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Quarterly Newsletter

Summer 2019

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No Trash Collection


City offices will be closed on **Thursday, July 4** in observance of Independence Day. Curbside collection of rubbish will not be available on this day. 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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4th Fest Celebration in Deer Park

You're invited to celebrate Independence Day at this year's 4th Fest celebration, July 4 from 5 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. There will be live music, family-friendly attractions, including a sand castle contest and armadillo races, as well as fireworks! You don't want to miss this year's event at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center, 500 W. 13th Street. OMG, a top 40's cover band, will provide musical entertainment on the stage from 7 to 9 p.m. and then again at 9:45 p.m.



General & Special Election Results May 4, 2019



Mayor & Council Positions 1, 2 & 3

Mayor

Jerry Mouton, Jr.

Council Position 1

Sherry Garrison

Council Position 2

TJ Haight

Council Position 3

Tommy Ginn

Approved Charter Amendments

The citizens of Deer Park approved seven amendments to the City Charter, outlined below. For more information, visit the City's Election webpage at www.deerparktx.gov/267/Elections.

Proposition A - Amend language in the City Charter related to the Police Department, clarifying gender neutrality for the position of Police Chief and giving the Chief the authority to appoint officers. Removal of officers will remain under the authority of the City Manager. **Passed**

Proposition B - To give signatory rights or powers (the ability to sign/authorize official documents) to the Assistant City Manager and Mayor Pro-Tem in the absence of the Mayor. **Passed**

Proposition C - Eliminate the requirement to read ordinances three times without declaring an emergency, except when additional readings are specifically required by another provision of the City Charter, such as granting, renewing, extending, amending, transferring, or authorizing the transfer or assignment of a franchise or otherwise may be required by state statute. **Passed**

Proposition D - Amend language in the City Charter related to the development of property, broadening the scope of possible assistance with the development of private property to include any public infrastructure

General Information

Elected Officials

Jerry Mouton, Jr. Mayor
 Sherry Garrison Council Member - Position 1
 TJ Haight..... 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

June

- 1 Siren Test - Noon
- 3 Planning & Zoning Meeting
- 4 City Council Meeting
- 8 Siren Test - Noon
- 15 Siren Test - Noon
- 17 Planning & Zoning Meeting
- 18 City Council Meeting
- 22 Siren Test - Noon
- 25 LEPC Meeting
- 29 Siren Test - Noon

July

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

August

- 3 Siren Test - Noon
- 5 Planning & Zoning Meeting
- 6 City Council Meeting
- 10 Siren Test - Noon
- 17 Siren Test - Noon
- 19 Planning & Zoning Meeting
- 20 City Council Meeting
- 24 Siren Test - Noon
- 27 LEPC Meeting
- 31 Siren Test - Noon

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

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City Hall Hours

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


Economic Development

- Ken's Restaurant** at 1122 Center Street has been remodeled and is now completely non-smoking. 
- The **Sweet Rainbow Café** is open at 4914 Luella Avenue, near Spencer Highway. They serve smoothies, bubble teas, cookies, cupcakes, coffee, and more. 
- Beauty Studio by Frida**, located at 4136 Center Street, offers microblading, eyebrow threading, lash tints, lash lifts, brow tints, and makeup application. Call the studio at (713) 277-5879 or visit them on Facebook to see some amazing before and after photos of Frida's work.
- Mr. Appliance** is open at 2318 Center Street.  Owner Eric Dumatrait employs highly trained professionals that provide expert commercial and residential appliance repair and maintenance services for the appliances in your kitchen and laundry room. They also have up-front pricing. They charge by the job, not by the hour. Plus, their work is guaranteed. For more information, go to www.mrappliance.com/baytown or call (346) 787-5335.
- Hanna Services Social Media Consulting** is ready to help small business owners market their businesses through social media. Make the most out of your advertising dollars and let Deer Park resident Will Hanna put your business in front of millions of social media users. For more information, call (979) 415-4959 or go to www.hannasocial.com.

- Last October marked the 38th anniversary for Deer Park's long-time dentist **Marc Lefkowitz, DDS** at 212 Center Street.



- The **Red Bluff Pet Resort** is expanding its current 6,000 square foot "cage-less kennel" facility at 5009 Red Bluff in Deer Park by adding 20 additional luxury suites, a new state-of-the-art grooming facility with nine stations, a splash pad, and new play yards. **Red Bluff Animal Hospital** will move from their current location and construct a new facility adjacent to the resort with 2 surgery suites and 6 exam rooms.

- Virtues Jiu-Jitsu** is open at 4922 Luella Avenue, near Spencer Highway in Deer Park. 
- Sodalis Senior Living** will soon be under construction in the southwest corner of East Blvd. and X Street. Sodalis will be a 94-bed facility that specializes in home-like memory care and assisted living for seniors. The 74,000 sq. ft. facility is expected to open in early 2020.

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.

Congratulations to our Employee Award Recipients!

<p style="text-align: center; color: #0070c0;"><i>Supervisor of the Month</i></p> <p style="text-align: center; color: #d9534f;">January</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kim Hamilton, Central Collections - Finance Dept.</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: #d9534f;">February</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Janica Hughey, Maxwell Center - Parks & Recreation Dept.</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: #d9534f;">March</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Al Garces, Animal Shelter & Adoption Center - Police Dept.</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: #0070c0;"><i>1st Quarter Team</i></p> <p style="text-align: center; color: #d9534f;">Information Technology Services</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nathan Bell Paul Kurtz</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: #0070c0;"><i>1st Quarter Employees</i></p> <p style="text-align: center; color: #d9534f;">Support Staff</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tiffany Stasney, Clerk - Public Works Dept.</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: #d9534f;">Field Services</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Richard Bermea, Crew Leader, Streets - Public Works Dept.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Marsha Price, Code Enforcement - Public Works Dept.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EJ Turner, Meter Reader, Central Collections - Finance Dept.</p>
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Shepherd Program

Those diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or autism are more likely to wander. Wandering poses an increased risk to the safety of those with cognitive or communication limitations associated with Alzheimer's disease and autism. The Shepherd Program is designed to collect critical information needed to issue Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alerts at the state level. More information and the application to participate in the program are available online at www.deerparktx.gov/police or in the lobby of the Deer Park Police Station.

