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Quarterly Newsletter

Fall 2019

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No Trash Collection

City offices will be closed on **Monday, September 2** in observance of Labor Day, as well as on **Thursday & Friday, November 28 & 29** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. 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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Deer Park Nature Preserve

The Deer Park Nature Preserve, located at 2500 E. 13th Street, encompasses 1.5 miles of trails. The trails take you through peaceful woodland with plenty of shade and a variety of birds. Aquatic life thrives on the edge of the wetland area and pollinators flutter through the grassland and prairie. Wildlife, such as rabbits, armadillos, coyotes, bobcats, snakes, butterflies, birds, and bees have all been spotted on the property so be on the lookout for them or their tracks. Carnivorous plants have also been seen in some areas!



The main loop is constructed of decomposed granite, while the inner loops are mown trails. Wooden posts along the mown trails help you easily find your way back to the main loop. Bat houses were also installed on the property. Once these bat houses are occupied and at full capacity, the bats have the potential to eat 6 million mosquitoes per night!

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FY 2019-2020 Budget

On August 1st, the City Manager presented to the Mayor and City Council a proposed budget for the fiscal year that begins on October 1, 2019 (FY 2019-2020). The City Manager's proposed operating budget totals \$72,066,217. The proposed operating budget expenditures for the major City funds are:

General Fund.....	\$45,492,260
Water & Sewer Fund.....	12,849,201
Debt Service Fund	5,878,181
Special Revenue Fund.....	2,219,726
Storm Water Utility Fund.....	594,299
Golf Course Lease Fund.....	361,300
Capital Improvements Fund.....	4,541,250
Chapter 380 Reimbursement Fund.....	130,000
Total.....	\$72,066,217

As submitted, the operating budget anticipates a proposed tax rate of \$0.720000/\$100 of valuation, which is the same tax rate as was levied in FY 2018-2019. As in the past, all residential property owners will continue to receive a 20% value reduction on their homestead property for the purpose of computing the property tax. By way of example, the owner of a home valued at \$150,000 will pay property taxes on \$120,000 of that value.

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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

September

2 City Offices Closed - Holiday
 3 City Council Meeting
 9 Planning & Zoning Meeting
 7 Siren Test - Noon
 14 Siren Test - Noon
 16 Planning & Zoning Meeting
 17 City Council Meeting
 21 Siren Test - Noon
 24 LEPC Meeting
 28 Siren Test - Noon

October

1 City Council Meeting
 5 Siren Test - Noon
 7 Planning & Zoning Meeting
 12 Siren Test - Noon
 15 City Council Meeting
 19 Siren Test - Noon
 21 Planning & Zoning Meeting
 22 LEPC Meeting
 26 Siren Test - Noon

November

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
 28 City Offices Closed - Holiday
 29 City Offices Closed - Holiday
 30 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.

Nature Preserve

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Invasive species on the property are being controlled and removed over the next several years. One of the invasive species, the McCartney rose, looks pretty with its delicate white flowers, but is covered in thorns. The McCartney rose is found throughout the 38 acres and just off the pathways in many cases.

Also, poison ivy, Chinese tallow, and other invasive flora have been identified. In restoring this tract of land to its original intention, these invasive species will continue to be thinned out, removed, and monitored on an annual basis.



The first year of an intensive Chinese tallow maintenance program for the wetland area was recently completed. Chinese tallow filled and choked out the native wetland vegetation. A trained contractor was hired for the delicate task of chemically eradicating and removing a large amount of the Chinese tallow that had taken over the wetland area. Now that this invasive removal process has begun, the emergent seed bank of native plants is able to thrive again.

Visitors are asked to remain on the trails while at the Deer Park Nature Preserve. Sensitive vegetation during the restoration of the site means any foot traffic off of the trails is detrimental to the process. Restoring the wetland will give millions of migratory birds a place to rest, as well as provide a location for people to view the birds closer than ever before in our area.

Because this area is wetland, after a heavy rainfall, some sections of the trail may be closed because the path is impassable. The main loop will generally remain open as it has a boardwalk over sections of the trail that are expected to be saturated for the longest period of time.

Geocaching is an added bonus to walking the trails at the Deer Park Nature Preserve. The city is working on providing geocaches in several areas. For more information, refer to the park rules and map at the entrance of the property or go to www.deerparktx.gov/parksandrec. This unique parcel of land will be ever changing and full of educational opportunities. We hope you enjoy being immersed in nature!

Congratulations to our Employee Award Recipients!

Supervisor of the Month

April

Lacy Stole, Athletics/Aquatics - Parks and Recreation Dept.

May

Frank Hart, Police Department

June

Jeffrey Johnson, Central Collections - Finance Dept.

2nd Quarter Employees

Support Staff

Sonia Acosta, Deputy City Secretary

Dreanne Whitecalf, Public Works Clerk

Amanda Teltschik, Records Technician

Field Services

Armando Diaz, Water Maintenance Crew Leader

2nd Quarter Team

Records Unit - Police Dept.

Chandra Malone
Tien Walls

Amanda Teltschik
Kathy Cobb

Deer Park Police Department

Crime Awareness & Prevention

Crime prevention is always easier than dealing with the consequences after a crime has been committed. Businesses are common targets for criminals. Robberies, burglaries, thefts, and criminal mischief are typical crimes perpetrated against businesses. Employees and employers should remain alert and observant at all times. They should attend regular safety meetings to develop and discuss a plan of action. Elements of a good plan include employee demeanor during a robbery (do not resist), notifying the police in an emergency, having an escape route, obtaining a suspect description or vehicle description and license plate number, prearranging signals between employees, and knowing when to activate alarms. On a regular basis, employees should mentally review the actions he or she must perform in an emergency. Suspicious persons or vehicles around the business, especially at opening and closing times should be questioned or reported to local law enforcement. People wearing inappropriate clothing for the weather, such as heavy coats during warm weather, could be an indication of criminal activity. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Officer Stacey Bridges at (281) 478-2000 or sdbridges@deerparktx.org.

NIBRS Reporting

In January 2020, the Deer Park Police Department (DPPD) will transition from the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, otherwise known as the Summary Recording System, to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) to report crime statistics. Once the transition takes place, it may appear as though there is an increase in crime within the city.

However, that won't necessarily be the case.

