



City of Deer Park

Messenger

Summer 2017

West's Family to Visit Deer Park



Four of Deer Park Founder Simeon West's great-great-grandchildren will be in Deer Park this July to join in the city's 125th birthday celebration. Several events have been planned in their honor. We want Simeon's descendants to know about the significant contributions he made when he founded Deer Park.

They will have the opportunity to view the museum cabinets we put together that focus on Simeon West and his accomplishments.

A meet and greet event is scheduled for Monday, July 3 from 11am to 12:30pm at the Deer Park Public Library. It will be open to the public, so stop by and show the West Family some Texas hospitality. There will be a special program at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center on July 4 at 3pm. The family will be formally introduced to everyone. We'll have birthday cake to celebrate and commemorate this special occasion. The evening will conclude with Deer Park's spectacular fireworks show.


More details will be posted on our website at www.deerparktx.gov and our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/deerparktx as it becomes available.

4th Fest Hometown Celebration

This is an event you won't want to miss! In celebration of Deer Park's 125th anniversary, a reception will be held at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center at 3pm to meet the descendants of founder, Simeon West. Cake and refreshments will be served.

Ryan Harris and the Killin' Time Band will be performing indoors from 5 to 7pm, followed by the outdoor band, Flashpoint, from

7 to 9pm. Fireworks show starts at 9:15pm. If you are within the perimeters of the Jimmy Burke Activity Center or the Battleground Driving Range, show your patriotism by decorating your viewing area for the Most Patriotic Contest. This year, people who set up to watch fireworks from the Jimmy Burke Activity Center and the Battleground Driving Range are eligible to participate in the contest. Judging for the patriotic contest



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begins at 8pm. After the fireworks show, Flashpoint will wrap up the evening with more music from 9:45 to 10:30pm. Come out and enjoy the attractions, food, face painting, and arts & crafts for the children.



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
Sandra Watkins	City Secretary
Donna Todd	Director, Finance
Bill Philibert	Director, Human Resources
Bill Pedersen	Director, Public Works
Charlie Sandberg	Interim 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 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
Visitors Center	832-780-0973	203 Ivy Ave., Suite 606

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June

- 3 Siren Test 12pm
- 5 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 6 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 10 Siren Test 12pm
- 17 Siren Test 12pm
- 19 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 20 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 24 Siren Test 12pm
- 27 LEPC Meeting - 11am

July

- 1 Siren Test 12pm
- 4 City Services Closed - Independence Day
- 8 Siren Test 12pm
- 10 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 11 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 15 Siren Test 12pm
- 17 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 18 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 22 Siren Test 12pm
- 29 Siren Test 12pm

August

- 1 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 5 Siren Test 12pm
- 7 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 12 Siren Test 12pm
- 15 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 19 Siren Test 12pm
- 21 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 22 LEPC Meeting - 11am
- 26 Siren Test 12pm



1600 Georgia Ave.

www.battlegroundgolfcourse.com

Golf Course 281-478-2080

Republic Grill 281-478-2089

Deer Park 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 for 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.

Check the following for updates: the CAER Line 281-476-2237, Facebook (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 *Emergency Notification* under the *Quick Links* menu on the left, and click on the CodeRED icon.

City Secretary Retires

After serving the City of Deer Park for over 31 years, City Secretary Sandra Watkins officially retired on February 28, 2017. Sandra, a Texas Registered Municipal Clerk, began municipal service in Deer Park in 1985 as the Deputy City Secretary. She was appointed City Secretary in May 1992. During her tenure, she served as the Secretary/Treasurer for the Deer Park Local Emergency Planning Committee, as City Liaison and Secretary to the Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department Pension Board, as the City Records Management Officer, and as the City Municipal Election Administrator.

During the City Council meeting on February 21, Mayor Jerry Mouton read a proclamation in Sandra's honor, officially declaring February 28, 2017 as "Sandra Watkins Day." "It is my honor to dedicate a day in our city's history to a fantastic person who has done so much over the years to serve our citizens," said Mayor Mouton. "She has served for 31 years under three different mayors, and she has never failed to guide us, from effectively managing elections and working closely with City Council, to maintaining city records, and leading a dedicated staff."

As a member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, Sandra earned her designation as a Certified Municipal Clerk in 2004. Additionally, she has served on the State Executive Board for the Texas Municipal Clerks Association (TMCA) as a Trustee from 2011 to

2013, served as Secretary in 2014, Treasurer in 2015, and Vice President in 2016. She has also been a convener and co-presenter at several TMCA seminars and was selected as the TMCA's State Municipal Clerk of the Year in 2015.



Locally, Sandra has been an active member of the TMCA Salt Grass Chapter, hosting Notary Public Training twice, and the Public Information Workshop for the Chapter for the past 13 years. This will also be her eighth year as a co-presenter of the H-GAC Election Workshop.

"Sandi has been a very strong leader in our state-level organization, as well as for our local Salt Grass Chapter, and we have all been very fortunate to work with her and learn from her experience," Deputy City Secretary Shannon Bennett said. "Our office will not be the same without her, and she will be greatly missed."

Sandra Watkins has been succeeded by Shannon Bennett as City Secretary for the City of Deer Park.

Drive Safely

The City of Deer Park prohibits the use of wireless communication devices while driving. Please use your cell phone in hands-free mode if you must use it.

Hurricane Preparation



Hurricane Season

Below are some tips to help keep you and your family safe before, during, and after a hurricane.

Before the Hurricane

- At this point, the goal is to reduce the risk of damage to your home from winds and flooding.
- Hurricane winds can cause trees and branches to fall. 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, including old lumber, and secure items that are typically outside, such as patio furniture, garden tools, garbage cans, and toys. Anchor objects that are unsafe or bring inside like gas grills and propane tanks.

