



# MESSENGER

Quarterly Newsletter

## Summer 2020

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### *No Trash Collection*

City offices will be closed on **Friday, July 3**, in observance of Independence Day. Curbside collection of rubbish will not be available on this day. Service will resume on your next regular collection day following the holiday. Garbage should not be placed out for pick up earlier than 6 p.m. on the evening before the scheduled collection day.

### **City of Deer Park**

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## Be One With Nature

**S**ince parks and trails remained open for public use during the peak of the COVID-19 outbreak, the Deer Park Nature Preserve became a popular pass time for many citizens. The nature preserve is located at 2500 E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street and encompasses 1.5 miles of trails. The trails take you through peaceful woodland with plenty of shade and a variety of birds. Aquatic life thrives on the edge of the wetland area and pollinators flutter through the grassland and prairie. Wildlife, such as rabbits, armadillos, coyotes, bobcats, snakes, butterflies, birds, and bees have also been spotted on the property. You may even find carnivorous plants in some areas!



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## Be Informed. Make a Plan. Build a Kit.

**H**urricanes, like any other disaster, can happen suddenly, so it's important for your family to know what to do. Being ready means making a plan ahead of time. To assist families with being Texas Ready, the Texas Department of State Health Services provides information on how to make a family emergency plan, as well as access to numerous videos, fact sheets, a disaster supply checklist, an emergency preparedness activity book for children, and other resources at [txready.org](http://txready.org). The content is available in English and Spanish. Don't wait until it is too

late. Hurricane season is already here - June 1 through November 30!

*#TexasReady*

### Postponed Election

The May 2, 2020 General and Special Election was postponed and will be held on November 3, 2020. More details will be available in the Fall 2020 Messenger newsletter. For updates, visit the city's website at [www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov) or Facebook page.

# General Information

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.

## 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](mailto: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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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

## June

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

## July

- 3 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

## August

- 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 City Offices Closed - Holiday
- 25 LEPC Meeting
- 29 Siren Test - Noon

Please note that meeting dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

## City Hall

Open Monday through Friday  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Notify Me

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



Invasive species on the property are being controlled and removed over the next several years. One of the invasive species, the McCartney rose, looks pretty with its delicate white flowers, but is covered in thorns. The McCartney rose is found throughout the 38 acres. Poison ivy, Chinese tallow, and other invasive flora have also been identified. In restoring this tract of land to its original intention, these invasive species will continue to be thinned out, removed, and monitored on an annual basis.

The first year of an intensive Chinese tallow maintenance program for the wetland area was completed in 2019. Chinese tallow filled and choked out the native wetland vegetation. A trained contractor was hired for the delicate task of chemically eradicating and removing a large amount of the Chinese tallow that had taken over the wetland area. Now that this invasive removal process has begun, the emergent seed bank of native plants can thrive again.



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

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

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



**Congratulations to our Employee Award Recipients!**

***Supervisor of the Month Awards***

**January 2020**

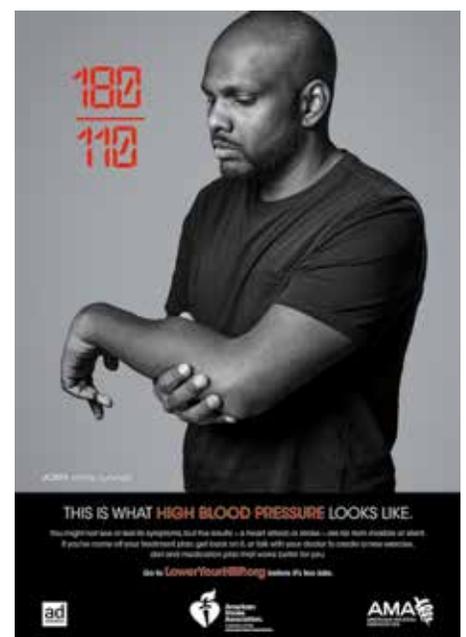
**Kathy Holcomb**

Public Works Department

**April 2020**

**Andrew Smith**

Emergency Medical Services



# Deer Park Police Department

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## *Citizen's Police Academy*

The Deer Park Police Department (DPPD) is currently recruiting citizens for the 42<sup>nd</sup> class of the Citizen's Police Academy. Classes begin on August 20, 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. Students have also had the opportunity to listen to audio recordings, watch pursuit videos, and investigate mock crime scenes. 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 Plovnich at (281) 930-2118 or [splovnich@deerparktx.org](mailto:splovnich@deerparktx.org).

## *Auto Theft and Burglary Prevention*

In the summer, there is generally an increase in auto theft and burglaries. Burglary of a vehicle typically occurs at night while you sleep. Criminals walk the neighborhood looking for valuables left in parked cars. Valuables left in plain view entice criminals to tug on the door handles of the vehicle to check if it was left unlocked. Unlocked vehicles allow criminals to easily steal your valuables and possibly take off with your vehicle.