The NIBRS offers a more comprehensive collection of data and provides greater specificity in reporting offenses. It provides details on each single crime incident, as well as on separate offenses within the same incident, including information on victims, known offenders, relationships between victims and offenders, arrestees, and property involved in crimes. NIBRS reports data for 52 offenses and 10 additional offenses in which arrests only are reported. Currently, the DPPD utilizes summary reporting, which reports limited data for 10 offenses and 20 additional crimes in which arrests only are reported. With summary reporting, the hierarchy rule suppresses counts of lesser offenses in multiple-offense incidents.

NIBRS gathers detailed information, such as expanded victim types, demographic details, the offender's suspected use of drugs or alcohol, and involvement of gang activity. Each incident reported can contain up to 52 individual pieces of information, therefore portraying a better picture for statistical purposes. According to R. Rantala, Bureau of Justice Statistician, "The goals of NIBRS are to enhance the quantity, quality, and timeliness of crime data collection . . . and to improve the methodology used in compiling, analyzing, auditing, and publishing the collected crime statistics."

In July 2000 and again in the fall of 2015, studies were completed to determine the effect of NIBRS on crime statistics. When data for the same year was compared for the jurisdictions involved in each of these studies, it was determined that NIBRS rates differed only

slightly from those reported in summary reporting (UCR). The largest impact was on incidents that involved multiple offenses, indicating a 10.6% increase in all reported incidents. Currently under the hierarchy rule, only the highest level of crime is reported. Under NIBRS, each crime would be reported, thus providing a more complete representation of crime statistics for the City of Deer Park.

For more details on NIBRS, go to www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/uct/nibrs.

False Alarms Are Down - Improvements Still Needed

Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services personnel in Deer Park responded to 3,390 false alarm calls over the last three years.

Year	# of False Alarms
2016	1,314
2017	1,184
2018	892
Total	3,390

The decrease in the number of false alarms is definitely a good sign. Nonetheless, other improvements are essential to continue the downward trend. If you operate an alarm system, obtain an alarm permit. The cost of the permit is between \$25 to \$50 per year. If you receive an invoice, pay it within 30 days. If you no longer have an alarm system, have plans to move, or have already moved, please contact the Deer Park False Alarm Reduction Program to close or update your account at (855) 905-0611, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (CST), or send an e-mail to deerparktx@alarm-billing.com. You can also contact the Deer Park False Alarm Reduction Program by mail at P. O. Box 844908, Dallas, TX 75284-4908.

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Holiday Safety

Fall kicks off the holiday season with Halloween, followed by Thanksgiving, and then Christmas. Generally, for many families, the holiday season means travel time, family gatherings, and outdoor fun. Follow these simple steps to help keep your family and home safe.

- Resist the urge to post your travel plans on social media.
- Ensure your home is well secured by locking the windows/doors and setting the alarm. Ask a friend or neighbor to check on your home periodically while you're away.
- If traveling by car, check vehicle fluids and tire pressure. Pack a vehicle safety kit and a small bag of tools.
- If you're leaving pets at home for several days, leave plenty of food/water and have someone check on them while you are gone.
- When trick-or-treating, take a flashlight or glow sticks for light, use the buddy system and walk with a group or trusted adult, discard unwrapped candy, avoid entering homes, and only stop at locations that are well lit.
- Be safe when decorating your home. According to the National Fire Protection Association Fire Analysis & Research Division, from 2009 to 2013, decorations were the first items to ignite in an estimated average of 860 reported home structure fires per year.

National Night Out

On Oct. 1, neighborhoods throughout Deer Park are invited to join thousands of communities nationwide for the 36th Annual National Night Out crime and drug prevention event. National Night

Out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Deer Park Police Dept. Over 16,500 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases around the world will participate.



National Night Out, a year-long community building campaign, is designed to: (1) heighten crime prevention awareness, (2) generate support and participation in local anti-crime programs, (3) strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and (4) send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and plan to fight back. In addition to the traditional outside lights and front porch vigils, most cities celebrate National Night Out with block parties, parades, festivals, safety fairs, and youth activities. On Oct. 1, residents in neighborhoods throughout Deer Park and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on the outside lights, and spend the evening visiting with neighbors and police.

National Night Out emphasizes the importance of partnerships between police and the community, as well as citizen involvement in our fight to build a safer nation. Contact Sheila Plovnich, Community Liaison, at splovnich@deerparktx.org or (281) 930-2118 for more information.

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.



See You at the Pole

The Deer Park Police Department Chaplains and local pastors invite the public to a special time of prayer and intercession for our children, our first responders, and our nation. Join us at the DPPD flag poles, located at 2911 Center Street, on Tuesday, September 24, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, go to www.dpcpaaa.org. On Wednesday, September 25, students across the nation will be taking part in their annual "See You at the Pole" campaign at their schools!

Holiday Tamale Sale

Holiday tamales go on sale November 25 for only \$10 per dozen and a delivery date of December 21. Delicious Ramirez

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Tamales are delivered fresh, hot, and ready to eat! The tamales can be safely frozen for up to 6 months, allowed to thaw, and reheated!

Pick-up is December 21 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the DPPD parking lot. To order online, go to www.dpcpaaa.org. If you prefer, you may pick up your tamales at the Deer Escort's Santa's Market on December 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Deer Park High School - South Campus, 710 W. San Augustine. Tamales will be available for sale at Santa's Market for \$10 per dozen. Don't forget to check out our selection of gift tins with delicious homemade gourmet cookies and candies!



Cocoa With a Cop

Join us for our 4th Annual Cocoa with a Cop on Saturday, December 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Deer Park Police Station. This is a free community event hosted by the Deer Park Police Department and the Deer Park Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. Bring the entire family for warm cocoa, cookies, and other goodies. You can even have your picture taken with Santa & Mrs. Claus, as well as Deer Park Police Officers! For more information, go to www.dpcpaaa.org.

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Additionally, senior citizens, age 65 and older, will continue receiving an additional exemption of \$50,000 on the value of their homestead. Utilizing the same example of a residence valued at \$150,000, a senior citizen will pay property tax on \$70,000 of the value of the residence. As a further benefit for senior citizens, age 65 and older, the amount of property taxes paid to the City is capped as of the year in which they turn 65. Unless a senior citizen makes improvements to their home, such as adding a room or putting in a swimming pool, they will never pay more in property taxes to the City than the amount they paid in the year they turn 65 years of age, even if their existing residence increases in value. For more information on these exemptions and the tax cap for senior citizens, please contact the City's Tax Dept. at (281) 478-7222.