Hurricane is Approaching

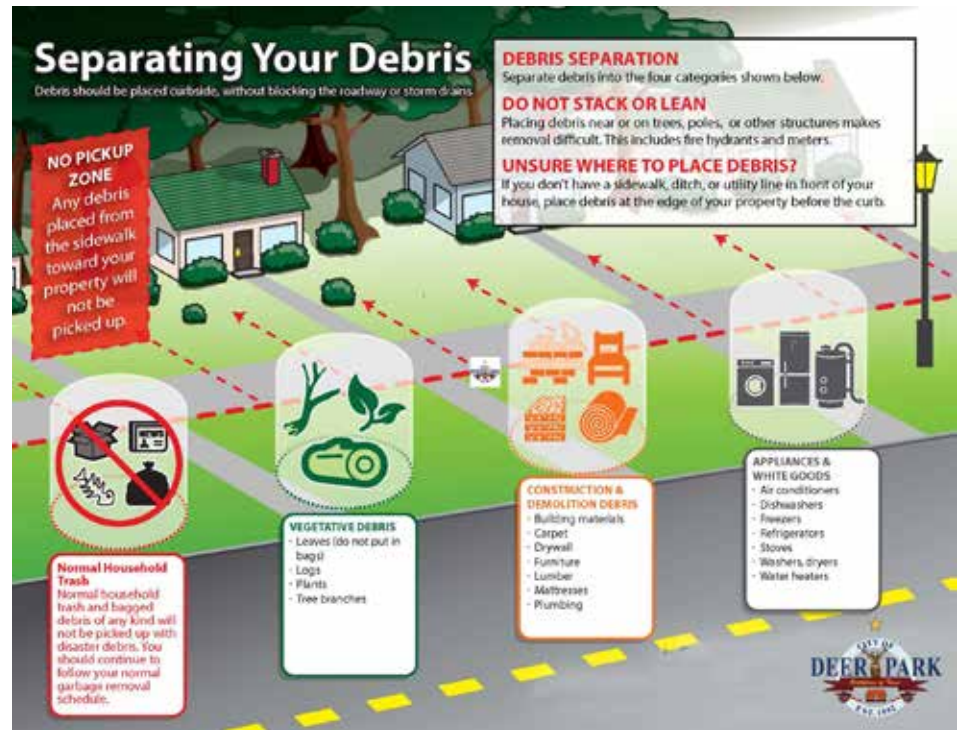
- Do not cut down trees or do any major yard work.
- Do not begin construction projects that produce debris.
- Once a hurricane watch or warning is issued, do not trim vegetation of any kind. Mass cutting places a tremendous burden on the normal collection

process. Unfortunately, there is not enough equipment or manpower to collect the additional material once the storm makes landfall. All of the 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 normal scheduled collection day.
- Carry any storm debris to the curb/right-of-way (between the sidewalk and curb). City employees cannot pick up debris on private property.
- Please be patient. City employees will pick up household



Public Works

garbage and storm debris as quickly as possible. To help speed up the process, 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#>.



Flood Insurance

Hurricane season is June 1 through November 30. Flood insurance is highly recommended because no flood proofing measure is 100% guaranteed. Most homeowners' insurance policies do not cover a property for flood damage. The City of Deer Park participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) so local insurance agents

can sell an NFIP policy under rules and rates set by the federal government. Any agent can sell a policy and all agents must charge the same rate.

Any structure in Deer Park can be covered by a flood insurance policy. Detached garages and accessory buildings are covered under the policy for the lot's main building. There are two types of coverage which can be purchased separately:

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

Coverage for things outside of the house, like the driveway and landscaping, is not available. If you have

a policy, check it closely. You may only have structural coverage (that's all that banks require). When flooding occurs, there is usually more damage to the furniture and contents than there is to the structure. Don't wait for the next flood to buy insurance protection. There is a 30-day waiting period after you purchase a flood insurance policy before coverage is in effect. Contact your insurance agent for more information on rates and coverage.

City Projects

- *Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project* - This project is identified in the 10-year Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Plan and is split into two phases. In May 2013, City Council authorized staff to enter into a contract with CDM Smith for the design of Phase I. Phase I was awarded to CSA Construction for \$4,908,600. Construction for Phase I began in June 2015 and is almost complete. In November 2015, the city entered into a contract with CDM Smith for the design of Phase II in the amount of \$2,130,425. The estimated construction cost for the project is \$14,458,400. Phase II of the project should go out for bid during the 2nd quarter in 2017. The project is being funded with Certificates of Obligation.
- *New City Hall* - The city has contracted with Cre8 Architects to design the new city hall. The building will be built on the vacant property east of the existing city hall. After the construction of the new building, the existing building will be demolished. The project

Resident Reminder

Residents are reminded that portable basketball goals are not allowed on public streets or sidewalks. Basketball goals in the street and on the sidewalk interfere with vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Please keep basketball goals on private property on the side of the public sidewalk that is closest to your home. Thank you for your cooperation.



Public Works

was awarded to Construction LTD. at the cost of \$6,121,000. Construction is expected to be completed in April 2018.

- **City Hall Parking Lot Expansion** - The existing parking lot, behind city hall, is being expanded to include 49 additional parking spaces. The services of T. F. Harper were purchased through a local cooperative purchase plan in the amount of \$314,164.30. Construction began in March 2017 and is expected to be completed in the 2nd quarter of 2017.
- **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 July 6, 2015, the Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) Board authorized staff to approach City Council to begin the bid process. Unfortunately, the bids received exceeded available funding. The project was redesigned and went out for rebid in early 2016. 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.
- **Construction of New Animal Shelter** - In July 2015, City Council approved using funds from Certificates of Obligation for the construction of a new animal shelter and equipment. A Request for Qualifications was issued and reviewed by a selection committee of 7 members. City Council authorized city staff to negotiate a contract

with Quorum Architects, Inc. for professional design services. The city has allocated \$2.8 million from the sale of Certificates of Obligation for the project. The project is expected to go out for bid during the 2nd quarter in 2017.

- **Street Replacement Project** - In November 2015, the city received \$7.5 million from the sale of Series 2015 Certificates of Obligation, of which \$4.7 million was allocated for street reconstruction projects. These funds, along with \$1,718,148 in the Capital Improvement Funds (FY 2016-2017) will fund this project. The Street Replacement Project includes Baron Lane, Cork Lane, Dahlia Lane, Ember Lane, Fleet Lane, Glacier Lane, Hastings Lane, Iris Lane, Justin Lane, Kelvin Lane, Amherst Lane, Brown Lane, West 9th Street from Boston Avenue to Center Street, and West 12th Street from the dead end to Center Street. This project is currently in the design phase.
- **Water & Sewer Maintenance Building** - In September 2016, City Council authorized staff to advertise and seek bids on the construction of the New Water & Sewer Maintenance Building which will be located at the City Maintenance Facility on Luella Avenue. This facility will also serve as a backup Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for city staff. The project was awarded to Arnold Construction in the amount of \$550,485 and will be funded out of Certificate of Obligation Bond Funds.
- **Water Treatment Plant Main-**

tenance Shop - In September 2016, City Council authorized staff to advertise and seek bids on the construction of a maintenance shop, which will be located at the City's Surface Water Treatment Plant located on East X Street. Arnold Construction was awarded the project at a cost of \$221,290. This project will be funded out of Certificate of Obligation Bond Funds.

