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Quarterly Newsletter

Winter 2019

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No Trash Collection

City offices will be closed on **Tuesday & Wednesday, December 24 & 25,**



in observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, as well as on **Wednesday, January 1,** in observance of New Year's Day. Curbside collection of rubbish will not be available on these days. Service will resume on your next regular collection day following the holiday. Garbage should not be placed out for pick up earlier than 6 p.m. on the evening before the scheduled collection day.

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SANTA CLAUS AROUND TOWN

December 11 - 13



The Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department (DPVFD) will continue its annual Christmas tradition – the Santa Around Town tours – from December 11 to 13. On those nights from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., DPVFD will visit Deer Park streets atop a decorated sleigh, but at Santa’s request, the sleighs will look a little different this year.

“Santa noticed that the Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department had 3 new high-water vehicles, and he wanted to use them as part of Santa Around Town – of course, because Santa asked, we’re making it happen,” said Justin Crow, Deputy Fire Chief of Station #2. “In fact, using the high-water vehicles will allow us to visit approximately 30 additional streets, as well as apartment complexes. We hope everyone will bring their families out and spend this time with us.” As usual, Santa’s helpers will be distributing candy along the route. The department asks that parents assist Santa with keeping small children safe as Santa passes by.

"Santa Around Town is a very special tradition for our department, and we hope to see the Deer Park community take part this year," Chief Don Davis said. "We always look forward to this event as a chance to share the holiday spirit with our residents, and for both adults and children to see our department in a friendlier, more casual setting."

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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 the shelter at 4221 Luella Avenue 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 with new hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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

December

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

January

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

February

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

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.

Water and Sewer Rate Increase



City of Deer Park residents are advised that effective October 1, 2019, water rates, as well as sanitary sewer rates, increased by 10 percent. Customers will see this increase on their December 2019 utility bills.

The Water/Sewer enterprise fund provides the City with financial support required to: purchase raw water through the Coastal Water Authority; operate facilities including the Surface Water Treatment Plant, which treats the raw water; maintain the water distribution system and associated infrastructure; maintain the wastewater treatment plant; maintain the wastewater collection system; meet unfunded federal and state mandates; and uphold the City's Superior Water Rating through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

The Water/Sewer fund is a self-sustaining fund supported by utility fees - it is not supplemented by tax dollars.

How will bills change?

The City's water and sewer rates are charged on a monthly billing period. They include base rates for the first 2,000 gallons used, and rates for each 1,000 gallons used over the base amount. With the 10 percent increases added, the base rate for the first 2,000 gallons of water will be \$13.71 per billing period and \$5.30 for each additional 1,000 gallons. The base

rate for sanitary sewer service will increase to \$13.71 for the first 2,000 gallons and \$5.71 for each additional 1,000 gallons.

The rate increase was approved during the September 17 meeting of the Deer Park City Council, after previously reviewing the rate study at the June 24, 2019 Budget Workshop. "The City hired NewGen Strategies and Solutions, an economic consulting firm specializing in public sector utilities, to help us determine the necessary rate increase to sustain our water and sewer system," Finance Director Donna Todd said. "NewGen helped the City analyze the current and future needs of our water and sewer system to determine the rate change we would need to support upcoming projects, as well as overall maintenance."

What will the rate increases pay for?

According to Public Works Director Bill Pedersen, the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Water/Sewer rate increase will continue to provide funds to rehabilitate our sanitary sewer system using trenchless technologies. "The City has been under a seven-year unfunded mandate by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to significantly reduce and eliminate sanitary overflows due to inflow and infiltration into our sanitary sewer system," Pedersen said. "The majority of funding over the next two years will be used for upgrading and improving our drinking water production, storage, and distribution systems. "The projects will include rehabilitation of above-ground storage and underground potable water conveyance mains, a drinking water disinfection project, and a more efficient method to capture and properly

dispose of by-products accumulated during the water purification process. We will continue to efficiently manage the production and distribution of high quality drinking water to our constituents through a Superior Water Rated system."

Congratulations!

Supervisors of the Month

July

Tiffany McGallian

Parks and Recreation Dept.

August

Jason Meredith

Police Dept.



2020 Gulf Coast Feline Foundation TICA Cat Show

January 24-26

Watch the City of Deer Park social media channels for details on the January 2020 Cat Show. It's another fun, family-friendly event at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center. You won't want to miss the pedigreed breeds and opportunities to adopt from several rescue organizations, including the Deer Park Animal Shelter and Adoption Center!

Deer Park Police Department

Citizen's Police Academy

The Deer Park Police Department is currently recruiting citizens for the 41st class of the Citizen's Police Academy. Classes begin on February 21, 2020 and meet every Thursday, 6:30-9:30 p.m., until graduation. Classes generally run for 14 weeks and cover several aspects of police-related work.

Classes include hands-on training in SWAT, DWI procedures, self defense, investigations, communications, and many other topics. Prospective students must be at least 18 years old with a clear criminal history, willing to attend the entire academy, and live, work, or attend school in Deer Park.

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

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

Volunteers Assist with False Alarm Reduction Program

Volunteers are assisting with the city's False Alarm Reduction Program by contacting individuals to confirm whether an alarm system is currently in use at their home or business. If an individual no longer has an alarm system or has moved, the account should be closed. If the alarm system is still in use, the best course of action is to pay the annual alarm permit fee and any assessed fines or charges. You can also assist in our efforts to reduce false alarms.