The City uses a variety of funds to pay for its operations. The General Fund includes monies for the general operation of the City, including services, such as Police, Fire/EMS, Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Library, and Administration. The proposed FY 2019-2020 General Fund budget calls for the same tax rate as levied in FY 2018-2019, no new full-time staff positions, and a 1.85% cost of labor increase for full-time City employees.

The City will continue addressing water and sewer capital improvements designated as part of a 10-year capital improvements program. These include major improvements at our surface water treatment plant, along with the rehabilitation of water and sewer lines throughout Deer Park. FY 2019-2020 is the 9th year of this program. These costs will be funded through the issuance in FY 2019-2020 of approximately \$4,600,000 in certificates of obligation. The City's Water & Sewer Fund operates as an enterprise fund, which means it derives revenue from water and sewer rates, not property taxes. Water and sewer rates are projected to increase 10% to support the FY 2019-2020 costs of operations and debt service. This necessary increase follows an extensive analysis by the City's water and sewer rate consultant, and is driven primarily by the need to service debt issued to rehabilitate old infrastructure. No new full-time positions are included in the proposed FY 2019-2020 Water & Sewer Fund budget.

Funds in the Debt Service Fund are used to pay the annual interest and principal payments on the City's outstanding bonds, including for FY 2019-2020, a portion of the annual debt obligations for the water and sewer system, as well as the related paying agent fees and any financing costs on the new debt issued. These expenditures in FY 2019-2020 are estimated to be \$5,878,181.

Special Revenue Funds have been established to record the revenue and expenditures related to Hotel Occupancy Tax, Municipal Court fees, Police Forfeiture funds, and Grant funds. For FY 2019-2020, proposed Hotel Occupancy Tax expenditures total \$916,030. Several City events and projects are funded through Hotel Occupancy Tax proceeds, including the annual Reindeer Park, partial co-sponsorship of the San Jacinto Day Festival and Battle Reenactment, wayfinding signs, and various activities of the Art Park Players. Municipal Court fees will fund related Court expenditures of

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\$342,579 in FY 2019-2020, and Police Forfeiture funds will cover \$12,637 of Police Department expenditures.

The Capital Improvements Fund is for the purpose of funding capital improvements on a cash or pay-as-you-go basis, which reduces the use of long-term debt financing. Projects totaling \$4,541,250 in the FY 2019-2020 budget include \$3,000,000 for drainage improvements, \$300,000 for new sidewalks, and the first year of lease-purchase payments to fund the addition of a new ladder truck for the Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department. There is also a \$500,000 contingency for unforeseen capital needs.

The Storm Water Utility Fund allows the City to cover expenses associated with the unfunded federal mandate known as the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). The NPDES mandate requires cities to implement programs and practices to control polluted storm water run-off through a permitting program. These expenses in FY 2019-2020 total \$594,299, and include lease-purchase payments for the excavator and the purchase of a new street sweeper, both of which help to improve the flow of storm water. Revenues to support this fund are derived from a fee of \$1.60 per month per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU), the same rate charged in the current fiscal year.

The Golf Course Lease Fund is used to record the expenditures associated with operating and maintaining The Battleground Golf Course and Republic Grill through a lease agreement with Touchstone Golf. For FY 2019-2020, the Golf Course Lease Fund expenditures are budgeted at \$361,300.

In May 2016, Deer Park voters re-authorized a dedicated ¼ cent sales tax for continuation of the Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) and a dedicated ¼ cent sales tax for continuation of the Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District (FCPEMSD). These districts are component units of the City, led by their respective Board of Directors. The FY 2019-2020 budgets of both districts provide resources beyond the City's General Fund, which allow for the purchase of many other items to be utilized by the Deer Park Police Dept. and the Deer Park Volunteer Fire Dept. FY 2019-2020 budgeted expenditures for the CCPD are \$2,715,573. The FCPEMSD's FY 2019-2020 budgeted expenditures total \$1,942,381.

In May 2015, Deer Park voters approved the Deer Park Community Development Corporation (DPCDC), a Type B sales tax corporation supported by a dedicated ½ cent sales tax. The DPCDC operates under the direction of its own Board of Directors and exists to support 7 specific public parks improvement initiatives. For FY 2019-2020, DPCDC expenditures total \$1,959,349.

For more information about the proposed budget, contact the City Manager's Office at (281) 478-7245. You may also review the proposed budget at www.deerparktx.gov, or visit the City Secretary's Office or the Deer Park Public Library.

Public Works

Curbside Trash Collection

What to Expect

- Curbside collection of regular household rubbish occurs twice per week.
- All trash bags must be placed at the curb by 8 a.m. on your regularly scheduled collection day, but not before 6 p.m. the night before collection.
- Medical sharps collected at curbside with your regular household trash must be in a screw-tight container, such as an old milk jug or two-liter bottle.
- Motor oil and cooking oil are collected with your regular trash as long as it is in a screw-tight container.
- Trash that is inside a trash can will not be picked up. If you want to discard an old trash can, you must tape a sign to it that states, "Discard trash can."
- Tires and concrete will not be picked up. Contact the Sanitation Dept. at (281) 478-7213 to find out how to properly dispose of these items.
- All tree limbs and branches cut for disposal should not exceed 4 feet in length and 6 inches in diameter and must be stacked neatly behind the curb line.
- Any trash bag, container or bundle placed at the curb for regular trash collection should not weigh more than 50 pounds.
- Every Wednesday is reserved for heavy trash collection. Sometimes the volume of heavy trash requires more than one day to service the entire city. If that is the case, the remainder of heavy trash will be picked up Thursday and possibly even Friday. As long as your heavy trash is at the curb by 8 a.m. on Wednesday, it will be collected by Friday. Heavy trash includes

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appliances, furniture, etc. To discard refrigerators, please remove the doors or tie/tape the door shut to prevent children from getting inside.

- When setting out your trash, please consider the safety of our trash collectors. Prevent any sharp objects from protruding and place broken glass inside a box or other container.