- **Battleground Golf Course Maintenance Driveway** - After experiencing flooding rains May 4 through 29, 2015, the Battleground Golf Course Maintenance Facility Driveway suffered infrastructure damage. It was determined that these damages were eligible for FEMA Public Assistance reimbursement coverage due to the Presidential Disaster Declaration. Cobb, Fendley & Associates was hired to perform the engineering and design work for the project. On December 21, 2016, City Council awarded the construction of the project to RAC Industries for \$207,639.95.

Streetlights

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



Police Department

Citizen's Police Academy

The Deer Park Police Dept. is currently recruiting citizens for the 36th class of the Citizen's Police Academy. Classes begin on August 17, 2017 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.

Paws4Police

The Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association invites you to join us for our First Annual Fourth Fest Paws4Police. Paws4Police is a fun-filled family friendly 3K dog walk and festival for dogs and their families on July 4 at Ella and Friends Dog Park, located at 500 W. 13th Street, from 8am to 2pm. Bring your dogs, children, and patriotic spirit as we kick off Deer Park's Fourth Fest activities and honor the men and women who protect our commu-



nity and risk their lives to protect us, the Deer Park Police Department! There will be music, vendors, pet services, raffles, silent auctions, concessions, and much more. You can even enter your fur baby in the best dressed patriotic dog contest, which will be judged by 3 of our city's "Big-Dogs." Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 best-dressed patriotic dogs.

Deer Park Animal Hospital staff will be there to answer any questions you may have. And if you don't already have a dog, the Deer Park Animal Shelter will have lots of cute furry friends waiting to be adopted!

Registration is required. Each paid registration receives a raffle ticket for hourly prize drawings (no need to be present to win) and a Paws4Police T-Shirt. All proceeds benefit our Deer Park Police Department.

\$25 for Adults (13 years old & over)
\$10 for Children 6 to 12 years old
Free for Children 5 & under

For more information, go to www.dpcpaaa.org or find our Paws4Police Facebook page. For questions, contact Charles Thomas at 713-444-0497 or dpcpaaa@comcast.net. The Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association is a non-profit organization created by Deer Park Police Citizen's Police Academy students. To learn more about this program, contact Sheila Plovanich, Community Liaison at 281-930-2118 or splovanich@deerparktx.org.

Traffic Accident Reports

In 2015, the Texas Legislature passed a new bill affecting how

local governmental agencies release crash reports. Previously, the law required the person making the request to provide a minimum of 2 details from the following: the date of the accident, the location of the accident, or the name of a person involved in the accident. The change in the law has narrowed the list of people who have a right to obtain the information in the crash report. The people who can obtain the crash report include the driver involved in the accident, an employer, parent, or legal guardian of a driver involved in the accident, the owner of a vehicle or property damaged in the accident, a person who has established financial responsibility for a vehicle involved in the accident, an insurance company that issued an insurance policy covering a vehicle or any person involved in the accident, and any person who may sue because of death resulting from the accident. If you do not meet one of these criteria, you may still request the crash report, but it will be a redacted copy.



Requesting Information

The Texas Public Information Act requires all requests for records and information to be made in writing. To request information you may submit a written request in person, submit a request by fax to 281-479-4372, submit a request by e-mail to policerecords@deerparktx.org, or submit a request by mail to Deer

Police Department

Park Police Department, 2911 Center St., Deer Park, TX 77536.

The process typically takes a few days, but it may vary depending on the type of accident and how quickly the report moves through the approval process. By law, the department is allowed 10 business days to process requests. Fees associated with crash reports are \$6 for a crash report with or without redactions, \$8.00 for a certified copy of a crash report, and \$6.00 for agency certification that no accident report or information exists in its files.



Sexting

Sexting means sending provocative or sexual images and/or messages using electronics. In regards to teenagers, cell phones appear to be the most commonly used electronic device for sexting. Teenagers see it as flirtatious fun. Some teens may do it because of peer pressure. Unfortunately, teenagers fail to recognize that these actions can have serious consequences. In the State of Texas, sexting may be considered a criminal offense, even if all parties involved are willing participants. Sexual images of males or females under the age of 18 may be considered child pornography and possibly lead to criminal charges.

Texas punishes teen sexting under its law against electronically transmitting sexual depictions of children. Under this law, it is illegal for one minor to electronically send an

image of someone younger than 18 years old to another minor, including images of the sender, recipient, or another underage person. However, minors have a defense to prosecution when the images are solely of the sender or recipient, were sent within a dating relationship, and both parties are not more than 2 years apart in age, even if one party is 18 or older.

Images sent to harass or bully the recipient may incur additional penalties for the sender. (Tx. Stat. & Code Ann. § 43.261.)

Adults who sext with minors may be prosecuted for distributing sexual images to a minor, possessing or distributing child pornography, or promoting sexual performance by a minor. These crimes are generally punished as felonies.

Not all consequences for sexting are criminal. Many teenagers have been bullied, harassed, and teased because the provocative or sexual images were circulated to many others beyond the intended original recipient. For example, a teenager is convinced to take a picture of herself partially nude and send it to her boyfriend's cell phone. After their relationship ends, the ex-boyfriend blasts her photo out to his friends via social media, allowing people all over the world to view it, save it, and continue to circulate it to others. Unfortunately, experiences like this have caused many teenagers to lose their job or position on an athletic team. Teenagers may even experience so much humiliation and embarrassment that they end up dropping out of school.

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

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for May 30-June 10 in the library's meeting room during normal business hours. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Deer Park Library. Proceeds from the book fair provide incentive prizes for the summer reading program.

Summer Reading Club Build a Better World

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

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last day to turn in a book log for a prize is Aug. 12.

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

Teens may choose to participate in the *Build a Better World* reading program geared for teenagers with similar incentives and guidelines.

Registration for the reading club begins May 30. A detailed brochure of weekly activities and rewards are available at the library.