- If you operate an alarm system at your home or business, obtain an alarm permit. The cost of the permit is between \$25 to \$50 per year.
- When you receive an invoice, pay it within 30 days.
- File an appeal if you believe any fee, charge, or fine is incorrect.

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.

Contact the Deer Park False Alarm Reduction Program by calling (855) 905-0611, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (CST) or sending an e-mail to deerparktx@alarm-billing.com. You can also contact them by mail at P. O. Box 844908, Dallas, TX 75284-4908.

The Deer Park False Alarm Reduction Program aims to reduce false alarms. False alarms place an enormous burden on manpower and expenses for Police, Fire and EMS personnel. For more information, call Lieutenant Wade Keeney at (281) 930-2103 or visit our website at www.crywolfservices.com/deerparktx.

Holiday Package Theft

In an effort to curb holiday package theft, the Deer Park Police Dept. is offering residents the option of having their packages delivered to the Deer Park Police Station. This program is free to Deer Park residents. To be eligible, the package must weigh less than 40 pounds. The recipient must

pick up the package within 3 days. Packages should be addressed as follows:

<Your Name>
Deer Park Police Department
2911 Center Street
Deer Park, TX 77536

For package pick up, you must present your I.D. and the name must match the name on the package. Please note that we are unable to carry packages to your car so bring someone who can help carry it to your car if you are unable to do so. Package pick up is available Monday through Friday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., and on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This program ends on December 31, 2019.



For questions, contact Sheila Plovovich at (281) 930-2118 or splovovich@deerparktx.org.

Tax Season Crime Prevention

Tax season is right around the corner. Protect yourself from becoming a victim of tax identity theft with these simple tips:

- Beware of IRS scams, money scams, and other identity-theft scams.
- Please note that the IRS will not ask you to pay over the phone in a form of gift cards, including Green Dot money card, Google Play, iTunes, etc. The IRS will mail a letter and request payment with a check made payable to the U.S. Department of Treasury, not the IRS.
- Do not give out your personal information to just anyone.
- When searching online, use security software with firewall and anti-virus protection, as well as create strong passwords.
- Avoid carrying your social

DPCPAAA

The Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization supporting the Deer Park Police Department and the community. For more information, go to www.dpcpaaa.org.



Holiday Tamale Sale

There's still time to buy delicious Ramirez Tamales and support the Deer Park Police Department! Tamales (\$10 per dozen), as well as an assortment of gift tins with homemade gourmet cookies and candies, will be available at the Deer Escorts Annual 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.

Cocoa with a Cop

Stop by the Deer Park Police Station for our 4th Annual



Cocoa with a Cop on December 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. It's a free community event hosted by the Deer Park Police Department and the Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association. There will be warm cocoa, cookies, and other goodies. You can even have your picture taken with Santa & Mrs. Claus, as well as Deer Park Police Officers!

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security card.

- Shred documents with personal information.
- Protect your mailbox.
- Ignore threatening calls and texts from thieves posing as the IRS, law enforcement entities, credit card companies, etc.

Do you know what to do if you become a victim of tax-related identity theft?

- File a police report with the local law enforcement agency.
- File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at <https://identitytheft.gov>.
- Contact one of the three major credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian, or Transunion) to place a fraud alert on your credit.
- Complete IRS Form 14039 - Identity Theft Affidavit, which is available online at IRS.gov.

Santa Claus

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Santa Around Town routes will be made available on the city's website, www.deerparktx.gov. "Each year, we provide information to help our citizens determine which night Santa will be coming down their streets," Crow said. "This year, we plan to provide maps of each of our routes, as well as alphabetical lists of the streets we'll visit with Santa." In the event of a cancellation due to inclement weather or an emergency in the city, the reschedule date will be Saturday, December 14 beginning at 6 p.m. Check the DPVFD Facebook page, "Deer Park Fire Department," as well as the City of Deer Park Facebook and the city's web site, www.deerparktx.gov, for more information. All residents are encouraged to like the "Deer Park Fire Department" Facebook page for year-round updates, event information, and more.

Gift of Christmas

The Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department has launched their annual "Gift of Christmas" donation campaign and all residents are encouraged to take part. According to Gift of Christmas Chairpersons Jonathan and Tiffany Neal, drop-off donation barrels will be placed in key areas throughout the city. Donations of food and toys by local schools and area businesses are collected for distribution to deserving families. Donation locations include Deer Park City Hall, located at 710 E. San Augustine; the Deer Park Police Department, located at 2911 Center Street; the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce, located at 120 E. 8th Street; and the Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department's Station #3, located at 2211 E. X Street. There are also barrels placed at area Deer Park public schools and various business locations. The barrels will be collected between December 9 and 13. The donations citizens provide will benefit families that are selected from the applications submitted. The items collected will assist numerous families during the holiday season. In addition to donations collected, the Fire Department will provide items, such as eggs, bacon, turkey, etc. to go along with the canned goods.

Applications for assistance can be obtained through your child's school or Fire Station 3, located at 2211 East X Street. Any business requesting a collection barrel may call Fire Station #3 at (281) 478-7281.



