



City of Deer Park

# Messenger

Fall 2018

## FY 2018-2019 Budget

On Aug. 7, the City Manager presented to the Mayor and City Council a proposed budget for the fiscal year that begins on Oct. 1, 2018 (FY 2018-2019). The City Manager's proposed operating budget totals \$67,403,031. The proposed operating budget expenditures for the major City funds are:

General Fund .....	\$42,226,822
Water & Sewer Fund...	12,583,665
Debt Service Fund.....	5,661,746
Special Revenue Fund ...	2,312,645
Storm Water Utility Fund...	259,596
Golf Course Lease Fund...	120,000
Capital Improvements Fund..	3,592,750
Ch. 380 Reimbursement Fund ..	645,807
TOTAL.....	\$67,403,031

As submitted, the operating budget anticipates a proposed tax rate of \$0.720000/\$100 of valuation, which is the same tax rate as was levied in FY 2017-2018. As in the past, all residential property owners will continue to receive a 20% value reduction on their homestead property for the purpose of computing the property tax. By way of example, the owner of a home valued at \$150,000 will pay property taxes on \$120,000 of that value. Additionally, senior citizens, age 65 and older, will continue receiving an additional exemption of \$50,000 on the value of their homestead. Utilizing the same example of a residence valued at \$150,000, a senior citizen will pay property tax on \$70,000 of the value of the residence. As a further benefit for senior citizens, age 65 and older, the amount of property taxes paid to the City is capped

as of the year in which they turn 65. Unless a senior citizen makes improvements to their home, such as adding a room or putting in a swimming pool, they will never pay more in property taxes to the City than the amount they paid in the year they turn 65 years of age, even if their existing residence increases in value. For more information on these exemptions and the tax cap for senior citizens, please contact the Tax Dept. at 281-478-7222.

The City uses a variety of funds to pay for its operations. The General Fund includes monies for the general operation of the City, including services, such as Police, Fire/EMS, Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Library, and Administration. The proposed FY 2018-2019 General Fund budget calls for the same tax rate as levied in FY 2017-2018, a net increase of 1 full-time staff position in the Parks & Recreation Dept. and 7 new part-time positions. An additional new position, which is being changed from part-time to full-time, will be funded by the Hotel Occupancy Tax in FY 2018-2019. A 1.8% cost of labor salary adjustment will be applied to all full-time wage scales based on the recent compensation study.

The City will continue addressing water and sewer capital improvements designated as part of a 10-year capital improvements program. These include improvements at our surface water treatment plant, along with the rehabilitation



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## City Services Closed

### *No Trash Collection*

City offices will be closed on **Monday, September 3**, in observance of Labor Day, as well as on **Thursday & Friday, November 22 & 23** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. There



will not be curbside collection of rubbish on these days. Service will resume on your next regular collection day following the holiday. Garbage should not be placed out for pick up earlier than 6pm on the evening before the scheduled collection day.

# General Information

## Elected Officials

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

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

## Department Directors

James J. Stokes .....	City Manager
Gary M. Jackson .....	Assistant City Manager
Shannon Bennett .....	City Secretary
Donna Todd .....	Director, Finance
Bill Philibert .....	Director, Human Resources
Bill Pedersen .....	Director, Public Works
Charlie Sandberg .....	Director, Parks and Recreation
Rebecca Pool .....	Director, Library
Robert Hemminger .....	Director, Emergency Services
Greg Grigg .....	Chief of Police
James Lewis .....	Director, Information Technology

## Other Appointed Officials

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

Animal Shelter .....	281-478-7274 .....	4213 Luella
Art Park Players Dinner Theater .....	281-478-7288 .....	1302 Center
Avon Recreation Center .....	281-478-7216 .....	601 W. 8 <sup>th</sup> Street
Battleground Golf Course .....	281-478-2080 .....	1600 Georgia
City Hall .....	281-479-2394 .....	710 E. San Augustine
Claude Burgess Recreation Center .....	281-478-2060 .....	4200 Kalwick
Community Center .....	281-478-2050 .....	610 E. San Augustine
Fire Station #1 .....	281-478-2043 .....	1302 Center
Fire Station #2 .....	281-478-7269 .....	711 E. Pasadena Blvd.
Fire Station #3 .....	281-478-7281 .....	2211 East X
Jimmy Burke Activity Center .....	281-478-2049 .....	500 W. 13 <sup>th</sup> Street
Kingsdale Center .....	281-478-7215 .....	2218 Kingsdale
Maxwell Adult Center .....	281-478-7276 .....	1201 Center
Municipal Court .....	281-478-7238 .....	1302 Center
Police Station .....	281-479-1511 .....	2911 Center
Public Library .....	281-478-7208 .....	3009 Center
Swimming Pool .....	281-478-2055 .....	610 E. San Augustine
Transfer Station .....	281-478-7213 .....	610 Underwood
Visitors Center .....	832-780-0973 .....	203 Ivy Ave., Suite 606

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## September

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

## October

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

## November

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1600 Georgia Ave.

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

Golf Course 281-478-2080

Republic Grill 281-478-2089

# Maxwell Center

A Division of the Parks & Recreation Dept.

## Casino Trips

Join us for casino trips this fall! These trips are for seniors, ages 55 and over.

Sept. 4: Golden Nugget, \$5 per player  
Oct. 22-23: Coushatta, \$75 per player

## Veterans Day Salute

Join us at the Maxwell Center on Nov. 9 at 10am as we honor those who have defended our freedom! Every branch of service will be represented. Veterans will be presented with a pin from a fellow service member. Do you know of a veteran who would like to participate and be recognized? Call 281-478-7276 or send an e-mail to [jhughey@deerparktx.org](mailto:jhughey@deerparktx.org) so the name can be added to the list of dignitaries.

# 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](http://www.deerparklepc.org). A schedule of the monthly LEPC meetings, which are open to the public, is also available.



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

1. Go inside your home. Seek shelter in your vehicle if you

are traveling.

2. Close all doors and windows, plus turn off your air conditioner or heater.
3. Stay informed by phone, social media, television, or radio.

For updates, check out CAER Online ([www.ehcm.org/caeronline](http://www.ehcm.org/caeronline)), Facebook ([deerparktx.oem](http://deerparktx.oem)), Twit-

ter ([@deerparktx.oem](http://deerparktx.oem)), Deer Park TV on Comcast Cable Channel 16 or AT&T U-Verse Channel 99, or local news stations. To register for the city's emergency notification service, go to [www.deerparktx.gov/oem](http://www.deerparktx.gov/oem), click on the *Emergency Notifications* icon on the bottom left of the screen, and then click on the *CodeRED* icon.

# Employee Awards



**April**  
*Supervisor*  
Andrew Smith  
EMS



**May**  
*Supervisor*  
Jazmin Hernandez  
Parks & Recreation



**May**  
*Field Services*  
Bobby Bridges  
Public Works



**May**  
*Support Staff*  
Libby Blair  
City Manager's Dept.



**June**  
*Supervisor*  
Tiffany McGallian  
Parks & Recreation



**June**  
*Field Services*  
Chris Rains  
Public Works



**2nd Quarter Team**  
*Sanitation Crew*  
Darrell Plante, Guadalupe Loreda,  
Jose Cardenas, Xavier Chatmon,  
Manuel Villafana & Charles Whiting

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of numerous water and sewer lines throughout Deer Park. FY 2018-2019 is the 8<sup>th</sup> year of this program. These costs will be funded through the issuance in FY 2018-2019 of nearly \$6,400,000 in certificates of obligation. The City's Water & Sewer Fund operates as an enterprise fund, which means it derives revenue from water and sewer rates, not property taxes. Water and sewer rates are projected to increase 5% to support the FY 2018-2019 costs of operations and debt service. One new full-time position is included in the proposed FY 2018-2019 Water & Sewer Fund.