Adult Reading Program *May 30-August 12*

Make the most of your summer by joining the library's adult summer reading program, *Build a Better World*. At the end of summer, there will be a drawing for two \$50 gift cards provided by the Friends of the Library. Stop by the library to pick up your entry form, start reading, 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 Great Galveston Hurricane of 1900, the early Texas concerts of Elvis Presley, and the first-hand experience of a World War II survivor.

Featured Fridays will be a part of Deer Park's 125th celebration. The 2017 series will include several programs dedicated to state and local history. For more information, go to www.deerparktx.gov/library or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DeerParkTX.Library.

Join us as we learn more about our heritage!

Beginning Crochet *For ages 8 to Adult* *Tuesdays, 7-8pm*

This is a free crochet class for any skill level. Learn how to crochet, read a pattern, or discover new techniques. Initial materials provided. No weekly commitment. Come *hook* up with us and *unwind* a little!

Movie Flicks *Mondays, 10:30am-12pm* *June 12-July 31*

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 15-August 3*

Join us for an afternoon movie. We'll provide the snacks! Contact the library at 281-478-7208 for movie titles. Movies will be rated PG or PG-13.

Infant Lapsit Storytime *For ages 0 to 2* *Tuesdays, 10:15am* *June 13-August 15*

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, 10:15am* *June 15-August 17*

The 20 to 30 minute 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 15-August 17*

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.

Special Events *For ages 4 & over*

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:15am
June 14: Snakes with Clint the Snake Man
June 21: Express Theatre's *Sinbad the Sailor*
June 28: Happy the Clown
July 12: Mad Science of Houston, *Up, Up, & Away*
July 19: Houston Audubon Society, *Birds, Books, & Beyond*
July 26: Julian Franklin, *Work Smarter, Not Harder*
Aug. 2: Houston Grand Opera, *Storybook Opera*

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

June 13: Straw Rocket Craft
June 20: Lego Mask Craft
June 27: 4th of July Craft
July 5: Special Wednesday Craft at 10:30am, *DIY Paper Spinner*
July 11: Paper Roll Windsock Craft

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July 18: Make Your Own Pinwheel
July 25: Craft Stick Airplane
Aug. 1: Sharpie Tie Dye (Bring your own T-shirt, pillowcase, etc.)

PreTeen Crafts

For ages 9-11
Tuesdays, 3-4pm

June 13: Build with Craft Sticks
June 20: Origami Time
June 27: Red, White, & Blue Craft
July 5: Special Wednesday Craft at 10:30am, DIY Paper Spinner
July 11: Game Day
July 18: Paracord Bracelets
July 25: Build with Lego
Aug. 1: Sharpie Tie Dye (Bring your own T-shirt, pillowcase, etc.)

Teen Time

For ages 12 & over
Wednesdays, 3-5pm
Starts June 14

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.

Mysteries & More Book Club

Meetings are on every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6pm. Discussions will be about books from a variety of genres. Registration is not required. You are welcome to come whether you have read the books or not. For more information, go to www.deerparktx.gov/library or call 281-478-7208.

June 13 - L.A. Detectives, *The Promise* by Robert Crais & *The Crossing* by Michael Connelly

July 11 - Suspense Fiction, *What She Knew* by Gilly MacMillan

August 8 - World War II, *Girl in the Blue Coat* by Monica Hesse & *Dancing in Bomb Shelters* by Johanna Wyckoff

Computer Classes

Computer classes are free, but registration is required. Open lab sessions are also available.

- **Introduction to Computers** - Become familiar with computers and technical terminology, plus get comfortable using a mouse, opening software applications, and other basic skills.
- **Browsing the Web** - Learn the basic skills of browsing the world wide web. Topics include search engines, simple search techniques, security precautions, and the basics of e-mail.
- **Using Social Networks** - Learn the basics of social networking sites and how they are used. Websites to be discussed include Facebook, Pinterest, Twitter, and LinkedIn.
- **Microsoft Word 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 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 PowerPoint 2016 Basics** - Become familiar with the 2016 version of PowerPoint and learn how to create a presentation using themes, illustrations, transitions, and animation.

More Career Resources

Are you confused and exhausted by the job hunt? You are not alone. The Deer Park Public Library offers 2 classes for those seeking employment. Our Finding a Job class offers hints and strategies to bring you up

to speed with the 21st century application process. The Keys for Career Seekers class will introduce you to powerful library resources that can lead you in the right direction. You will also understand how to navigate well-known websites designed to help job seekers at any stage of their career. Take the next step towards your professional future and sign up for one of our career classes! Registration is required. For more information, call 281-478-7208.

New Arrivals for Adults

June

- *The Silent Corner* by Dean Koontz
- *Camino Island* by John Grisham
- *No Middle Name: The Complete Collected Jack Reacher Short Stories* by Lee Child
- *Murder Games* by James Patterson & Howard Roughan

July

- *Paradise Valley: A Novel* by C. J. Box
- *The Late Show* by Michael Connelly
- *Two Nights* by Kathy Reichs

August

- *Seeing Red* by Sandra Brown
- *The Store* by James Patterson
- *The Good Daughter* by Karin Slaughter



Library Hours

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

Art Park Players

Modeling Camp

Activity #6443, June 5-9, 10am-12pm, for ages 6-18, \$80 per child, Municipal Court & Theatre 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.

Advanced Modeling Camp

Activity #6444, June 12-16, 10am-12pm, for ages 6-18, \$80 per child, Municipal Court & Theatre 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.

Acting Camp

Activity #6442, June 19-23, 2-5pm, for ages 10 to 18, \$80 per child, Municipal Court & Theatre Building This camp focuses on the art of acting and provides extensive training on the various techniques used in comedic and dramatic performances. An acting showcase will be presented at camp's end.

Shrek Drama Camp

Activity #6441, June 5-16, 1-5pm, for ages 6 to 18, \$150 per child, Municipal Court & Theatre Building The wait is over. The Junior Art

Park Players musical theatre summer camp is one you won't want to miss! It's 2 weeks of food, games, special events, and all things stage. Drama camp includes a daily meal, swimming pool field trips, camp T-shirt, and a Shrek musical revue at camp's end. All participants will receive a free ticket to the main stage production of SHREK, where they'll also have the opportunity to meet the cast and take photos.