Pool Safety

Enjoying a day by the pool with family and friends is a popular activity in the summer. Unfortunately, a little fun in the sun can change in a matter of seconds. You are strongly encouraged to take precautions when spending time at the pool with young children.

According to www.poolsafety.gov, drowning is the leading cause of unintentional death in children, ages 1 to 4. This website provides tips, tool kits, and pledges to help reduce drownings. Accidental child drownings are not isolated incidents, but they are preventable.

Designate a water watcher every single time children in your care are swimming or playing near water. Never leave children unattended. If a child is missing, check the pool first. Be sure to keep a charged phone close by at all times.

Make certain that everyone in your family knows how to swim and teach children to stay away from drains. As a parent or guardian, learn CPR. Know how to perform

CPR on adults and children. Learn the basics of life saving so that you can assist in a pool emergency. Keep life-saving equipment, such as life rings or reaching poles, available.

Always remove portable pool ladders when not in use. Ensure all permanent pools have a proper fence, gate or barrier, cover, alarm, and safe drain covers. Install a fence of at least four feet in height around the pool perimeter. Use self-latching and self-closing gates. Install an alarm on the door leading from the house to the pool to ensure no child goes outside unseen.

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 calls occurring at the same time, such as vehicle accidents and fires.

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. In addition, the Power Alert Service sends notifications about service outages and the restoration progress. To access these services, as well as report streetlight outages, go to www.centerpointenergy.com/outage and select Texas for your state, as well as Houston Metro for your region. 9-1-1 is for reporting emergencies only and should not

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.



be used to check on the status of power outages when no emergency is present.

Cyberbullying & Online Gaming

It's summer and children will be spending time at home and playing games. The Deer Park Police Department urges parents to monitor children's online activities.

Playing video games is a popular activity. An estimated 72% of teens spend time gaming online. Many video games allow users to play with friends and people they don't know. While gaming can result in positive skill building, such as strategizing and problem solving, a negative possibility could be cyberbullying. Because players are allowed to remain anonymous or use avatars to create fictional versions of themselves, users can easily harass and bully other players. The game can be used as a tool to harass someone with negative or hurtful messages. If a player is not performing well, other players could curse or make negative remarks that turn into bullying, or they might even exclude the person from playing altogether. Because players are anonymous, it is difficult to hold them accountable for their behavior, even though their

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behavior could cause some players to leave the game. Anonymous players can also use the game as a means to obtain other players' personal information.

Tips to Prevent Cyberbullying

- Play the game or observe the child playing the game so you can understand how the game works and see what the child is exposed to.
- Periodically check in with your child to find out who is playing the online game with them.
- Teach your children about safe online behavior. Remind them not to share personal information, refrain from clicking on links from strangers, and not to participate in bullying behavior. Talk to your children about what to do if they observe or experience bullying.
- Establish rules about how much time a child should spend playing video games.

Child Passenger Safety

Vehicle accidents are one of the leading causes of death for children, ages 1 to 13. Unfortunately, 90% of child safety seats are used incorrectly. Do you think the child passenger seat in your vehicle is installed properly? Are you aware that your child's car seat has an expiration date? Most car seats expire in 6 years. In addition, child passenger seats should be replaced after a vehicle accident. Does your child's car seat have a safety recall? In 2014, 3.7 million child car seats were recalled by one manufacturer alone. Do you know at what age your child should be in a safety seat? In 2009, Texas law changed requiring all children younger than 8 years old and less than 4 feet, 9 inches tall to be properly secured in a car seat or booster seat.

Safekids Greater Houston Coalition and Texas Children's Hospital have teamed up with the Deer Park Fire Department and Deer Park Police Department to make sure your child is safe by providing child safety seat inspections. There are approximately 20 inspection stations in the greater Houston area. We are fortunate to have 2 local inspection stations in Deer Park, the Deer Park Fire Department and Monument Chevrolet. Trained child seat technicians are available at both locations.

Call to schedule a free child safety seat inspection. The appointment can take between 30 minutes to 1 hour. Please bring your child to the appointment so the seat can be fitted specifically for your child. Remember that all child safety seats and vehicles are different, so it is common for the seats to be set up incorrectly. To register in advance for upcoming free child car seat classes and inspections, please contact Texas Children's Center for Childhood Injury Prevention Medical Center at (832) 822-2277.

For more information, go to www.safekidsgreaterhouston.org or contact the Deer Park Police Dept. Traffic Division.

Citizen's Police Academy

The Deer Park Police Department is currently recruiting citizens for the 40th class of the Citizen's Police Academy. Classes begin on August 15, 2019 and meet every Thursday, 6:30-9:30 p.m., until graduation. Classes generally run for 14 weeks and cover several aspects of police-related work.

Classes include hands-on training in SWAT, DWI procedures, self defense, investigations,

DPCPAAA

The Deer Park Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. Our mission is to serve and support the Deer Park Police Department (DPPD) and the community. We work closely with the DPPD to assist with community-oriented projects and are often involved in fundraisers and other events. For more information, go to www.dpcpaaa.org.

communications, and many other topics. Prospective students must be at least 18 years old with a clear criminal history, willing to attend the entire academy, and live, work, or attend school in Deer Park.

Graduates are encouraged to join the Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association. Alumni members continue to interact with the police department in a number of capacities.

The academy is provided free of charge. For more information, contact Sheila Plovanich at (281) 930-2118 or splovanich@deerparktx.org.

Emergency Assistance Registry

Do you 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. To register, go to <https://STEAR.dps.texas.gov> or call 2-1-1.

Public Works

Stormwater Pollution

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), stormwater runoff is generated from rain events that flow over land or impervious surfaces, such as paved streets, parking lots and building rooftops, and does not soak into the ground. The runoff picks up pollutants like trash, chemicals, oils, and dirt or sediment that can harm our rivers, streams, lakes, and coastal waters. To protect these resources, communities, construction companies, industries, and others use stormwater controls, known as best management practices (BMPs). These BMPs filter out pollutants and prevent pollution by controlling it at its source.

The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater program regulates some stormwater discharges from 3 potential sources: municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s), construction activities, and industrial activities. Operators of these sources might be required to obtain an NPDES permit before they can discharge stormwater. This permitting mechanism is designed to prevent stormwater runoff from washing harmful pollutants into local surface waters.