Funds in the Debt Service Fund are used to pay the annual interest and principal payments on the City's outstanding bonds, including for FY 2018-2019, a portion of the annual debt obligations for the water and sewer system. Debt issuance costs and all related paying agent fees are paid out of the Debt Service Fund. Total debt service expenditures in FY 2018-2019 are estimated to be \$5,661,746.

Special Revenue Funds have been established to record the revenue and expenditures related to Hotel Occupancy Tax, Municipal Court fees, Police Forfeiture funds, and Grant funds. For FY 2018-2019, proposed Hotel Occupancy Tax expenditures total \$1,584,669. Several City events and projects are funded through Hotel Occupancy Tax proceeds, including the annual Reindeer Park, partial co-sponsorship of the San Jacinto Day Festival and Battle Reenactment, and wayfinding signs. The FY 2018-2019 budget also includes funds for repairs to the historic Pratt Truss Bridge at the Battleground Golf

Course, and architectural services related to the new Activity/Visitors Center to replace the Jimmy Burke Activity Center. Municipal Court fees will fund related Court expenditures of \$405,114 in FY 2018-2019, and Police Forfeiture funds will cover \$12,447 of Police Dept. expenditures. Grant funds of \$310,415 expected from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. will be used to cover costs for the City's wetlands project, as well as hike and bike trails.

The Capital Improvements Fund is for the purpose of funding capital improvements on a cash or pay-as-you-go basis, which reduces the use of long-term debt financing. Projects totaling \$3,592,750 in the FY 2018-2019 budget include \$1,500,000 for drainage improvements and \$776,500 for park maintenance items. There is also a \$250,000 contingency for unforeseen capital needs.

The Storm Water Utility Fund allows the City to cover expenses associated with the unfunded federal mandate known as the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). The NPDES mandate requires cities to implement programs and practices to control polluted storm water runoff through a permitting program. These expenses in FY 2018-2019 total \$259,596, and include continued lease-purchase payments toward a Gradall vehicle, which is used to clean ditches and improve the flow of storm water. Revenues to support this fund stem from a fee of \$1.60 per month per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU), the same rate charged in the current FY 2017-2018.

The Golf Course Lease Fund is used to record the expenditures associated with operating and maintaining The Battleground Golf Course and Republic Grill through a lease agreement with Touchstone Golf. For FY 2018-2019, the Golf Course Lease Fund expenditures are budgeted at \$ 120,000.

The Chapter 380 Reimbursement Fund is used to record the annual performance reimbursement to the Developer under the Chapter 380 Economic Development Program Agreement, which is for the purpose of local economic development, stimulation of business and commercial activity, and job creation within the City. For FY 2018-2019, this amount is budgeted at \$645,807 and is based on the estimated eligible infrastructure expenses outlined in the agreement.

In May 2016, Deer Park voters re-authorized a dedicated ¼ cent sales tax for continuation of the Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) and a dedicated ¼ cent sales tax for continuation of the Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District (FCPEMSD). These districts are component units of the City, led by their respective Board of Directors. The FY 2018-2019 budgets of both districts provide resources beyond the City's General Fund, which allow for the purchase of many other items to be utilized by the Deer Park Police Dept. and the Deer Park Volunteer Fire Dept. FY 2018-2019 budgeted expenditures for the CCPD are \$1,965,617. The FCPEMSD's FY 2018-2019 budgeted expenditures total \$4,143,224, highlighted by construction of a new EMS Station.

In May 2015, Deer Park voters approved the Deer Park Community Development Corporation (DPCDC), a Type B sales tax corporation supported by a dedicated ½ cent sales tax. The DPCDC operates under the direction of its own Board of Directors and exists to support 7 specific public parks improvement initiatives. For FY 2018-2019, DPCDC expenditures total \$1,531,926.

For more information about the proposed budget, please contact the City Manager's Office at 281-478-7245. You may also review the proposed budget at [www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov), or by visiting the City Secretary's Office or the Deer Park Public Library.

### *Back-to-School Safety*

- Encourage your child to show respect for school crossing guards and to obey their directions.
- Drivers need to stop and yield to a school bus that is loading or unloading children. If a road is divided only by a left-turning lane, drivers on both sides of the roadway must stop for school buses with alternating red flashing lights. However, if the lanes are separated by an intervening space or physical barrier, only motorists going in the same direction as the bus are required to stop.
- Be aware of school zone times. In Texas school zones, the speed can be reduced to a minimum of 15 miles per hour. Even on highways, a school speed limit is usually no more than 35 miles per hour.

### *False Alarms*

Excessive false alarms take police officers and firefighters away from actual emergencies. To address the issue, an alarm ordinance was adopted and a false alarm reduction program was developed. Adopting an alarm ordinance prevents unnecessary emergency responses to false alarms and encourages everyone with an alarm system to maintain and properly use their alarm systems. A false alarm is any alarm that was not the result of an emergency or threat of emergency for which the alarm system was designed to give notice for. Everyone operating an alarm system inside the city limits is required to register their building and fire alarm systems. Car alarms and medical alarms are not included in registration requirements. Complete the online registration form at [www.crywolfservices.com/deerparktx](http://www.crywolfservices.com/deerparktx). For more information, call 1-855-905-0611, Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm (CST).

### *Home Security Tips*

When making travel plans for this holiday season, don't forget about making preparations to keep your home safe and secure while you are away. According to the FBI, residential burglaries occur in the U.S. approximately every 15 seconds. Most burglaries occur during the day when no one appears to be home. Don't be a victim.

- *Lock up* - Approximately 33% of burglaries are committed without the use of forced entry. Lock your windows and doors.
- *Program exterior lights* - Exterior lights should automatically turn on at night and off at dawn.
- *Don't leave an emergency set of keys outside* - It is common to leave keys under an outside

plant. However, it is best to leave an extra key with a trusted neighbor or friend in case of an emergency.

- *Leave blinds and curtains at their usual height* - Be cautious about closing and lowering window blinds and curtains entirely. Create the illusion that someone is home. Also, hide valuables visible from the windows to reduce temptation.
- *Keep plans private* - Be cautious about the information you share on social media when you are away from home.
- *Don't leave items with your address in your vehicle* - Items that include your home address, such as mail and insurance cards, that are left in a parked vehicle at the airport could direct criminals to your home.
- *Keep up appearances* - Put a hold on mail and newspaper service to keep things from piling up. Program lights on timers and leave a parked car in the driveway to give the impression that someone is home.
- *Other risks* - Consider fire and water damage risks while you are away. Shut off the main water supply to your home and unplug non-essential appliances.

### *Power Outage Tracker*

Our dispatch center is frequently inundated with calls regarding power outages. Unfortunately, the dispatchers can only call CenterPoint Energy to report outages like any other customer. Emergencies require a high degree of attention and multitasking from a limited number of personnel. Fielding calls regarding power outages impacts the dispatcher's ability to handle other emergency

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calls. CenterPoint Energy now offers customers tools, such as the Outage Tracker and Power Alert Service. The Outage Tracker identifies the location of the outage, the number of customers affected, and an estimated restoration time. The Power Alert Service sends notifications about service outages and the restoration progress to up to 5 texts, 5 e-mails, and 5 phone numbers per account. To access these services, as well as report streetlight outages, go to [www.centerpointenergy.com/outage](http://www.centerpointenergy.com/outage) and select *Texas* for your state, as well as *Houston Metro* for your region.