Observed Holidays

The City observes the following holidays and curbside trash collection will not be available:

- New Year's Day
- Good Friday
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day & Friday after
- Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

If your normal trash day falls on a holiday, your trash will be collected on your next regularly scheduled day.

Be Water Wise

Water conservation has become more important since America's population has doubled over the last half century and our demand for water has tripled. While almost 70% of the Earth is made up of water, many parts of the world are facing a shortage of clean water. Conserving water means using our water supply wisely and responsibly. Since every individual depends on water for livelihood, it is important for us to keep our limited supply of water pure and away from pollution. Our clean water supply is not infinite. Only 2% of the Earth's fresh supply of water is locked in ice caps and glaciers, while 97.5% of the Earth's water is saltwater. Reduce water pollution by decreasing waste, avoiding damage to

water quality, and improving water management.

Power Lines

The Public Works Dept. often receives phone calls concerning trees growing into power lines or items hanging from power lines, such as shoes, kites, etc. City employees are not allowed to trim trees, or remove items hanging from power lines. Residents must contact CenterPoint Energy directly for such issues.

To report a natural gas leak, contact 9-1-1 and then call CenterPoint at (713) 659-2111. To report an electrical outage, call CenterPoint at (713) 207-2222.

Trash Bag Distribution

The City of Deer Park will operate its trash bag distribution center in the west parking lot of the Jimmy Burke Activity Center at 500 W. 13th Street, October 1st through 19th. The distribution center will be open on weekdays from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturdays (Oct. 5, 12 & 19) from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. In late September, residential customers will receive a coupon in the mail, which will be required to redeem the boxes of trash bags. Through Oct. 19th, residents will be able to drive through and pick up 2 free boxes of trash bags. Beginning Oct. 21st through Nov. 22nd, residents that have not obtained their trash bags will be able to redeem their coupon for 2 free boxes of bags by visiting the utility counter at City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please use the back entrance to City Hall when picking up your trash bags. After the Nov. 22nd deadline, trash bags will be available for purchase at the utility counter, subject to availability, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding holidays.

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.



Resident Reminder

School Children's Safety



School is back in session and that means children

will be seen walking to and from school on a daily basis. Please remember not to block the sidewalk with vehicles, boats, campers, etc. A blocked sidewalk forces a child to walk in the street and risk being hit by a car.



Also, as required by the city's Code of Ordinances,

keep all trees and bushes trimmed so that the path on sidewalks remains clear for pedestrians. Any low hanging branches should be trimmed. Low hanging branches should not block stop signs or obstruct the line of sight for drivers.

Deer Park Public Library

Matinée Movies, for all ages, **Thursdays, 4 p.m.**

Join us for an afternoon movie. We'll provide the popcorn! Contact library staff at (281) 478-7208 or youthlibrarian@deerparktx.org for movie titles and suggested age ratings.

Apples & Pumpkins Craft, for ages 5-12, **Sept. 24, 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

Let's enjoy fall with apple and pumpkin themed crafts! Materials are provided free of charge. Children may choose from several craft options.

Halloween Craft, for ages 5-12, **October 29, 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

We're creating a spooktacular craft for Halloween! Materials are provided free of charge. Children may choose from several craft options.

Thanksgiving Craft, for ages 5-12, **November 19, 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

Get creative with a craft for Thanksgiving! Materials are provided free of charge. Children may choose from several craft options.

Tweens Cook! Fall 2019 Edition, for ages 7-11

Oct. 14, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. & 2-3 p.m.

Pumpkin spice fans, come join us at the library! We're making a pumpkin spice mousse parfait. You must register to participate. Registration starts September 16. Choose the morning or afternoon session, whichever one works best for you. For more information, contact the library at (281) 478-7208.

Teen Time, for school-aged teens, **Wednesdays, 4-5:45 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. Teen Time will enjoy extended hours from 1 to 4 p.m. on November 27 (Thanksgiving Break).

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. You'll discuss reading trends and make suggestions for the teen collection. If you are interested, contact Robert at youthlibrarian@deerparktx.org.

Candy Olympics, for school-aged teens, **October 30, 4-5:45 p.m.**

Did someone say candy? Yes! Join us for games, candy, and fun at the Deer Park Public Library. The Candy Olympics includes an Oreo taste test, cookie face challenge, candy wrap ball, and more.

Gulf Coast Reads

The Deer Park Public Library is a participant in the annual Gulf Coast Reads initiative. A new book is chosen each year to be read and promoted at several libraries in the Southeast Texas region. This year, the selected title is *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean. The book is both a true crime novel about the most catastrophic library fire in United States history and a love letter to libraries. Copies of the book are available in hardcover and electronic format at the Deer Park Public Library. For more information on Gulf Coast Reads, go to www.gulfcoastreads.org. Call (281) 478-7208 or stop by the library if you have any questions.

Storytime

August 28 - April 30



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.

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.



Join us for a very special ***Halloween Storytime*** for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers on October 31 at 10:15 a.m. Refreshments will be served. Costumes are highly encouraged. Parents, don't forget your cameras.

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 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

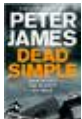
The Mysteries & More Book Club meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. to discuss books from a variety of genres. Future titles will be selected at upcoming meetings. Registration is not required. Go to www.deerparktx.gov/library or call (281) 478-7208 for details.



September 10 - Historical Fiction
A Gentleman in Moscow: A Novel by Amor Towles



October 8 - Sci-Fi Dystopian Fiction
Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel



November 12 - Police Procedural
Dead Simple (Roy Grace) by Peter James

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

- **Finding a Job** - Become familiar with the resources available to assist you with exploring career opportunities, searching for jobs, creating or updating a resume and cover letter, preparing for an interview, and more.
- **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.
- **Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 Basics** - Become familiar with the 2016

New Books for Adults

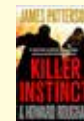
September



The Testaments: A Novel
by Margaret Atwood



The Institute: A Novel by
Stephen King



Killer Instinct by James
Patterson and Howard
Roughan

October



*Blue Moon: A Jack
Reacher Novel* by Lee
Child



*The Night Fire (A Renée
Ballard and Harry
Bosch Novel)* by Michael
Connelly



The Guardians: A Novel
by Josh Grisham



*Bloody Genius (A Virgil
Flowers Novel)* by John
Sandford

November



*A Minute to Midnight
(Atlee Pine)* by David
Baldacci



*Twisted Twenty-Six
(Stephanie Plum)*
by Janet Evanovich



*The Starless Sea:
A Novel* by Erin
Morgenstern

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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.