Population growth and the development of urbanized areas are major contributors to the amount of pollutants in the runoff, as well as the volume and rate of runoff from impervious surfaces. Together, they can cause changes in hydrology and water quality that results in habitat modification and loss, increased flooding, decreased aquatic biological diversity, and increased sedimentation and erosion.

The benefits of effective stormwater

runoff management can include: protection of wetlands and aquatic ecosystems, improved quality of receiving waterbodies, conservation of water resources, protection of public health, and flood control. Traditional stormwater management approaches that rely on peak flow storage have generally not targeted pollutant reduction and can exacerbate problems associated with changes in hydrology and hydraulics.

Source: United States Environmental Protection Agency
<https://www.epa.gov/npdes/npdes-stormwater-program>



Prevent Clogged Drains and Sewer Overflows

Disposing of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) down your household fixtures can be a health hazard, cause an unwelcome clogged sink or toilet, and cost you and your city lots of money.

Blockages account for 43% of all sanitary sewer overflows. You should avoid sending any foreign material down your sewer pipes, including paper products, wood, metal, and toys. The worst items to send down the drain are, of course, fats, oils, and grease. FOG solidifies in the lines of the collection system and form large chunks that get stuck or build up on the walls of the pipes, thus narrowing the lines headed to the treatment plant. A blockage of the collection system could cause sanitary sewer overflow, in which the sewer overflows and spills into ditches, the ship channel,

and the bay. It could also cause the sewer system to backup into your yard and home. Untreated wastewater can be quite costly to clean up and can cause serious health issues for you and the surrounding community, including killing fish in our waterways.

Instead of pouring your cooking oil and grease into the sink drain, place them in a container with a tight sealing lid. Once your used grease solidifies, place it in a trash bag. Liquid oil and grease can be placed in a container, such as an old milk carton, and placed at the street curb with your normal household trash. The city will collect your used motor oil and cooking oil. For residents who compost, used cooking oil is biodegradable and can be added to your compost piles.

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

Please properly dispose of FOG and do not send it into the lines of the collection system. Your participation can save money and prevent backups into homes.

Automotive Waste Oil Collection

The city's Sanitation Division is providing residents with a convenient way to properly dispose of oil by adding the service to curbside pick up. The collection trucks are equipped with a waste oil repository to gain control over hazardous waste, protect the environment, and improve community service. Waste

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oil in screw top containers should be set out with regular garbage on one of your two service days. The household containers will be placed in the oil storage tank and allowed to drain while the collection crew proceeds to the next house. Once the oil container is drained, it will be discarded into the rear hopper and compacted along with the other household refuse.

Address Numbers

Address numbers on homes and buildings are necessary for emergency responders, such as fire, ambulance, and police personnel, to locate you easily and quickly in situations when every second counts. The numbers must be plainly legible and visible from the street. The 2012 International Property Maintenance Code, which the City of Deer Park has adopted, states in Section 304.3 that buildings are required to be numbered.

All Deer Park residents are strongly encouraged to examine the condition of the existing house numbers. Install or replace house numbers immediately, if needed. Be sure that the numbers are easily read from the street.

Tips for the Best Visibility

- Script numbers or numbers that are spelled out in words may be aesthetically pleasing but are difficult to read quickly from the street.
- Brass or bronze numbers are difficult to see. Use numbers that contrast with the background.
- If the house is located more than 45 feet from the street, the numbers should be displayed on a fence, mailbox, or other appropriate place that will make it visible for approaching vehicles.

- The numbers should not be obstructed by shrubs, trees, or decorations, such as flags.
- Numbers should be clearly seen when approaching from either side of the house.

Keep in mind that if the numbers on your house are not visible or easy to read, it will take emergency personnel longer to reach you. Those extra minutes spent trying to locate your property can mean the difference between life and death, so take the time now and make sure your house numbers are visible.

Mosquito Control

Nothing takes the fun out of a summer evening BBQ like a bunch of bloodthirsty mosquitoes. In addition to inflicting a painful bite, mosquitoes can transmit diseases. Mosquitoes require water to breed. They lay eggs in stagnant or slow moving water, moist soil, leaf litter, or any area that is likely to collect water. Be diligent about getting rid of standing water around your property. Drill holes in the bottom of garbage cans and recycling containers stored outdoors. Keep the gutters unclogged and clean. Be sure downspouts drain properly and do not create puddles in the drainage area. Keep swimming pools

clean and chlorinated. Ornamental ponds should be aerated to keep water moving and discourage mosquitoes from laying eggs. Keep your property clean of items that can hold water, including discarded aluminum cans and tires.

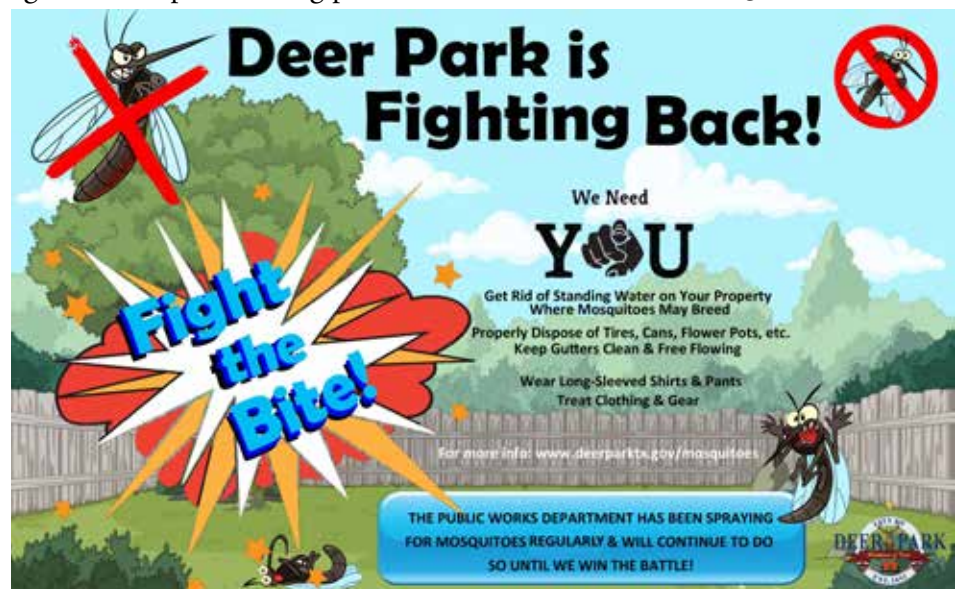
The City of Deer Park uses an EPA approved application to spray for mosquitoes Monday through Thursday during mosquito season. In addition to spraying, the city treats drainage ditches and the storm sewer system (areas of standing water) with EPA approved Altosid Briquets. Controlling the mosquito population by killing mosquito larvae before they develop into adult mosquitoes is the most effective approach.

