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Quarterly Newsletter

Spring 2020

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No Trash Collection

City offices will be closed on **Friday, April 10**, in observance of Good Friday, as well as on **Monday, May 25**, in observance of Memorial Day. Curbside collection of rubbish will not be available on these days. Service will resume on your next regular collection day following the holiday. Garbage should not be placed out for pick up earlier than 6 p.m. on the evening before the scheduled collection day.



City of Deer Park

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Peace Officers Memorial Service

Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. The Deer Park Police Department has held a Peace Officers Memorial Service since 2000.



Chief Gregory L. Grigg would like to invite you to the 20th Annual Peace Officers Memorial Service on May 15 at 4 p.m. at the Municipal Court and Theater Building, located at 1302 Center Street. We will honor those in law enforcement who lost their lives in the line of duty. This event is also in recognition of National Police Week, which is May 10-16, 2020. Please plan to join us for this important event.

First Responder Day Camp



The Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting its Annual First Responder Day Camp in May, a free initiative to kick off the end of school and the beginning of a safe summer vacation. The one-day camp was so successful that we are doing it a third year in a row, this time on Saturday,

May 30 from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Don H. Davis Training Facility, located at 102 Luella in Deer Park. An evening graduation ceremony will follow. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis and will be limited to 25 students, ages 11 to 16, who reside within the Deer Park Fire Department response jurisdiction. Students will learn how to stop critical bleeding, initiate CPR, run through a firefighter influenced obstacle course, as well as view live fire scenarios, understand the principals of fire extinguishment, participate in tours of active fire stations, fire engines, and more! Registration starts April 1. To register, send an e-mail to camp@dpvfd.org before the May 1st deadline.

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
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City Facilities

Animal Shelter	281-478-7274.....	4221 Luella
Art Park Players Dinner Theater	281-478-7288.....	1302 Center
Avon Recreation Center	281-478-7216.....	601 W. 8 th Street
Battleground Golf Course	281-478-2080.....	1600 Georgia
City Hall.....	281-479-2394.....	710 E. San Augustine
Claude Burgess Recreation Center	281-478-2060.....	4200 Kalwick
Community Center.....	281-478-2050.....	610 E. San Augustine
Fire Station #1.....	281-478-2043.....	1302 Center
Fire Station #2.....	281-478-7269.....	711 E. Pasadena Blvd.
Fire Station #3.....	281-478-7281.....	2211 East X
Jimmy Burke Activity Center	281-478-2049.....	500 W. 13 th Street
Kingsdale Center.....	281-478-7215.....	2218 Kingsdale
Maxwell Adult Center	281-478-7276.....	1201 Center
Municipal Court	281-478-7238.....	1302 Center
Police Station	281-479-1511.....	2911 Center
Public Library	281-478-7208.....	3009 Center
Swimming Pool.....	281-478-2055.....	610 E. San Augustine
Transfer Station.....	281-478-7213.....	610 Underwood
Visitors Center	832-780-0973.....	203 Ivy Ave., Suite 606

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

Calendar

March

- 2 Planning & Zoning Meeting
- 3 City Council 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

April

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

May

- 2 General Election
- 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
- 25 City Offices Closed - Holiday
- 26 LEPC Meeting
- 30 Siren Test - Noon

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

Notify Me

Subscribe to receive city news and the Messenger newsletter by e-mail at www.deerparktx.gov.



City Hall Hours

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

Stream DPTV

Watch the City of Deer Park Government Access Channel (DPTV) on Comcast channel 16, AT&T U-Verse channel 99, our website, or your ROKU streaming device! To watch DPTV online, go to www.deerparktx.gov/DPTV. The audio default is set to mute, so you must click on the speaker in the lower right corner to unmute the audio. To add DPTV to your ROKU streaming device, go to <https://roku.streamsource.tv/add/dptv>. You will need to sign into your ROKU account. Once you are logged in, you will see a pop up. You must click *ok* to continue. Then click *Yes, add to channel* to add DPTV to your ROKU home screen.

Programming on DPTV focuses on matters pertaining to city services, workshops and meetings, special events, public service announcements, and topics deemed by city staff to be of benefit or interest to our residents. For additional information, please visit www.deerparktx.gov/dptv.

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.



Deer Park Animal Shelter

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 us at 4221 Luella Ave. or go to www.facebook.com/DeerParkTX.AnimalShelter. For more information, call (281) 478-7274. The Deer Park Animal Shelter is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Congratulations to our Employee Award Recipients!

Supervisor of the Month Awards

October 2019

Dawn Crenshaw

Parks and Recreation Dept.

November 2019

Ian Sawtell

Police Department

3rd Quarter 2019 Employee Awards

Support Staff

Kenzie Copeland

PR Marketing Specialist

4th Quarter 2019 Employee Award

Support Staff

Celeste Saenz

Animal Control

Field Services

Abraham Avila

Sanitation Crew Leader

3rd Quarter 2019 Team Awards

Team #1

Lacy Stole, Debra Culp & Lifeguards

Team #2

Kenzie Copeland, Phillip Arroyo, Joe Piper, Lacy Stole, Andrew Smith & Tina Taylor

4th Quarter 2019 Team Award

Tom Fuller & Water Maintenance Crew



Deer Park Police Department

Bias Based/Racial Profiling

Bias based/racial profiling is defined as a law enforcement initiated act based solely upon an individual's race, ethnicity, national origin, or on the basis of other criteria rather than upon the individual's behavior, activity, or other lawful reason. Deer Park Police Officers are strictly prohibited from engaging in bias based/racial profiling. The Deer Park Police Department is committed to providing service and enforcing laws in a fair and equitable manner. Citizens who believe they have been the subject of bias based/racial profiling may file a complaint with any employee of the Deer Park Police Department or call the Internal Affairs contact, Captain Wade Conner, at (281) 930-2102.