Shrek On Stage

*July 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21 & 22
\$30 Dinner and Show Ticket
\$15 Show Only Ticket*

"Once upon a time, there was a big, green, lovable ogre named Shrek..." And, thus begins the fairy tale of an unlikely hero who finds himself on a life-changing journey alongside a wisecracking donkey, a feisty princess who resists her rescue, and a cast of banished fairy tale misfits. Through heroic feats, Shrek reverses a curse and learns to raise his freak flag high. This wonderfully zany musical for the whole family is part romance, part twisted fairy tale, and all irreverent fun for everyone!



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 & Theatre Building located at 1302 Center St.

Prescription Program

The City of Deer Park, in collaboration with the National League of Cities, offers a prescription discount card program that may save residents an average of 24% off the regular retail price of prescription drugs at participating pharmacies. The card is free to all Deer Park residents, regardless of age, income, or existing health insurance. For more information, call 888-620-1749 toll free or go to www.deerparktx.gov, hover over *Our Community*, and click on *Prescription Discount Card Program*.



To access the program online, print a card, check drug prices, or locate participating pharmacies, visit www.caremark.com/nlc. Residents may also pick up a card at the City of Deer Park City Hall, Community Center, Public Library, Maxwell Adult Center, or Police Station.

Parks & Recreation

Fencing: Beginner's Foil

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30pm, for ages 6 & over, \$35 per person per month, Deer Park Community Center A basic foil fencing course designed to introduce beginners to the rules and convention of foil fencing with emphasis on footwork, blade work, and safety.

Yoga

Tuesdays, 6:45-7:45pm, for ages 13 & over, \$45 per month, Avon Center Yoga is a non-competitive, non-judgemental form of mind and body exercise that works to develop strength, cultivate flexibility, as well as tone muscles. Participants at all levels of fitness welcome.

Movie in the Park

Join us for a movie every first Saturday of the month at Dow Park. Movie starts at dusk. The event is free and for all ages. In case of inclement weather, the movie will be moved into the Earl Dunn Gym.

June 3 - Monster Truck (PG)
July 1 - Lego Batman (PG)
Aug. 5 - Fantastic Beasts (PG-13)
Sept. 2 - The Wild Life (PG)
Oct. 7 - Monster House (PG)
Nov. 4 - Beauty and the Beast (PG)

Aqua Zumba

Mondays & Wednesdays, June 5-Aug. 30, 7:15pm-8pm, for ages 13 & over, \$55 per person per month, Dow Park Pool Aqua zumba is definitely not your typical water workout, but it can fit anyone's needs. Shake, shimmy, and sizzle in the water as we create some heat Zumba style! It is a safe, effective, and challenging water-based workout that integrates the Zumba formula and philosophy with traditional aqua fitness. Please wear water shoes. Class is monthly and limited to 80 participants.

Camp Crabgrass

Monday-Friday, sessions: June 5-9, June 12-16 & June 19-June 23, 7:30am-5:30pm, for ages 6 to 11, \$105 per session for residents, \$115 per session for non-residents, Jimmy Burke Activity Center Children will enjoy a full week of swimming, archery, and more. All campers need a sack lunch and 2 snacks per day. Limited to 80 per session. A parent packet must be completed before the first day of camp.

Summer Track

Monday-Friday, Starts June 5, 8-10am, for children in Kindergarten through 12th grade, \$45 per child, North Campus High School Track The track team competes in the Gulf Coast Track Circuit, which partnered with Texas Amateur Athletic Foundation. Therefore, meets will be at the local, regional, and state level. The program is designed for all athletes, regardless of training or skill. Track practices are Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Meets are Tuesday and Thursday. Come to some or come to all, it's your choice. A calendar of events will be distributed at the parents meeting during the first practice. Birth certificate is required.

VolleyTots

June 6-8 & July 24-26, 9:15-10:15am, for ages 4 to 7, \$45 per child, Earl Dunn Gym This camp is designed for young children to promote volleyball, fitness, and fun at an early age. VolleyTots play with a lighter ball, a lower net, and smaller court. Fun drills and games develop a child's hand-eye coordination, spatial awareness, tracking skills, large motor skill development, muscle strength, and a love for physical activity.

All Skills Volleyball Camp

June 6-8 & July 24-26, 10:30am-12:20pm, for ages 8 to 11, \$45 per child, Earl Dunn Gym This camp is designed for beginning to intermediate level volleyball players looking to improve all areas of their game. Players will be divided up by age, ability, and experience. Campers will be taught all of the fundamentals of volleyball, including passing, setting, hitting, and serving. On the last day of camp, we will have a mini tournament.

Tennis Camp

June 6-8, 10am-12pm, \$35 per week for Future Stars I (ages 5-7) and II (ages 8-9), \$70 per week for Novice and Beginner All-Stars (ages 10-12), \$90 per week for Advanced, Dow Park Tennis Courts Session I of Tennis Camp begins June 6 and the last session of the summer begins August 15. Fridays are reserved for make up days due to rainouts, not missed days. All participants will receive a T-shirt. Practice rackets are provided for those who may need to borrow one.

Little Medical School

June 12-16, \$100 per child, Deer Park Community Center, Room 6 This program was designed by teachers and physicians. Children will learn about the exciting field of medicine through hands-on demonstrations, crafts, and games. They'll explore what's in a doctor's bag, learn the functions of the heart and what happens to your body when you digest food, and so much more. The curriculum is STEM based.

For ages 4-7, Monday - Thursday, 10-11:15am & Friday, 10-11am
For ages 8-10, Monday - Thursday, 11:30am-12:45pm & Friday, 11:30am-12:30pm

Parks & Recreation

Summer Concert Series

Join us for music and fun at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center grounds on Thursdays at 7pm this summer. The series kicks off on June 9 with Country Music Superstar Sunny Sweeney from 6 to 8pm.

June 15 - Studio 1

June 22 - Yeba's Latin Fire Band

June 29 - Faith Night

July 13 - Hidden Shadows

July 20 - Curtis King Band

July 27 - Silver Shoes

Aug. 3 - 4 Barrel Ramblers

Aug. 10 - Big Noyzz

Junior Angler

June 14, 10am-12pm, for ages 6 & over, no cost, Jimmy Burke Activity Center Learn basic fishing skills and techniques, as well as some of the laws and regulations that govern the sport. The class includes casting practice, fish identification, and learning about habitats.