Ready for Hurricane Season?

Hurricane season starts June 1. Follow the tips below and be ready.

Before the Hurricane

- Before the start of the season, trim or remove damaged trees and limbs.
- Secure loose rain gutters and downspouts, as well as clear any clogged areas.
- Make sure drainage ditches and inlets are free of debris.
- Thin your foliage so wind can



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- flow freely through branches.
- Remove miscellaneous debris from your yard and secure items, such as patio furniture and garbage cans. Anchor objects that are unsafe to bring inside, such as gas grills and propane tanks.

Imminent Hurricane

- Do not cut down trees or do any major yard work.
- Do not begin construction projects that produce debris.
- Once a hurricane watch or warning is issued, do not trim vegetation of any kind. Unfortunately, there is not enough equipment or manpower to collect the additional material. All resources will be used to pick up the debris after the storm.
- Turn your refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting and open them only when necessary.

After the Storm

- Keep household garbage, recycling, vegetation, and storm debris sorted separately.
- Put all household garbage in securely tied plastic trash bags and place at your curb on your usual collection day.
- Carry any storm debris to the curb/right-of-way. City employees cannot pick up debris on private property.
- Please be patient. City employees will pick up household garbage and storm debris as quickly as possible. Never mix garbage with storm debris and vegetation.

Other helpful resources for hurricane preparedness include www.texasprepares.org, www.readyhoustontx.gov, and <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/2988#>.

Resident Reminders

Code of Ordinances - Illegally Parked Vehicles

Our code enforcement officers regularly deal with issues concerning illegally parked vehicles. To report code violations, go to www.deerparktx.gov/publicworks.

Sec. 66-79 Vehicles, boats, and recreational vehicles parked in the yard (unpaved surface) for longer than 2 consecutive hours are in violation. All vehicles must be parked in a garage or driveway, not in the yard.

Sec. 66-82 It is unlawful for a vehicle, boat, or recreational vehicle to be parked on any public street, alley, or other public place unattended for longer than 48 continuous hours.

Sec. 38-242 Junked Vehicles

The term "junked vehicle" means a vehicle that is self-propelled and

- Displays an expired license plate or invalid motor vehicle inspection sticker, or does not display a license plate or inspection sticker; or is
- Wrecked, dismantled or partially dismantled, or discarded; or is
- Inoperable and has remained inoperable for more than 72 consecutive hours, if the vehicle is on public property or 30 consecutive days, if the vehicle is on private property.

Sec. 38-243 Junked vehicles, including a part of a junked vehicle which is located on any public property or public right-of-way, are declared to be a public nuisance. Junked vehicles, which are located in any place where they are visible at any time of the year, from a public place or public right-of-way, are detrimental to the safety and welfare of the general public, tend to reduce the value of private property, invite vandalisms, create fire hazards, constitute an attractive nuisance creating a hazard to the public health and safety of minors, and are detrimental to the economic welfare of the city, by producing urban blight which is adverse to the maintenance and continuing development of the city, are declared to be a public nuisance.

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.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Deer Park Public Library (DPPL) support programs for children, teens, and adults. They also provide prizes for the summer reading program. Following the expansion in 2012, Friends purchased and dedicated *The Reading Tree* for children to enjoy. In 2015, Friends installed a built-in display case to commemorate the library's 50th anniversary.

The Friends would like to thank everyone who purchased items at the spring book sale. Friends will host the Scholastic Book Fair from May 28 to June 8. Purchases at the book fair support the summer reading program.

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Patrons who wish to support the library are encouraged to join Friends. Annual membership dues begin at \$5 for individuals, \$10 for families, and \$2 for senior citizens. For more information, call (281) 478-7208.

Movie Flicks, for all ages, Mondays, June 10-July 29, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a family-friendly movie. We'll provide the snacks. A list of this summer's movies is available at the library.

Matinée Movies, for all ages, Thursdays, June 13-August 1, 3 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon movie. We'll provide the snacks! Movies will be rated PG or PG-13. A list of the movies to be shown is available at the library.

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

The Friends of the DPPL will host a Scholastic Book Fair in the library's meeting room during normal business hours. Stop by to shop for great books and sign up for the summer reading program! Proceeds from this book fair provide incentive prizes for the summer reading program.

A Universe of Stories, for children of all ages, May 28-August 10

Program brochures with details on weekly activities and rewards are available at the library. The reading program offers a variety of children's activities, including movies and special events, throughout the summer. Children do not need to be registered in the reading program to participate in the activities. Registration for the program, *A Universe of Stories*, begins on May 28. Children are encouraged to read during the summer to help maintain reading skills while school is out. Reading will earn them incentive prizes for each book log submitted. Children may submit up to 6 weekly book logs. This summer, we're continuing to use the online summer reading program where participants can register for the program, log their books, and complete other fun activities online! **New** this year is the app, which is available for Android and Apple devices. Participants who prefer not to use the online system can submit paper logs. The last day to log in book titles or time spent reading for a prize is August 10. Teens may choose to participate in the program geared for teens with similar incentives and guidelines.

A Universe of Stories - Adults, for ages 18 & over, May 28-August 10

Make the most of your summer by joining the Deer Park Public Library's adult summer reading program! At the end of summer, there will be a drawing for a \$100 gift card provided by the Friends of the Library. Stop

Craft Time

June 11 - July 30

Kids Kaboodle, for ages 5-8, Tuesdays, 1:30-2:15 p.m.

June 11: Constellation Art
June 18: Flying Rocket
June 25: Tissue Paper Earth
July 2: 4th of July Craft
July 9: Alien Spaceship
July 16: Galaxy Ornaments
July 23: Solar System Necklace
July 30: Sharpie Tie-Dye

PreTeen Crafts, for ages 9-11, Tuesdays, 3-4 p.m.