## *Safe Firearm Storage*

Firearm owners are responsible for ensuring guns in their homes are always stored where they are inaccessible to children or other unauthorized persons. Hiding a gun in a closet, drawer, or similar location is not safe storage. Safe storage is employing precautions and multiple safeguards to provide additional barriers against unauthorized use. Failure to do so can result in tragedy and criminal penalties. Gun owners should always be properly trained and have a clear understanding of safe handling and storage.

### *Guidelines for Safe Storage*

- Unloaded firearms should be stored in a locked cabinet, safe, gun vault, or storage case inaccessible to children.
- Gun locking devices, such as cable-style locks, should be used along with safe storage methods. The lock is intended to discourage unauthorized access to a firearm, particularly by young children, but should not be considered a high-security device. If

firearms are disassembled, parts should be securely stored in separate locations.

- Ammunition should be stored in a locked location separate from firearms.
- Confirm firearms are unloaded when you remove them from storage.

## *Crime Awareness & Prevention*

Crime prevention is always easier than dealing with the consequences after a crime has been committed. Businesses are common targets for criminals. Robberies, burglaries, thefts, and criminal mischief are typical crimes perpetrated against businesses. Employees and employers should remain alert and observant at all times. They should attend regular safety meetings to develop and discuss a plan of action. Elements of a good plan include employee demeanor during a robbery (do not resist), notifying the police in an emergency, having an escape route, obtaining a suspect description or vehicle description and license plate number, prearranging signals between employees, and knowing when to activate alarms. On a regular basis, employees should mentally review the actions he or she must perform in an emergency. Suspicious persons or vehicles around the business, especially at opening and closing times should be questioned or reported to local law enforcement. People wearing inappropriate clothing for the weather, such as heavy coats during warm weather, could be an indication of criminal activity.

## *Halloween Safety Tips*

- Children should only go out with a parent or another adult.
- Parents should check each piece

of candy.

- Visit only houses that have porch lights so persons are visible. Generally, if the porch light is not on, the homeowners are not participating.
- Walk on the sidewalk and use the crosswalk when crossing the street.

## *New Hiring Requirements*

For the past 20 years, applicants for police officers were required to have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college. Recently, City Council approved significant changes to this policy. Under the new requirements, applicants must still possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or qualify under one of the following exceptions: 60 college hours and a min. of 2 years of military service with an honorable discharge, or 60 college hours and a license from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE), or the ability to obtain a TCOLE license if certified in another state, and at least 2 years of experience as a full-time certified peace officer from an agency comparable in size (or larger), complexity, and duties to the Deer Park Police Department (DPPD). These changes provide more veterans and licensed peace officers with the opportunity to apply for a career with DPPD.

## *Requesting Records*

The Records Unit at the DPPD processes approx. 350 information requests each month. All records requests must be made in writing. Although you can reach the Records Unit by phone at 281-478-2000, records information cannot be released over the phone. Written requests can be submitted by fax at 281-479-4372, e-mail at

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policerecords@deerparktx.org, or sent by mail to Deer Park Police Dept. - Attn: Records, 2911 Center St., Deer Park, TX 77536. You can also submit your request in person.

### *Document Your Property*

Many people travel during the holiday season. Being away means your home is empty and your valuables are unattended. Sergeant Sawtell wants to remind everyone that no one is immune from being a victim of theft or burglary. Take the time to document your valuables. Doing so will greatly increase the likelihood of recovering your stolen property. Simply pick a day out of the year to record serial numbers, model numbers, and take note of unique characteristics, such as damage marks, missing pieces, etc. Take clear digital photographs of the items. Keep this information in a safe place, so that in the event your property is stolen, you can provide this documentation to the police.

Be sure to take advantage of our free House Check program when your family travels out of town. Details are available on our website at [www.deerparktx.gov/police](http://www.deerparktx.gov/police).

### Streetlights

CenterPoint Energy maintains streetlights in our area. To report a street light outage, call 713-207-2222 or visit [www.centerpointenergy.com/outage](http://www.centerpointenergy.com/outage). Simply click on *Report Street-light Outages* from the menu on the left and complete the online form. You will be asked to provide the 6-digit stenciled number on the pole to identify the exact location.



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### *When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!*

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, lightning strikes kill more Americans than hurricanes in an average year. Did you know that thunder is caused by lightning? So, when you hear thunder, find shelter immediately. Below are a few more safety tips to keep in mind.

- *Stay out of the shower.* Water pipes conduct electricity, so when you hear thunder, taking a bath or shower, washing dishes, or just standing near plumbing is not recommended.
- *Avoid cords.* Don't use a phone or other electrical appliance with a cord. Cell phones, laptops, and items that aren't plugged into the wall can be used.
- *Take cover.* Find a sturdy building or a vehicle and close the windows. Do not take cover in convertibles, tractors, or motorcycles. If you are swimming or boating, move to a shelter on land. In a wooded area, look for a thick patch of small trees. Avoid tall, isolated trees. Don't lie flat. If your hair stands on end, squat with your head between your knees. Avoid utility poles and barbed wire fences.
- *Wait it out.* Stay indoors and wait at least 30 minutes before you go back out. Lightning can strike as far as 10 miles from rain.
- *If someone's hit by lightning, call 9-1-1 immediately.* It's safe to touch victims. They won't carry the lightning's charge. Give first aid, including CPR, if the victim is not breathing.



### *Halloween Safety*

- Don't choose a costume with long trailing fabric. If the costume includes a mask, be sure the eye-holes are large enough to see clearly.
- Children should carry flashlights or glow sticks for lighting. Skip the dried flowers, cornstalks, and crepe paper since those items catch fire easily.
- Keep all decorations away from open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs and heaters.
- Use battery-operated candles or glow-sticks in jack-o-lanterns. If you use real candles, watch children at all times when candles are lit. Use long, fireplace-style matches or utility lighters when lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns. Place lit pumpkins away from anything that can burn and out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, and walkways.
- Keep exits clear so nothing blocks escape routes.
- Make sure all smoke alarms in the home are working.
- Keep children away from open flames. Be sure children know how to stop, drop, and roll if their clothing catches fire. Children should practice stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with their hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.

### *Can Emergency Responders Find Your Address?*

In an emergency, every second

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counts. Citizens are strongly encouraged to post their addresses clearly. Consider whether the driver of the emergency vehicle (fire engine, ambulance, or police car) is able to read your home address numbers, perhaps in the dark while approaching quickly.

### *Make it Easier to Locate Your Home*

- Use large numbers so they can easily be seen from the road. If the building is not clearly visible from the road, post numbers closer to the road near the driveway entrance.
- Post your numbers as many times as necessary so your address is visible from all directions traffic may approach.
- If a driveway serves more than one address, post all numbers at the driveway entrance. Also, be sure to post the appropriate number at each driveway fork and on the specific building to which it is assigned.
- Clear vegetation and keep bushes and trees trimmed so your address remains clearly visible from the road.
- Clear visual obstructions, such as hanging flower baskets, wood piles, tarps, flags, wind socks, and parked vehicles, so that they don't block your address.

### *CPR Saves Lives*

Recently, representatives from HCA Hospitals assessed the ability of Deer Park EMS to recognize STEMI patients. STEMI stands for ST segment elevation myocardial infarction, otherwise known as a very serious type of heart attack.

The Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department (DPVFD) achieved 100% recognition and notifica-

tion to the receiving hospital. Early reporting leads to rapid treatment, including interventional procedures in the cardiac catheterization laboratory, for patients. The department was also praised for having a higher than average resuscitation rate on patients who have suffered cardiac arrest. This is due in part to the support and teamwork from citizens, police officers, and medics. Early CPR, including defibrillation with an AED or heart monitor, increases a patient's chance for survival.

At the national HCA meetings in Nashville, the remark was made that "Deer Park, TX is the place to be if you have a heart attack." The incident mentioned was of a City of Deer Park employee who stopped to assist someone who suffered cardiac arrest while in a vehicle. Police officers, followed by members of the DPVFD, arrived on the scene shortly thereafter. It is an honor for our emergency services team to be recognized at a national level.

Everyone is strongly encouraged to learn CPR.

## 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](http://www.deerparktx.gov), hover over the menu option *How Do I?*, click on *City Code*, and then follow the link.

## Public Works

### *Floodplain Development Permits*

Floodplain Development Permits are required to ensure that proposed development projects meet the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and City of Deer Park 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 flows similar to the way a structure can.

The City, in its discretion, can exempt obviously insignificant activities from the permit requirement, such as planting a garden, putting up a mailbox, and performing routine maintenance work like painting or reroofing a home. The key is to determine whether the project will present a new obstruction to flood flows, 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 in the SFHA, call 281-478-7252. You may also go to [www.hcfc.org/tsarp.asp](http://www.hcfc.org/tsarp.asp), hover over *Interactive Mapping Tools*, select *Harris County Flood Education Mapping Tool*, and click on the map. Then enter your address in the search box. A property located



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within the SFHA will be identified by the 1% (100-year) floodplain.

### *Building in Deer Park*

Always check with the Public Works Dept. to discuss your plans with a building official before you begin construction on your building project. If a permit is not needed, the code official can answer questions and provide valuable advice.

A person, firm, or corporation shall not erect, construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, improve, remove, install, convert, or demolish any building or structure (including fences and storage buildings) within the City of Deer Park without first obtaining a permit (building, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, stormwater, or floodplain development).

Permits are usually required for:

- New buildings
- Additions (bathrooms, bedrooms, family rooms, etc.)
- Residential work (decks, garages, fences, fireplaces, pools, water heaters, etc.)
- Renovations (garage conversions, kitchen expansions, re-roofing projects, etc.)
- Electrical work
- Plumbing systems
- HVAC system

Any person working within the city limits on any property that is not that person's primary residence who erects, constructs, alters, or repairs a building or structure without the required permits or licenses is in violation of city ordinance and will be subject to a \$500 investigation fee, a triple permit fee, and a license fee of \$150, if applicable.

### *Building Permits*

A building permit gives you legal permission to start construction on a building project in accordance with approved drawings and specifications. Your permit allows the city code official to reduce potential hazards of unsafe construction and ensure that your completed project meets minimum standards.

Building permits protect the value of the construction project for your home or business. If your construction project does not comply with the adopted codes, the value of your investment may decrease. In addition, property insurers may not cover the work done without permits and inspections. If you decide to sell your home or building after making modifications without the proper permits, you may be required to tear down the addition, leave it unoccupied, or make costly repairs.

By following code guidelines, your completed project will meet minimum standards of safety and will be less likely to cause injury to anyone. If an incident that triggers a lawsuit does occur, a property owner can show that he or she went through the appropriate process for a building permit and consistently met code requirements through inspections by code officials.

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### *Featured Fridays*

The Featured Friday series began in January 2015 to provide programs of cultural, historical, and local interest to library visitors. It has continued to include an eclectic variety of presenters and topics. Many of the guest speakers are college professors or people with connections to the Deer Park community. Past program subjects have included the Battle of Galveston during the Civil War, the Coastal Tallgrass Prairie of Deer Park, and the Fall of the Romanovs. This fall, topics will include the history of bathing beauties in Galveston, Frankenstein, and World War I.

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

### *Nat'l. Novel Writing Month*

National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) is a fun approach to creative writing. The goal is to write a 50,000 word novel in 30 days, specifically November 1 through 30. This year, the Deer Park Public Library (DPPL) and Friends of the DPPL will offer programs as part of NaNoWriMo. For details, go to [www.deerparktx.gov/library](http://www.deerparktx.gov/library).

### *Gulf Coast Reads*

The Deer Park Public Library is a participant in the annual *Gulf Coast Reads* initiative. A new book is chosen each year to be read and promoted at several libraries in the Southeast Texas region. This year, the selected title is *Bluebird*, *Bluebird* by Attica Locke. The book is a thriller set in East Texas,

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featuring Darren Matthews, a black Texas Ranger who returns to his roots to investigate two murders.

*Bluebird, Bluebird* is the selected title for October's Mysteries & More Book Club. The book is available in hardcover, large print, and electronic format at the Deer Park Public Library. For more information on *Gulf Coast Reads*, go to [www.gulfcoastreads.org](http://www.gulfcoastreads.org).

All events for *Gulf Coast Reads* are scheduled for October. The library will host a program in conjunction with *Gulf Coast Reads*. For more information, call 281-478-7208 or stop by the library.

## ***Matinée Movies***

*Thursdays, 4pm*

Stop by for an afternoon movie and popcorn. For movie titles and suggested age ratings, send an e-mail to [youthlibrarian@deerparktx.org](mailto:youthlibrarian@deerparktx.org) or call 281-478-7208.

## ***Infant Lapsit Storytime***

*For ages 0 to 2  
Wednesdays, 10:15am  
August 29-April 24*

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  
August 30-April 25*

The sessions are designed to encourage a love for books and language, increase attention spans, and develop basic social skills. Parents and caregivers are required to stay with the toddler to encourage them to participate.

## ***Preschool Storytime***

*For ages 3½ to 6  
Thursdays, 11am  
August 30-April 25*

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.

A special ***Halloween Storytime*** session for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers will be offered on October 25 at 10:15am. Refreshments will be served. Costumes are highly encouraged. Parents, don't forget your cameras.

## ***Fall Craft***

*For ages 5-12  
September 11, 3:30-4:30pm*

Materials to assemble the craft are provided to children free of charge. There will be 2 fabulous fall craft options for children ages 5 to 8 and 9 to 12 to choose from.

## ***Halloween Craft***

*For ages 5-12  
October 30, 3:30-4:30pm*

Materials to assemble the craft are provided to children free of charge. Several spooktacular craft options for children ages 5 to 8 and 9 to 12 are available to choose from.

## ***Thanksgiving Craft***

*For ages 5-12  
November 20, 3:30-4:30pm*

Materials to assemble the craft are provided to children free of charge. There will be 2 terrific Thanksgiving craft options for children ages 5 to 8 and 9 to 12 to choose from.

## ***Hoopla Digital***

Our new partnership with Hoopla Digital provides you with mobile

and online access to thousands of movies, music albums, comics, eBooks, and audiobooks. A valid library card is required. Download the free Hoopla digital mobile app on your Android or IOS device, or go to [hoopladigital.com](http://hoopladigital.com). Titles from major Hollywood studios, record companies, and publishers will be available for instant streaming or temporary downloading to your smartphone, tablet, or computer. There's no waiting to borrow popular movies, albums, eBooks, or audiobooks. Plus, Hoopla Digital's automatic return feature eliminates late fees. Hoopla Digital has a simple sign up and attractive, easy-to-use interface, so it's easy to get started.

- Download the Hoopla Digital app to your mobile device or go to [www.hoopladigital.com](http://www.hoopladigital.com).
- Click on *Sign Up*.
- Select *Deer Park Public Library* as your library.
- Enter your library card number and PIN.
- Enter your email address and choose a memorable password.