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.

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.



1600 Georgia Ave.

www.battlegroundgolfcourse.com

Golf Course 281-478-2080
Republic Grill 281-478-2089

Parks & Recreation

Adult Basketball

The new adult basketball league begins play on September 4. We will be playing full court 5-on-5 using TAAF Rules. The games will be played over a course of 8 weeks with a tournament at the end. Each team will have one game per night with first game starting at 6:30 p.m.

Adult Volleyball

Our adult volleyball leagues are the best in the region! Choose between a recreational league (Tuesdays), sand league (Wednesdays), or competitive league (Thursdays). All volleyball leagues are 8 weeks long and include a tournament at the end. Games will start at 6:30 p.m. with a maximum of 10 teams allowed per league.

Another Man's Treasure City Wide Garage Sale

Garage sale registration opens at 9 a.m. on Oct. 1 for Deer Park residents and on Nov. 5 for non-residents. The vendor application is available online at www.deerparktx.gov/parksandrec. \$25 refundable deposit required. Booth prices are as follows:

Single (10' x 10') \$40
Double (10' x 20') \$50
Triple (10' x 30') \$60

The garage sale will be held at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center on February 14 & 15.

Gulf Coast Sports Challenge

The Gulf Coast Sports Challenge is designed to promote health and wellness through friendly competition for companies in Harris and Galveston County. We accept 12 companies at \$875 per company into the program each year, with priority going to previous participants. Over the course of 9 weeks, participants compete in 15 events. Each team that participates earns points for their company. The better you do at the tournament, the more points you earn. At the end of the 9 weeks, the company with the highest point total is the Gulf Coast Sports Challenge Champion. Tournaments are held from September through November. If you are interested in the participating, call (281) 478-2050.

Halloween Carnival

Put on your best family friendly costume and come to the Jimmy Burke Activity Center on October 26 from 2 to 5 p.m. Enjoy carnival rides, games at Pumpkin Town, a free costume contest, a mini maze, and more!

Gobble Games

Three days (Nov. 25 to 27) of Thanksgiving themed games from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.! We'll have a variety of games, including Roll a Turkey and Candy Bar Bingo.



Parks & Recreation



Reindeer Park

Join us for Reindeer Park, December 6 & 7, at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center. On Dec. 6, guests will enjoy the Christmas tree lighting and a show at the Municipal Court and Theater Building. The fun really ramps up on Dec. 7 from 4 to 9 p.m. with snow play areas, snow slides, Santa, carnival rides, concessions, s'mores, and much more!



Make the most of your Reindeer Park visit with a meal package from Azalea Creek Catering! Meals will be available from 6 to 7 p.m. This special \$25 package includes a meal, drink and dessert, as well as the rides, snow, s'mores making, and exclusive time with Santa for the first 30 minutes of the dinner. Limited to 75 participants.



Bring the whole family out to the annual Reindeer Dash 5K

Run/Walk on December 7. The cross country course will be led by Rudolph! Proceeds will help families in need during the holiday season. Please note that awards will not be given and the race will not be chip timed.



Santa Calling

Santa's phone call is free. Sign up forms can be obtained online at www.deerparktx.gov/parksandrec or stop by the Community Center starting November 5. Completed forms must be submitted by December 2.

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

Maxwell Center

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Senior Banquet

Join us for a magical night at the Maxwell Center, located at 1201 Center Street, on December 11. We'll have door prizes, a catered meal, and entertainment provided by The Magic and Comedy of Paul Driscoll. This event is for seniors, ages 55 & over. Registration is required by December 4. Doors open at 5:15 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Show starts at 7 p.m. Call (281) 478-7276 to make your reservations.

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.

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ad AARP Family Caregiving

Art Park Players

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Nunsense A-men!

Oct. 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25 & 26
Nunsense A-men! is basically the original *Nunsense* show, but all of the characters are portrayed by male musical comedy performers. The Little Sisters of Hoboken discover that their cook, Sister Julia, Child of God, has accidentally poisoned 52 of the sisters. As a result, they are in dire need of funds for the burials. The sisters decide that the best way to raise the money is to put on a variety show, so they take over the school auditorium, which is currently set up for the eighth-grade production of *Grease*. Call the Box Office at (281) 794-2448 to purchase tickets.



Sweet Charity

Feb. 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28 & 29
Sweet Charity explores the turbulent love life of Charity Hope Valentine, a hopeless romantic but comical unfortunate dance hall hostess in New York City. With a tuneful groovy, mid-1960s score by Cy Coleman, sparkling lyrics by Dorothy Fields, and a hilarious book by Neil Simon, *Sweet Charity* captures all the energy, humor, and heartbreak of life in the big city for an unfortunate, but irrepressible optimist. Call the Box Office at (281) 794-2448 to purchase tickets.

Healthy Living

Nature Improves Health

Have you heard that spending time with nature does the body good? According to a study conducted by the University of Exeter, which analyzed data from almost 20,000 people in England, spending at least 2 hours per week is the magic number to reap the benefits of nature. The amount of time with nature is relevant to everyone, regardless of age, gender, occupation, ethnicity, or income level. People living with long-term illnesses or disabilities will also benefit from this. So, improve your health and wellbeing by taking a nature break and go to the beach, take a walk in the park, or just go outside to breathe in some fresh air. You'll be glad you did.