June 11: Space Art
June 18: Space Rocks!
June 25: Green Slime
July 2: 4th of July Craft
July 9: Rocket Build
July 16: Space Jar Craft
July 23: Game Day!
July 30: Sharpie Tie-Dye

Storytime

June 11 - August 8

Infant Lapsit Storytime

(for ages 0 to 2), Tuesdays 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.

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.

by to pick up an entry form and get started. You can crack open a good book, download an awesome e-book, or listen to an amazing audiobook. The more you read, the more chances you have to win!

Teen Time, for ages 12 & over, Wednesdays (Starts June 12), 3-5 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. The craft schedule is listed in the library's summer brochure so stop by to pick up a copy.

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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 Tall Grass Prairie of Deer Park, and the Fall of the Romanovs. 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 or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DeerParkTX.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.



June 11 - Psychological Fiction

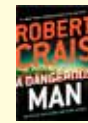
The Goldfinch: A Novel (Pulitzer Prize for Fiction)
by Donna Tartt

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 Graphs & Pivot Tables** - Learn about using graphs and pivot tables to represent your data visually and 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.

New Books for Adults

June



A Dangerous Man (An Elvis Cole and Joe Pike)
by Robert Crais



Good Girl, Bad Girl: A Novel by Michael Robotham



Recursion: A Novel by Blake Crouch

July



Under Currents by Nora Roberts



Bark of the Night (An Andy Carpenter Novel)
by David Rosenfelt



The Pawful Truth (Cat in the Stacks Mystery)
by Miranda James

August



The Inn by James Patterson and Candice Fox



The Last Widow: A Novel (Will Trent) by Karin Slaughter



The Bitterroots
by C. J. Box



Love and Death Among the Cheetahs (A Royal Spyness Mystery) by Rhys Bowen

Parks & Recreation

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.

Patrick's Cabin

The City of Deer Park proudly displays a model of the historic Patrick's Cabin at 1410 Center Street between 13th Street and Helgra. The model was constructed in 1985 by a group of city employees in the Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments. In the fall of 2007, a joint effort by the Beautification Committee and the Historical and Tourism Committee moved Patrick's Cabin from Dow Park to its more prominent and permanent location on Center Street. Recently, Parks and Recreation spearheaded restoration modifications to the exterior of the cabin. Split logs were replaced. The cabin was also leveled and restrained. Modifications have been made to the cabin and the location site to better capture the authenticity of the 1830's. Stop by to see all of the improvements.

Earl Dunn Gym

The Earl Dunn Gym aims to provide fitness and athletic opportunities for the Deer Park Community and surrounding cities. The gym is located next to the Deer Park Community Center at 610 E. San Augustine. The gym is free for Deer Park residents, ages 16 & over, with a valid ID. Deer Park residents under 16 must purchase a game room membership for \$10 per person. All non-residents must purchase a recreation membership for \$20 per person. Resident and non-resident memberships are valid for one year and grant you access to the gym and game room. We've got a brand new multipurpose exercise room, as well as a new body weight workout space with mats, weights, kickboxing bags, jump ropes, weighted balls, and more.

Game Room

Challenge your friends and the game room staff to a game of ping pong, foosball, pool, air hockey or skeeball this summer. Hours are Monday through Friday from 3 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The game room is equipped with Nintendo Wii, Xbox 360 Kinect, Xbox One, Play Station 4, board games, and arcade games. We're also available for parties! Each game room party includes a party room, tables, chairs, and 2 hours of exclusive fun in our game room for up to 30 individuals. All this for \$75, plus a \$100 refundable deposit for residents. For non-residents, the fee is \$85, plus a \$100 refundable deposit.

Splash Park

The Splash Park at Dow Park is open daily from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. until November 1.

Dow Park Pool

Dow Park Pool opens on May 25 at 12 p.m. Swim passes will be on sale at the pool office and game room. Don't forget about half price family day from 12 to 3 p.m. every Tuesday!

Special/Holiday Pool Hours

May 25-27 (Memorial Day)
August 24 & 25 (Weekend Only)
August 31-September 2 (Labor Day, free entry, last weekend)

Operating Hours, May 28-Aug. 18

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



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 make your experience a whole lot more fun!

Dow Park Pool Rentals

You can rent our 50-meter pool or children's pool area for your next private party. It's a great location for a company party, birthday party, family reunion, or church function. All rentals are subject to the availability of Deer Park certified lifeguards and managers. The pool is available for private events from May 31 through August 11 when the pool is closed to the public. \$100 refundable deposit required. Pool rentals are limited to 2 hours. Renting the pool guarantees you space for a private pool party, not necessarily private pool space. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at (281) 478-2050.

Available Rental Times:

Thursday & Friday, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
Sat., 9-11 a.m. & 7:30-9:30 p.m.
Sunday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.



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Fees:

Main pool & children's pool - Residents \$150, non-residents \$200

Main pool - Residents \$125, non-residents \$200

Children's pool only - Residents \$75, non-residents \$100

Dow Park Pool Patio Rentals

We have just the place for you to host your next party at an unbelievable cost. Reserve our covered patio area during normal operating hours. You can decorate and bring in food and drinks. Glass containers or cooking within the gates of the facility are prohibited. Lifeguards are on duty. For more details, call (281) 478-2055. Reservations must be made in person to validate residency. Pool reservations will be accepted for May 31 through August 18. Reservations are not available for opening or closing weekends.

Patio Party Times:

Tuesday-Saturday, 12 to 3 p.m. or 4 to 7 p.m.

Sunday, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Fees:

Residents, \$50 plus admission of guests

Non-residents, \$75 plus admission of guests

Concerts in the Park

Come to Dow Park to enjoy local and regional live bands as they perform some of your favorite songs. Concessions will be available.

June 13 - Mark Mays Band (Blues Night)

June 20 - Vertigo (Rock Night)

June 27 - Bama Sounds (Caribbean Night)

July 11 - Nick Norris (Faith Night)

July 18 - On Three Band (Smooth Jazz)

July 25 - Johnny and The Spinsations (Senior Night)

August 1 - iGroove Band (Latino Night)

August 8 - Midnight Release (MTV Years)

Daddy-Daughter Dance

Dads and daughters are invited to a unicorn-themed evening at the Daddy Daughter Dance on June 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Jimmy Burke Center. It is going to be a night of magical moments! Cost for this event is only \$30 per couple and \$20 for each additional princess. **New** this year will be the option to have dinner at the venue before the dance from 6 to 7 p.m. for only \$10 per person. Please register by June 11.