Economic Development

- City Council recently approved the annexation of 37 acres that sit north of State Highway 225 on Independence Parkway. The property is owned by **Molto Properties**, who will soon construct a 410,000 sq. ft. logistics warehouse. Once the warehouse is complete, it will be the largest commercial building in Deer Park. The site was formerly a chemical plant that was closed over 20 years ago.

- **King's BBQ** is celebrating 9 years at 1322 Underwood. Their original location is on Main Street in La Porte. They also have a location in Baytown. Call (281) 478-6851 or go to www.KingsBBQCatering.net for more information.



- The **Health Nut**, located at 2606 Center Street, now caters to low-carb lovers who follow the Keto Diet, a ketogenic diet featuring low-carb and high-fat foods, with *Keto Wednesdays*. Their Wednesday daily lunch special always features a delicious low-carb dish and dessert. Check out their Facebook page for more information or call (281) 479-7713.

- Joining the list of Keto-friendly places is **Ultimate Baking Company** in Deer Park. Their Keto Fat Bombs are available in Cookie Dough, Chocolate Chip, and M&M flavors. Stop by at 910 W. Pasadena Blvd. to check out these delicious treats. For more information, call (832) 429-3913 or visit their Facebook page.



- **Sodalis Senior Living** is under

construction in the southwest corner of East Blvd. and X Street. The 74,000 sq. ft. 94-bed facility is expected to be completed by summer 2020. The facility will specialize in home-like memory care and assisted living for seniors. For more information or to request to be placed on their waiting list, call (830) 624-1044 or go to www.sodalissenior.com.

- **Taqueria Chalupas** is open at 2020 Center Street, offering fresh, authentic Mexican dishes for breakfast, lunch and dinner, plus a full bar. For more details, find Chalupas Deer Park on Facebook!
- Under construction next door to Dunkin' Donuts on Center Street is **Tots n' Teens Pediatric Dental**.
- **Sellers Brothers** store on Pasadena Blvd. at Underwood is being remodeled and rebuilt as another convenience store.
- **Serenity Gardens**, a 16-bed home-like hospice care facility is now under construction next to Deer Park Animal Hospital on East Blvd.



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.

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.



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.

Resident Reminders

Locating Utility Lines

Call 8-1-1 a couple of days before you start on a project that requires digging in your yard. A quick conversation with the operator, regardless of whether you will be doing the digging yourself or hiring a professional, will keep you safe and connected to critical services. To have your water and sewer lines marked as well, contact the Public Works Dept. at (281) 478-7253.



Power Lines

Many residents contact the Public Works Dept. with concerns regarding trees growing into power lines. However, city employees are not allowed to trim trees around power lines. Residents must contact CenterPoint Energy directly at (713) 207-2222 for such issues.

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.

Public Works

Leaves and Foliage

Improving the flow of storm water around town involves looking at our streets, storm drains, drainage ditches, and detention ponds. Our drainage system should be clean and free of debris to reduce flooding. The city's street and drainage crew routinely



clears debris from the drainage system. It is a lot of ground to cover, but residents can help crews keep up. Residents should ensure that the streets and sidewalks near their home are free of leaves, grass, trash, and debris. Remember that lawn clippings should be bagged rather than blown into storm inlets. If you happen to see debris near an inlet or in a ditch near your home, put it in a trash bag and place it out by the curb on your regularly scheduled trash collection day. It is also helpful to avoid parking vehicles in or around storm drains. Vehicles could block the flow of storm water and cause street flooding. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at (281) 478-7253.

Electrical Safety

It's time for holiday lights and heaters. Avoid electrical issues this winter by adhering to a few safety tips.

- Do not overload electrical sockets.
- Check the wiring on your lights.
- Use extension cords correctly.
- Do not leave heaters unattended.
- Do not pour water on electrical fires.
- Be sure your electrical load is within the limits of your power supply.



Common electrical hazards in the home include poor or defective wiring, outlets placed too close to water, and extension cords not being used properly. Homeowners need an electrical permit when adding outlets or updating an electrical panel in their home. An electrical permit can also be obtained by an electrical master contractor who is registered with the city. If you have any questions, call the Public Works Department at (281) 478-7253 and ask to speak to the electrical inspector.

When is a Permit Required?

Do you know which plumbing, electrical, and HVAC projects at home require a building permit or city inspection? Home improvement projects that require a permit include new buildings or additions, storage sheds, driveways and sidewalks, new fences or replacement fencing, electrical or plumbing work, above ground or inground swimming pools, window replacement, siding replacement, and interior remodeling (if walls are being removed).

Do you know why a permit or inspection is necessary? Any work completed at your home is an investment. If your project does not comply with city code, the value of your investment may be reduced. Insurers may not

Public Works

cover the work done without permits or inspections.



Building permits are beneficial in several ways. A code official has knowledge of building codes to ensure the construction project is completed correctly and safely. In addition, future home buyers will have peace of mind knowing that previous work was properly permitted and inspected. Be aware that a project being completed at your home without the proper permit could lead to a "stop work order" until a permit is obtained.

Obtaining a permit is quick and easy. To determine if you need a permit for your project, contact the Public Works Department at (281) 478-7253. You can also go to www.deerparktx.gov/507/Building-Department for more information.

Protect Your Pipes From Freezing



Do you know how to keep the pipes in your home from freezing and what to do if the pipes do freeze? Frozen pipes can be a messy and often expensive problem for homeowners.