National Telecommunicator Week - April 12-18, 2020

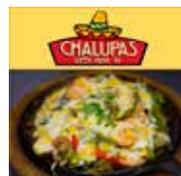
The 2nd full week in April is designated by Congress as National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week. Telecommunicators will be recognized April 12-18 for working tirelessly behind the scenes along with Fire, EMS, Police, and other first responders to protect and serve their communities. Texas was the 1st state to reclassify its 9-1-1 telecommunicators as first responders as of September 1, 2019. It set the standard for other states and the federal government to follow.

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

Join us in recognizing the rarely seen, but critically important group of public servants - telecommunicators! Also, don't forget that April is National 9-1-1 Education Month. Greater Harris County 9-1-1 provides facts and tips at www.911.org. 9-1-1 is to be used for emergencies only, such as a life threatening situation or a crime in progress.

Economic Development

- **Bella Bebe Boutique** is now open at 4132 Center Street, next door to Sweet Threads Boutique. This super-cute women's boutique carries the latest styles in clothing, shoes, and fun accessories. Check out their Facebook page @BellaBebeBoutiqueDP.
- **Taqueria Chalupas** is now open at 2020 Center Street, just north of the San Augustine intersection. This family-owned restaurant has delicious authentic Mexican dishes for breakfast, lunch and dinner, plus a full bar. For more information, call (832) 495-1335.
- **Fair Dinkum Coffee Co.** is a new non-profit, online coffee roasting company based in Deer Park. The company keeps profits here to support students in Deer Park, La Porte, and Pasadena. Go to www.etsy.com/shop/FairDinkumCoffeeCoUS to place your order for fresh roasted



coffee delivered free of charge in Deer Park, La Porte or Pasadena. For more information, check out their Facebook page or call (832) 638-4365.

- **Guidry's Cajun Kitchen** is undergoing an extensive remodel of their restaurant located at 2113 Center Street. Anticipated re-opening is this spring!
- Deer Park's **H-E-B** just celebrated its 4th anniversary at 4701 Spencer Highway!
- **Atlas Copco** is constructing a new 30,000 sq. ft. office building at 2300 13th Street near the corner of East Blvd. and 13th Street, behind JSC Federal Credit Union.
- **Bibi's House of Kabobs** at 3121 Center Street is temporarily closed due to an electrical fire, which caused considerable damage. The family-owned business plans to reopen upon completing the repairs.
- Development at the southeast corner of 8th Street and Center Street will be Deer Park's first apartment/hotel. This single-story apartment complex will have short-term leases and an on-site manager 24-hours a day.
- Under construction at 4324 East Blvd., next door to Deer Park Animal Hospital is **Serenity Gardens Hospice**.



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.

Public Works

The Public Works Department is responsible for the daily operation and maintenance of the city's infrastructure services, including sanitation and street maintenance. The Director of Public Works Bill Pedersen, P.E. oversees the department, which employs a total of 95 full-time employees. The divisions under this department provide services in administration, planning, maintenance, construction management, and technical engineering. As a result of their efforts, trash is picked up, toilets flush, sewers drain, traffic signals direct traffic, and clean drinking water is available. For more information, go to www.deerparktx.gov/publicworks.

Sanitation

The Sanitation Division consists of Sanitation Supervisor Tim Alexander, Assistant Supervisor Paul Peña, 5 crew leaders, 4 equipment operators, and 11 laborers. Several employees have been with the Sanitation Division for over 15 years. This crew is responsible for the collection and disposal of all residential garbage and heavy trash. The normal operating schedule for curbside collection of regular household garbage is twice a week. In addition, the sanitation crew picks up heavy trash every week, while most cities offer monthly or quarterly heavy trash collection. For the convenience of Deer Park residents, the Transfer Station, located at 610 Old Underwood Road, is open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Single-stream recycling is also offered at the Transfer Station on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call (281) 478-7213.



Building Department



The Building Department is led by Chief Building Inspector Larry Brotherton and Deputy Building Official Greg Melching. The electrical, mechanical, and plumbing inspectors inspect all commercial and residential construction, such as remodels, additions, storage sheds, and swimming pools. Our inspectors have completed hours of training and education to be certified and licensed. They also take annual continuing education classes to remain current on building codes and trends. The department also has 2 permitting clerks to assist you with the permitting process and answer questions.

Before a permit can be issued for a commercial project, the complete set of plans must be reviewed to ensure compliance with building code. Work will be inspected during construction as well to ensure continued compliance. Your home or business is an investment. If your project does not comply with city building codes, the value of your investment may be reduced. In addition, insurers may not cover the work or the damages caused by the work performed without the proper permits or inspections. Permitting allows the building officials to reduce the potential hazards of unsafe construction.

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement is responsible for enforcing the Code of Ordinances in an effort to maintain a safe and desirable quality of life and appearance for the city. Ensuring code compliance is not only for aesthetic purposes, but also for health reasons. Junk and debris on property harbors rodents and snakes. Dirty, stagnant water in swimming pools not only creates a breeding ground for mosquitoes, but is also a safety risk to young children who could fall in since it is difficult to rescue a child in dirty water because of low visibility. Code Enforcement officers respond to complaints concerning a wide range of code violations, including high grass, unsightly yards full of trash, dirty pools, graffiti, projects without the proper permits, and junk vehicles. Fortunately, most violations are resolved with a simple warning. To contact Code Enforcement, please call (281) 478-7254. You may also call the Public Works Department at (281) 478-7253 or send an e-mail to publicworks@deerparktx.org.

Engineering

Engineering is overseen by City Engineer Adam Ballesteros, P.E. and Assistant Public Works Director Brent Costlow. This subdivision also includes 2 registered land surveyors, 2 engineering construction inspectors, and an engineering aide. In-house staff and outside professional consultants are utilized for design, as well as construction management and contract administration on all major capital improvement projects. The division is responsible for all public infrastructure projects, including roadway and drainage projects, water and sewer line projects, and the construction of municipal buildings. The Engineering Division not only manages the city's infrastructure, it

Public Works

also protects the environment and ensures public health and safety through comprehensive engineering, development services, capital project planning and management, as well as inspection services. Stormwater Management and Floodplain Management are subdivisions in the Public Works Department.