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

Healthy Living

Spending Time Outdoors Benefits Your Health

According to the MinnPost, Second Opinion article, *Living Near Parks or Other Green Spaces is Linked to Wide-Ranging Health Benefits* written by Susan Perry on July 9, 2018, British researchers found that living near urban parks or other green spaces offers significant health benefits for everyone. American researchers say that spending at least 20 minutes outside enhances a person's happiness regardless of whether or not they're exercising. For children, spending time outside is associated with lowering their relative risk of developing some psychiatric disorders, such as depression, eating and mood disorders, as well as substance and alcohol abuse. As for adults, many leave the park or urban space happier than when they first got there. Researchers believe that spending time at a park or open area of undeveloped land with natural vegetation increases a person's benefits of better sleep, less stress, and less likely to develop type 2 diabetes and heart disease.

Deer Park residents have many outdoor areas to choose from, including various neighborhood parks and Dow Park. The Deer Park Nature Preserve, as well as the hike and bike trail, will also be accessible soon. Use these resources and take the whole family outdoors! Even small

gains will improve your health.



Art Park Players

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The Greatest Showman Drama Camp

June 3-14 from 1 to 5 p.m.

For ages 6 to 18

\$150 per participant

Ever wanted to run away with the circus? This musical theater performance training camp features songs from *The Greatest Showman*, so it's one you don't want to miss! There will be food, circus games, clown workshop, makeup application sessions, and all things stage. The camp includes a daily meal, swimming pool field trips, camp T-shirt, and a musical revue performance at camp's end! For additional information, call (281) 478-7288.



Mamma Mia!

July 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19 & 20
\$15 Show Only or \$30 Meal & Show
Tickets on sale June 17

A mother, a daughter, 3 possible dads, and a trip down the aisle you'll never forget. You'll fall in love with the music and story that make *Mamma Mia!* the feel good show of our time. On a Greek island paradise, on the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover her father's identity brings 3 very different men from her mother's past back to the island. The magic of ABBA's timeless hit music, including *Dancing Queen*, *The Winner Takes it All*, and many more, tells the story of love, laughter, and friendship. Call the Box Office at (281) 794-2448 to purchase tickets.

Maxwell Center

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Mother and Father's Day Celebration Dinner

You're invited to a Mother and Father's Day celebration dinner on June 3 at the Maxwell Center, located at 1201 Center Street. This event is free for seniors, ages 55 & over, but registration is required by May 24. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. Call (281) 478-7276 to make your reservations for this event.



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Public Works Updates

- **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. The project was delayed due to rainy weather. Construction began in April 2019. The project is expected to be completed in 120 days.
- **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. The project will be funded out of the General Fund and is expected to begin in May. 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

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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** - 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 is 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 80% complete, while construction on Amherst Lane and Brown Lane is about 70% complete with an expected completion date in late summer of 2019.
- **Sanitary Sewer Pipe-Bursting of 18-inch Force Main (Phases 1 & 2)** - On March 19, 2019, City Council approved purchasing services from Vaught Services, Inc. through the TIPS Cooperative Purchasing Program to perform phase 1 of this project. This project consists of pipe-bursting 3,300 linear feet of 18-inch sanitary sewer force main (main sewer line for the city's largest lift station) that runs from the South Plant Lift Station to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The existing force main is in bad condition and has had many line failures over the years. This project will be divided into phases in order to maintain service for our residents. Phases that include using ultraviolet (UV) liner technology for sections that run through backyard easements will be awarded under a different contract. This project is part of the Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) initiative to rehabilitate sewer lines in areas/subdivisions with overflow issues and severely deteriorated pipe. The total cost for this project is \$1,398,595.80. On April 2, 2019, City Council approved Phase 2, which consists of lining the 18-inch sanitary sewer force main with a UV Liner. Services will be purchased from Fuquay, Inc. through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program. The total cost for this project is \$657,225. Phase 1 and 2 of the project will occur concurrently. Both projects are expected to begin in late May or early June 2019 and will be funded with water/sewer bond funds.
- **2019 Sanitary Sewer Rehab Project, Park Meadows Subdivision, Sections 1-4** - This project consists of pipe-bursting 23,680 linear feet of sanitary sewer pipe and manhole rehabilitation in the Park Meadows Subdivision, Sections 1-4. The existing sanitary pipe is made of clay and its poor condition is causing line failures and sewer overflows. The project is part of the SSO initiative to rehabilitate sewer lines in areas/subdivisions with overflow issues and severely deteriorated pipe. Services will be purchased from Vaught Services, Inc. through the TIPS Cooperative Purchasing Program. Total cost for this project is \$1,957,242.05. The project will be funded with water/sewer bond funds. The project started in late March 2019 and is expected to take 1 year to complete.
- **Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation** - Phases 1, 2, and 3 of the citywide manhole rehabilitation project have been completed. Phase 4 is expected to begin this summer. A total of 62 manholes have been identified for rehabilitation during this phase. Inspections and evaluations are performed to identify the sanitary manholes that are in need of repair and require rehabilitation using an epoxy liner system. The epoxy liner system prevents additional damage by sewer gases and manhole failure, prolonging the life of the system. Services were purchased from Fuquay, Inc. through BuyBoard to perform the work. The project will be funded with water/sewer bond funds. Cost has not been determined yet.
- **Storm Water, Hurricane Harvey, 2018 Drainage Projects (CDBG)** - On December 19, 2017, City staff updated City Council on Hurricane Harvey damage and recovery, including an update on community flooding issues and a debris map showing the areas of town with heavy debris pickup, which is indicative of flood damaged homes. The 6 areas receiving the heaviest damage were highlighted. On February 9, 2018, City staff requested Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) from engineering firms for design services regarding the drainage projects in Deer Park. On March 20, 2018, SOQs were received from RPS Engineering (formerly Klotz), LJA Engineering, and Cobb Fendley Engineering. City staff and the Architectural and Engineering (A&E) Committee consisting

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of Mayor Jerry Mouton and Council Members Thane Harrison and Ron Martin reviewed the SOQs and ranked them independently. The 3 firms were invited for an interview with the A&E Committee on April 4, 2018 to discuss their experience on drainage projects of similar size and complexity. Cobb Fendley Engineering was selected as the best option. In mid-April, City Council authorized City staff to negotiate a professional services contract with Cobb Fendley Engineering for drainage analyses on the 6 areas identified as the most heavily damaged by Hurricane Harvey. Under this contract, the consultant is to focus on engineering efforts for the top 2 of the 6 areas, Heritage Addition and Deer Meadows Subdivisions. The cost to perform the analysis and provide a drainage report for these 2 subdivisions is \$60,230.