Water expands as it freezes. This expansion puts tremendous pressure on metal and plastic pipes or any other object holding water. Pipes that

freeze most frequently are those that are exposed to severe cold, like outdoor hose bibs, backflow preventers, swimming pool supply lines, water sprinkler lines, and water supply pipes in unheated interior areas like basements and crawl spaces, attics, garages, or kitchen cabinets. Pipes that run against exterior walls that have little or no insulation are also subject to freezing.

Prevent water supply lines and pipes before the onset of cold weather by following these suggestions:

- Drain water from swimming pool and water sprinkler supply lines according to the manufacturer's or installer's instructions. Do not put antifreeze in these lines unless directed to do so. Antifreeze is environmentally harmful, and is dangerous to humans, pets, wildlife, and landscaping.
- Remove, drain, and store hoses used outdoors. Close inside valves supplying outdoor hose bibs. Open the outside hose bibs to allow water to drain. Keep the outside valve open so that any water remaining in the pipe can expand without causing the pipe to break.
- Check around the home for other areas where water supply lines are located in unheated areas. Look in the basement, crawl space, attic, garage, and under kitchen and bathroom cabinets. Both hot and cold water pipes in these areas should be insulated.
- Consider installing products specifically made to insulate water pipes, such as pipe sleeves, or using UL-listed film tape, heating cable or similar material on exposed water pipes. Newspaper can provide some degree

of insulation and protection to exposed pipes – even ¼ inch of newspaper can provide significant protection in areas that usually do not have frequent or prolonged temperatures below freezing.

Clear the Way for Santa

The Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department will be taking Santa around town in December. Help clear the way for Santa by trimming low hanging tree limbs over streets, sidewalks, and stop signs. Limbs can be placed at curbside for pick up. Heavy trash pick up is on Wednesday morning beginning at 8 a.m. Sometimes the volume of heavy trash requires more than one day to service the entire city. If that is the case, heavy trash pick up may continue through Friday. Please do not place heavy trash by curbside after Wednesday morning.

Santa isn't the only one who benefits from keeping our streets



free and clear of low hanging trees. Emergency vehicles, school buses, and the city's Sanitation Department vehicles are also able to travel through the streets easily and provide services. Keeping your trees trimmed will also decrease the amount of leaves collecting near storm drains and trees limbs in the street during severe weather.

According to the city's Code of Ordinances, Section 94-1, all tree limbs should be 14 feet above street level and 8 feet above the sidewalk. This allows for pedestrians and drivers to pass by easily. To access the city's Code of Ordinance, go to www.deerparktx.gov, hover over the menu option *How Do I?*, click on *City Code*, and then follow the link.

Deer Park Public Library

Matinée Movies, for all ages

Join us for a movie and popcorn on select Thursdays at 4 p.m. Stop by or contact library staff at (281) 478-7208 for dates and movie titles. When screening a PG-13 movie, it is our policy that children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

Winter Ice Craft, for ages 5-12, December 10, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Let's start off the winter holidays with crafts! Materials are provided free of charge. Children may choose from several craft options.

Lunar New Year Craft, for ages 5-12, January 14, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Gung hay fat choy! Welcome to the Year of the Rat. We are celebrating the Lunar New Year, which begins on January 25, 2020, with a craft. Materials are provided free of charge.

Valentine's Day Craft, for ages 5-12, February 11, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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

Tweens Tile Art, for ages 7-11, January 20, 3-4 p.m.

Come craft with us at the library! We're going to be using tiles and craft alcohol inks to create abstract art pieces. You must register to participate. Registration starts December 30. 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.

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.

Teen Blind Date with a Book

Stop by the Deer Park Public Library this February to check out our Teen Blind Date with a Book display. All display books have been wrapped so your selection will be based only on the description of the book. Take your book home, read it, and rate it. No peeking before you check out! Inside each book is a form so you can rate your experience. With each form you submit, you are entered for a chance to win a dinner and a movie prize drawing, which consists of gift cards to a local restaurant and movie theater, at the end of the month.

Teen Mystery Dinner, for school-aged teens, February 5, 4-5:45 p.m.

Everyone is a suspect in this fun, interactive mystery. Participants will be given clues to solve the mystery while enjoying a barbecue dinner provided by the Friends of the Library. Registration is required and starts January 6.

The Deer Park Public Library is a participant in the annual Gulf Coast

Storytime

January 8 - 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 *Holiday Storytime* for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers on December 19 at 10:15 a.m. Refreshments will be served. A special visitor is also going to join us so don't forget your cameras!

Deer Park Public Library

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.

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 *Battleship Texas*, and *Birds of the Lawther-Deer Park Prairie*. 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.

December 6 - *The Real History of St. Nick*

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.

December 10 - No book selection, group discussion on favorite books.



January 14

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owen



February 11

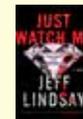
The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah

Blind Date with a Book

Are you ready to find the book of your dreams? Check out the Blind Date with a Book display during the month of February. The display features an assortment of wrapped books so you won't know the identity of your book until you get home. Choose your blind date book, take it home, read it, and submit the form to rate your date! We're hoping you'll discover a great read. If your date turns out to be a dud, all is not lost. With each form you submit, you are entered for a chance to win a dinner and a movie prize drawing, which consists of gift cards to a local restaurant and movie theater. Blind Date with a Book is an exciting opportunity for you to find great new titles and authors.

