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Quarterly Newsletter

Spring 2019

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No Trash Collection


City offices will be closed on **Friday, April 19** in observance of Good Friday, as well as on **Monday, May 27** in observance of Memorial Day. Curbside collection of rubbish will not be available 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 6 p.m. on the evening before the scheduled collection day.




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Big Energy Exhibit Through Partnership

Representing a special partnership between Shell Deer Park, the City of Deer Park and the San Jacinto Museum of History, "Big Energy: A Texas Tale of People Powering Progress" remains open to the public. The entire region is encouraged to come experience the exhibit, where attendees can learn how the people of Deer Park grew the city, the industry, and the school district into the energy hub of tomorrow. The exhibit represents a unique and insightful walk through the past, present and future of Shell and the city it calls home.



In addition to a complex timeline of growth in and around the Deer Park community, the exhibit features digital components including the Shellegram, which mimics the interactivity of social media with over 1,200 photos, as well as individual and corporate profiles. The exhibit is also home to a digital bookshelf, an immersive video, digital games, and more.

Attention, teachers! "Big Energy" packs science, history and social studies into one fascinating space, making it a great field trip opportunity for classes during the school year. Supplemental TEKS curriculum is available and groups are encouraged to reach out ahead of time to learn more about the best dates and times to come by!

For the foodies in the region, please note that your "Big Energy" ticket stub

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State of the City

If you missed Mayor Jerry Mouton's State of the City address on February 28, you can view all of the content online. Full event details, including a video recording of the Mayor's live presentation and an accompanying print publication is available on our website at www.deerparktx.gov. Simply scroll over the *Government* tab and look under the *Mayor & City Council* heading for event materials.



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 Mayor and City Council Members by e-mail at cityhall@deerparktx.org.

Department Directors

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

Other Appointed Officials

Jim Fox City Attorney

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. 8th 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. 13th 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

The Mission of the City of Deer Park is to deliver exemplary municipal services that provide the community a high quality of life consistent with our history, culture, and unique character.

Calendar

March

2 Siren Test - Noon
 4 Planning & Zoning Meeting
 5 City Council Meeting
 9 Siren Test - Noon
 16 Siren Test - Noon
 18 Planning & Zoning Meeting
 19 City Council Meeting
 23 Siren Test - Noon
 26 LEPC Meeting
 30 Siren Test - Noon

April

1 Planning & Zoning Meeting
 2 City Council Meeting
 6 Siren Test - Noon
 13 Siren Test - Noon
 15 Planning & Zoning Meeting
 16 City Council Meeting
 19 City Offices Closed - Holiday
 20 Siren Test - Noon
 23 LEPC Meeting
 27 Siren Test - Noon

May

4 Siren Test - Noon
 6 Planning & Zoning Meeting
 7 City Council Meeting
 11 Siren Test - Noon
 18 Siren Test - Noon
 20 Planning & Zoning Meeting
 21 City Council Meeting
 25 Siren Test - Noon
 27 City Offices Closed - Holiday
 28 LEPC Meeting

There is a possibility of a meeting date change due to unexpected circumstances.

Notify Me

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City Hall Hours

Monday - Friday
 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Economic Development

- A large development is under construction on W. Pasadena Blvd., between East Blvd. and Underwood Rd. Crow Holdings is constructing the **Victory Commerce Center**, a 350,000 sq. ft. distribution center. It will bring many new companies and jobs to our city. The project is expected to be completed in the 1st quarter of 2019.
- **Boot Barn Shoe Repair** now sells new and gently used cowboy boots. Stop by at 112 W. 7th Street to check out their huge selection at affordable prices. Owned by Jose and Linda Alvarez, this is one of Deer Park's oldest businesses. Call (281) 479-6633 for more information.
- The **Cuban Café** is now open at 1625 Center Street in the retail center behind Iberia Bank. This is the second location, with the original Cuban Café opening 4 years ago in Baytown. Owned and operated by Jen Wirtes and her family, the restaurant serves authentic Cuban dishes, including flavored coffees, breakfast dishes, plantains, and sandwiches. The delicious authentic bread is shipped in from Florida and their Cuban coffee recipes have become quick obsessions for many of their customers. The menu is available on their Facebook page. For more details, call (832) 429-3273.



- **Maid Brigade of South East Houston** has moved its headquarters from Clear Lake to Deer Park at 2110 Center Street. The business recently purchased this 5,400 sq. ft. building, and after extensive renovations, moved their 25 employees to the new location. Get a free estimate by calling (281) 484-6243 or check out their website at www.maidbrigade.com/tx/clear-lake.
- **Brick Oven Pizza Company** is open at 3601 Center Street in the Deer Park Marketplace retail center, where you'll also find Planet Fitness and TexSmiles Dental. Come try their pizza, prepared the old-fashioned way in a stone hearth oven. Gluten-free crust is also available. They also offer salads, wings, subs, and a nice selection of beer and wine. Check out their full menu at www.brickovenpizzacompany.com.

For questions, contact Debbie Westbeld, Economic Development Administrator, at (281) 478-2042 or dwestbeld@deerparktx.org. For business news, go to www.deerparktx.gov/ed or read the bi-monthly Economic Development Newsletter. Watch Business News You Can Use, a monthly segment on DPTV that highlights the business community in Deer Park.



Did You Know?

If you purchase water-based paints at Lowe's, Home Depot, or Sherwin-Williams, you are most likely purchasing paint made with ingredients from Deer Park's Dow Chemical facility, which is the world's largest producer of methacrylic and acrylic monomers.

Big Energy Exhibit

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will also get you a 10% discount at 5 restaurants in Deer Park - Antonio's Italian Restaurant, BiBi's House of Kabob, Deer Park Sushi, Pappa Geno's Steak and Cheese and the Republic Grill at the Battleground Golf Course.

Go to www.sanjacinto-museum.org for more information and ticket prices.



Streetlight Out?

CenterPoint Energy maintains streetlights in our area. To report a street light outage, call (713) 207-2222 or visit www.centerpointenergy.com/outage. Simply click on *Report Streetlight 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.



Recycle

The City of Deer Park offers single-stream recycling at the Transfer Station, 610 Underwood Road. Residents can recycle their paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, and metal cans by dropping them all into one single bin. For more details, call (281) 478-7213.