You will be allowed to borrow 2 titles each month. The lending period for videos is 3 days, music is 7 days, and audiobooks is 21 days.

Hoopla Digital enhances our library's existing streaming content. With your library card, you can access eBooks and audiobooks on Overdrive, access children's titles on Tumblebooks, read magazines through RBDigital, and read romance books through RomanceBookCloud. Share your experience with this new service on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/DeerParkTX.Library](http://www.facebook.com/DeerParkTX.Library).

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## Teen Time

For ages 12 & over  
Wednesdays, 4-5:45pm

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. Teens are invited to participate in a free special event, *Zombie Attack!*, on Oct. 31 from 4 to 5:45pm. On November 21, Teen Time will offer extended hours from 1 to 4pm.

## T.A.B. Meeting

For ages 12-18

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, 4:15pm

Join the Teen Advisory Board and help plan for teen programs. Discuss reading trends and make suggestions for the teen collection. If you are interested, contact Robert at [youthlibrarian@deerparktx.org](mailto:youthlibrarian@deerparktx.org) or pick up a form at the library.

## Mysteries & More Book Club

The Mysteries & More Book Club meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6pm to discuss books from a variety of genres. Future titles will be selected at upcoming meetings.

*September 11* - Young Adult Books About World War II, *Symphony for the City of the Dead* by M.T. Anderson & *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys

*October 9* - Gulf Coast Reads Book Discussion Group, *Bluebird*, *Bluebird* by Attica Locke

Book selection for November 13 is expected to be announced in early September. Registration is not required. Go to [www.deerparktx.gov/library](http://www.deerparktx.gov/library) or call 281-478-7208 for details.

## Computer Classes

Computer classes are free, but registration is required.

- **Basic Genealogy** - Learn how to use Ancestry Library Edition and search the census using HeritageQuest Online. Complete useful charts and start tracing your roots!
- **Introduction to Computers** - Become familiar with computers and technical terminology, plus get comfortable using a mouse, opening software applications, and other basic skills.
- **Microsoft Excel 2016 Basics** - Become familiar with the 2016 version of Excel and learn how to create and edit basic spreadsheets, as well as use simple formulas and functions.
- **Microsoft Excel 2016 Conditional Formatting & Graphs** - Become familiar with conditional formatting, freezing rows, and using tables. You will also learn how to make your Excel workbook stand out by using graphs and pivot tables.
- **Microsoft Excel 2016 Formulas & Functions** - Learn how to get Excel to do the work for you by using commonly accessed formulas and functions.
- **Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 Basics** - Become familiar with the 2016 version of PowerPoint and learn how to create a presentation using themes, illustrations, transitions, and animation.
- **Microsoft Word 2016 Basics** - Become familiar with the 2016 version of Word and learn how to create and edit basic Word documents, including resumes and letters.
- **Microsoft Word 2016 Resumes** - Learn how to create a basic

resume with simple formatting, as well as save it in different file formats.

- **Open Lab** - Reference librarians are available for one hour to answer your questions and provide one-on-one assistance.

## New Arrivals for Adults

### September

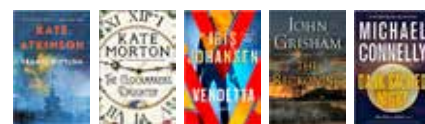
- *Transcription* by Kate Atkinson
- *The Clockmaker's Daughter* by Kate Morton

### October

- *Vendetta* by Iris Johansen
- *The Reckoning* by John Grisham
- *Dark Sacred Night* by Michael Connelly
- *Ambush: A Detective Michael Bennett Thriller* by James Patterson & James O. Born

### November

- *Look Alive Twenty-Five: A Stephanie Plum Novel* by Janet Evanovich
- *Past Tense: A Jack Reacher Novel* by Lee Child
- *You Don't Own Me* by Mary Higgins Clark & Alafair Burke
- *Long Road to Mercy* by David Baldacci



## Economic Development

- *Sub-Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream* is now open at 9315 Spencer Highway. Come watch how they make delicious ice cream the cool way using liquid nitrogen. You and your family will love the fresh taste of ice cream that has not been sitting in a freezer.
  - *Hospitality 1<sup>st</sup> Emergency Room* will soon be coming to 1101 East Blvd. Look for a grand opening in the fall of 2018.
  - The *Small Business Development Center* (SBDC) for San Jacinto College is located right here in Deer Park at 203 Ivy Ave (Economic Alliance building). SBDC provides free advice, counseling, and mentoring for anyone looking to start or grow a small business. Call 281-476-9176 for more information.
  - *K&K Yoga* is now open at 2318 Center St., Suite #113. For more information, call 832-879-4778 or visit [www.k-kyoga.org](http://www.k-kyoga.org).
  - Dr. Pamela Liu has recently opened her new 2,200 square foot *TexSmiles* dental office next door to Planet Fitness at 3601 Center St. in the Deer Park Marketplace retail center.
  - *K. Hovnanian Builders* is now constructing new homes north of the intersection at Center Street and Red Bluff Road. They will construct over 400 homes ranging in price from \$250,000 to \$350,000. This area is technically located in Pasadena. However, the residents are zoned for the Deer Park Independent School District.
  - *Krab Kingz Seafood* is now open at 3717 Center St. The menu includes snow crab, shrimp, salmon and more – all with an authentic southern flare.
  - *Beyond Beauté* recently celebrated their 32-year anniversary in Deer Park.
  - The *Catfish Station* is now open at 9001 Spencer Highway (retail center in front of Walmart).
  - *Salon Sophisti-Cuts* is celebrating their 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year at 116 Dixie Dr.
- For questions, contact Debbie Westbeld at 281-478-2042 or go to [www.deerparktx.gov/ed](http://www.deerparktx.gov/ed).

## Garbage Bags

The City of Deer Park will operate its trash bag distribution center in the west parking lot of the Jimmy Burke Activity Center at 500 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, October 1<sup>st</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>. The distribution center will be open on weekdays from 6am to 6pm and on Saturdays (Oct. 6, 13 & 20) from 7am to 4pm. In late September, residential customers will receive a coupon in the mail, which will be required to redeem the boxes of trash bags. Through Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, residents will be able to drive through and pick up 2 free boxes of trash bags. Beginning Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> through Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, residents that have not obtained their trash bags will be able to redeem their coupon for 2 free boxes of bags by visiting the utility counter at City Hall, Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm. After the Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> deadline, trash bags will be available for purchase at the utility counter, subject to availability, Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm, excluding holidays.

## Parks & Rec

### *Movies in the Park*

*Sept. 1 - A Wrinkle in Time, Oct. 6 - Frankenweenie, Nov. 3 - Coco*  
Watch a movie on the big screen under the stars in Dow Park every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month. Movies begin at dusk. Bring your chairs and blankets to this free family event.

### *Pilates*

*Tuesdays & Thursdays, Sept. 4 - Nov. 29, 6:30-7:30pm, for ages 13 & over, 1 day per week - \$25 per month or 2 days per week - \$40 per month, Deer Park Community Center, Group X Certified Instructor Ashley Sherrell*  
Pilates strengthens and tones the body, working the core, torso, oblique, legs, arms, shoulders, and back. It also improves posture, restores balance, and burns calories.