New Books for Adults

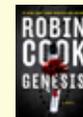
December



Just Watch Me: A Novel
by Jeff Lindsay



Reputation: A Novel
by Sara Shepard

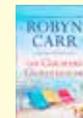


Genesis: A Novel
by Robin Cook

January



When You See Me: A Novel
by Lisa Gardner



The Country Guesthouse: A Sullivan's Crossing Novel
by Robyn Carr



Lost (Tom Moon) by
James Patterson &
James O. Born



Moral Compass: A Novel
by Danielle Steel

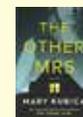


The Look-Alike: A Novel
by Erica Spindler

February



The Museum of Desire: An Alex Delaware Novel
by Jonathan Kellerman



The Other Mrs.: A Novel
by Mary Kubica

Public Library

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 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.

For a full list of the computer classes offered at the library with descriptions, visit the library at www.deerparktx.gov/library.



Library Hours

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



Save the Date

Mayor Jerry Mouton's 2020 State of the City address will be held on Thursday, February 27 beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center.

Maxwell Center

A Division of the Parks & Rec. Dept.

Senior Banquet, Dec. 11, 6-8 p.m., Jimmy Burke Activity Center Are you ready for a magical night? Doors open at 5:15 p.m. Catered meal will be served at 6 p.m. Show starts at 7 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by The Magic and Comedy of Paul Driscoll. This event is for seniors, ages 55 & over. It is free for Deer Park residents and \$10 for non-residents. You must register by Wednesday, December 4. Call (281) 478-7276 or stop by the Community Center at 610 E. San Augustine to make your reservations and pay the fee, if applicable.



1600 Georgia Ave.

www.battlegroundgolfcourse.com

Golf Course 281-478-2080

Republic Grill 281-478-2089

Parks & Recreation

Holiday Hours

During recognized City holidays, the Parks and Recreation Department will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For a list of services offered during these times, go to www.deerparktx.gov/parksandrec.

Did you know?

- The Parks & Recreation Dept. maintains roughly 330 acres of parkland.
- 135,000 pounds of blown snow will be pumped for Reindeer Park at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center on Dec. 7.
- In 2018, the Parks and Recreation Dept. offered over 765 activities and programs, providing over 8,500 hours of programming to over 16,436 patrons.

Rental Facilities

We have rental facilities available for Deer Park residents and non-residents, ages 21 & over. All rentals must be made in person at the Deer Park Community Center. Fees are due at time of reservation. Rental time includes both set up and break down. For a list of rental facilities, go to www.deerparktx.gov/parksandrec.

Game Room

Challenge your friends and the game room staff to a game of ping pong, pool, air hockey, or skeeball. Hours are Monday through Friday from 3 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The game room is equipped with Nintendo Wii, Xbox 360 Kinect, Xbox One, Play Station 4, board games, and arcade games. The game room is also available for parties! Each game room party includes a party room, tables, chairs, and 2 hours of exclusive fun in our game room for up to 30 individuals. All this for \$75, plus a \$100 refundable deposit for residents. For non-residents, the fee is \$85, plus a \$100 refundable deposit.

Dismissal Days, February 5 (12-3 p.m.), Deer Park Community Center

Where will your children be when school lets out early? Drop them off at the Community Center, Room 11, from 12 to 3 p.m. to watch a movie, eat popcorn, create a craft, and play games. Children will be supervised during the activities. This event is free and a membership card is not required. However, a membership card is required if your child plans to go into the game room or gym. Please let a staff member know if your child should not be allowed to leave the room on his/her own. Registration is not required.

Roscoe's Fishing Adventure, Jan. 24 (4-8 p.m.)

& 25 (8-11 a.m.), Dow Park Pool Join us for a fishing adventure as we partner with Texas Parks and Wildlife and stock the pool with fish! Admission is free, but all participants must register. Fishing poles are provided on a first come, first serve basis. Bring your own cooler to transport your fish. Jan. 24 is reserved for special populations, veterans, and their families. You must register in person at the Deer Park Community Center. Jan. 25 is open to the general public and registration can be done online. Help us get all of the fish out of the pool during open fish on Jan. 25 from 12 to 2 p.m.



Special Events

* **Santa Calling** - Last day to sign up for a free phone call from Santa is December 2! Go to www.deerparktx.gov/parksandrec or stop by the Community Center.

* **Tree Lighting Ceremony** - Friday, Dec. 6, 6 p.m., City Hall



Join Mayor & City Council in this spectacular annual tree lighting. Frosty, Rudolph, as well as Santa and his elves, will help us kick off the holiday season. You'll also enjoy performances by DPHS Swing Choir, SJE Choir, Art Park Singers, and Reaction.



* **Reindeer Dash - Saturday, December 7, 2 p.m., Jimmy Burke Activity Center** Awards will not be given. No chip timing available. \$20 pre-registration fee, \$10 registration fee for students with a student I.D., \$25 registration fee on race day. Proceeds will support families in the Deer Park Independent School District through the Opportunity Center.