Breyer, Melissa. "Two Hours of Nature a Week Improves Health and Wellness." 13 June 2019, www.treehugger.com/health



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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Parks & Recreation Updates



- **Tallow Mitigation at the Deer Park Nature Preserve** - Tallow mitigation was one of the elements in Phase 1 of the Deer Park Nature Preserve project located at 2500 E. 13th Street. City staff worked with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to restore the native wetland vegetation in this 17-acre wetland. This phase included the removal of Chinese tallow trees and other non-native tree species, as well as the removal of buttonbush shrub, Cherokee rose, Yaupon shrub, blackberries, and other herbaceous vegetation. Tree removal was accomplished through girdling, while shrubs were removed using a stump spray and foliar application. Funding for the Deer Park Nature Preserve included a \$400,000 Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant, as well as \$500,000 in City bond funds. The project is expected to be completed this fall.
- **Northeast Hike and Bike Trails** – The City of Deer Park received a grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the future Northeast Hike and Bike Trail. RVi Planning was selected as the landscape architecture firm to develop the design and layout of the trail. According to the preliminary conceptual design, the trail will begin at Park Green Park and extend south to Runningbrook Park, offering several trail and path connections along the way. Surveyors gathered data from the trail site to use in the final design and construction documents.
- **Deer Park Soccer Complex** - The Deer Park Soccer Complex, located at 901 East Blvd., is near completion. City staff is working with Tandem Services, LLC to finish the remaining elements of the project. The parking lot, concession/restroom facility, plaza area, field grading, and field lighting are complete. Sod was installed on 2 of the fields, while the remaining 4 fields were hydromulched using sprigs. The fields are currently in the "grow in" phase of the project and are expected to be ready for play this fall. This project was funded by Type B dedicated sales tax.
- **Community Recreation Center and Aquatic Study** – On November 6, 2018, City Council authorized a professional services agreement with Brinkley Sargent Wiginton Architects for the development of a community center and aquatic needs assessment. The assessment would include 3 conceptual project options, as well as the budgets, conceptual site plan assessments, study assumptions, and a schedule of meetings. Brinkley Sargent Wiginton Architects made several presentations to City Council, the Deer Park Community Development Corporation, and the Parks and Recreation Commission. City staff will take the needs assessment and site location information obtained from Brinkley Sargent Wiginton Architects into consideration when discussing the renovation and expansion of the Community Center and Earl Dunn Gym, which includes an indoor swimming pool. This project is being funded with Type B dedicated sales tax.
- **Hike and Bike Trails** – The initial phase of the comprehensive hike and bike trail system began on February 5, 2019 when City Council approved a contract with Burditt Consultants, LLC for professional services in the development of the trails. Currently, Burditt Consultants is working on project design and management, as well as other services as required by the scope of work for site feasibility and trail master plan implementation. The consultants are also in the process of developing the preliminary design and estimated cost. The committee, consisting of members from City Council, the Deer Park Community Development Corporation, Parks and Recreation Commission, and City staff, continues to work closely with the consultants and contribute ideas. This phase is expected to be completed this fall. This project is funded by Type B dedicated sales tax.
- **Historic Pratt Truss Bridge Repairs** - City Council approved repairing the historic Pratt truss bridge and awarded the bid to Gibson & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$471,950 on February 19, 2019. City staff, architectural consultants from

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RPS, as well as representatives from Gibson & Associates, Inc., and Touchstone Golf attended preliminary and pre-construction meetings to discuss logistics and other relevant aspects of the project. The project includes mobilization of materials and labor, replacing steel members, repairing section loss with steel members, filling voids with metal repair composite, as well as cleaning, abrasive blasting, and painting steel. The project is being funded with hotel occupancy tax (HOT) funds. Construction began in July 2019 and is expected to be completed in October 2019.



Public Works Updates

- **Hurricane Harvey, Storm Drainage Projects** - CobbFendley was hired to perform engineering services to develop ways to alleviate flooding associated with the 2017 Hurricane Harvey rain event. In June 2018, the initial agreement focused engineering design services on Heritage Addition and Deer Meadows Subdivisions. Deer Park Manor and Delo-Elaine Subdivisions were added in February 2019. In June 2019, the agreement was amended to also include an analysis of historical repetitive flooded areas in the city. The project includes using the rational method to determine flows and the small watershed method to create hydrographs. The provided plans will be used to obtain storm sewer information, while XPSWMM software will be utilized to model the existing and proposed storm sewer. The total contract price with CobbFendley is \$504,290. The project is being funded with Series 2007 Certificates of Obligation Bond Funds. It is expected to be completed by the end of September 2019. CobbFendley plans to present its findings to City Council shortly thereafter.
- **Waterline Rehabilitation, Holton Avenue** - This project involves pipe-bursting 250 linear feet of 8" waterline on Holton Avenue due to multiple line breaks in the existing dated pipe. Services were purchased from SKE Construction, LLC through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program. The project is being funded with Series 2018 Certificates of Obligation Water/Sewer Bond Funds and is expected to be completed by end of August 2019 at a total cost of \$74,067.44.
- **Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation, Regency Park Subdivision** - This project involves pipe-bursting 4,700 linear feet of sanitary sewer pipe in the Regency Park Subdivision. Services were purchased from Inland Pipe Rehabilitation (IPR) - South Central through the H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program. The project will be funded with Series 2018 Certificates of Obligation Bond Funds and is expected to be completed by the end of October 2019 at a total price of \$370,675.
- **Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation, Phase 4** - This phase of the project will focus on 56 manholes that will be lined with structural epoxy liner. The existing manholes have deteriorated over the years and are in need of repair. This is part of the city's annual maintenance to guard against failures and overflows. The epoxy liner system prevents additional damage by sewer gases and manhole failure, therefore prolonging the life of the system. Services were purchased from Fuquay, Inc. through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program. The project will be funded with Series 2018 Certificates of Obligation Water/Sewer Bond Funds. Construction began this summer and is expected to be completed in October 2019 at a cost of \$249,983.88.
- **2019 Sanitary Sewer Rehab Project, Park Meadows Subdivision, Sections 1-4** - This project involves 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 Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) initiative to rehabilitate sewer lines in areas/subdivisions with overflow issues and severely deteriorated pipe. Services for this project were purchased from Vaught Services, Inc. through the TIPS Cooperative Purchasing Program. This project is being funded with Series 2018 Certificates of Obligation Bond Funds. Construction began in March 2019 and is expected to be completed in March 2020 at a total cost of \$1,957,242.05.
- **Sanitary Sewer Pipe-Bursting of 18-inch Force Main, Phase 1** - 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. Services for this project were purchased from Vaught Services,

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Inc. through the TIPS Cooperative Purchasing Program. This project involves pipe-bursting 3,300 linear feet of the 18-inch sanitary sewer force main, the main sewer line for the city's largest lift station running from the South Plant Lift Station to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. This main sewer line has experienced many failures over the past couple of years. The project will be divided into phases in order to maintain service for our residents. Other phases, although under a different contract, will be done in conjunction with phase 1; however, ultraviolet (UV) liner technology will be used for sections that run through backyard easements. Series 2016 Certificates of Obligation Bond Funds provide funding for this project. The project is expected to be completed in December 2019 at a cost of \$1,398,595.80.