### *Little Dental School™*

*Thursdays, Sept. 6 - Oct. 11, for ages 4 to 12, \$120 per child, Deer Park Community Center*  
Little Dental School™ uses the power of role-play, hands-on demonstrations, crafts, and games to simulate a mini-dental school experience. Students will learn the principles of a healthy mouth and oral hygiene by assuming the role of a dentist. Our class sizes are small to ensure each child receives individual attention. Each child will receive a diploma as a graduate of Little Dental School™ upon completion of the course. For children, ages 4 to 7, class will be held from 4 to 5pm. For children, ages 8 to 12, class will be held from 5 to 6pm.

### *Game Room Parties*

*Sept. 21 - Skee-Ball Tournament, Oct. 19 - No Tricks All Treats, Nov. 16 - Farm Life, Dec. 14 - Help North Pole*  
We're hosting a free game room party that all ages will enjoy!

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There will be games, activities, and theme-related fun.

## **Painting With Pam**

*Sept. 21, Oct. 19 & Nov. 16, 6:30-8:30pm, for ages 5 & over, \$25 per person, Deer Park Community Center, Instructor Pam Goss*

Enjoy a night out with family and friends creating a beautiful masterpiece in a relaxing atmosphere. No painting experience is necessary. Pam will guide you step by step. Each month is a new theme. Parents of young children are asked to stay and assist their children.



## **Good Boy Obedience**

*Tuesdays, Sept. 25-Oct. 30, 6:30-7:30pm, for all ages, \$150, Jimmy Burke Activity Center*

Teach your dog to walk beside you, stay still, and come to you. This basic dog obedience class will teach you how to motivate your dog to follow directions reliably. Limited to 15 dog and owner pairs.

## **Gulf Coast Sports Challenge**

The Gulf Coast Sports Challenge is designed to promote health and wellness through friendly competition for companies in Harris and Galveston County. 12 companies are accepted into the program each year. The fee to participate is \$875 per company. Priority is given to companies that have previously participated. Over the course of 9 weeks, participants

compete in 15 events. Each participating team earns points for their company. The better you do at the tournament, the more points you earn. At the end of the 9 weeks, the company with the highest point total is the Gulf Coast Sports Challenge Champion. Tournaments are September through November. Please call 281-478-2050 for more information.

## **Adult Flag Football**

Join our adult flag football league this spring. The season is 6 weeks of double-headers, plus a 7<sup>th</sup> week of single elimination playoffs in which all teams participate. The playoff champion will receive a team trophy, T-shirts, a discount, and a guaranteed spot for next season. League play begins week of Oct. 3. Get the discount by registering early! Register before Sept. 21 and pay only \$300 per team. After Sept. 21, the cost per team increases to \$325.

## **Youth Flag Football**

Youth flag football is a fun and exciting alternative to tackle football for children, ages 6 to 8. Children must be 6 as of September 1, 2018. Volunteer coaches coordinate each team. Practices and games played on Saturday mornings. Registration is \$60 per player. Starts October 8.

## **Little Wilderness Medicine®**

*Thursdays, Oct. 18 - Nov. 29, for ages 4-12, \$120 per student, Deer Park Community Center*

Little Wilderness Medicine® introduces medicine, science, and the importance of health to children. Students will learn about poisonous snakes and the types of venom, the signs and symptoms of hypothermia, as well as how

contaminated water can cause disease, how to filter and make clean water, and more. For children, ages 4 to 7, class will be held from 4 to 5pm. For children, ages 8 to 12, class will be held from 5 to 6pm.



## **Halloween Carnival**

*Oct. 27, 12-3pm, Jimmy Burke Activity Center* Wear your craziest family friendly costume and enter the costume contest. Sign up begins at 12pm! Winners announced about 2:45pm. Stroll down the friendly streets of Pumpkin Town for plenty of great carnival games from 12 to 3pm. Pumpkin Town and carnival ride tickets are sold in bunches of 15 for \$5 and will be sold from 12 to 3pm. Tickets may be purchased in the office at the Deer Park Community Center until 5pm starting October 22<sup>nd</sup> through October 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **Archery Camp**

*Dec. 27 & 28, 10am-2pm, for ages 9-13, \$30 per child, Jimmy Burke Activity Center*

This is a crash course in Recurve Archery! Participants will learn foundational archery skills and about safety from US Archery level 2 certified instructors. Archery instills confidence, increases attention span, and inspires a willingness to try other sports. Lunch for both days is included.

## Parks & Rec

### Celebrate the Holidays

#### Tree Lighting Spectacular

Nov. 30, 6pm,  
Municipal Court &  
Theater Building



Make your holiday season bright with our annual Tree Lighting Spectacular. Enjoy hot chocolate, treats and a show as Mayor Jerry Mouton flips the switch on the Christmas tree!

#### Reindeer Dash



Bring the whole family out to the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Reindeer Dash 5K Run/Walk. The cross country course will be led by Rudolph! Proceeds will help families in need during the holiday season. Please note that awards will be given to all finishers, but the race will not be chip timed.

#### Reindeer Park



Join us for Reindeer Park, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center. On Friday, guests will enjoy the Christmas tree lighting, snow slides, carnival rides, the band, and concessions. The fun really ramps up on Saturday with snow play areas, snow slides, Santa, carnival rides, concessions, s'mores, and more!

#### Sleigh Ride

Join us for hot chocolate, cookies, and Christmas lights. We are loading up the sleighs for the annual holiday sleigh ride around the city. Tickets go on sale Oct. 8! Sleigh rides are scheduled for Dec. 18, 19, 20, 21 & 22.



Check out the *Live and Play* brochure at [www.deerparktx.gov/parksandrec](http://www.deerparktx.gov/parksandrec).

## City Construction Projects

### Public Works

- **Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project** - This project is identified in the 10-year Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Plan. The project was split into two phases and is being funded with Certificates of Obligation. Phase I of the project was awarded to CSA Construction and was completed in February 2017 at a cost of \$4,998,654. In June 2017, Phase II of the project was awarded to LEM Construction in the amount of \$13,636,685. Anticipated completion for Phase II is August 2019.
- **Street Replacement Project & Construction of New Animal Shelter** - The City received \$7.5 million from the sale of Series 2015 Certificates of Obligation for the Street Replacement Project, as well as the construction of the new Animal Shelter. A portion of the funds, along with \$1,633,813 allocated in the Capital Improvement Fund (FY 2017-2018), will fund the Street Replacement Project. The streets affected are 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 9<sup>th</sup> Street from Boston Avenue to Center Street and West 12<sup>th</sup> Street from the dead end to Center Street. This project has been awarded to D&W Contractors in the amount of \$5.1 million. Construction has begun and is anticipated to continue for 450 days. The funds from the sale of the Series 2015 Certificates of Obligation will also be used for the construction of the new Animal Shelter. Quorum Architects, Inc. was hired to design and oversee the project. In April 2017, this project was awarded to Construction LTD in the amount of \$2,240,668. The ground breaking ceremony was held on June 13, 2017, with construction starting shortly thereafter and expected to be completed by the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter in 2018.
- **New City Hall** - The new City Hall was built on the vacant property east of the old city hall. The project was designed by cre8 Architects and built by Construction LTD at a cost of \$6,121,000. Construction was completed in May 2018 and city staff has moved into the new office space. The demolition of the old city hall building and the installation of additional parking and landscaping is expected to be completed by this fall.
- **Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation of Deer Meadows Section 3, Greenway Place and Meadow Village Subdivisions** - In February 2018, City Council approved purchasing services from Vaught Services, LLC through the TIPS Cooperative Purchasing System to perform sanitary sewer rehabilitation at a cost of \$1,746,210.50. The project consists of pipe bursting a total of 22,000 linear feet of 8-inch and 10-inch sanitary line, rehabilitating 42 manholes, and installing 5 new manholes. This project is being funded out of the Certificate of Obligation Water/Sewer Funds. Work began in March 2018 and is expected to last 120 days.