Street and Drainage Maintenance

The Street Department is responsible for mowing and weed eating miles of street right-of-ways and ditch right-of-ways. A handful of city employees are dedicated to mowing these areas on a regular basis. During the summer months, part-time help is utilized to help city employees keep up. Summer mowing and mosquito spraying keeps this division extremely busy. The division includes Supervisor Shain Olson and Assistant Supervisor Richard Bermea, 6 equipment operators, and 5 full-time laborers. In the summer, the division employs 5 part-time laborers as well.

Traffic

The Traffic Division maintains traffic signals and street signs, performs electrical and HVAC maintenance on all city facilities, and occasionally performs electrical inspections when necessary. It includes Electrical Supervisor Chris McNeely and Traffic Supervisor Doug Niemeyer. Chris McNeely is a master electrician with residential

electrical inspector certification and a commercial electrical inspector license. Doug Niemeyer is a licensed journeyman electrician with residential electrical inspector certification. He has also earned certifications from the International Municipal Signal Association.

Water and Wastewater Maintenance

The Water and Wastewater Maintenance Division is responsible for maintaining our water and wastewater lines. The division is led by Supervisor Tom Fuller and Assistant Supervisor Armando Diaz, a crew leader, 4 equipment operators, 3 maintenance technicians, and 3 laborers. These employees are on call 24/7 and are trained and licensed by the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality. The city has over 140 miles of water lines, as well as wastewater distribution lines. They repair broken water mains, sewer force mains and gravity lines, in addition to maintaining 35 lift stations and nearly 1,000 fire hydrants. Crew members also flush fire hydrants 2 to 3 times a year for water quality purposes.

Water Treatment Plant

This division is led by Supervisor Nicholas Cook and Assistant Supervisor Matt Noland and includes a lab technician, 2 B operators, 4 C operators, and 2 maintenance technicians. They operate the treatment plant, 3 elevated water storage tanks, ground storage tanks, as well as 3 well sites and pumping stations. The plant treats approximately 1.5 billion gallons of water per year. The City of Deer Park operates a surface water treatment plant with an in-house laboratory. The city purchases raw, untreated water from the City of Houston. The water comes from the Trinity River via the Coastal Water Authority. The raw water (lake water) is delivered through large pipelines leading to the treatment plant. The water plant reduces and eliminates contaminants to levels that have been established by the State of Texas and the federal government. Regular water samples are tested in our lab to ensure the water's purity.



Wastewater Treatment Plant

Wastewater includes household waste liquids from toilets, showers and sinks, as well as liquid

waste from commercial and industrial businesses. Stormwater runoff and urban runoff also enters the sewer system. Rainfall travels over roofs and the ground picking up various contaminants, such as soil particles, heavy metals, animal waste, oil and grease. This wastewater must be treated before it can be released back into the environment. Our wastewater treatment plant treats an average of 3 million gallons per day. The Wastewater Treatment Plant is overseen by Supervisor Greg Holleman and consists of a crew leader/B operator, a C Operator, one lab technician, one maintenance technician, and one laborer.

Deer Park Public Library

Friends of the Deer Park Public Library

Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the Deer Park Public Library (DPPL) Annual Spring Book Sale is April 1 through 4, during normal business hours. Members of the Friends of the DPPL are invited to attend the preview sale on March 31 from 5 to 9 p.m. Annual membership dues begin at \$5 for individuals, \$10 for families, and \$2 for senior citizens.

Annual Meeting

The Friends of the DPPL will hold their annual meeting on April 23 at 7 p.m. The featured speaker is Joe Monk, a volunteer park ranger and guide at the San Jacinto Monument. A short business meeting will precede the presentation. This is a free event that is open to the general public. For more information, call (281) 478-7208.

Volunteer Opportunities

Donating your time is a fun way to get involved and meet new people! Volunteers are needed to work the Annual Spring Book Sale and the Scholastic Book Fair. For more details on volunteering, call (281) 478-2092.

Happy St. Patrick's Day Craft, for ages 5-12, March 17, 3:30 p.m.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a craft at the library! Materials are provided free of charge. Craft options are designed for ages 5 to 8 and 9 to 12.

Earth Day Craft, for ages 5-12, April 21, 3:30 p.m.

Join us for some fun Earth Day crafts! Materials are provided free of charge. Craft options are designed for ages 5 to 8 and 9 to 12.

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

Get creative with a craft for Mother's Day! Materials are provided free of charge. Craft options are designed for ages 5 to 8 and 9 to 12.

Tweens Cook, for ages 7-11, March 9, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. & 2 to 3 p.m.

Come learn how to make spring rolls with peanut dipping sauce! You must register to participate. Registration starts February 17. Choose the morning or afternoon session. 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. On March 11, Teen Time will offer extended hours from 1 to 5 p.m. and host a special video game tournament. Teen Time is cancelled for April 1 due to the Friends of the Library Book Sale. Activities will resume on April 8.

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.

Storytime

Through April 30, 2020

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.

***Storytime sessions will not be held during the week of March 30 due to the Friends of the Library Book Sale.**



Join us for a very special *Egg Hunt Storytime* for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers on April 9 at 10:15 a.m. The fun includes stories, songs, crafts, and an egg hunt! Refreshments will be served.

Deer Park Public Library

Spring Break @ DPPL

Join us for fun and games at the Deer Park Public Library during spring break week, starting March 9. We'll have different programs and activities for children and families, including Tweens Cook! For more information, pick up a brochure at the library or check out our Facebook page or Twitter. Details are also available at www.deerparktx.gov/library.

Scholastic Book Fair, for all ages, May 26-June 6

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

Summer Reading Program, for all ages

Go to www.deerparktx.gov/library or stop by the library in May to view the Summer Reading Club brochure with program details and special events. Registration begins on May 26, which is also the start of the Scholastic Book Fair. Join us for this summer reading adventure!