Fire Department

First Responder Day Camp

The Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting its 2nd Annual First Responder Day Camp in May, a free initiative to kick off the end of school and the beginning of a safe summer vacation. The one-day camp was so successful in 2018 that we decided to do it again on Saturday, May 25 at the Don H. Davis Training Facility located at 102 Luella in Deer Park. An evening graduation ceremony will follow. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis and will be limited to 25 students, ages 10 to 16, who reside within the Deer Park Fire Dept. response jurisdiction. Students will learn how to stop critical bleeding, initiate CPR, run through a firefighter influenced obstacle course, as well as view live fire scenarios, understand the principals of fire extinguishment, participate in tours of active fire stations and fire engines, and much more! To register, send an e-mail to camp@dpvfd.org before the May 1st deadline. A reply to confirm registration will be sent to e-mails received through May 1st.



State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry

Do you or someone you know need assistance during an emergency or disaster event? The State of Texas offers Texans the option to register with the STEAR program, a free registry that provides local emergency planners and responders with additional information on the needs in their community.

Who Should Register?

- People with disabilities
- People with access and functional needs, such as:
 - People who have limited mobility
 - People who have communication barriers
 - People who require additional medical assistance
 - People who require transportation assistance
 - People who require personal care assistance

How to Register

- Go to <https://STEAR.dps.texas.gov> and register online.
- Dial 2-1-1 or use your video relay option of choice.

Registration is voluntary and all information you provide will be kept completely confidential.

Congratulations to our Employee Award Recipients!

Support Staff



October

**Kathy Holcomb, Operations
Coordinator - Public Works**

4th Quarter Team

Parks & Recreation

**Jason Bergman
Taylor Sandoval
Brandon Naranjo
Cody Barker**



November

**Cristina Gossett, Special Projects
Coordinator - City Manager's Dept.**



December

**Kristen Villalovos, Youth Program
Coordinator - Parks & Recreation**



1600 Georgia Ave.

www.battlegroundgolfcourse.com

Golf Course 281-478-2080

Republic Grill 281-478-2089

Deer Park Police Department

19th Annual Peace Officers Memorial Service

Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. In 2000, Chief Bill Young (Deer Park Chief of Police from 2000 to 2008) started having the Peace Officers Memorial Service in Deer Park. Because of its success, the Deer Park Police Department (DPPD) has continued to have the event every year since then.

Chief Gregory L. Grigg would like to invite you to the 19th Annual Peace Officers Memorial Service on May 15 at 4 p.m. at the Municipal Court and Theater Building, located at 1302 Center Street. We will honor those in law enforcement who lost their lives in the line of duty. This event is in recognition of National Police Week, May 12-18, 2019. Please plan to join us for this important event.

Residential Security Checks

Do you have plans to go out of town but have some concerns about leaving your residence? The DPPD offers a Residential Security Check program for Deer Park residents. To determine if your residence qualifies, you must answer the following questions:

- Do you reside in an apartment?
- Will anyone be staying at the residence?
- Will you be gone less than 72 hours?
- Will you be gone longer than 30 days?

If you answered 'no' to these questions, you qualify for the Residential Security Check. And, the best part, it's absolutely free. To

apply, complete the residential security check form and submit it to the DPPD along with a photo I.D. The form can be accessed online at www.deerparktx.gov/police, under *Community Services*, and by clicking on *Vacation House Check*. You may also request a printed form at the police station.

Once your information is processed, your residence will be checked once per day, or as workload constraints allow, for the duration of your absence (up to 30 days). At the end of the security check, you will receive a letter from the DPPD that will indicate the days your residence was checked.

For more information, please contact the Records Unit at (281) 478-2000.

National Telecommunicator Week - April 14-20, 2019

In 1991, Congress designated the 2nd full week in April as National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week. This week recognizes the efforts of telecommunicators who work tirelessly behind the scenes along with Fire, EMS, Police, and other first responders to protect and serve their communities.

Telecommunicators are licensed by the same state agency that regulates police officers. Telecommunicators receive many hours of on-the-job and state mandated training before they can dispatch. One telecommunicator may be responsible for simultaneously answering non-emergency phone calls and 9-1-1 calls, radio dispatching Police, Fire, EMS and city services, as well as many other duties. Telecommunicators in Deer Park are also trained to provide pre-arrival instructions for

medical calls. They have been recognized for their life saving efforts. Telecommunicators are shift workers and experience stress levels similar to first responders as a result of the demands of the job, work hours, and repeat exposure to tragic incidents.

Because telecommunicators are not physically present at the scene, they do not routinely see the results of their efforts. Although telecommunicators are not as visible as uniformed responders, they are referred to as the First, First Responders for being the first point of contact during an emergency. Letters of appreciation are valued significantly by telecommunicators and are often added to their personnel files.

9-1-1 Education Month

April is National 9-1-1 Education Month. Greater Harris County 9-1-1 provides facts, tips, and news at www.911.org. 9-1-1 is to be used for emergencies only, such as a life threatening situation or a crime in progress.

Help 9-1-1 Help You

- Every second counts in an emergency so don't hesitate to contact 9-1-1 for police, fire, or medical assistance.
- Get to a safe location before calling.
- Give your location. Cell phones make up over 80% of 9-1-1 calls in Harris County. Cell phones provide GPS information, but do not give an exact address.
- Stay calm and answer all questions. The questions may not seem important to the caller in an emergency, but the answers are needed by emergency personnel.
- Stay on the line to relay updates to emergency personnel. Do not hang up, even if you accidentally dialed 9-1-1. Let them know

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- there isn't an emergency.
- Follow instructions provided by trained personnel for the safety of the caller and others.

Bicycle Safety



According to data collected from Safe Kids USA, each year approximately 99 children are killed and 254,000 are injured in bicycle accidents nationwide. With so many drivers on the road distracted by cell phones, music devices, and fast food, parents and caregivers should be aware of the risks associated with children riding bicycles.

Among all recreational sports, bicycling is the leading cause of emergency room visits for children and adolescents. Most children who are killed in bicycle accidents are 7 to 12 years old, and traumatic brain injury accounts for two-thirds of all bike-related deaths.

Parents and caregivers should model safe cycling behaviors and supervise children riding their bicycles. Monitor traffic patterns and driver behavior when your child is riding. Assess your child's bike riding skills and traffic negotiation abilities. A child should not ride unsupervised until he or she is able to communicate effectively with motorists (traffic negotiation), understand risk, and judge speed. Generally, a child is at least 10 years old before they can do this.

Monitor bicycle maintenance and safety equipment, including helmet,

bike size, chain tightness and lubrication, brakes, tires, reflectors, lights, and handlebars. Although Texas and most other states do not have bicycle helmet laws, 52 to 60 percent of bike-related head injury deaths, for all ages, can be prevented.