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- *Manhole Rehabilitation, Phase 3* - Fuquay, Inc. and the City of Deer Park Wastewater staff conducted an inspection to identify manholes in the city's sanitary sewer system that need to be repaired or rehabilitated using an epoxy liner system. The epoxy liner system prevents further damage by sewer gases, prevents manhole failure, and prolongs the life of the system. Phase III consists of 6,500 sq. ft. of liner to be installed in 42 manholes throughout the city. Fuquay, Inc. has been hired through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program to perform the services for this project at a cost of \$249,308.50. The project is being funded out of the Series 2017-A Certificate of Obligation Bond Fund.

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- *Dow Park Pavilion Project* - This project was identified as one of seven approved projects in the 2015 Type B dedicated sales tax election that was voted for by Deer Park residents. The City entered into a contract with Halff Associates as the architect and South Pool and Spa as the general contractor. The project is funded with \$1.5 million from Type B sales tax. The new restroom buildings were installed and progress continues on the pavilion structures. The City terminated the contract with the previous general contractor and awarded a contract for the completion of the project to Mills Construction. The project is scheduled for completion by fall 2018.
- *Maxwell Adult Center* - This project was one of seven approved projects in the 2015 Type B dedicated sales tax election that was voted for by Deer Park residents. The project is funded with \$2 million from Type B sales tax. The City of Deer Park selected Halff Associates as the architect and Frost Construction as the general contractor for the project. Construction began in November of 2017. Demo of the interior and site preparation for the new addition has been completed. The project is about 60% complete with an expected completion date in fall 2018.
- *Girls Softball Complex* - This project was identified as one of seven approved projects in the 2015 Type B dedicated sales tax election that was voted for by Deer Park residents. This project is funded by \$3 million from Type B sales tax. The City selected Tandem Services as the general contractor and Halff Associates as the architect for this project. Construction began in January 2018. The project is on schedule to be completed in early to mid-fall 2018.
- *New Soccer Complex* - This project is another one of the seven approved projects in the 2015 Type B dedicated sales tax election. The project is being funded with \$4 million from Type B sales tax. The City of Deer Park selected Halff Associates as the architect and Tandem Services as the general contractor. Construction began in January 2018. The project is on schedule and is expected to be completed in early 2019.
- *CorWorth Concession and Restrooms* - This project includes 2 pre-fabricated CorWorth restrooms. One, with concession and storage area, for the Adult Softball facility on Pasadena Blvd. and the other one with restrooms for the Claude Burgess Center. The total cost for both buildings is \$284,243. This project is about 90% complete with a sidewalk to be completed. The facilities are already set in their respective locations.
- *Wayfinding Program* - A comprehensive wayfinding program was developed to educate and direct visitors to Deer Park, as well as engage those that are unaware of what the City has to offer. The Deer Park Civic Wayfinding System is intended to celebrate the history and vibrancy of the area, while giving special attention to the parks, recreation, and open spaces of Deer Park. The City's approach was to implement the wayfinding system in phases over a period of several fiscal years. The wayfinding signs are classified as primary vehicular signs, secondary vehicular signs, tertiary vehicular signs, and monument signs (located in front of a park or city building). Approximately 90% of Phase 1 has been completed. National Sign Plazas is the contractor approved to complete all phases of the project. This project is being funded out of hotel occupancy tax (HOT) revenues. The Phase 1 signs are being adjusted and, at this time, 18 wayfinding signs are scheduled to be installed along Center Street and the surrounding perimeters of the city by the

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end of 2018. Four monument signs are already installed in parks around the city. Future phases are contingent upon the completion of the adjustments to Phase 1 signs.

- *Deer Park Nature Preserve* - Phase 1 was part of a voter approved General Obligation Bond program. \$500,000 is allocated in bond funding for this project. The City applied for and received a Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant in the maximum amount of \$400,000 of which the City will match an equal amount. The project will consist of a parking area, decomposed granite trails, a gateway structure, as well as lighting along the walking trails and a sidewalk. RVI is the project architect. The City awarded construction of the project to Millis Development and Construction, LLC. There will be a separate contract for the restoration of the Wetland area (Conservation Easement) under guidance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. A conceptual plan envisions Phases 2 and 3, which include an education center and more, pending future funding availability. Phase 1 of the Deer Park Nature Preserve will be completed by September 2018. The Conservation Easement area is being worked on with a scope of work and is expected to go out for bid by the end of 2018.

### City Hall Hours

Deer Park City Hall, located at 710 E. San Augustine, is open Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm.

## Council Actions

### May 2018

- Authorized staff to seek bids for a one-year supply of gasoline and diesel fuel to be used for all City of Deer Park vehicles and equipment.
- Authorized staff to advertise and accept bids for a one-year supply of garbage bags.
- Accepted the Deer Park Community Development Corporation's quarterly report for the period of January through March 2018.
- Approved the acceptance of a grant through the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act.
- Approved an amendment for additional professional services from Halff Associates in the amount of \$13,600 for the Maxwell Center Renovation project.
- Approved the repair of the Pratt Truss Bridge structure at the Battleground Golf Course in the amount of \$241,785.
- Approved Amendment No. 2 to the interlocal agreement with the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) for the reconciliation of final costs regarding the property acquired for the Patrick's Bayou stormwater detention basin and authorized payment to HCFCD in the amount of \$1,777,339.51.
- Approved a resolution to seek and accept the Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant with the Office of the Governor.
- Approved an ordinance calling a public hearing relating to incentives offered under the Texas Enterprise Zone Program.
- Approved a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and an ordinance calling a joint public hearing to rezone 0.34616 acres situated in the G. Patrick Survey, Abstract 624 Lots 7 & 8, Block 13 Shell City, fronting on Sixth St., to be re-zoned from Singly Family 2 to General Commercial.
- Approved a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and an ordinance for a Specific Use Permit to operate an assisted living facility at 4320 Pasadena Blvd.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2017-2018 budget for the acquisition of a new garbage truck for the Sanitation Dept.
- Awarded the bid for lease purchase financing of a 2018 Freightliner garbage truck to City National Capital Finance at a rate of 2.68% over 36 months.
- Approved an ordinance appointing Sonia Acosta as Deputy City Secretary.
- Awarded professional auditing services to Belt Harris Pechacek, LLLP.
- Accepted the Quarterly Investment Report for January through March 2018.
- Authorized a Notice of Termination to South Pools, Inc. regarding Dow Park Pavilion and Improvements project.
- Authorized the purchase from SKE Construction, LLC to perform the Surface Water Treatment Driveway improvements in the amount of \$29,945.46.
- Renewed the contract with KHSS Ventures (DBA Skillet's Restaurant) for the Senior Meals Program.
- Authorized staff to accept bids for the liquidation of the surplus furniture and fixtures in the existing City Hall as a



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wholesale lot and approval for the City Manager to award the bid for the sale to the highest bidder.