Summer VolunTeens, for ages 13+

Teen volunteers are needed! Volunteers will work with staff and other teens starting the week of June 8 through the duration of the summer reading program. Be a part of the summer fun at the library, while you make new friends and accrue volunteer credit. Sign up starts May 1. To join, contact Robert at youthlibrarian@deerparktx.org or pick up a form at the library.

Featured Fridays

The Featured Friday series began in January 2015 to provide programs of cultural, historical, and local interest to library visitors. It has continued to include an eclectic variety of presenters and topics. Many of the guest speakers are college professors or people with connections to the Deer Park community. Past program subjects have included *Monroe Edwards: The Counterfeit Prince of Old Texas*, the *Battle of Galveston*, and *A History of the Galveston Beach Revue*. The Featured Friday program series is one of several services that the Deer Park Public Library offers. For more information, go to www.deerparktx.gov/library.

Featured Friday favorite Kimber Fountain will be the guest speaker on April 17 at 11 a.m. The presentation will focus on her new book, "The Maceos and the Free State of Galveston." Copies of the book will be for sale.

Mysteries & More Book Club

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



March 10, Suspense Fiction - The Chain by Adrian McKinty

New Books for Adults

March

- *The Boy from the Woods* by Harlan Coben
- *The K Team* by David Rosenfelt
- *The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz* by Erik Larson

April

- *Walk the Wire* by David Baldacci
- *Masked Prey* by John Sandford
- *Sunrise on Half Moon Bay* by Robyn Carr

May

- *If It Bleeds* by Stephen King
- *The Last Trial* by Scott Turow
- *The Bounty* by Janet & Peter Evanovich
- *The 20th Victim* by James Patterson & Maxine Paetro

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 other online tools to complete useful charts and start tracing your roots!
- **Computer Basics: Internet** - Learn how to navigate websites using an internet browser or search engine, understand basic terminology, read search results, and more.
- **New Computer Basics: Files and Folders** - Learn how to navigate the start menu and use File Explorer, as well as create, copy, move, and delete folders. In addition, you will learn how to store files on a flash drive and Google Drive.
- **Introduction to Computers** - Become familiar with computers and technical terminology, plus get comfortable using a mouse, opening software applications, and other basic skills.

Public Library

- **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. Prerequisites include basic computer skills (mouse and keyboard) and basic knowledge of personal computers. Familiarity with Microsoft Word is preferred.
- **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 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 Microsoft Word 2016: Intermediate** - Learn how to work with large documents in Microsoft Word using styles, headers, footers, page numbers, and tables. Prerequisites include Microsoft Word 2016 Basics or general basic knowledge of Microsoft Word.
- **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.

Art Park Players

A Division of the Parks & Recreation Department

Puttin' on the Ritz 2020

The annual *Puttin' on the Ritz* musical revue and fashion show featuring local celebrities will be held on March 19 at the Municipal Court & Theater Building, 1302 Center Street. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show begins promptly at 7 p.m. The Friends of the Art Park Players present this dinner/mixer, as well as the live and silent auctions, to raise funds for scholarships and internships for long-standing members of the Junior Art Park Players. Food and auction items are donated for this event to ensure that all of the proceeds go to support the scholarship and internship fund. Tickets are \$30 each. Call the Box Office at (281) 794-2448 to purchase your tickets!



Auditions for Footloose



Teens and adults are encouraged to audition to be a part of this summer's production of *Footloose*. You must bring a headshot, resume, and 32 bars of a song in the style of the show (CD or track, accompanist not available). Be prepared to dance! Call (281) 478-2048 for more information. Performances are July 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24 & 25.

Little Shop of Horrors

Little Shop of Horrors has devoured the hearts of theater-goers for over 30 years. Howard Ashman and Alan Menken are the creative geniuses behind this popular sci-fi smash musical.



The meek floral assistant, Seymore Krelborn, stumbles across a new plant he names "Audrey II," after his coworker crush. This foul-mouthed, R&B singing carnivore promises unending fame and fortune to Seymore as long as he keeps feeding it blood. However, Seymore soon discovers Audrey II's out of this world origin and intent toward global domination! Tickets on sale now for \$30 each (Meal & Show) or \$15 each (Show Only). Performances at the Municipal Court and Theater Building, located at 1302 Center Street, are on April 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 & 26 and May 1 & 2. To purchase tickets, call (281) 794-2448.

Maxwell Center

A Division of the Parks & Recreation Department

Cinco de Mayo

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with us at the Maxwell Adult Center on Tuesday, May 5 at 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Call (281) 478-7276 to R.S.V.P. by April 28.

Senior Health & Fitness Day

Celebrate National Senior Health & Fitness Day with us at the Maxwell Adult Center on May 29 from 1 to 3 p.m. Registration for this event is March 30 through May 8.

Parks & Recreation

Contract Program Refunds

To best serve our community, the Deer Park Parks and Recreation Department (DPPARD) contracts several of the programs they offer. As a result, it is at the discretion of the contracted instructor to decide whether to issue a refund for a program. The DPPARD cannot issue a refund without approval from the instructor. In the event that the DPPARD cancels a program, a full refund will be issued promptly.

Another Man's Treasure City Wide Garage Sale

Come find your treasure from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on February 14 & 15 at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center. There's always something for everyone! Admission and parking are free.



Easter EGGstravaganza

Be at Dow Park on April 4 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for the Annual Easter EGGstravaganza Egg Hunt and Festivities. The egg hunt begins at 10:30 a.m. There will be over 15,000 eggs for children, ages 6 months to 9 years old. We'll also have rubber ducky races, the carrot pull, bunny bingo, and the sidewalk chalk contest, as well as dancing and singing.

Movies in the Park

Join us at the Dow Park Pavilions on the 1st Saturday of the month for a movie. This free event begins at dusk. In case of inclement weather, the movie will be moved into the Earl Dunn Gym. The Deer Park Citizens Police Academy will be selling concessions. The movie schedule is as follows: March 7 - Matilda (Rated PG), April 4 - Wonder Park (Rated PG), and May 2 - Shazam! (Rated PG-13).