Crime Control and Prevention District Funds Supporting DPPD

On October 19, 2018, the Deer Park Police Department utilized funds provided by the Deer Park Crime Control and Prevention District to purchase 2 new software products from CI Technologies. The first product, IAPro, is designed to meet the needs of Internal Affairs and Professional Standards Units. Through 7 major version releases, IAPro has been enhanced to meet the range of police integrity needs found throughout the criminal justice profession. The second product, BlueTeam, is designed to allow police officers and supervisors to enter and manage such incidents as use-of-force, complaints, vehicle accidents and pursuits from the field. IAPro and BlueTeam will speed and streamline the flow of crucial information through the chain-of-command with review and approval at each step. Handling and filling out cumbersome paper forms will be eliminated so that police personnel can focus on public safety priorities.

Training for IAPro and BlueTeam was planned for the 4th quarter in 2018 and the 1st quarter in 2019 at the new Deer Park Police Department Training Facility, which was also provided by the Deer Park Crime Control and Prevention District.

DPCPAAA

The Deer Park Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. All proceeds benefit the Deer Park Police Dept. Thank you for your support. For more information, go to www.dpcpaaa.org.

Tamales for a Cause

Ramirez Tamales are delivered fresh, hot and ready to eat! \$10 per dozen. Salsa also available. Pick-up is Friday, April 19 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the DPPD parking lot. Order online at www.dpcpaaa.org. You can also order by calling Charles at (713) 444-0497 or Adell at (713) 299-6382.

Community Shred Day

Shred day is on Saturday, April 27 at the DPPD parking lot from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., or until the truck is full. Go to www.dpcpaaa.org for more details.



If you love them enough to listen to "Hot Cross Buns" for two hours straight, then surely you'll check to make sure they're correctly buckled in the back seat.

NHTSA.gov/TheRightSeat 

Public Works

Code Compliance

Code compliance was established to promote and maintain a safe and desirable living and working environment. To assist with this effort, code officers:

- Educate citizens so that they can recognize city codes and ordinances to accurately report violations and, in doing so, increase property values.
- Create a sense of community by encouraging civic responsibility, increasing property pride, and setting a standard for excellence.
- Foster an attractive and exceptional community to live, work, play, shop, and visit.

Ways to Report Code Violations

- Submit the *Report a Concern* form online at www.deerparktx.gov.
- Send a complaint or code violation by e-mail to publicworks@deerparktx.org.
- Call Code Enforcement at (281) 478-7254 or Public Works at (281) 478-7253.

To access the Code of Ordinances online, go to www.deerparktx.gov, hover over the menu option *How Do I?*, click on *City Code*, and follow the link.

Common Code Violations



Trash, Debris & Rubbish

Keeping piles of trash, debris, and rubbish in your yard is a violation. The piles pose a fire hazard, retain stagnant water, and become a nest for rodents and snakes. The piles

are also a blight on the neighborhood. As a property owner, you are responsible for any trash on your property and any debris left behind from hired contractors. (Sec. 38-160 & 161)

Please remember that trash bags are not allowed to be placed at the curb before 6 p.m. the night before your scheduled pickup. (Sec. 90-5)



Weeds & High Grass

A property is in violation if the grass or weeds grow above 12 inches. All property owners are responsible to maintain their property and adjacent right-of-way extending beyond the property line to any streets or alleys, regardless of whether or not a curb line has been established. High grass or weeds are a fire hazard, harbor rodents and snakes, and contribute to pests like mosquitoes and chiggers. (Sec. 38-161)

Building Without a Permit

A building permit gives you legal permission to begin working on your building, plumbing, electrical, or HVAC project. 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 without first obtaining a permit. (Sec. 18-21) For more information, call (281) 478-7253.



Illegal Signs

Imagine a city in which everyone could place business signs, garage sale signs, and advertisements all along roadways and in neighborhoods. It would quickly turn into a huge mess! These types of signs are a code violation. The signs become a traffic hazard, damage mowing equipment, and become litter that blights your neighborhood. Permits are required. (Sec. 82-20 & 86-48)



Illegally Parked Vehicles

Cars, boats, and recreational vehicles parked on the grass longer than 2 consecutive hours are considered to be code violations. All vehicles must be parked in a garage or driveway. (Sec. 66-79(a))



Commercial Vehicles

Any person in control of a commercial vehicle is prohibited from leaving, parking, or standing of such vehicle within any area of the city zoned as residential, with the exception of expeditiously delivering or picking up merchandise to or from a specific location while in the normal course of business for that vehicle. (Sec. 66-80(c))

Stagnant Water

It's important to maintain swimming pools, spas, and hot tubs in a clean and sanitary condition. The

Public Works

entire bottom of the pool must be clearly visible. (Sec. 50-128 & Sec. 34-160)



Also, do not leave out items that can hold water, such as old empty pots, tires, buckets, etc. Stagnant water creates breeding grounds for mosquitoes. (Sec. 38-46)

Spring Clean Your Yard

Typically, when temperatures start to warm up, we start spring cleaning our yards. Everyone begins removing the burlap from trees and shrubs, and pruning away dead branches. March is a good time to thin out crowded beds and do some transplanting to fill in bare spots. It is also the perfect time to rake and gather dead leaves, clippings, and other plant material. The best way to dispose of this dead plant material is to compost it. Dump collected leaves, plant material, and last season's mulch into your compost pile. You can make a simple 3 ft. x 3 ft. x 3 ft. cube with wire fencing to surround your compost pile. Keep the compost pile as moist as a wrung out sponge, and aerate it with a pitchfork every 2 weeks. If you aren't into composting your plant material, you can always bag the small material and place it with your normal household trash by the curb. Larger items, such as tree limbs should be cut into 4-foot lengths and have a diameter of 6 inches or less.



Resident Reminders

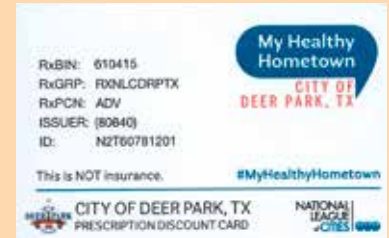
Code of Ordinances

Low Hanging Tree Limbs

Low hanging limbs and overgrown vegetation not only cause a traffic hazard, but also put pedestrians, including school children, at risk. Each property owner is responsible for ensuring that there aren't any low hanging branches over roadways and sidewalks. Bushes should also be trimmed so there is a clear path on sidewalks. **City Code Sec. 94-1(c)** states that it is unlawful "to allow any tree, shrub, vine, palm or any similar plant [to] overhang or obtrude upon or cover any sidewalk, city right-of-way or easement in the city, unless there is 8-foot of clearance, or any street in the city, unless there is 14-foot of clearance between the surface of all portions of such sidewalk or street and the overhanging tree, limb, shrub, vine, palm or plant.