- Approved an ordinance authorizing the City's participation in the Texas Enterprise Zone Program.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2017-2018 Water & Sewer Fund Budget to replace 210 linear feet of waterline on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in the amount of \$142,770.
- Authorized services from SKE Construction, LLC to perform waterline rehabilitation on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in the amount of \$142,768.49.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2017-2018 Water & Sewer Fund Budget in the amount of \$68,815 for emergency repairs to a 12" sanitary sewer pipe underneath Center Street.
- Approved an ordinance appointing 3 members to the Planning and Zoning Commission/Board of Adjustment.
- Approved an ordinance appointing 2 members to the Parks & Recreation Commission.
- Approved an ordinance appointing members to the Board of Health.
- Approved an ordinance appointing Larry Wilson as Municipal Court Judge.
- Approved a resolution to nominate Shell Chemical L.P. as an Enterprise Zone Project under the Texas Enterprise Zone Program.
- Approved a resolution to nominate Deer Park Refining Limited Partnership as an Enterprise Zone Project under the Texas

Enterprise Zone Program.

- Approved an ordinance amending Section 66-176, Schedule E: Speed Limit 30 miles per hour in the Code of Ordinances pertaining to various roadways in Deer Park.
- Approved a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and a proposed ordinance to issue a Specific Use Permit to construct a licensed memory care and assisted living facility on the southwest corner of X Street and East Boulevard.
- Approved an ordinance moving the date of the July 3, 2018 regular Council meeting to July 10, 2018 due to the Independence Day Holiday.

## June 2018

- Approved an ordinance to rezone 0.4616 acres situated in the G. Patrick Survey, Abstract 624 Lots 7 & 8 and a portion of an undeveloped 30 foot public alley out of Block 13, Shell City, located on the south side of Sixth Street, and 100 feet east of the intersection with Center Street from a Single Family 2 to General Commercial.
- Awarded the bid for a one-year supply of gasoline and diesel fuel to Lykins Energy Solutions.
- Accepted the completion of the Manhole Rehabilitation Project Phase 2. Final cost was \$229,912.
- Accepted the completion of the Electronic Marquee Message Signs project. Final cost was \$233,100.
- Approved the purchase from Fuquay, Inc. to perform the rehabilitation of storm lines on Meadowlark St. and Princeton Ln. in the amount of \$172,228.

- Accepted the Soccer RFP Committee's recommendation to award the soccer RFP to Deer Park Soccer Futbol Club.
- Accepted the proposed Sports Organization Utilization Agreement with soccer, softball, and baseball.
- Approved a contract for the completion of the Dow Park Pavilion & Improvements project.
- Approved the schedule for designation of Mayor Pro-Tem.
- Approved the purchase of bleachers from Play & Park Structures for the Girls Softball Renovations.
- Approved an agreement with A & R Engineering for pavement testing for the current Street Replacement project.
- Approved an agreement with the American National Red Cross for specialized transportation services for 2018-2019.
- Rejected all bids for a one-year supply of garbage bags.
- Authorized needed repairs for Patrick's Cabin from AVS Builders in the amount of \$28,355.
- Accepted the completion of the Waterline Rehabilitation of the Dow Park Waterline System. Final Cost was \$105,811.12.
- Accepted the completion of the Water/Sewer Building Driveway project. Final cost was \$137,320.67.
- Approved a settlement agreement with IKLO Construction on the Police Firing Range and Classroom construction project in the amount of \$168,000.
- Approved the Youth Sports Organization Utilization Agreement with Deer Park Girls Softball from July 1, 2018 through

# Council Actions

December 31, 2018.

- Approved the Youth Sports Organization Utilization Agreement with Deer Park Pony Baseball from July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.
- Approved the Youth Sports Organization Utilization Agreement with Deer Park Soccer Futbol Club from July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.
- Approved an agreement with Cobb Fendley Engineering for professional engineering services in the amount of \$60,230 to provide drainage analyses on 6 areas of Deer Park.
- Approved a resolution to designate the City of Deer Park as the Destination Marketing Organization for Deer Park, Texas.
- Approved an ordinance moving the date of the September 18, 2018 regular City Council meeting to September 25, 2018.

## July 2018

- Approved a change order from FORD Audio-Visual Systems in the amount of \$9,538.
- Approved participation in the Texas State Library and Archives Commissions Interlibrary Loan Lending Reimbursement Program.
- Accepted the Quarterly Financial Report for the FY 2017-2018 second quarter ending March 31, 2018.
- Approved an agreement with RPS Engineers regarding the historic bridge at The Battleground Golf Course in the amount of \$42,000.
- Authorized the purchase of a shade structure for the Adult Softball Complex in the amount of \$53,958.50.

- Approved the purchase of real property located at 213 W. Helgra in the amount of \$120,500.
- Approved the purchase of services from Fuquay, Inc. to perform CMP Rehabilitation – Basin 3/rehabilitate corrugated metal drainage pipe in the amount of \$352,355.54.
- Approved a new facility usage agreement with DPISD.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2017-2018 Budget for Senior Services in the amount of \$88,000.
- Authorized the purchase of new furniture for the renovated Maxwell Center in the amount of \$88,000.
- Accepted the certification of the anticipated Tax Collection Rate at 100%.
- Approved an ordinance calling two public hearings on the Juvenile Curfew.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2017-2018 Budget for VOIP Phone Refresh in the amount of \$227,900.
- Approved the lease purchase from Cisco (VOIP) for the phone system refresh under the Texas Department of Information Resources contract in the amount of \$227,896.30.
- Authorized staff to seek bids to obtain lease purchase financing for the refresh of the VOIP Communication System.
- Approved an ordinance calling a public hearing on the proposed FY 2018-2019 Fire Control, Prevention and Emergency Medical Services District Budget.
- Approved an ordinance calling a public hearing on the proposed FY 2018-2019 Crime Control

Prevention District budget.

- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2017-2018 General Fund Budget for emergency repairs to the #1 air conditioner condenser unit at the Police Station in the amount of \$26,780.
- Authorized emergency repairs to the #1 air conditioner condenser unit at the Police Station in the amount of \$26,780.
- Authorized the consent for consignment of the Chapter 380 Agreement with Cencor Acquisition Company to NEC Spencer Highway and East Boulevard Phase I.
- Authorized staff to seek bids for the 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Underwood Street paving improvements (north lanes).
- Approved a new 3 year agreement with the Economic Alliance Houston Port Region for Economic Development Services in the amount of \$22,000 per year.
- Approved an agreement to renew the School Resource Officers/Crossing Guard Interlocal agreement with DPISD for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Authorized the purchase of playground equipment for Parkside Place Park and Big Bend Park in the amount of \$85,276.79.

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

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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.

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- Name
- Address
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To report a concern or issue that needs our attention, complete this form and return it to:  
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*A Division of the Parks & Recreation Department*

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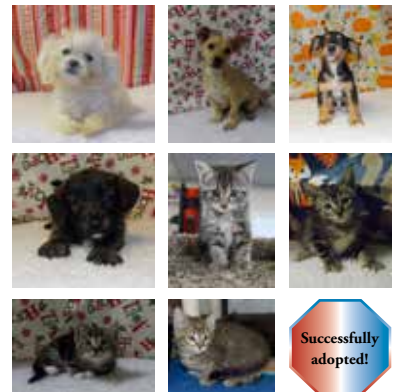


**JAPP Theater Academy**  
*Mon.-Fri., Sept. 13-Nov. 30, for ages 5 to 18, \$100 per student* The Junior Art Park Players (JAPP) Theater Academy offers a selection of talent-expanding, confidence-building classes and workshops.

Join us for a season of acting, singing, and dancing. No late registration fees. An audition is required to be admitted into this top performance group. This fall, JAPP will be presenting *Scrooge The Musical* at the conclusion of the semester!

## 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 Mon.-Fri., 8am-5pm & Sat., 8am-12pm, or go to [www.facebook.com/DeerParkTX.AnimalShelter](http://www.facebook.com/DeerParkTX.AnimalShelter).



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