Splash Park Opening

The Splash Park at Dow Park (adjacent to Dow Park Pool) opens on March 7. Splash Park hours are Monday through Sunday, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Dow Park Pool

The Dow Park Pool will open daily starting on May 25 at 12 p.m. Tuesdays from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. are dollar off admission days! Please note that on *Dive In Movie Nights*, the pool closes at 6 p.m. to prepare for the event. The pool will be closed on Mondays for service and maintenance. Regular pool hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Pool fees are as follows: \$3 per person for residents, \$5 per person for non-residents, \$50 individual annual pass for residents, \$90 individual annual pass for non-residents, \$90 family (for up to 5 people) annual pass for residents, and \$130 family (for up to 5 people) annual pass for non-residents.

Calling All Lifeguards

If you are interested in being a lifeguard at the Dow Park Pool, complete an application online at www.deerparktx.gov/jobs.

Check out the *Live and Play* brochure at www.deerparktx.gov/parksandrec.



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), Twitter (@deerparkoem), Deer Park's Government Access Channel (DPTV) 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.

Election Information

The City of Deer Park will conduct a General Election on May 2, 2020 to elect 3 Council members and a Special Election on the question of authorizing an additional use of revenues from the existing Type B economic development sales and use tax for a purpose in addition to the purpose approved by the voters at the 2015 Type B election as more specifically described in the proposition ballot language set forth below:

“Shall the City Council of the City of Deer Park be authorized to adopt the Type B economic development sales and use tax within the City at the rate of one-half of one percent, as authorized by chapters 501 and 505 of the Texas Local Government Code for the additional purpose of land, buildings, equipment, facilities, and improvements (including the maintenance and operating costs thereof) found by the board of directors of the Deer Park Community Development Corporation to be required or suitable for use for the following: amateur sports, children’s sports, athletic, entertainment and public park purposes and events, including ball parks, parks and park facilities, and open space improvements (including (i) a community/recreation center complex with indoor pool, gymnasium, and indoor track and (ii) an outdoor pool and/or pool related facilities); related concession and automobile parking facilities; related roads, streets, and water and sewer facilities; and other related improvements that enhance any of the above?”

Register to Vote

You must be registered to vote by April 2, 2020 if you wish to vote in the May 2 election. Voter registration cards are available at City Hall, the Deer

Park Public Library, and the Harris County Clerk’s Office.

Vote By Mail

Applications to vote by mail must be submitted by April 20.

Early Voting

Early voting will be conducted in the City Secretary’s Office at City Hall, 710 E. San Augustine Street.

April 20 & 21, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

April 22-24, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

April 27 & 28, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Election Day

On election day, May 2, 2020, voting will be conducted at the Deer Park Community Center, Room 12, 610 East San Augustine Street from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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



Conceptual Plan for Potential Two-Phased Community/Recreation Center Complex Project

Phase 1:

Proposed New Community Center

Phase 2:

Proposed New Recreation Center (with double gym, indoor pool and indoor walking track)

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

TYPE B DEDICATED SALES TAX PROJECTS

Deer Park Soccer Complex, 901 East Blvd. - The new \$4 million complex is complete with parking lot, concession/restroom facility, and plaza area. Construction for the project started in January 2018 and was completed by Tandem Services, LLC in August 2019. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on August 20, 2019. The 2 sodded fields on the west end have been completed and are being utilized by the Youth Soccer League. In addition, the 2 sprigged fields will be ready this spring. Decomposed granite will be added by summer to allow for better access between the fields furthest to the east.

Hike and Bike Trails, Phase 1 - On February 5, 2019, City Council approved a contract with Burditt Consultants, LLC for professional services in the development of the comprehensive hike and bike trail system. 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. Anticipated cost for this project is \$500,000. The committee, consisting of members from City Council, the Deer Park Community Development Corporation, Parks and Recreation Commission, and City staff, selected Phase 1 as a 1.04 mile Tributary B to Willowspring Creek. Contract for construction design services with Burditt Consultants, LLC for Phase 1 was approved by the Community Development Corporation on October 28, 2019 and by City Council on November 5, 2019. Design for Phase 1 is underway. The project is expected to go out for bid in the 2nd quarter, with construction anticipated to begin in the 3rd quarter of 2020. However, the timing for the project is dependent on the proposed agreement between CenterPoint Energy and the City of Deer Park on the terms for trail access.

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. At the January 13, 2020 joint meeting of City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission and the Deer Park Community Development Corporation, Stephen Springs of Brinkley Sargent Wiginton Architects, along with City Staff, presented a conceptual design and rendering of a proposed Community/Recreation Center with indoor pool, gym, indoor walking track, as well as bathhouse replacement for the outdoor swimming pool. Projected construction and operating costs, cost recovery options, and funding options were presented and discussed. This was the 8th joint meeting held to discuss the community center. The consensus was to pursue a Type B sales tax continuation election to provide funding.

Note: Other Type B projects previously completed include the Maxwell Adult Center, Girls Softball Complex, Spencerview Athletic Complex, and the Dow Park Pavilion.

OTHER PROJECTS

The **Deer Park Nature Preserve**, located at 2500 E. 13th Street, was completed in August 2019. 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. 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. A dedication ceremony was held on October 15, 2019 at 5 p.m. The Nature Preserve is open to the general public. This 35+ acre facility has native flora and fauna for sightseers to enjoy as they walk along the boardwalk and view the wetlands from the outer trail. The Nature Preserve will be closed due to inclement weather and heavy rains causing extremely saturated conditions. Please abide by the rules stated on the signage at the Nature Preserve. The Nature Preserve is home to some wildlife, so be careful and do not bring food into the area or feed the animals.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

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. The project is currently in the design phase and construction is expected to begin during the 1st quarter in 2020.