Your Hometown's Prescription Discount Program



The City of Deer Park, in collaboration with the National League of Cities, offers a prescription discount card program, *My Healthy Hometown*, that may save residents an average of 24% off the regular retail price of prescription drugs at participating pharmacies. Prescription discounts are for city residents and their pets. Registration is not required and there are no forms to complete.

The card is free to all Deer Park residents, regardless of age, income, or existing health insurance. For more information, call toll-free (888) 620-1749 or go to www.deerparktx.gov, hover over *Residents*, and click on *Prescription Program*.

Residents can obtain a discount card at the following City of Deer Park facilities:

- City Hall, 710 E. San Augustine
- Deer Park Community Center, 610 E. San Augustine
- Deer Park Public Library, 3009 Center Street
- Deer Park Police Station, 2911 Center Street

The *My Healthy Hometown* Prescription Discount Program is NOT insurance.

Deer Park Public Library

Library Hours

Monday & Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Spring Break @ DPPL

Join us for fun and games at the Deer Park Public Library during spring break week, starting March 11. We'll have different programs and activities for children and families. For more information, pick up a brochure at the library or check out our Facebook page. Details are also available at www.deerparktx.gov/library.

St. Patrick's Day Craft, for ages 5-12, March 12, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Let's celebrate Saint Patrick's Day with crafts! Materials are provided free of charge. Children may choose from several craft options.

Mother's Day Craft, for ages 5-12, May 7, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

We're creating a special craft for Mother's Day. Materials to assemble the craft are provided to children free of charge. Children may choose from several craft options.

Scholastic Book Fair, for all ages, May 28-June 8

The Friends of the DPPL will host a Scholastic Book Fair along with the Summer Reading Club sign up. Proceeds from this book fair provide incentive prizes for the summer reading program.

Summer Reading Program, for all ages

Go to www.deerparktx.gov/library or stop by the library in May to view the Summer Reading Club brochure with program details and special events. Registration begins on May 28, which is also the start of the Scholastic Book Fair. Join us on this adventure as we rocket into reading this summer!

Summer VolunTeens, for ages 13+

Teen volunteers are needed! Volunteers will work with staff and other teens starting the week of June 10 through the duration of the summer reading program. Be a part of the summer fun at the library, while you make new friends and accrue volunteer credit. Sign up starts May 1. To join, contact Robert at youthlibrarian@deerparktx.org or pick up a form at the library.

T.A.B. Meeting, for ages 12 to 18, 1st Tuesday of the month, 4:15 p.m.

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.

Teen Time, for ages 12 & over, Wednesdays, 3:45-5:45 p.m.

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. On March 13, Teen Time will offer extended hours from 1 to 4 p.m. and host a special video game tournament. Teen Time is cancelled for March 27 due to the Friends of the Library Book Sale. It will resume on April 3.

Storytime

March 6 - May 2

Infant Lapsit Storytime

(for ages 0 to 2), **Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.**, features songs, nursery rhymes, socialization opportunities, and so much more! Parents and caregivers are required to stay with the child to help them participate. **On March 27, storytime will be held in the children's area of the library.**

Toddler Storytime* (for

ages 2 to 3½), **Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.**, is 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 at 11 a.m.**, 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.

***On March 28, Toddler & Preschool Storytime will be held in the children's area of the library.**



Egg Hunt Storytime

April 18 at 10:15 a.m.

There will be lots of fun with stories, songs, crafts, and refreshments before the egg hunt in the children's area of the library.

New Books for Adults

March



Wolf Pack: A Joe Pickett Novel by C. J. Box



The Last Second: A Brit in the FBI by Catherine Coulter & J. T. Ellison

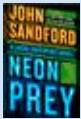


Blood Oath: A Novel by Linda Fairstein



Dark Tribute: An Eve Duncan Novel by Iris Johansen

April



Neon Prey: A Prey Novel by John Sandford



Someone Knows by Lisa Scottoline

May



The Road Home: The Broken Road Series by Richard Paul Evans



The Night Window: A Jane Hawk Novel by Dean Koontz



The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West by David McCullough



The 18th Abduction (Women's Murder Club) by James Patterson & Maxine Paetro

Deer Park Public Library

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 Monroe Edwards: The Counterfeit Prince of Old Texas, the Battle of Galveston, and a history of the Galveston Beach Revue. 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.

Mysteries & More Book Club

The Mysteries & More Book Club meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. to discuss books from a variety of genres. Future titles will be selected at upcoming meetings. Registration is not required. Go to www.deerparktx.gov/library or call (281) 478-7208 for details.



March 12 - Suspense Fiction

The Wife Between Us by Greer Hendricks & Sarah Pekkanen

Computer Classes are free, but registration is required. For a list of current classes offered, go to www.deerparktx.gov/library.

- **Genealogy: Basics** - 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 Formulas & Functions** - Learn how to get Excel to do the work for you by using commonly accessed formulas and functions.
- **Microsoft Excel 2016 Conditional Formatting & Graphs** - Learn about conditional formatting, freezing rows and using tables, as well as using graphs and pivot tables to make your Excel workbook stand out.
- **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 your resume in different file formats.
- **Open Lab** - Reference librarians are available for one hour to answer your questions and provide one-on-one assistance.

Parks & Recreation

The Parks and Recreation Department has new office hours!

Payments, registrations, and reservations for Parks and Recreation events and activities will be accepted at the front office in the Community Center on Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The gym and game room will only be accepting membership payments.



Dow Park Pool Slides

Have you seen the new twist and turn fiberglass slides at Dow Park Pool? These are seamless fiberglass slides that will surely make your experience a lot more fun! We continue to strive to improve the quality of life in Deer Park and are looking forward to seeing you in May 2019 when Dow Park Pool reopens for the summer.

Dow Park Pool

The Dow Park Pool will open daily starting on May 27 at 12 p.m.

Pool Hours:

Monday, Closed for service/maintenance
Tuesday through Saturday, 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Sunday, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Fees:

\$2 per person for residents
\$3 per person for non-residents
\$50 individual annual pass for residents
\$90 individual annual pass for non-residents
\$90 family (for up to 5 people) annual pass for residents
\$130 family (for up to 5 people) annual pass for non-residents



Splash Park

The Splash Park at Dow Park opens on March 9.