* **Reindeer Park - Sat., Dec. 7, 4-9 p.m., Jimmy Burke Activity Center**, presale wristband \$10 through Dec. 6, \$15 wristband at the door Wristband gives you access to the snow area and slide, petting zoo, pony rides, wagon rides, carnival rides, and s'mores making! Photos with Santa and concessions will be available for purchase.



Parks & Recreation

Yoga, 6:30-7:30 p.m., for ages 13 & older, \$60 per month, Claude Burgess Recreation Center Exercise your mind, body, and soul with yoga. Not only does yoga reduce stress and anxiety, it improves flexibility and improves respiratory function. Go to www.deerparktx.gov/parksandrec or call (281) 478-2050 for more information.

Another Man's Treasure City Wide Garage Sale, February 14 & 15, Jimmy Burke Activity Center 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, and triple (10' x 30') \$60.

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

Art Park Players

A Division of the Parks & Recreation Department

Louise McBee Circle of Life, Dec. 2-7, Municipal Court and Theater Building

You will be amazed by the array of beautiful wreaths in the lobby, which were graciously donated by little angels in the community to honor someone who has had breast cancer. The public is invited to participate in the silent auction. The winners will be announced at the end of the evening on Dec. 7. Last year, over 60 wreaths were donated! This year, we are hoping for even more. If you would like to donate a wreath, contact Susan Mele at (281) 478-7288. All donations are 100% tax deductible and all funds collected go directly to The Rose.



Christmas Magic, Dec. 7, \$25 Dinner & Show or \$15 Show Only Tickets Join the Art Park Players for *Christmas Magic*,

featuring your favorite Christmas songs and holiday characters. It's a Yuletide musical



feast for the entire family. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. and the show at 7 p.m. Call (281) 794-2448 to make your reservations. Concessions will be available in the lobby. Santa and his elves will also be there for photo opportunities!

Sweet Charity, Feb. 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28 & 29, \$30 Dinner & Show or \$15 Show Only Tickets

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-1960's 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 irrepensible optimist. Tickets go on sale January 31, 2020. Call the Box Office at (281) 794-2448 to purchase tickets.



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.

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 at 5 p.m. The Parks and Recreation Crew continues to monitor the fields and purchase amenities for the complex.



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. Anticipated completion is fall 2020.

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 is discussing the conceptual design of the new Community Center and Earl Dunn Gym, which includes an indoor swimming pool, as well as a future contract agreement with Brinkley Sargent Wiginton Architects.

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 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 not expected to begin until the first quarter in 2020.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

The repairs to the **Historic Pratt Truss Bridge**, located at 1600 Georgia Ave., were completed in October 2019. 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. The final contract amount was \$436,450. Construction began in July 2019. The repairs included 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 was funded with hotel occupancy tax (HOT) funds. In an effort to preserve the bridge, City staff will administer a maintenance plan.

A comprehensive **Wayfinding Program** was developed to educate and direct visitors to Deer Park, as well as engage those that are unaware of what the city has to offer. The Deer Park Civic Wayfinding System is intended to celebrate the history and vibrancy of the area, while giving special attention to the parks, recreation, and open spaces of Deer Park. The city's approach was to implement the wayfinding system in phases over a period of several fiscal years. The wayfinding signs are classified as primary vehicular signs, secondary vehicular signs, tertiary vehicular signs, and monument signs (located in front of a park or city building). National Sign Plazas is the contractor approved to complete the initial phase of the project. This project is being funded out of hotel occupancy tax (HOT) revenues. Phase 1 included installing 15 wayfinding signs and 4 monument signs. Phase 2 of the project will place signs at additional locations around town. Phase 2 is anticipated to begin in late 2019/early 2020 and be completed by fall 2020.

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. The project is being funded by general funds.

The condition of the **Irrigation Pumps at the Battleground Golf Course** were reviewed in June 2019. This project will remain as an ongoing part of maintenance. The main irrigation pumps are being manufactured. A water feature/backup pump has been installed.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

COMPLETED

Project Name	Started	Completed	Cost
Waterline Rehabilitation, Holton Avenue	July 2019	August 2019	\$74,067.44
Sanitary Sewer Pipe-Bursting of 18-inch Force Main, Phase 1	June 2019	September 2019	\$1,398,595.80
Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation, Regency Park Subdivision	July 2019	October 2019	\$370,675.00

IN PROGRESS

Street Replacement Project

Started: May 2018
 Anticipated Completion:
 Fall 2019
 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. Roughly 93% of the project has been completed.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

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.

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

Started: March 2019
Anticipated Completion:
Fall 2019
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. Roughly 95% of the project has been completed.

Rehabilitation of the P Street Ground Storage Water Tank

Started: April 2019
Anticipated Completion:
Fall 2019
Cost: \$339,000.00

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 at a cost of \$65,000 to prepare the engineering design work for the rehabilitation of the tank and perform the inspections on the tank. MK Painting was hired for painting services. Roughly 95% of the project has been completed.

Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation, Phase 4

Started: June 2019
Anticipated Completion:
Fall 2019
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 50% of the project has been completed.