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 completed Phase 1 of the project, which included installing 15 wayfinding signs (3 primary signs and 12 secondary signs), as well as 4 monument signs. The project is being funded out of hotel occupancy tax (HOT) revenues. National Sign Plazas and City staff are identifying the locations for Phase 2 signs and working out the logistics with third party property owners. A meeting was held in January 2020 with the city's Wayfinding Committee to discuss the closeout of Phase 1 and the preparation of a recommendation to City Council for Phase 2.

The **Dow Park Concession and Storage Building** was in poor condition due to normal wear and tear and had to be demolished. JTB Services, Inc. performed the demolition, which was completed in September 2019. Carnes Engineering was hired to design the new structure. City Council authorized City Staff to seek bids for the construction of a new 1,200 square foot Dow Park concession stand on December 17, 2019. The project is being funded by general funds and will be going out for bid this spring. Anticipated completion is summer of 2020.

The condition of the **Irrigation Pumps at the Battleground Golf Course** was reviewed in June 2019. This project will remain as an ongoing part of maintenance. A water feature/backup pump has been installed. The main irrigation pumps are being manufactured and expected to be completed this spring. Currently, a back-up irrigation pump is taking the place of the additional pumps until the new pumps are completed and installed. The Golf Course is still receiving the proper irrigation amounts for turf growth.

Work continues on the development of plans for the **Spencerview Bridge**, a bridge to connect the Spencerview Sports Complex (Durant Fields) to the adjoining property donated to the City of Deer for development of additional parking and a park/playground area. A consulting architect was hired to study the floodplain requirement for approval by the Harris County Flood Control District.

One of the exterior columns in the **Front Entry at the Court and Theater Building** was damaged. After further evaluation, a structural engineer determined that deterioration damaged the structural integrity of the columns. The recommendation was to completely remove the column structures. Plans are being prepared for the removal of the columns, as well as drainage improvements. Once the plans are completed, bids will be solicited.

Included in the city's current budget is the **Pony Field/P Street Parking Lot** project to repave the area adjacent to the Pony Field and Dow Soccer Fields with asphalt. The area is unsuitable for parking at this time. The project is expected to begin this spring and completed this summer.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT COMPLETED

Project Name	Started	Completed	Cost
Rehabilitation of the P Street Ground Storage Water Tank	April 2019	Oct. 2019	\$339,000.00
Sanitary Sewer Pipe-Bursting of 18-inch Force Main, Phase 2	June 2019	Dec. 2019	\$657,225.00
Flashing Stop Signs at Luella and San Augustine	Nov. 2019	Dec. 2019	\$4,640.00

IN PROGRESS

Street Replacement Project

Started: May 2018
Anticipated Completion:
Spring 2020
Cost: \$5.1 million



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 was awarded to D&W Contractors. Construction on 9th and 12th Streets is complete, while construction in the 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. Construction on Amherst and Brown Lanes is about 80% complete. Despite the additional areas around College Park that were added to the project, completion is expected in early 2020.

Sanitary Sewer Rehab Project, Park Meadows Subdivision, Sections 1-4

Started: March 2019
Anticipated Completion:
Spring 2020
Cost: \$1,957,242.05

The 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. Additional areas of sanitary pipe that are in need of rehabilitation have been added to the project. With additional areas, 95% of the project has been completed.

Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation, Phase 4

Started: June 2019
Anticipated Completion:
Spring 2020
Cost: \$249,983.88

This phase of the project focuses 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 is being funded with Series 2018 Certificates of Obligation Water/Sewer Bond Funds. Roughly 95% of the project has been completed.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

Street Marking and Lane Striping Project

Started: July 2019
Anticipated Completion: Spring 2020
Cost: \$147,487.37

This project includes portions of Georgia Ave., San Augustine St., 13th St., East Blvd. and Center Street. The intersections and crosswalks on these streets, as well as the major intersections along Center St. and Luella Ave., will be a part of the project. Additionally, striping will be added to a portion of Lambuth Ave. near Dabbs Elementary to assist with right-turn and through traffic control. The project was awarded to Semper Striping, LLC and is being funded through the General Fund. Additional areas of striping were added to this project, encompassing portions of X Street, Luella Ave., and George Ave.



Surface Water Treatment Plant (SWTP) Sludge Removal

Started: November 2019
Anticipated Completion: Spring 2020
Cost: \$565,397.50 Plus Disposal Fee

This project is for the removal and disposal of sludge, a treated drinking water byproduct, from the north lagoon cell of the SWTP. It will allow for additional sludge storage capacity for continued water treatment processes. The project was awarded to Person's Services and is being funded through the Surface Water Treatment Plant's general budget. Approximately 19,765 tons of sludge will be removed from the lagoon cell. Roughly 50% of the sludge has been removed.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project, Phase 2

Started: August 2017
Anticipated Completion: Mid-to-Late 2020
Cost: \$13,636,685

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. A few setbacks resulted in delays for project progress, which have made it difficult to accurately estimate a completion date.

Police Firearms Training Facility

Started: Fall 2019
Anticipated Completion: Summer 2020
Cost: \$788,788.78

This project is for the restoration of the Police Firing Range. Construction of the firing range and classroom was completed in 2016, but there was significant damage to the berms during Hurricane Harvey that required maintenance and restoration. The berm restoration project was awarded to Jerdon Enterprises and is funded through a partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Construction for this project began in January 2020 and is expected to be finished by this summer.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE - - -

Hurricane Harvey, Storm Drainage Projects

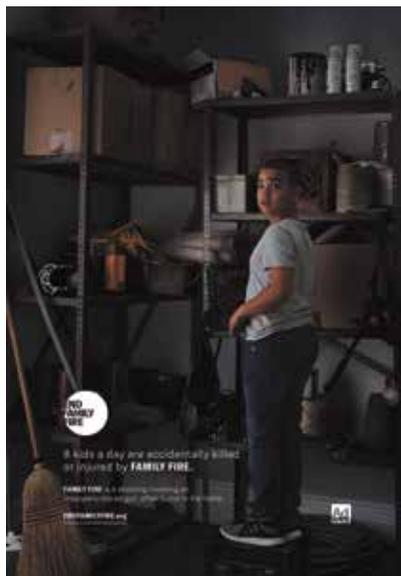
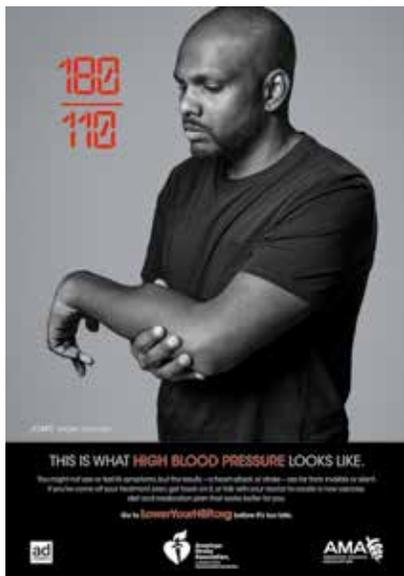
Started: June 2018

Anticipated Completion:
Undetermined

Engineering Services Cost: \$504,290

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. CobbFendley reported the findings of their study to City Council on November 19, 2020.

- Heritage Addition, Deer Park Manor and Delo-Elaine Subdivisions:
 - » Heritage Addition - Construction plans are 60% complete and include lining corrugated metal arch pipes south of Lambuth, upsized storm sewer on Lincoln and Lambuth, new detention pond on Lambuth, and storm sewer improvements at Travis & N. Crockett. Cost estimate is \$2.2 million.
 - » Deer Park Manor and Delo-Elaine - Construction plans are 30% complete and include new storm sewer and outfall on Kitty Street, new storm sewer, channel and outfall on Luella Ave., and new detention pond on Pasadena Blvd. Cost estimate is \$1.3 million.
- College Park: Study Phase - Presented existing, proposed, and mitigation scenario models. Cost estimate is \$5.3 million to \$5.9 million for pavement and drainage items.
- Parkview West: Study Phase - Presented existing, proposed, and mitigation scenario models. Cost estimate is \$6.9 million for pavement and drainage items.
- Intersection of P Street and Center Street: Study Phase - Presented existing, proposed, and mitigation scenario models. Cost estimate is \$11 million for pavement and drainage items.
- Deer Park Gardens: Design Phase - Presented existing scenario models. Cost estimate is \$12 million for pavement and drainage items.
- Boggy Bayou: Design and Study Phases - Presented existing scenario models. Cost estimate is \$9.6 million to \$14+ million.



Council Actions

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

November 2019

- Accepted the completion of the Waterline Rehabilitation project on Georgia Avenue, East P Street, and installation of new 12" valves on Center Street. Final cost was \$390,100.71.
- Accepted the completion of the Regency Park Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project. Final cost was \$345,275.60.
- Accepted the completion of the Tyler Technologies Incode 10 Upgrade Phase I project. Final cost was \$70,510.
- Accepted the quarterly investment report for the quarter ending September 30, 2019.
- Accepted the Deer Park Community Development Corporation's quarterly report for quarter ending September 30, 2019.
- Authorized the purchase of a John Deere 310L backhoe loader through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$68,700.
- Referred a Specific Use Permit request to the Planning and Zoning Commission to conduct church services at 2033 Pickerton Drive.
- Approved the purchase of services from Fuquay, Inc. through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Jefferson Ave. Drainage Rehabilitation project at a cost of \$640,959.
- Approved the purchase of services from Vaught Services through the TIPS Purchasing Program to perform Storm Sewer Rehabilitation on New Orleans St. at a cost of \$269,661.60.
- Authorized staff to obtain lease-purchase financing and to purchase a 2019 Freightliner M2-160 garbage truck for the Sanitation Division at a total cost of \$191,804.
- Approved the purchase of a heating, ventilation, air conditioning building automation system, outside air, and return air dampers for the Deer Park Police Department from Johnson Controls in the amount of \$89,500.
- Authorized staff to seek financing and to purchase a 2019 F-550 Chassis 4x2 SD regular cab with a Versalift SST-40-EIH through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program from Grande Truck Center in the amount of \$101,975.
- Approved an agreement for engineering services from Dunham Engineering for the rehabilitation of the Pasadena Boulevard ground storage tank.
- Approved an agreement for engineering services from Ardurra Group, LLC for installation of residual control systems at the P St. and Avon St. sites.
- Approved an agreement for professional services from Burditt Consultants, LLC for the development of construction design for Phase 1 of the Hike & Bike Trails project.
- Approved an agreement with Community Center Preschool for a one year contract extension for the school year 2020-2021.
- Authorized the repair of the arches/columns at the entrance of the Court and Theater Building from Carnes Engineering, Inc.
- Adopted a policy regarding fundraisers at Parks & Recreation Department facilities.
- Approved an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of the City of Deer Park, Texas, Certificates of Obligation Series 2019.
- Approved an ordinance appointing one member to the Crime Control and Prevention District of the City of Deer Park.
- Approved an ordinance appointing one member to the Fire Control, Prevention and Emergency Medical Services District of the City of Deer Park.
- Approved an ordinance revising the Leadership and Part-time Employee Pay Range Charts of the City of Deer Park.
- Approved the purchase of a replacement vehicle for the Recreation Division at a cost of \$29,676.
- Authorized an update to the social media and communications plan pursuant to recent case law.
- Approved a resolution casting a ballot for the election to the Board of Directors of the Harris County Appraisal District.
- Approved a resolution adopting a policy and rules of decorum on public comments during City Council and public meetings.
- Authorized the submittal of a letter to the Harris County Flood Control District requesting an interlocal agreement to jointly fund a drainage study of the Boggy Bayou watershed.