Splash Park Hours:

Monday through Sunday, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.



Movies in the Park

Join us at the new Dow Park Pavilions on the 1st Saturday of the month for a movie. This free event begins at dusk. In case of inclement weather, the movie will be moved into the Earl Dunn Gym.

March 2 - Bolt, Rated PG

April 6 - Avengers: Infinity War, Rated PG-13

May 4 - Moana, Rated PG



Calling All Lifeguards

Are you interested in being a lifeguard at the Dow Park Pool? Complete an application online at www.deerparktx.gov/jobs. An open house for new hires will be held on March 26 at the Deer Park Community Center.



50th Easter EGGstraveganza

Join us for the Easter egg hunt and festivities on April 13 from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. at Dow Park. We'll have ducky races, carrot pull, bunny bingo, and a sidewalk chalk contest. The egg hunt begins at 10:30 a.m. with over 15,000 eggs for children from 6 months to 9 years old. After the egg hunt, you'll be entertained with singing and dancing, plus you don't want to miss a special activity we're planning for this very special anniversary!



Pooch Hunt

Don't forget the Pooch Hunt on April 13 at 2 p.m. at the Ella and Friends Dog Park. The dog park is located next to the Jimmy Burke Activity Center. Bring your canine pal to hunt for eggs at this free event. We'll be giving away special prizes! All dogs must be on a leash.

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

Maxwell Center

A Division of the Parks & Recreation Department

We're excited about the completed renovations at the Maxwell Adult Center! Read about a few of the updates below.

- **Receptionist Area** - Enter through the front doors and you'll be greeted by our front desk receptionist. There is also a lounge/lobby area where you can read the paper, socialize with friends, or watch the news on a new 65-inch TV.
- **Thermostats** - Each room is equipped with a thermostat, enabling you to control the temperature in the room that you are in.
- **New Fitness Equipment** - New exercise equipment is available to give users a better overall body workout.
- **Portable Audio/Video Equipment** - A portable A/V equipment center is now available. This equipment can be transported from room to room for your viewing needs. In addition, there is an A/V set up in the Multi-Purpose Room with a 70-inch screen and laser projector.
- **Parking** - A new striped parking lot includes 6 additional spaces. Please note that the number of city vehicles parked at the Maxwell Center has significantly decreased to ensure more parking for seniors.
- **Covered Awning** - The exterior addition to the building includes a covered awning, making it an ideal drop off and pick up area when it's raining.
- **Wi-Fi Accessible** - Keep your devices connected while at the Maxwell Center by logging into our new Wi-Fi system.
- **Restrooms** - Each stall in the updated restrooms come equipped with a state of the art emergency pull bell. These alarms will ring directly to the receptionist desk and alert staff of an emergency.



Maxwell Hoedown, for ages 55 & over, March 15, 6-8 p.m., Jimmy Burke Activity Center Join us as we two step and line dance the night away. This event is free, but registration is required. Call (281) 478-7276 to register.



Maxwell Senior Prom, for ages 55 & over, May 3, 6-8 p.m., Jimmy Burke Activity Center Relive your high school memories with friends at this fun dance. If you would like to submit a senior prom photo, please bring it to the Maxwell Center no later than April 24. This event is free, but registration is required by April 24. Call (281) 478-7276 to register.

Art Park Players

A Division of the Parks & Rec. Dept.

Auditions for Mamma Mia!

March 5 at 7 p.m.



Teens and adults are encouraged to audition for a part in this summer's production of *Mamma Mia!* You must bring a headshot, resume, and 32 bars of a song in the style of the show (CD or track, no accompanist available). Be prepared to dance! Call (281) 478-2048 for more information. Performances are July 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19 & 20.

Puttin' on the Ritz

April 4 at 7 p.m.

\$25 Tickets



It's almost time for the annual *Puttin' on the Ritz* musical revue and fashion show featuring local celebrities. You don't want to miss this exciting and entertaining event! The Friends of the Art Park Players are sponsoring the dinner/mixer, as well as the silent and live auction to raise funds for scholarships and internships benefitting long-standing members of the Junior Art Park Players. Contact the Box Office at (281) 794-2448 for more information.



Steel Magnolias

April 26, 27 & 28

May 3, 4, 5, 10 & 11

\$15 Show Only or

\$30 Meal & Show

The motto at Truvy's Beauty Shop is "There's no such thing as natural beauty." The women there are all sass and brass. Six southern spitfires who are as delicate as magnolias and as strong as steel gather each week to gossip and support each other. Those bonds are about to be tested when they face a life-changing event. Infused with heart and humor, *Steel Magnolias* is a hilarious story of love, loss, and enduring friendship. Tickets go on sale on April 1. Call the Box Office at (281) 794-2448 to purchase tickets.

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Public Works Updates

- **13th Street and Underwood Road Pavement Improvement Project** - This project is for the repair of the paving joints and section along East 13th Street and Underwood Road. On August 21, 2018, City Council awarded the pavement improvement project to D&W Contractors in the amount of \$170,050. Construction began in January 2019 and is expected to be completed this spring.
- **Corrugated Metal Pipe (CMP) Rehabilitation Basin 3** - City staff purchased services from Fuquay, Inc. through BuyBoard to perform the CMP Rehabilitation throughout the city. Fuquay conducted an inspection of the city's storm outfall system and identified CMP that was in need of repair and rehabilitation. An Epoxy liner and UV liner system will be used to prevent further damage and strengthen the existing pipe; thus, preventing failure and prolonging the life of the system. Approximately 4,100 linear feet of CMP will be rehabilitated at a cost of \$352,355.54. The project is expected to be completed this spring.
- **Street Replacement Project** - The City of Deer Park received \$7.5 million from the sale of Series 2015 Certificates of Obligation for the Street Replacement Project and 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), funds the Street Replacement Project. The streets affected are West 9th Street from Boston Avenue to Center Street and West 12th Street from the dead end to Center Street, Arbor Drive, Baron Lane, Cork Lane, Dahlia Lane, Ember Lane, Fleet Lane, Glacier Lane, Hastings Lane, Iris Lane, Justin Lane, Kelvin Lane, Amherst Lane, and Brown Lane. This project has been awarded to D&W Contractors in the amount of \$5.1 million. Construction began in May 2018 and is anticipated to continue for 450 days. Construction on 9th Street and 12th Street are about 95% complete. Ridgeway Subdivision, which encompasses Arbor Drive, Baron Lane, Cork Lane, Dahlia Lane, Ember Lane, Fleet Lane, Glacier Lane, Hastings Lane, Iris Lane, Justin Lane, and Kelvin Lane, is approximately 60% complete, while construction on Amherst Lane and Brown Lane is about 50% complete with an expected completion date in late summer of 2019.
- **Construction of New Animal Shelter** - 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 during the 1st quarter of 2019. The public will be invited to a Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony after construction is complete.
- **Rehabilitation of the P Street Ground Storage Water Tank** - This project is for the rehabilitation of the interior and exterior of the storage tank. It is being funded out of the 2017-A Certificates of Obligation. Dunham Engineering was hired to perform the engineering design work for the rehabilitation of the tank at a cost of \$65,000. City Council awarded the project to MK Painting in the amount of \$339,000 in December 2018. Construction began this January. The project is expected to be completed during the 2nd quarter of 2019.
- **2018 Lane Striping Project** - City Council has approved an annual lane striping program. The 2018 Lane Striping Project includes portions of Georgia Ave., San Augustine St., 13th Street and East Blvd. The intersections and crosswalks on these streets, as well as the major intersections along Center St. and Luella Ave., will also be a part of this project. It will be funded out of the General Fund. The project is expected to begin this March. Lane striping requires warmer weather for better adhesion.
- **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.