- **Sanitary Sewer Pipe-Bursting of 18-inch Force Main, Phase 2** - This project is also part of the Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) initiative to rehabilitate sewer lines in areas/subdivisions with overflow issues and severely deteriorated pipe. Phase 2 consists of lining the 18-inch sanitary sewer force main with an ultraviolet (UV) liner. The existing force main is in poor condition and has had many line failures over the years. The UV liner is being used for sections in phase 2 to minimize disruption to residential properties that have a backyard utility easement. Funding for this project is provided by Series 2017-A Certificates of Obligation Bond Funds. Services were purchased from Fuquay, Inc. through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program. This project is expected to be completed in December 2019 at a cost of \$657,225. Phases 1 and 2 are occurring concurrently.
- **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 Series 2018 Certificates of Obligation. Dunham Engineering was hired to prepare the engineering design work for the rehabilitation of the tank and perform the inspections on the tank at a cost of \$65,000. MK Painting was hired for painting services in the amount of \$339,000. The project is expected to be completed by the end of October 2019.
- **Lane Striping Project** - The 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 be a part of this project. The project was awarded to Semper Striping, LLC in the amount of \$147,487.37 and is being funded through the General Fund. Work for this project started in July 2019 and is expected to be completed by the end of October 2019.
- **Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project, Phase 2** - 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 anticipated to be in September 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 be completed by the end of September 2019. 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 95% complete, while construction on Amherst Lane and Brown Lane is about 80% complete.

Emergency Assistance

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.

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>.

May 2019

- Approved an ordinance declaring the results of the City General and Special Election held on May 4, 2019.
- Administered the Oaths of Office for the newly elected officials.
- Authorized staff to advertise and accept bids for a one-year supply of garbage bags.
- Accepted the Deer Park Community Development Corporation's quarterly report for the period of January through March 2019.
- Accepted the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ending March 31, 2019.
- Accepted the completion and release of retainage for the Maxwell Adult Center Expansion project. Final cost was \$1,657,473.20.
- Authorized the purchase from Fuquay, Inc. through the Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing Program to perform a sanitary manhole rehabilitation.
- Appointed Councilmember Bill Patterson as the City's Representative and Councilman Tommy Ginn as alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council General Assembly and Board of Directors.
- Approved an amendment to the agreement with the Deer Park Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District for personnel, vehicles, facilities, equipment, and investments.
- Approved an amendment to the agreement with the Deer Park Crime Control & Prevention District for personnel, vehicles, facilities, equipment, and investments.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2019 Budget for Humane Services in the amount of \$24,500.
- Approved the purchase of 6.19 acres of real property from the Deer Park Independent School District to construct a detention pond.
- Awarded the bid for the Concrete Pavement Maintenance Contract project to Brooks Concrete in the amount of \$312,553.65.
- Awarded the bid for a one-year supply of gasoline and diesel fuel to Pinnacle Petroleum, Inc.
- Awarded the bid for a one-year supply of Sodium Hexametaphosphate to Carcus Corporation in the amount of \$0.90/pound.
- Accepted the Quarterly Financial Report for the second quarter ending March 31, 2019.
- Accepted the completion and release of retainage for the Animal Shelter and Adoption Center project. Final cost was \$2,383,230.65.
- Approved the purchase of equipment and installation services for a new communications tower at Fire Station #3 to Western Towers in the amount of \$89,624.77.
- Approved the HVAC repairs at the Municipal Court and Theater building.
- Approved the submission and acceptance of a grant through the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act.

- Authorized the purchase of services from SKE Construction, LLC for paving at the Water/Sewer Building, Phase 2. Final cost was \$98,621.42.
- Authorized the purchase of Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the Whelen Outdoor Siren System upgrade from Crosspoint Communications.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2018-2019 General Fund Budget for the purchase of real property.
- Approved the assignment of the Contract of Sale of Real Property.
- Appointed members to various City of Deer Park committees.
- Approved a resolution to seek and accept a Walmart Foundation Community Grant in the amount of \$3,000.
- Approved an ordinance appointing 2 members to the Planning and Zoning Commission/Board of Adjustment.
- Approved an ordinance appointing an alternate member to the Board of Adjustment.
- Approved an ordinance appointing members to the Parks & Recreation Commission.
- Approved an ordinance appointing a member to the Deer Park Community Development Corporation.

June 2019

- Awarded the bid for the 2019 Lane Striping project to Semper Striping, LLC in the amount of \$147,487.37.
- Awarded the bid for a one-year supply of Sodium Hexametaphosphate to Chemical Connection in the amount of \$0.895/pound.
- Authorized staff to seek bids for the printing of the City of Deer Park quarterly Messenger newsletter.