Council Actions

December 2019

- Accepted the completion for the rehabilitation of the P Street 1-million gallon ground storage tank. Final cost was \$339,000.
- Authorized staff to issue a Request for Qualifications for architectural services for programming and the master planning of the City of Deer Park Police Department's new Emergency Operations Center.
- Authorized staff to issue a Request for Qualifications for engineering services to assist with meeting the requirements of America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018.
- Approved the purchase of software from SEMS Technologies for the Water Treatment Plant.
- Approved a request from Pasadena Taxi Company to operate a taxicab business in Deer Park.
- Approved an extension to the Youth Sports Organization Utilization agreement through January 31, 2020.
- Approved an amendment to CDM Smith's professional service contract for extended project management related services on Phase II of the Waste Water Treatment Plant project.
- Authorized the purchase of five 2020 Chevy Tahoe special service vehicles and three 2020 Chevy Tahoe Police Patrol vehicles from Reliable Chevrolet in the amount of \$273,724.50.
- Authorized the purchase of emergency equipment to outfit eight 2020 Chevrolet vehicles for the Police Department.
- Authorized the purchase to replace air conditioning units at the Battleground Golf Course.
- Approved an ordinance appointing a member to the Parks & Recreation Commission.
- Approved a referral from the Planning and Zoning Commission and an ordinance calling a Joint Public Hearing for a zone designation for Intensive Industrial District (M3).
- Authorized staff to seek bids for the construction of a new Dow Park concession building.
- Authorized staff to seek bids for the removal of columns and drainage improvements at the Municipal Court and Theater Building.
- Approved the purchase of a 2020 HD 2WD crew cab pickup for the Parks Maintenance Division in the amount of \$33,776.25.
- Accepted the completion and release of retainage for the 18" Force Main Lining Rehabilitation project. Final cost was \$657,225.
- Accepted the Quarterly Financial Report for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 fourth quarter ending September 30, 2019.
- Approved the purchase of a Schwarze Model A7 Tornado Regenerative Air street sweeper for the Street Maintenance Division in the amount of \$270,901.
- Approved a resolution replacing the discipline section and adding an appeals section to the Employee Personnel Manual.
- Approved an ordinance amending Sections 78-110 of the Code of Ordinances and Section 2.9 of the Employee Personnel Manual regarding healthcare benefits for City of Deer Park retirees.
- Approved an ordinance amending 2019-2020 budget for Humane Services to include a part-time position.
- Approved an ordinance appointing members to the Library Board of

Trustees.

- Approved an ordinance amending Section 110-166(a) and Appendix B of the Code of Ordinances increasing the rate for non-consent tows.
- Approved the implementation of the Deer Park Municipal Court Schedule of Fees and Fines effective January 1, 2020.

January 2020

- Authorized staff to advertise and receive bids on the rehabilitation of the Pasadena Boulevard water storage tank.
- Approved the amendment to the solid waste disposal agreement with Waste Management to add an additional five years, running through January 31, 2025.
- Approved an agreement with Brown Reynolds Watford Architects for professional services for the design, programming, and master planning of the Jimmy Burke Activity Center and surrounding city property.
- Approved a resolution to seek a Fiscal Year 2021 STEP Comprehensive Traffic Enforcement grant.
- Approved a resolution to seek a Fiscal Year 2021 STEP Comprehensive Motor Vehicle Traffic Enforcement grant.
- Approved a referral from the Planning and Zoning Commission and an ordinance for a Specific Use Permit to operate a church on 2033 Pickerton Drive.
- Awarded the bid for the Hurricane Harvey Storm Outfall Replacement project to T Construction in the amount of \$90,161.
- Awarded the contract for mowing services to Landscape Professionals of Texas in the amount of \$117,650.

Council Actions

- Approved the purchase of services from SKE Construction, LLC for the repair of storm outfalls on the south golf course ditch in the amount of \$125,482.10.
- Approved the purchase of one 2020 Frazer remount ambulance in the amount of \$154,115.
- Amended the lease agreement between the City of Deer Park and Touchstone Golf, LLC.
- Amended the contract between the City of Deer Park and the Texas Emergency Services Retirement System.
- Approved the extension of the Sports Organization agreements through March 2020.
- Amended the Post-Issuance Compliance Policy and Procedures Manual.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Capital Improvements Fund Budget for repairs to the outdoor warning (siren) system, and the authorization to purchase the Whelen Outdoor Siren System upgrade and repairs from Crosspoint Communications through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program.
- Approved an ordinance amending Section 22-48 and 22-48 Appendix B of the Code of Ordinances related to food trucks.
- Approved an ordinance annexing a 12.0163 acre tract within the City's Extra Territorial Jurisdiction into the City of Deer Park and approving a service plan for such territory.
- Amended the zoning ordinance to grant a designated 12.0163 acre tract of land as Heavy Industrial Zoning District, Phase II (M3).
- Approved an ordinance for a Specific Use Permit to construct a bulk warehouse at 1155 Independence Parkway.
- Approved an ordinance to amend Schedule B of the Code of Ordinances related to various Parks & Recreation Department fees.

Prescription Discount Program

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

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

Residents can obtain a discount card at the following city facilities:

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

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

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.



1600 Georgia Ave.

www.battlegroundgolfcourse.com

Golf Course 281-478-2080

Republic Grill 281-478-2089

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.



P.O. Box 700
Deer Park, TX 77536

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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.

San Jacinto Day Festival

The San Jacinto Day Festival and Reenactments will be held on Saturday, April 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the San Jacinto Monument. The event will feature reenactment presentations throughout the day, a Texas-sized petting zoo, 15+ food trucks from throughout the Houston area, live music, children's activities, and plenty of photo opportunities. Parking fees per vehicle may be paid through Eventbrite for \$10.



It's Census time again!

Deer Park residents are reminded that the 2020 Census is coming up! Census Day is April 1, 2020 and participation in this process is vital for you and your community. Residents will receive information about the Census via USPS mailable addresses – self-response methods include the Census website, phone, or physical forms. For more information, go to Census2020.gov, the city's website at www.deerparktx.gov, DPTV, and social media outlets.

State of the City

If you missed Mayor Jerry Mouton's State of the City address on February 27, visit the city's website at www.deerparktx.gov! You'll find the live presentation material, as well as a link to this year's 4-page publication, in the *News and Announcements* section of the homepage.