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Parks & Recreation Updates

Type B Projects

In May 2015, the Deer Park voters approved a one-half of one percent sales and use tax that was dedicated for specific public park facilities and improvements throughout the city. The 7 approved projects were (i) the replacement of the restroom facilities in Dow Park with a new pavilion structure that includes a stage, restrooms, and a concession stand; (ii) the renovation and expansion of the community center and gym to include an indoor pool; (iii) the expansion of the existing Maxwell Center and parking lot; (iv) the renovation of baseball fields including, but not limited to, the Spencerview Sports Complex (Durant Fields); (v) the renovation of the girls softball facilities at the Youth Sports Complex; (vi) development of soccer fields; and (vii) the development of hike and bike trails. The following is a status update for each project:

- **Dow Park Pavilion Project** - The City of Deer Park entered into a contract with Halff Associates as the architect and South Pool and Spa as the general contractor. The City terminated the contract with the previous general contractor and awarded a contract for the completion of the project to Millis Development and Construction, LLC. The project was funded with \$1.5 million from Type B sales tax. The new restroom buildings and pavilion structures were installed. The project was completed in September 2018 and a grand opening/ribbon cutting ceremony was held on September 27, 2018.
- **Community Center** - A building assessment of the Deer Park Community Center and Gym was conducted by an architectural firm. The engineers have concluded that, due to structural concerns, permanent repairs to the community center structure would necessarily be highly invasive, cause significant disruption to the use of the building, and lack 100% certainty. Renovations to the building would also be very expensive, so much so that replacement versus repair of the community center should be considered. Three joint workshops with City Council, the Deer Park Community Development Corporation (DPDCD), and the Parks and Recreation Commission, as well as the architect, have been conducted to review and discuss the possibility of constructing a new community center rather than attempting to renovate the existing facility. Brinkley Sargent Wiginton Architects was engaged to assist the city in developing a feasibility plan for a new facility. City staff visited approximately 8 to 10 recreational facilities in December 2018/January 2019. The information gathered included cost, programming, square footage, and operations data. A joint meeting with City Council, the DPDCD, and the Parks and Recreation Commission was held on January 28, 2019 to provide updates on details from previous meetings, report on the facility visits, and to discuss the pool consideration, as well as the assessment and cost recovery. At the joint meeting on February 25, City staff expects to report on current programming at the Deer Park Community Center, make recommendations for future programming, as well as assess the programming from Brinkley Sargent Wiginton Architects and the cost recovery of the community center.
- **Maxwell Adult Center** - The project was 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. The project has been completed. The Maxwell Center held a dedication/ribbon cutting ceremony on January 15, 2019 at 5 p.m.
- **Spencerview Athletic Complex (Durant Fields)** - The City of Deer Park entered into a contract with T. F. Harper as the general contractor and Halff Associates as the architect. The project was funded with \$2 million from Type B sales tax. The project began in June 2016 and the dedication was held on Aug. 1, 2017 after the completion of the project.
- **Girls Softball Complex** - 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 approximately 90% complete. Several building items, including the ballfield lights, are still being worked on. Additionally, the grass in the sodded area is growing well and will mature soon. For safety purposes, traffic on the field is not allowed until May 2019. City staff expects a final walk-through with Tandem Services and Halff Associates before anticipated completion of the project in March/April 2019.
- **New Soccer Complex** - 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 about 90% complete. The sprigging of the grass for the fields is scheduled for March/April 2019. Completion of the Soccer Complex is

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anticipated to be in April 2019. The Soccer Complex will be open for league play this fall.

- **Hike and Bike Trails** – On January 28, 2019, the DPCDC approved the recommendation to request approval from City Council to authorize an agreement with Burditt Consultants, LLC to prepare for the development of hike and bike trails with a site feasibility study, an implementation plan with cost estimates, phasing strategy, and schematic design of trail alignments. The item was placed on the agenda for the City Council meeting on February 5, 2019.

Other Parks & Recreation Project Updates

- **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 has been completed.
- **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). National Sign Plazas is the contractor approved to complete the initial phase of the project. This project is being funded out of hotel occupancy tax (HOT) revenues. Four monument signs were installed in parks around the city. At the end of 2018, phase 1 signs were being adjusted and 15 wayfinding signs were expected to be installed along Center Street and the surrounding perimeters of the city. At this time, most of the signs have been completed and installed with the exception of one sign. City staff continues to work with the Texas Department of Transportation and the pipeline company to confirm the location of the final sign.
- **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, outdoor classroom areas, sensory garden, possible overnight camping areas, and more. Phase 1 of the Deer Park Nature Preserve has been completed and a grand opening in 2019 is anticipated. The scope of work for the conservation easement area is being revised by City staff to include the removal of an abundant number of tallow trees. Additionally, there are drainage issues in the area that need to be taken into consideration when developing plans for the trail.

- **Adult Complex Pavilion** - A new pavilion has been installed at the Adult Softball Complex to provide shade, as well as a place for visitors to gather and eat during league games and tournaments. The pavilion was funded in the FY 2017-2018 and installed in the fall of 2018.
- **Dow Park Pool Slides** – In FY 2017-2018, \$125,000 was budgeted for 2 new slides at Dow Park Pool. The slides were installed in Sept. 2018 and are ready for summer! One slide is a fiberglass 36” open flume body slide, while the other is a fiberglass 96” family slide.