Daddy-Daughter Dance

June 17, 7-9pm, for all ages, \$35 per couple & \$15 for each additional daughter (through June 11) or \$45 per couple & \$20 for each additional daughter (beginning June 12), Jimmy Burke Activity Center Come dance and enjoy a night in Paris! There won't be a shortage of awe-inspiring moments when you join us for this captivating evening. Get ready for refreshments, music, and door prizes. Photos will be available for a small fee.

Skills Basketball Academy

\$55 per child, DPISD Gym

Session I: June 19-21

For ages 6 to 10, 9-11am

For ages 11 to 12, 12-2pm

Session II: July 10-12

For ages 6 to 10, 9-11am

For ages 11 to 15, 12-2pm

A basketball skills training camp emphasizing the development of proper basketball skills (shooting and ball handling). On court training, as well as video and picture evidence as demonstrated by some of the top players in the world will be used to support what is taught in this camp.

Special Populations Swim Lessons

June 20-30, 8:10-8:50am, for all ages, \$55 per person, Dow Park Pool This class is designed for your loved ones who need special assistance and would like learn to swim. Lessons will be taught by Ellis certified instructors. We will work to do our best to meet the needs of your loved one as an individual. Parents/guardians are asked to stay during the lessons. Session II begins on July 7 at 7pm. Session III begins on August 11 at 7pm.

Tiny Tykes

June 26-30, 8:30-9:30am for ages 2 to 3 & 9:30-10:30am for ages 4 to 5, \$111 per child, Earl Dunn Gym Tiny Tykes Soccer is a new and exciting program that teaches basic soccer skills while developing strength, balance, coordination, listening skills, and team work. Our professional, licensed British coaches will provide children with a positive soccer experience.

Paint Me

July 7, 14, 21 & 28, 1-3pm, for all ages, \$7 per person, Deer Park Community Center It's a plaster painting opportunity every Friday for all ages. This is a basic painting class limited to 40 participants. Several different ceramics pieces are available to paint and take home. First come, first serve basis.

Hero Safety School

July 12 & 25, 6-7:30pm, for ages 3 to 11, \$15 per child, Deer Park Community Center, Room 12, Instructor Tania Weber Imagine a world where your children are confident. Through games and roll play, children will learn about topics, such as getting lost, keeping secrets, coding words and phrases, being home alone, safe people, having a safe room in your home, body safety and boundaries, and child-sized self-defense. This class is great for children and parents to learn to work as a team. A coloring book, hero bracelet for responding with correct answers, super hero certificate, and a take-home packet with more information is included. Parents are free when registering with a child.

Little Veterinarian School

July 31-August 4, \$100 per child, Deer Park Community Center, Room 10 This class encourages children in elementary to junior high school to role play and explore the exciting world of veterinarians. Using interactive demonstrations, crafts, and games, children will learn how to take care of a pet and use instruments that real veterinarians use. *For ages 4-7, Monday - Thursday, 10-11:15am & Friday, 10-11am* *For ages 8-10, Monday - Thursday, 11:30am-12:45pm & Friday, 11:30am-12:30pm* *For ages 11-14, Monday-Thursday, 1:30-2:45pm & Friday, 1:30-2:30pm*

Nature Camp

August 14-18, 7:30am-5:30pm, for ages 6 to 12, \$105 per child for residents, \$115 per child for non-residents, Dow Park If your child loves the outdoors, then nature camp is

Healthy Living

Family Fitness

Focus on family fitness during the summer months when children are out of school. In many ways, summer is synonymous with family time, vacations, and simply spending time outdoors together. Studies show that children who grow up in families with active adults are more likely to become active adults themselves. Parents serve as role models for their children on a daily basis. Luckily, there are plenty of options for family time, such as taking a family hike, walking the dog as a family, making a homemade healthy meal together once a week, playing Twister, going swimming, going to the park, riding your bicycles, playing chase, playing baseball, jumping on a trampoline, jumping on a pogo stick, or rock climbing. Teaching your children to live a healthy lifestyle is more important than ever before. It also encourages us as parents and adults to make better choices for our health. Remember, lead by example. The next time your children ask you to dance when all you want to do is lay on the couch, get up and dance. Life is too short, so have fun with your children! You will all be happier and healthier.



Parks & Rec

the place for them! Days will consist of time outside on the playground, playing outdoor games, traveling to different parks, learning archery, and drinking lots of water. Each child needs to bring a sack lunch with 2 drinks and a snack each day. An additional afternoon snack will be provided. Space is limited to the first 45 children. A parent packet must be completed before the first day of camp. Field trips are to the Baytown Nature Center and Moody Gardens.

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



Employee Awards

January

Supervisor



Tim Rawls

Central Collections

January

Support Staff



John Stein

Information Technology

January

Field Service



Johnny Valdez

Public Works

February

Support Staff



Monce Noguez

Central Collections

February

Field Service



Bobby Phillips

Public Works

March

Supervisor



Daryl Denzer

Information Technology

March

Support Staff



David Eck

Parks & Recreation

March

Field Service



David Ortiz

Public Works

Maxwell Center

Astros Game

For ages 55 & over
Thursday, June 29, 12pm
\$15 per person,
includes \$15 food voucher

Jimmy Burke Activity Center

Take me out to the ballgame! Let's go root for the home team as the Astros take on the Athletics!



Downtown Tunnel Shopping

For ages 55 & over
Friday, July 14, 10am
\$3 per person

Jimmy Burke Activity Center

Ride with us to one of the best shopping destinations in the Houston area, the Downtown Houston Tunnel System underground shopping mall.



Dunham Bible Museum

For ages 55 & over
Tuesday, July 18, 9am
\$10 per person, not including lunch

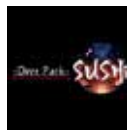
Jimmy Burke Activity Center

Catch a ride with us as we visit the Dunham Bible Museum, the Museum of Southern History and the Museum of American Architecture and Decorative Arts!

