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The agenda is posted inside and outside of city hall and also on the city’s website. It is posted on Friday before the meeting, or 72 hours before any special called meeting.



CITY COUNCIL

Mayor: Craig Wilson
 Council: Mayor Pro Tem James Pierce, Joyce Liptak, Mark Bounds, Bob Rader and Matthew Gardner

MUNICIPAL COURT

The City of Oak Leaf has court every third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the city hall meeting area.

CITY STAFF

City Secretary: Ronda Quintana
 Assistant City Secretary/Court Clerk: Patty Ellis

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!



Be informed about events and happenings in Oak Leaf.

Sign up for Blackboard Connect and Constant Contact through the city’s website (www.oakleaftexas.org).

CITY HALL 972-617-2660 * 972-617-7108 FAX

UTILITIES:

DCI Sanitation	972-646-5461
OnCor Electric	800-242-9113
HILCO Electric	800-338-6425
Glenn Heights Water	972-223-1690
Rockett Water	972-617-3524
Sardis-Lone Elm Water	972-775-8566
Charter Communications	888-438-2427
AT&T	214-646-1587
TierOne	866-551-1367
Rise Broadband	844-411-7473
Air Canopy	972-617-8889
NextLink	682-333-0747
Time Warner Cable	800-892-4357

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER:

Waxahachie Daily Light	972-937-3310
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ANIMAL CONTROL: Emergencies ONLY

Call City Hall (Mon.-Fri. / 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.)	972-617-2660
Weekends & Nights	972-937-6060

EMERGENCY:

9-1-1

POISON CONTROL:	214-589-0911
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NON-EMERGENCY:

SHERIFF	972-825-4901
CONSTABLE	972-825-5317
RED OAK FIRE DEPARTMENT	469-218-7713
OVILLA FIRE DEPARTMENT	972-617-7375

MISCELLANEOUS:

Red Oak I.S.D.	972-617-2941
U.S. Post Office	800-275-8777
Ellis County Department of Development	972-825-5200

PUBLIC ADVERTISING (FREE) {Mon.-Sat. 8-10 a.m.}

KBEC 1390 Radio	972-938-1390
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