Sanitary Sewer Pipe-Bursting of 18-inch Force Main, Phase 2

Started: June 2019
Anticipated Completion:
Fall 2019
Cost: \$657,225.00

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. Phase 2 consists of lining the 18-inch sanitary sewer force main with a cured-in-place-pipe (CIPP) ultraviolet (UV) cured liner. The existing force main is in poor condition and has had several line failures in the past. The CIPP UV cured 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. Phases 1 and 2 occurred concurrently. Roughly 80% of the project has been completed.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

Street Marking and Lane Striping Project

Started: July 2019
Anticipated Completion:
Fall 2019
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. Roughly 50% of the project has been completed.

Flashing Stop Signs at Luella and San Augustine

Started: November 2019
Anticipated Completion:
Fall 2019
Cost: \$4,640

This project is to install 4 solar-powered LED-flashing stop signs. The signs will flash continuously to assist with stopping visibility at the intersection of Luella and San Augustine. Signs were purchased from Wildcat Traffic and are being funded by the Traffic Division's General Fund.

Surface Water Treatment Plant (SWTP) Sludge Removal

Started: Fall 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.

Police Firearms Training Facility

Started: Fall 2019
Anticipated Completion:
Spring 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).

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.

- Heritage Addition, Deer Park Manor and Delo-Elaine Subdivisions: Design phase - survey, sheets, and surfaces in development.
- College Park: Study phase - existing, proposed, and mitigation scenario models complete. Investigation on alternative drainage routes.
- Parkview West: Study phase - existing, proposed, and mitigation scenario models complete. Discussion on mitigation feasibility.
- Intersection of P Street and Center Street: Study phase - existing, proposed, and mitigation scenario models complete. Discussion on size of inlets near the intersection.
- Deer Park Gardens: Design phase - existing scenario models complete. Proposed improvement alternative models in development.

Additional areas of the city are being evaluated for possible flooding solutions.

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>.

August 2019

- Awarded a one-year supply of trash bags to X-L Plastics, Inc. at \$8.93/roll for 18,000 rolls.
- Approved the surplus property list and authorization to auction these items via the internet through Rene Bates Auctioneers.
- Accepted the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2019.
- Accepted the Deer Park Community Development Corporation Quarterly Report for the period of April 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019.
- Accepted the completion and release of retainage for the Deer Park Nature Preserve and Tallow Mitigation project. Final cost was \$215,393.22.
- Approved an agreement to renew the School Resource Officers/Crossing Guard Inter-Local Agreement with the Deer Park Independent School District for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Authorized the acceptance of a grant application through Shell U.S. in the amount of \$4,573.
- Approved the renewal of the annual City of Deer Park/DPISD Facility Use Agreement for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Approved the renewal of the annual roof maintenance contract with Tremco, Inc. in the amount of \$34,718.61.
- Approved a referral from the Planning and Zoning Commission and an ordinance calling a Joint Public Hearing from the request of the City of Deer Park of the proposed establishment of a zone designation for Intensive Industrial (M3) District.
- Approved a referral from the Planning and Zoning Commission and an ordinance calling a Joint Public Hearing from the request of the City of Deer Park on the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance by allowing laydown yards in M3 District; adding Use Groups 34 and 35 to principal uses in M3 District; including office warehouse or distribution center as permitted use in the M3 District; requiring a Specific Use Permit.
- Approved an ordinance rescheduling the time of the October 1, 2019 regular City Council meeting from 7:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. due to National Night Out.
- Accepted the completion of the Water & Sewer Building Phase II project. Final cost was \$123,101.42.
- Accepted the Quarterly Financial Report for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 third quarter ending June 30, 2019.
- Accepted the completion of the Girls Softball Renovations Phase I project. Final cost was \$2,635,392.45.
- Authorized staff to seek bids for the fabrication of the Waste Water Plant clarifier launder covers.
- Authorized staff to seek bids for mowing services for Center Street, 13th

Street, Highway 225, and various other areas.

- Authorized the purchase of services from SKE Construction to perform waterline rehabilitation on Georgia Street, P Street, and installation of new 12" valves on Center Street at a cost of \$393,857.23.
- Approved the submittal of the 2019 Tax Roll and the calculation of the effective tax rate and the rollback tax rate.
- Approved the tax revenue for the 2019 tax year by proposing to adopt a tax rate of \$0.720000 per \$100 valuation.
- Accepted the conditional approval of \$2,920,500 in the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery funds.
- Approved an ordinance appointing an alternate member to the Board of Adjustment.
- Approved an ordinance approving the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Deer Park Community Development Corporation Budget.

September 2019

- Approved a request from the Planning & Zoning Commission to amend Ordinance No. 3886, designating a 37.0002 acre tract, which has been annexed into the city as Heavy Industrial Zoning District (M3).
- Approved a request from the Planning & Zoning Commission to amend Ordinance No. 3886, Appendix A, Section 12.01.34.1 by allowing lay down yards in a M3 District.
- Authorized staff to seek proposals from potential buyers for the purchase and relocation of the house located at 518 Pasadena Boulevard.
- Approved the Parks &

Council Actions

Recreation Commission's recommendation to allow gate fees at DPISD Junior Varsity softball tournament in the spring of 2020.