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Type B Projects - The 7 projects below were included in the May 2015 Type B dedicated sales tax election that was approved by the Deer Park voters.

- **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 consisted of new ballfields, lights, parking, concession area, and more. 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 complex has been renovated to include 4 lighted ballfields, 2 practice fields, batting cages, maintenance facility, additional parking, and a new concession and restroom facility. The project will be completed in May of 2019 with the exception of turf establishment. One of the first tournaments to be hosted at the renovated complex will be the Pony International Girls Softball World Series in July 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 new complex includes 4 new lighted soccer fields, 2 practice soccer fields, a parking lot, shade canopy, drainage, and a concession and restroom facility. The project is nearing completion with the exception of turf establishment. The Soccer Complex is scheduled to open for league play in August 2019.
- **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. Four 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 and cost estimates for a new facility. City staff visited approximately 8 to 10 recreational facilities in December 2018/January 2019 and collected data that included programming ideas, costs, square footage, and operations information.

- **Hike and Bike Trails** - On January 28, 2019, the DPDCD 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 and implementation plan with cost estimates, phasing strategy, and schematic design of trail alignments. At the City Council meeting on February 5, 2019, City Council approved hiring the firm to develop the site feasibility plan and implementation plan. Burditt Consultants, LLC has been contracted to administer architectural services for this project. A committee consisting of representatives from City Council, the Parks and Recreation Commission Community Development Corporation, and City staff has been appointed. The first meeting was conducted in April of 2019.
- **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

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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.

- **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.

Other Parks & Recreation Project Updates

- **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. Phase 1 included installing 15 wayfinding signs and 4 monument signs. City staff is working diligently with National Sign Plazas to complete this phase and move into phase 2. A committee is working on sign locations and soon the community will see more signs throughout Deer Park to assist residents and visitors/tourists navigate around town. Phase 2 is expected to begin in late 2019.
- **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 of Deer Park 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 solar lighting along the walking trails. RVI is the project architect. The City of Deer Park 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 learning areas, and more, pending future funding availability. Phase 1 of the Deer Park Nature Preserve has been completed. Currently, the Parks and Recreation Department is maintaining the nature preserve and working on drainage issues, which are being resolved with the assistance of the Public Works Department. In addition, a contract for the wetlands mitigation project has been awarded. The wetlands mitigation work will include the removal of invasive Chinese tallow trees beginning

in May.

- **Dow Park Pool Slides** – The Dow Park Pool has 2 new slides. The 96" fiberglass family slide allows for parents and children to enjoy the experience together. The other slide is a fiberglass 36" open flume body slide that takes you for a swirling good time. You'll be thrilled to cool off this summer with these new amenities!
- **New Playground Equipment** – New playground equipment has been added to Parkview Park at 109 Brookhollow Drive and Big Bend Park at 1600 Big Bend Lane. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held for Parkview Park on April 16, 2019. A ceremony for Big Bend Park is anticipated in May 2019. Come enjoy the outdoors at these neighborhood parks.
- **Northeast Hike and Bike Trail Project** – This project is being funded with a grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and federal pass-through funds. RVI has been hired for architectural services needed to complete a section of the trail. This section of the trail will stretch south from Park Green Park towards the Deer Park Nature Preserve, Wynfield Park, and Runningbrook Park, connecting these areas on the northeast side of the city. Construction is anticipated to begin in the 4th quarter of 2019.



1600 Georgia Ave.

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Golf Course 281-478-2080

Republic Grill 281-478-2089

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>.

February 2019

- Accepted the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2018.
- Accepted the completion of the 2nd Street Waterline Rehabilitation project. Final cost was \$142,768.49.
- Accepted the completion of the CMP Rehabilitation Phase 3 project. Final cost was \$373,155.44.
- Accepted the Deer Park Community Development Corporation's Quarterly Report for the period of October 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.
- Authorized the renovation and resurfacing of the Adult Softball Complex with Athletic Field Specialists in the amount of \$58,000.
- Approved a proposal from Ron Cox Consulting for facilitating a goal setting/strategic planning process for City Council and City staff in the amount of \$7,215.
- Approved an agreement with Houston Community Newspapers for the publication of legal notices.
- Approved a one year contract extension for the Community Center Preschool for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Approved a contract for the collection of delinquent Municipal Court fines and fees with the law firm of Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson.
- Approved an agreement with Burditt Consultants, LLC for professional services for the development of the Type B hike and bike trails in the amount of \$23,500.
- Approved an agreement with Cobb Fendley Engineering for professional engineering services to conduct drainage analyses in the Deer Park Manor and Delo-Elaine subdivisions in the amount of \$48,630.
- Authorized staff to issue a Request for Proposals for disaster recovery grant management/administrative services.
- Authorized the purchase of a double face, internally illuminated monument sign for the Maxwell Adult Center in the amount of \$11,300.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Financial Management Policy.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Capital Improvement Fund budget for the girls softball complex renovation in the amount of \$88,688.
- Approved an ordinance calling two public hearings for the voluntary annexation of land totaling 49.06 acres and 83 square feet in the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) located along the west side of Independence Parkway and north of State Highway 225 into the Deer Park city limits.
- Approved an ordinance calling a General Election on May 4, 2019.
- Approved an ordinance calling a Special Election (Charter Amendment) on May 4, 2019.
- Approved the results of the joint public hearing and an ordinance to rezone 202 East 13th Street, Suite A and Suite B, 301 East 13th Street, and 1241 Center Street from Community Service (CS) to Office Professional (OP) for a proposed sale to Shell Federal Credit Union to construct an off street accessory parking garage and an office building.
- Approved the bid to repair the Pratt Truss Bridge structure at the Battleground Golf Course.
- Accepted the Quarterly Financial Report for the Year 2018-2019 1st quarter ending December 31, 2018.
- Accepted the completion of the Sidewalk Improvement project. Final cost was \$249,700.66.
- Accepted engineering services for a general services agreement with Carnes Engineering, Inc. for a 1,200 sq. ft. concession building and storage in Dow Park.
- Approved an agreement with DPISD for a polling place for the May 4, 2019 election.
- Approved an agreement with RVi for professional services for the Northeast Hike and Bike Trail in the amount of \$31,500.
- Approved a resolution authorizing the city's participation in the North Central Texas Council of Governments' North Texas Share Program.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 General Fund Budget for emergency replacement of the air conditioner at the Fleet Maintenance Building.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Capital Improvement Fund Budget for the soccer field development project.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget for shelving and furniture for the library's refresh.