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General Election



The City of Deer Park will conduct a General Election on May 4, 2019 to elect a Mayor and 3 Council members.

Register to Vote

You must be registered to vote by April 4, 2019 if you wish to vote in the May 4th election. Voter registration cards are available at City Hall, the Deer Park Public Library, and the Harris County Clerk's Office.

Vote By Mail

Applications to vote by mail must be submitted by April 23, 2019.

Early Voting

Early voting will be conducted in the City Secretary's Office at City Hall, 710 East San Augustine St. as follows:

- April 22 & 23, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- April 24-26, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- April 29 & 30, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Election Day

On election day, May 4, 2019, voting will be conducted at the Deer Park Community Center, Room 12, 610 East San Augustine St. from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information, call the City Secretary's Office at (281) 478-7248, go to www.deerparktx.gov, or visit the Texas Secretary of State website at www.sos.state.tx.us.

Council Actions

Regular City Council meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Special meetings and workshops are held as needed. To view full agendas and meeting minutes or to listen to the audio recordings, go to <https://cityofdeerpark.legistar.com/calendar.aspx>.

November 2018

- Terminated Task Order No. 16-005-A with Halff Associates for the Community Center and Gymnasium Phase I Programming.
- Terminated Task Order No. 16-007 with Halff Associates for the development of hike and bike trails.
- Accepted the Deer Park Community Development Corporation's quarterly report for the period of April 1 through June 30, 2018.
- Accepted the quarterly investment report for the quarter ending September 30, 2018.
- Authorized staff to seek proposals for a water and sewer rate study.
- Authorized the purchase of an expansion shelf for the Nimble storage device from Datavox in the amount of \$99,506.62.
- Approved an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of the City of Deer Park, Texas, Certificates of Obligation, Series 2018.
- Appointed the city's representative to an Arbitration Committee.
- Authorized an amendment to utilize the existing unencumbered funds from the Maxwell Center project for the purchase and installation of security cameras.
- Authorized an amendment to utilize the existing unencumbered funds from the Maxwell Center project for additional construction services due to the extended construction schedule.
- Authorized staff to negotiate a professional services agreement with Brinkley Sargent Wigington Architects for programming services associated with the Deer Park Community Center and Gymnasium.
- Authorized staff to negotiate a professional services agreement with Burditt Consultants for the development of hike and bike trails.
- Authorized the purchase of 5 Chevy Tahoe vehicles from Reliable Chevrolet in the amount of \$167,434.70 for the Police Department.
- Authorized the purchase of emergency equipment to outfit the 5 Chevy Tahoe vehicles in the amount of \$56,835.40.
- Authorized the purchase of a new dump truck with chassis for the Street Maintenance Department.
- Authorized the purchase of a 2019 Wilkens Open Top 45-foot Walking Floor Trailer in the amount of \$87,896 for the Sanitation Department.
- Authorized the purchase of a new crew cab truck with utility box in the amount of \$70,148 for the Parks Maintenance Department.
- Approved an ordinance rescheduling the January 1, 2019 regular City Council meeting to January 8, 2019.
- Approved an ordinance related to seismic testing.
- Approved an ordinance amending Schedule B to address Commercial Solid Waste Fees.
- Approved an ordinance adding Section 22-35 (a)(5), Section 22-40 and Section 22-41 to the Code of Ordinances pertaining to residential solicitation.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Capital

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- Improvement Fund Budget for the new EMS Annex.
- Awarded the bid for the Deer Park EMS Station to Cox Commercial Construction, LLC in the amount of \$3,473,300.
- Approved an ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Water and Sewer Fund Budget for the Water Treatment Plant to allow for the purchase of a camera system.
- Approved an ordinance appointing one member to the Deer Park Community Development Corporation.

December 2018

- Awarded the bid for the rehabilitation of the P Street 1-million gallon ground storage tank to MK Painting, Inc. in the amount of \$339,000.
- Approved a change order for the new Animal Shelter in the amount of \$17,618.48.
- Authorized the purchase of a 2018 Starcraft shuttle bus for the Senior Services Division in the amount of \$62,624.96.
- Authorized the purchase of playground equipment for the Big Bend Park in the amount of \$57,146.
- Accepted a grant reward from the Texas Forest Service in the amount of \$20,000 to be utilized by the Fire Department.
- Approved the seeking of bids for the repair of the Pratt Truss bridge structure at the Battleground Golf Course.
- Approved a request for Pasadena Taxi Company to operate a taxi cab business in Deer Park.
- Approved a referral to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a Specific Use Permit for a cell telecommunications tower.
- Approved a referral to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a Specific Use Permit to operate a church at 4526 Glenwood Avenue.
- Approved an agreement for traffic signal coordination of East Boulevard from 13th Street to Spencer Highway in the amount of \$64,084.
- Approved an agreement for engineering services for alternative disinfection methods in the amount of \$74,862.
- Approved an agreement for engineering services for the Surface Water Treatment Plant Solids Handling project in the amount of \$495,390.
- Approved a Youth Sports Organization Utilization Agreement with Deer Park Soccer, FC, Deer Park Pony Baseball, and Deer Park Girls' Softball Organizations from January 1 through December 31, 2019.
- Approved a resolution to award a contract for primary depository bank services.
- Approved a referral to the Planning and Zoning Commission and an ordinance calling a Public Hearing to rezone 825 Center Street from General Commercial to Multi Family 2.
- Approved an ordinance amending Section 18-507 of the Code of Ordinances for the fees associated with the cross-connection (backflow) control program.
- Approved an ordinance re-affirming the Tax Abatement Policy.
- Approved change order #3 on the new Animal Shelter and Adoption Center in the amount of \$35,763.50.
- Authorized staff to advertise and receive bids for the Deer Park Tallow Mitigation project.
- Accepted the Quarterly Financial Report for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018

4th quarter ending September 30, 2018.

- Authorized the Youth Sports Organization Utilization Agreement addendums.
- Approved the purchase of RecTrac Registration/Rental Software Vermont Systems Recreation and Parks Software as a sole source purchase.
- Approved a resolution for members of the 86th Legislature of Texas to support legislation that provides fair and equitable distribution of the sporting goods sales tax revenue for local and state parks.
- Approved a referral from the Planning and Zoning Commission and an ordinance calling a Joint Public Hearing to rezone the property located at 2300 East 13th Street from General Commercial to Light Industrial.
- Approved a referral from the Planning and Zoning Commission and an ordinance calling a Joint Public Hearing to adopt the Community Service District into the Zoning Ordinance.
- Approved an ordinance amending Schedule B of the Code of Ordinances to address Chapter 74 Seismic Testing permit fees.
- Approved an ordinance appointing 4 members to the Library Board of Trustees.
- Approved an ordinance appointing an alternate member to the Board of Adjustment.
- Approved an ordinance appointing members to the Senior Citizen Commission.