- Approved an agreement with Valley View Consulting for investment advisory services.
- Approved a resolution authorizing the publication of Notice of Intention to issue Certificates of Obligations in the amount of \$4,605,000 to fund sewer line rehabilitation, the replacement of water lines, and renovations at the Surface Water Treatment Plant.
- Approved a resolution authorizing representation in an IRS matter and delegating authority to execute Form 2848 IRS Power of Attorney.
- Approved an ordinance and the results of a Joint Public Hearing to amend Ordinance No. 3886, designating 37.0002 acre tract that has been annexed into the city as Heavy Industrial Zoning District (M3).
- Approved an ordinance of the results of the Joint Public Hearing to amend Ordinance No. 3886, allowing lay down yards in a M3 District.
- Approved a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and an ordinance for a Specific Use Permit to construct a bulk warehouse at 739 Independence Parkway.
- Approved an ordinance authorizing the issuance of Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2019; levying a tax in payment thereof; authorizing the redemption prior to maturity of certain outstanding obligations; providing for the award and sale of said bonds in accordance with certain parameters; and enacting other provisions relating thereto.
- Approved the purchase of a fiber line upgrade for the RMS/CAD connection to League City (La Porte).
- Appointed a City of Deer Park representative to the 2020 Houston-Galveston Area Council Board of Directors.
- Approved a resolution to transfer \$4,026,425 from the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Unassigned Fund Balance of the General Fund to the Capital Improvements Fund.
- Approved an ordinance adopting the city's Investment Policy.
- Approved an ordinance calling a public hearing to adopt Standards of Care for the All Star Activity Program.
- Approved an ordinance adopting the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget.
- Approved an ordinance amending Section 106-25(b)(c) of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to water and sewer rates.
- Approved an ordinance approving the 2019-2020 Salary & Classification Scales.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Golf Course Lease Fund Budget for the replacement of an air conditioning unit at the Battleground Golf Course.
- Approved an ordinance granting ExxonMobil a permanent easement 10 feet in width upon City of Deer Park owned property at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- Approved Option 1 of the Maxwell Adult Center Ceramics Program that called for a third party vendor for firing of the ceramics and thus the sale of two city-owned kilns.

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- Rejected all bids received for mowing and edging services on city maintained medians, entrances and rights of ways, and authorized solicitation

for these services through a request for proposals (RFP).

- Awarded the bid for the Surface Water Treatment Plant Sludge Removal project to Person's Services in the amount of \$565,397.50.
- Authorized the purchase of a new Pierce Velocity Pumper Fire Engine from the Siddons-Martin Emergency Group through the H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$1,142,914.
- Accepted Change Order #2 for the Pavement Reconstruction and Utility Improvement project in the amount of \$202,103.
- Amended the Financial Management Policy.
- Approved a resolution maintaining the City of Deer Park's contribution rate to the Texas Municipal Retirement System.
- Approved an ordinance appointing associate judges.
- Awarded the bid for fabrication of the reinforced plastic launder covers for the Waste Water Treatment Plant to Nefco Systems in the amount of \$193,600.
- Accepted the completion and final payment for the Historic Bridge repair. Final cost was \$436,450.
- Approved the emergency purchase for a replacement pump at the Waste Water Treatment Plant headworks lift station in the amount of \$24,798.
- Authorized the purchase of a Nimble SAN storage device in the amount of \$109,717.35.
- Approved an amendment No. 4 to the agreement with the Deer Park Crime Control Prevention District for CCPD personnel, vehicles, facilities, equipment, and investments.
- Approved an amendment No. 4 to the agreement with



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Deer Park Fire Control, Prevention and Emergency Medical Services District for FCPEMSD personnel, vehicles, facilities, equipment, and investments.

- Approved the request for a Specific Use Permit to construct a bulk warehouse at 1155 Independence Parkway.
- Referred a request to establish a zone designation for Intensive Industrial District (M3) Phase II to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Approved an ordinance accepting the petition for voluntary annexation of 12.0163 acres in the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) located along the west side of Independence Parkway and north of State Highway 225 into the Deer Park city limits.
- Approved an ordinance adopting the Standards of Care for the All Star Activity Program for the 2019-2020 DPISD school year.
- Approved an ordinance amending Appendix B – Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges, Section 74-4 Parks and Recreation Theater Fees.
- Approved an ordinance granting a pipeline franchise to ExxonMobil for a 20" pipeline.
- Approved an ordinance adding Article X; Section 62-274 through 62-278 to the Code of Ordinances pertaining to Riots, Protests and Mass Gatherings.
- Approved an ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Deer Park Crime Control and Prevention District Budget for reconstruction of the berm at the Police Department Firing Range.
- Approved an ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Grants Fund Budget for additional grant funds.
- Awarded the bid for the repairs to the Police Firearms Training Facility (Hurricane Harvey FEMA project) to Jerdon Enterprises in the amount of \$788,788.78.
- Approved an ordinance appointing 4 members to the Deer Park Community Development Corporation.
- Approved an ordinance appointing 3 members to the Crime Control and Prevention District.
- Approved an ordinance appointing 3 members to the Fire Control,

Prevention and Emergency Services District.

- Approved an ordinance calling public hearings for voluntary annexation of 12.0163 acres of undeveloped land in the city's ETJ located along the west side of Independence Parkway and north of State Highway 225 into the Deer Park city limits.
- Approved a resolution authorizing the city's participation in the GoodBuy Purchasing Cooperative.
- Authorized the purchase of a Ford F-250 truck, a Ford F-150 truck, and a Ford Excursion for the Fire Department, Fire Marshal's office and EMS Department through the GoodBuy Cooperative Purchasing Program.