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- Authorized staff to seek bids for the removal of sludge sediment from Lagoon Cell 1 at the Surface Water Treatment Plant.
- Approved an agreement with Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service for EMS student training.
- Approved an agreement with SHI for Microsoft Enterprise Services agreement in the amount of \$59,451.
- Authorized the purchase of 30 desktop computers from Dell through a continuation of the lease/purchase via the Texas Department of Information Resources in the amount of \$22,427.
- Approved a change order in the amount of \$117,845 for the soccer complex to install sod on 2 of the new soccer fields.
- Approved an ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget for the Fire Marshal's office in the amount of \$200.
- Approved an ordinance amending Section 7483 (b) of the Code of Ordinances related to new fees for the ASAP Program for 2019-2020 school year.
- Authorized staff to advertise and receive bids on the concrete pavement maintenance contract.
- Authorized the hiring of Vaught Services to perform sanitary pipe bursting of the 18" South Plant force main (Phase 1).
- Accepted the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Annual Audit.
- Approved the mowing service contract change order with EconoCuts Landscape Management in the amount of \$13,080.
- Approved an agreement with RVi for professional services for the Northeast Hike and Bike Trail in the amount of \$31,500.
- Approved an ordinance amending Section 18-50 of the Code of Ordinances concerning the cross-connection (backflow) control program.

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- Awarded the bid to Ecological Restoration Services for the Deer Park Wetlands Tallow Mitigation project in the amount of \$215,393.22.
- Authorized staff to advertise and receive bids for the 2019 Lane Striping project.
- Accepted the completion and release of retainage for the Emergency 8" Sanitary Sewer repair on Center Street. Final cost was \$70,460.
- Authorized the purchase of services from Fuquay, Inc. for the sanitary sewer lining of the 18" Force Main Phase 2 in the amount of \$657,225.
- Approved the Assignment of Contract of Sale of Real Property and reimbursement of related expenses in the amount of \$2,900.
- Approved a resolution authorizing the award of a professional service provider contract for Hurricane Harvey for FEMA Public Assistance Grant Management Services.
- Approved an ordinance ratifying the City Manager's implementation of the emergency pay period.
- Authorized staff to seek bids for a one-year supply of gasoline and diesel fuel.
- Authorized staff to seek bids for a one-year supply of sodium hexametaphosphate.
- Approved a resolution suspending the May 10, 2019 effective date of CenterPoint Energy's requested rate change to permit the city time

to study the request and to establish reasonable rates.

- Approved an ordinance appointing a member to the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances Section 66-183, designated truck route.
- Approved an ordinance related to the permitting of food trucks.

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development, and not be limited to only water/sewer line extensions. This will only be allowed if it can be shown that the taxes from the assessed valuation of said property will within a reasonable time after it is made, pay for said improvements.

Passed

Proposition E - Remove the existing employee appeal process involving arbitration for terminated employees in the City Charter and state the employee appeal process in the Employee Personnel Manual.

Passed

Proposition F - The City of Deer Park will follow the procurement provisions provided in the state statutes, which allows for competitive bidding, competitive sealed proposals, and specific alternative construction project procurement methods. **Passed**

Proposition G - Amend the City Council's ability to remove an officer or employee other than as prescribed in the City Charter for City Manager, Municipal Judge, Alternate Judges, and City Attorney. To clarify that City Council will retain the ability to remove specific appointees (City Manager, Municipal Judge, Alternate Judges, and City Attorney), leaving all other employee removals under the authority of the City Manager.

Passed

Tiffany's Tips

Mosquito Season

Everything's Bigger in Texas, especially mosquito season. Summer means fun in the sun with longer days and more time spent outdoors. Grilling, pool parties, and play dates at parks are great fun until you hear the pesky buzzing or feel the itch of a mosquito bite. Mosquito season is in full swing. Did you know that 85 species of mosquitoes have been identified in the state of Texas?



Mosquitoes are most active at dawn and dusk. So, try to limit your time outside in the morning and evening hours of the day. While some species are active during the day, most species are not. Mosquitoes get dehydrated easily in extreme heat.

Repellents can help keep you comfortable when mosquitoes are out in full force. There are many options to choose from. The least toxic options that maintain a high efficacy contain lemon eucalyptus oil and picaridin. Picaridin is a synthetic compound made to resemble piperine, which is found in plants used to produce black pepper. Both deet and picaridin products offer comparable protection. Always use repellents as directed. Also, wear light colored clothing and protect your arms and legs by wearing long sleeves and pants.

Do you notice any standing water in your yard? Fill in holes or depressions that may be holding water. Maintain fountain pumps and pool water quality in good condition to eliminate breeding grounds. Remove containers around your house that may hold rain water. Repair leaky faucets and fix areas that hold water around drains. If you have an area of standing water that cannot be drained, use *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (Bti), which is a biological larvicide that prevents mosquitoes from developing into breeding, biting adults. Please use only as directed. If you have an ornamental pond, consider adding mosquito-eating fish, such as *Gambusia* also known as mosquitofish.

Mosquitos are weak flyers so placing a fan on your patio helps to keep them away. If you have outdoor patio lights, replace regular bulbs with yellow "bug lights" to discourage mosquitoes from gathering around the lights. A little planning can go a long way to ensure you and your family enjoy your summer days outdoors!

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.



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.



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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.

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.