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- Authorized staff to seek bids for the Police Firearms Training Facility Repairs project.
- Approved an agreement with Shell for the donation of seven framed watercolor paintings by artist Martha Hayes depicting the city and Shell's history.
- Authorized the roof repairs at the Earl Dunn gymnasium with Atlas Roofing in the amount of \$74,171.
- Approved the purchase for HVAC repairs at the Municipal Court and Theater building from Johnson Controls in the amount of \$133,700.
- Approved a request from Ballard Exploration Company for a geophysical permit.
- Authorized the renewal of the contract with KHSS Ventures, Inc. (DBA Skillet's Restaurant) for the senior meal program.
- Approved an ordinance annexing a 37.0002 acre tract within the city's extra territorial jurisdiction into the City of Deer Park and approving a service plan for such territory.
- Approved a sewer line maintenance agreement with Molto Properties Fund III, LLC.
- Approved a referral to the Planning and Zoning Commission to amend the Zoning Ordinance by allowing lay down yards in the M3 District; add use groups 34 and 35 to principal uses in M3 District; including office warehouse or distribution center as a permitted use in the M3 District; requiring a specific use permit.
- Approved a zoning designation of M3 District.
- Approved a Specific Use Permit to construct a bulk warehouse at 739 Independence Parkway.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2018-2019 Capital Improvements Fund Budget for the purchase of Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the Whelen Outdoor Siren System upgrade.
- Approved an ordinance accepting the dedication of a waterline easement from Sanwood Investments to the City of Deer Park.
- Awarded the bid for a one-year supply of refuse bags to Houston Poly Bag in the amount of \$156,960.
- Authorized staff to seek bids on the Hurricane Harvey Storm Outfall Repair project.
- Accepted the completion and release of retainage to Construction Ltd. for the City Hall project. Final cost was \$6,113,951.11.
- Accepted the completion and release of retainage to D&W Contractors, Inc. for the 13th Street Paving Improvements project. Final cost was \$170,018.65.
- Accepted the completion and release of retainage to Ford Audio-Visual LLC for the City Hall and City Council Audio-Video project. Final cost for was \$474,202.11.
- Authorized the Deer Park Public Library to submit a grant application for Shell's Deer Park Community Grants.
- Authorized the purchase of an emergency pump system from Precision Pump Systems in the amount of \$62,898.25.
- Approved an agreement with CDM Smith for professional engineering support services for fiberglass reinforced plastic launder covers for the Waste Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$19,000.
- Authorized the purchase of services from SKE Construction, LLC to perform pipe-bursting of the 8" waterline on Holden Street in the amount of \$74,067.44.
- Authorized the purchase of services from IPR-South Central to perform sanitary pipe-bursting of the Regency Park Subdivision in the amount of \$370,675.
- Approved an agreement with American National Red Cross for specialized transportation services.
- Approved an amendment to a professional services contract with CobbFendley for additional drainage analysis in the amount of \$139,170.
- Approved an ordinance amending the fee schedules for building permits, emergency medical services, and the Fire Drill Field.

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- Rejected the bid and approved a re-bid for a one-year supply of refuse bags.
- Approved the re-direction of funding previously allocated for San Jacinto Day Festival to an advertising campaign to encourage visitation to Deer Park and San Jacinto Monument.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2018-2019 Golf Course Lease Fund Budget for the repair of pumps.
- Authorized the purchase and replacement of the irrigation pump station at Battleground Golf Course.
- Rejected bids and re-bid the Surface Water Treatment Plant Sludge Removal project.
- Awarded the bid for the City of Deer Park Messenger to Richmond Printing in the amount of \$19,532.
- Accepted the anticipated Tax Collection Rate.
- Amended the commercial solid waste agreement with Waste

Council Actions

- Management to include cart service.
- Approved an agreement with CobbFendley for the final design services of drainage improvements to Heritage Addition Section 2, Deer Park Manor, and Delo-Elaine Subdivisions.
- Approved a resolution denying CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric's application for approval of a distribution cost recovery factor to increase distribution rates within the city.
- Approved an ordinance calling a Public Hearing on the Deer Park Crime Control Prevention District's proposed FY 2019-2020 Budget.
- Approved an ordinance calling a Public Hearing on the Deer Park Fire Control, Prevention and Emergency Medical Services District's proposed FY 2019-2020 Budget.
- Approved an ordinance revising the FY 2018-2019 full-time and part-time employee classification scales.
- Approved an ordinance amending Appendix B – Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges for the After School Program; adding Parks & Recreation Section 74-1 through 74-6; and Library Fee Section 80-1 through 80-3 of the Code of Ordinances.
- Approved an ordinance amending Schedule B to address Commercial Solid Waste Fees.
- Approved an ordinance appointing one member of the Deer Park Community Development Corporation.
- Approved an emergency purchase for a replacement pump at the Green Valley Lift Station in the amount of \$53,033.

Economic Development

- Wayne Riddle officially retired from **Wayne Riddle Insurance** after 50 years in business. He sold the business to Harris County Insurance Center. Services and the location will remain the same.
- **Health 1st Emergency Room** is open at 1101 East Blvd., near the intersection of East Blvd. and State Highway 225. Services include an on-site laboratory, radiology and imaging, as well as a special 24-hour observation room and a pediatric room.
- Deer Park brothers, Chris and Jonathan Clark, have opened **Falzo Filter Supply Company**. They'll help make changing your air conditioner filters a mindless task. For details, go to www.falzofilters.com. You can also follow Falzo Filter Supply Company on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.
- Recently remodeled **Ken's Restaurant** at 1122 Center St. is celebrating their 50th year in business.
- Denton McDugle recently retired, selling **Deer Park Printing** to Tony Lagan, who also owns Inkspot Printing in Pasadena. The business location at 2602 Center St. and all services will remain the same.
- **Ultimate Baking Company** is open at 910 W. Pasadena Blvd., just west of the skating rink. There you'll find delicious cookies, cupcakes, cookie cakes and keto-friendly desserts.
- **YogaStrong** is open at 4202 Center St. This 4,000 square foot eclectic yoga studio offers a wide variety of yoga classes,



such as Hot Yoga, Strong PowerFlow, and Barre. Life coaching, personal training, nutrition coaching, cardio classes, and fun retail items are also available.

- **Garner Environmental Services** at 1717 W. 13th Street was the first contractor on site at Staten Island's landfill post after the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center. The disaster recovery firm teamed up with the New York Police Department and the FBI to sift through and examine all debris removed from the World Trade Center "Ground Zero" site. Garner's experience in emergency response is unparalleled. Visit their website at www.Garner-ES.com.



- **Deer Park Animal Hospital** has moved into their new, larger facility at 5320 East Blvd., across the street from Heritage Elementary School.

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.



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“Modern hearing aids enhance hearing in conversational settings, but a Telecoil Hearing Loop can help in environments where speakers are distant, there are other sources of sound, or where sound reverberates,” Bell said. “To utilize the Telecoil Hearing Loop in our Council Chambers, a visitor simply needs to turn on their telecoil receiver, which is already included in most hearing aids.” For those with hearing loss who do not have hearing aids, Bell said the City of Deer Park also has six headsets that will allow visitors to benefit from FM technology, which uses a boosted radio signal to send audio to the listener’s receiver headset.



For more information or to try out our advanced hearing systems for yourself, please attend one of our City Council meetings, typically on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, or other public meeting held in the Council Chambers. A member of the Information Technology Department or the City Secretary’s Office will be available to assist, as needed.