Economic Development

Business News

- Deer Park graduate, Jeremy Miller, recently returned from serving his country overseas in the U.S. Marine Corps. He has opened his own home improvement/handyman business, *Miller's Home Solutions*. Hire Jeremy for your next home project, such as sheet rock repair, painting, fence replacement, landscaping, home theater installation, small appliance repair, and much more. Call Jeremy at 713-834-4357 for more information.
- Merle Norman* has moved to 2504 Center Street (next door to Las Hadas Mexican restaurant).
- Pho Central Vietnamese* noodle restaurant is open at 8011 Spencer Highway (corner of Spencer and Academy, across the street from San Jacinto College).
- Firehouse Subs* is celebrating its 5-year anniversary in Deer Park at 3717 Center Street.
- Deer Park Sushi* has officially opened at 3811 Center Street (next door to Lone Star Taco). Their menu is huge, the prices are low, and the atmosphere is fun and cozy.
- Deer Park graduate (Class of 1994) and local resident, Terry Webb, has recently opened his new plumbing business – named after his two children, Bailey and Cameron Webb. If you need a licensed plumber that will show up on time, charge a reasonable price, and finish in a timely manner, then call *Bay Cam Plumbing* today at 832-858-2758.



- Sisters and Deer Park natives, Leona Roberts and Sarah Riggs, have relocated their bakery, *Somethin' Sweet*, to 118 Dixie Drive (formerly the location of Sweet Peas Children's Boutique, across the street from the Deer Park Post Office).
- Lovely Lash Glam Bar* has opened at 4910 Luella (near Spencer Highway). Deer Park graduate, Dina Lopez, offers a variety of services for lashes and brows, including lash extension, brow shaping, microblading (semi-permanent brow color), and threading (facial hair removal). To schedule an appointment, call 281-884-8341.
- The old H-E-B building is currently under construction with build-out spaces for both *Planet Fitness* and *Value Dollar*.



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

Facebook

The City of Deer Park is on Facebook! To connect, go to www.deerparktx.gov/facebook.

Online Payments

You can now pay for ambulance fees, retiree insurance, property taxes, court payments, water bills, and building permits online. Go to www.deerparktx.gov for details.

Council Actions

February 2017

- Authorized a change order for Year 6 SSO Program in the amount of \$74,132.51.
- Accepted the completion of the Surface Water Treatment Plant Valve Replacement project. Final cost was \$97,076.61.
- Accepted the completion of Phase I of the Wastewater Plant Renovation project. Final cost was \$4,998,654.
- Accepted the Deer Park Community Development Corporation's Quarterly Report for the period of October 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.
- Authorized staff to seek bids to obtain lease-purchase financing for a 2017 Freightliner garbage truck for the Sanitation Dept.
- Authorized staff to seek proposals for a licensed preschool program service for the Parks and Recreation Department at the Community Center.
- Approved the purchase of a 2017 Freightliner garbage truck for the Sanitation Dept. through the Houston-Galveston Area Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$181,375.
- Accepted the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee's recommendation for space-naming and donation opportunities for the new Deer Park Animal Shelter and Adoption Center.
- Approved an agreement with Halff Associates, Inc. for architectural services for the Deer Park Community Development Corporation's development of hike and bike trails in the amount of \$45,000.
- Approved an agreement with Deer Park Independent School District for the provision of a precinct polling location on election day pursuant to HB 1.
- Approved an agreement with San Jacinto College District for the provision of a precinct polling location on election day pursuant to HB 1.
- Approved an ordinance appointing a member to the Parks & Recreation Commission.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2016-2017 budget for the additional cost necessary to complete the purchase of a Skid Steer Loader for the Sanitation Dept.
- Approved the purchase of a Skid Steer Loader for the Sanitation Department through the Houston-Galveston Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$56,186.
- Approved an ordinance correcting the ending effective date approving certain industrial district agreements.
- Approved the emergency repairs of a 10" sewer force main located at Center Street and State Highway 225.
- Scheduled a Joint Public Hearing to amend Ordinance No. 819, Zoning Ordinance.
- Awarded the bid to South Pools, Inc. for construction of the Deer Park Community Development Corporation's Dow Park Pavilion and Improvements project in the amount of \$617,737.50.
- Approved the Historical Committee's recommendation to authorize an agreement with SWCA Environmental Consultants for due diligence and application for an official Texas historical marker for the Mark W. Jackson and William Wilson gravesite.
- Approved the purchase and installation of a wrought iron fence from Gray Layne Construction for the Dow Park gravesite of Mary W. Jackson and William Wilson in the amount of \$3,050.
- Accepted completion of the Hillshire and Estate Waterline Rehabilitation project. Final cost was \$700,255.75.
- Accepted completion of the Gateway Monument Repair project. Final cost was \$46,965.
- Authorized staff to advertise and receive bids for the replacement of the 10" force main at the Harris County Flood Control District Unit B112-00-00.
- Authorized staff to advertise and receive bids for the new Deer Park Animal Shelter and Adoption Center.
- Approved the change to capital improvements and equipment requested by Touchstone Golf, LLC.
- Authorized the purchase of services from SKE Construction, LLC through BuyBoard for the Storm Drain Replacement project in the amount of \$50,939.60.
- Approved the purchase and installation of wellness equipment from Total Recreation Products, Inc. for McHenry Park at the Maxwell Adult Center.
- Authorized the Library to submit a grant application for the 2018 Impact Grant through the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2016-2017 budget for the Police Department Forfeiture Fund for the purchase

Council Actions

of Rapid Deployment Armor packages.

- Approved an ordinance calling a General Election on May 6, 2017 to elect a Mayor and three Council Members.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2015-2016 Budget for the Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2016-2017 Water & Sewer Fund Budget.

March 2017

- Accepted the Quarterly Investment Report for October through December 2016.
- Authorized the purchase of a 2017 Chevrolet 3500HD Silverado truck for the Parks Maintenance Dept. through the Houston-Galveston Area Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$67,547.
- Approved a resolution designating the Deer Park Community Center as the physical premise of the Community Center Preschool for purposes of firearms possession, including by a person who holds a license to carry a handgun.
- Approved a resolution to adopt a revised Employee Travel Policy, amending Chapter 12 of the Employee Personnel Manual.
- Approved a resolution authorizing the city's participation in the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2015-2016 budget for the City Manager's Office.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2015-2016 budget for the Parks and Recreation

Dept.

- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2015-2016 budget for the Emergency Medical Services.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2015-2016 budget for the Fire Marshal's Office.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2015-2016 budget for the General Fund operating transfers.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2015-2016 budget for the Disaster Declarations Fund.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2015-2016 budget for the Municipal Court Fund.
- Awarded the request for proposal to the Community Center Preschool, LLC to provide preschool program services for the Parks and Recreation Dept.
- Awarded the bid for the lease-purchase financing of a 2017 Freightliner garbage truck for the Sanitation Dept. to Signature Public Financing Corp.
- Accepted the FY 2015-2016 Annual Audit.
- Accepted the completion of the emergency repairs for the 10" sewer force main located at Center St. and State Highway 225. Final cost was \$128,732.36.
- Accepted the completion of the 2016 Thoroughfare Re-Striping project. Final cost was \$131,551.27.
- Approved an ordinance confirming the appointment of City Secretary Shannon Bennett.
- Approved an interlocal agreement with Harris County for the reconstruction of a portion

of Ivy Avenue.

- Renewed an agreement with Belt Harris Pechacek, LLLP for professional auditing services in the amount of \$43,775.
- Approved an agreement with Houston Community Newspapers for the publication of legal notices.
- Approved the amendments to Zoning Ordinance No. 819.
- Approved a resolution opposing Senate Bill 2 in the 2017 Legislative Session.

April 2017

- Accepted the Quarterly Financial Report for the first quarter ending December 31, 2016.
- Authorized staff to advertise and receive bids for Phase II of the Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- Authorized staff to receive bids for the lease-purchase financing of a new 2017 Freightliner garbage truck for the Sanitation Department.
- Authorized staff to reject the bid for the Phase I Development of the Deer Park Nature Preserve due to receiving only one bid and coming in over budget.
- Authorized staff to receive bids for a contractor to construct the Maxwell Adult Center Renovation and Expansion project.
- Authorized staff to receive bids for a contractor to construct the Soccer Field Development project.
- Authorized staff to receive bids for a contractor to construct the renovations of the girls' softball facilities at the Youth Sports Complex.

Council Actions

- Authorized the purchase for the Dow Park Ditch Regrading project through the ESC 19 - Allied States Cooperative to T. F. Harper in the amount of \$36,468.44.
- Approved seeking the Fiscal Year 2018 STEP Traffic Enforcement Grant.
- Approved an amendment to CDM Smith's professional service contract for extended and additional services on Phase II of the Waste Water Treatment Plant project.
- Approved a resolution denying CenterPoint Energy Resources' statement of intent to increase rates.
- Approved a contract with Midtown Engineers, LLC for a traffic study of the intersection of Center St. and Railroad Avenue in the amount of \$19,250.
- Authorized staff to advertise and receive bids for a one-year supply of gasoline and diesel fuel.
- Authorized staff to advertise and receive bids for a one-year supply of sodium hexametaphosphate for the Water Treatment Plant.
- Authorized the purchase of a submersible pump for the South Plant Lift Station and backup pump for the Green Valley Lift Station.
- Accepted the completion of the Dow Park Tennis Courts Storm Replacement project. Final cost was \$50,939.60.
- Approved an agreement with Emergency Consultants, Inc. for EMS student training.
- Approved an agreement with Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service for EMS student training.
- Approved an agreement with Xerox for hosting and supporting the Firehouse Software application for five years at an annual cost of \$2,700.
- Approved an agreement with Lee College for EMS student training.
- Renewed the lease agreement with Economic Alliance Houston Port Region to house the city's Visitors Center.
- Appointed Council members to the Boards and Commissions Selection Committee.
- 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 resolution to exempt vehicles from the requirements of Chapter 502, Section 721.004 & 721.005 of the Vernon's Annotated Texas Civil Statutes.
- Approved a resolution opposing Senate Bill 715 in the 2017 Legislative Session.
- Approved the calling of a Joint Public Hearing with the Planning & Zoning Commission on Tuesday, May 16 at 7:30pm on the request to rezone Lot 16A Deer Park Outlot, Southwest corner of E. Pasadena Blvd. and Luella Ave. from Single Family 1 to General Commercial.

Notify Me

Stay informed with announcements from the City of Deer Park by joining the e-mail subscription lists of your choice. Go to www.deerparktx.gov and select *Notify Me*.

Adopt-a-Pet

Dogs and cats are available for adoption at the Deer Park Animal Shelter after a holding period of 3 business days. There is a \$50 adoption fee, plus you must prepay for the spaying or neutering of the animal and a rabies vaccination. To view the pets currently available for adoption, visit the shelter, located at 4213 Luella, Mon.-Fri., 8am-5pm or Sat., 8am-12pm, or go to www.facebook.com/DeerParkTX.AnimalShelter. For more information, call us today at 281-478-7274.

Code of Ordinances

The City of Deer Park contracts with Municipal Code Corporation to make the City Code of Ordinances available online. By following the link on our website, you can access our code and also that of other cities across Texas and the United States. The search engine will allow you to search by topic. Go to www.deerparktx.gov, hover over the menu option *How Do I?*, click on *City Code*, and then follow the link.

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 in the middle of the webpage.

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

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

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

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

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

You will need the following information to register:

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



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

Report A Concern

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

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

Together we can make Deer Park a better place!

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Best time to call: _____

Location of concern: _____

Describe the issue: _____



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2018 Fire and EMS Academy

Your time is a precious commodity and as a Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department member you will be afforded the opportunity to serve your community as a firefighter or as an emergency medical provider.

As a firefighter, you will be placed in an intensive 14-week fire academy where you will experience classroom, hands-on fire training, and comradeship opportunities with fellow firefighters. After the academy, you will be allowed to join the prestigious ranks of the Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department where you will undergo a 6-month probationary period to further your fire fighting experience.

As a member of the EMS group, you will be placed with a mentor for 6 months to demonstrate skills and learn department protocol.



Qualification Requirements

EMS

- Between 19 and 55 years of age
- Pass DOT physical
- Current Texas EMS Certification
- Pass physical agility test
- Pass a criminal background check
- Complete academy training

FIRE

- Between 21 and 55 years of age
- Pass DOT physical
- Pass physical agility test
- Pass a criminal background check
- Complete academy training

Applications are being accepted now for the 2018 academy. To apply, go to www.dpvfd.org.

Election Results



Mayor

Jerry Mouton, Jr.

Council Position 1

Sherry Garrison

Council Position 2

Thane Harrison

Council Position 3

Tommy Ginn

The results of the election on May 6 were unofficial at the time of this printing. Election results will be official after the canvass is conducted by City Council on May 16, 2017.