January 2019

- Authorized the reduction of retainage from 5% to 2% to Tandem Construction for the Soccer Complex project.
- Approved a resolution to seek a Fiscal Year 2020 STEP

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- Comprehensive Traffic Enforcement Grant.
- Approved a resolution to seek a Fiscal Year 2020 STEP Commercial Vehicle Traffic Enforcement Grant.
- Approved a resolution to update the City of Deer Park Personnel Manual, Chapter XII Travel Authorization and Expense Policy.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 General Fund Budget for emergency repairs to the air conditioner at Fire Station #3.
- Approved a referral from the Planning and Zoning Commission and an ordinance calling a Joint Public Hearing to rezone 5 properties from Community Service to Office Professional.
- Awarded the bid for the Deer Park Wetlands Tallow Mitigation project.
- Accepted the completion and release of retainage for the Manhole Rehabilitation Phase 3 project. Final cost was \$249,308.50.
- Authorized staff to seek bids for the purchase of a Parks Barn Building roof extension.
- Approved a change order for an air conditioning system in the City Hall Council Chambers studio in the amount of \$8,353.10.
- Adopted the 2018-2019 Communications Plan update.
- Authorized the purchase from Vaught Services, Inc. to perform sanitary pipe bursting in the Park Meadows section 1-4 in the amount of \$1,957,242.05 through the TIPS Cooperative Purchasing Program.
- Approved an agreement with NewGen Solutions and Strategies to conduct a new water and wastewater rate study.
- Approved an agreement extending the contract with Emergicon to conduct medical services billing.
- Approved a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and an ordinance for a Specific Use Permit to allow AT&T to construct a telecommunications tower at 6911-1/2 Highway 225.
- Approved a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and an ordinance for a Specific Use Permit to allow a church to operate at 4526 Glenwood Avenue.
- Restored Community Service District to the Zoning Ordinance.
- Approved an ordinance to rezone 2300 East 13th Street from General Commercial to Light Industrial.
- Approved an ordinance to amend the FY 2017-2018 Budget for the Fire Marshal's Office.
- Approved an ordinance to amend the FY 2017-2018 Budget for legal services.
- Approved an ordinance to amend the FY 2017-2018 Budget for the Humane Division.

DPTV

DPTV is the City of Deer Park government access channel providing residents with local government information. Programming focuses on matters pertaining to city services, workshops and meetings, special events, public service announcements, and topics deemed by the city to be of benefit or interest to our residents. To watch DPTV, turn to Comcast channel 16 or AT&T U-Verse channel 99.

Central Collections

The Utility Department, also known as Central Collections, is responsible for the billing and collection of revenues for water, sewer, and commercial garbage service, as well as property tax, industrial district, and hotel motel occupancy tax. For more information, call (281) 478-7221.

Garage Sales

Garage sale permits are required in Deer Park. The permit fee is \$5 and may be obtained from the Utilities Dept. at City Hall only once within a 6-month period for the same address or same person and cannot exceed 10 consecutive days. A garage sale sign permit is available for an additional \$5. Also, \$25 is required as a deposit to guarantee the City that you will pick up your signs.



Pay by Phone

You can make water payments over the phone, as well as access your account, obtain real-time balances, payment amounts, and due dates. Simply call (833) 309-4332. There is a \$1.25 charge for each transaction.

If your services have been disconnected due to non-payment, we regret to inform you that you cannot pay online or via phone in order to restore service. Payments must be made in person at the counter or the drive-thru at City Hall in order to begin the process of reconnection.

Gardening & Landscaping Tips

Spring Cleaning Your Yard

Spring brings life back to our gardens and landscapes. It's a perfect time to tidy up around the yard, too! Remove dead plants and prune any damaged foliage back to healthy growth. Remove the weeds from the flowerbeds. Pulling weeds when they are small will make the job easier later. Prune shrubs back to a manageable height and reshape. Be sure garden tools are in good shape and the blades are sharp. Dull blades will tear stems leaving wounds susceptible to disease. Remove leaves that accumulated in the flowerbeds and add them to the compost bin, along with any dead foliage, and yard clippings. Compost bins are gaining popularity. Ready-made versions are available at local hardware stores. You can also make your own using an old garbage can, pallets, or metal wire with a few posts. Simply making a pile in a spare corner of your backyard is also an option. Keep your compost pile moist and mix it up about once every other week. When your compost is ready, spread it in your garden and watch your plants grow!



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



Wally is a wise turtle because he knows that whenever there is danger, he's safe when he goes inside his shell. During

a chemical emergency, be sure to remember the following safety tips:

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

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

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



Need to report a concern?

Citizens can submit concerns directly to the appropriate city personnel. Simply go to www.deerparktx.gov and click on the *Report a Concern* icon. Then select the appropriate form, such as Park Maintenance Request, Report City Maintenance Issues, Report Loud Barking Dogs, Request Sidewalk Maintenance, Billing Information or Meter Read Work Request, etc.

Once you click on the form, you will be sent to the *Sign In* screen. There you can choose to sign in using your existing CivicPlus login or creating an account. You can also sign in using your Facebook or Yahoo account. After signing in and agreeing to the terms of use, you can enter the details into the online form fields and submit your concern. You can later log into your account to check on the status of your request.

If you are unable to submit your request online, please call (281) 479-2394 and you will be directed to the appropriate department to report your concern.



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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 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., or go to www.facebook.com/DeerParkTX.AnimalShelter.

That's Deer Park App



Attention, Deer Park residents and visitors! The Chamber of Commerce is proud to present the recently expanded version of our city's very own mobile app, *That's Deer Park*. *That's Deer Park* is your key to discovering all the local eats, shopping, entertainment, history and good times our little corner of Texas has to offer.

App Features

- Discover local eateries
- Find unique and local shops
- Obtain exclusive deals and coupons
- Join the Loyalty Program to gain even more exciting deals
- Know about upcoming events in the area
- Receive immediate alerts about local emergencies
- Stay informed with up-to-date news
- Share news, pictures, and videos with others on the app

The app helps guide visitors and residents alike to explore more of Deer Park, Texas. Navigate your way through the app to find your next adventure!

The app is available on the App Store for iOS devices and Google Play for Android devices. Published by the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce. Sponsored by Shell Deer Park.