Always conceal your valuables, secure your car, and take the keys with you. Never leave a purse, wallet, or gun in the vehicle. If you must leave valuables in the car, hide them in the trunk and lock the doors. A secured garage is the safest place to park your car at night. If you park in your driveway, install some motion sensor lights. If you must park on the street, try to park in a well-lit area. Keep in mind that criminals don't want to be seen so if you keep the area lit, chances are they will move on to the next target.

In 2019, 125 vehicle burglaries were reported to the Deer Park Police Department. In more than half of those burglaries, the victims left the car doors unlocked. Let's work together to prevent crime.



## *Accidentally Called 9-1-1? Stay on the line!*

The DPPD Communications Unit regularly receives accidental 9-1-1 calls from businesses, cell phones, and smart watches. The process to determine whether there is an emergency takes longer when the call is disconnected. More than 80% of all 9-1-1 calls are pocket-dialed calls originating from cell phones. If you accidentally dial 9-1-1, stay on the line and advise the public safety telecommunicator that the call was accidental.

## *What You Should Know About 9-1-1*

- Call 9-1-1 for emergencies only.
- Stay on the line and speak to the public safety telecommunicator, even if you called by accident.
- Always know your location because you cannot trust your cell phone to provide it.
- Answer all of the questions the telecommunicator asks you.
- For your safety and others, follow all instructions.

# Deer Park Police Department

## Over 3,000 False Alarms

Deer Park Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Fire, and Police personnel responded to 3,031 false alarm calls between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2019.

Assist with reduction of false alarm calls with the following tips:

- Learn how to properly operate your alarm system and teach those who use it as well.
- Get your alarm system adjusted, repaired, or replaced when needed.
- Know how to cancel an accidental alarm.
- Contact the Deer Park False Alarm Reduction Program to obtain an alarm permit and update the information as needed.
- If you have moved or are planning to move, or no longer have an alarm system, please contact us to close your account.
- The annual cost for an alarm permit is between \$25 and \$50. Pay your invoice within 30 days.

Deer Park False Alarm Reduction Program

P.O. Box 844908

Dallas, TX 75284-4908

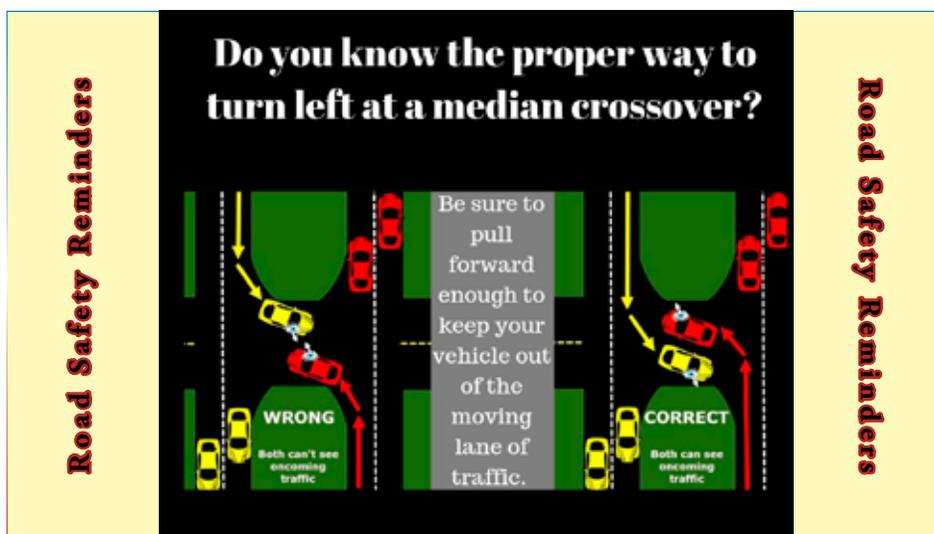
(855) 905-0611 Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

[deerparktx@alarm-billing.com](mailto:deerparktx@alarm-billing.com)

<https://www.crywolfservices.com/deerparktx/>

## Look Before You Lock

Summer is here and Texas weather is hot. We know it's hot outside, but the inside of your car gets even hotter, even if you leave the windows cracked open. The temperature inside a car can rise almost 20 degrees Fahrenheit within the first 10 minutes. Even though hot car deaths can happen any time of the year, the majority of the cases occur during the summer. According to the National Safety Council, in 2019, 52 deaths in children under the age of 3 were reported to be related to heatstroke in vehicles. Of the 52 deaths, 56% occurred in the months of June, July, and August. So, make it a habit to always look in the backseat before you lock your car.



# Public Works

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## Floodplain Management

Floodplain management is the operation of a community program of corrective and preventative measures for reducing flood damage. These measures take a variety of forms and generally include zoning, subdivision and building requirements, as well as special-purpose floodplain ordinances. The Floodplain Development Division manages all development in the floodplain of the city by reviewing plans, issuing permits, and monitoring/inspecting construction activities as required by the City of Deer Park Code of Ordinances.

## Stormwater

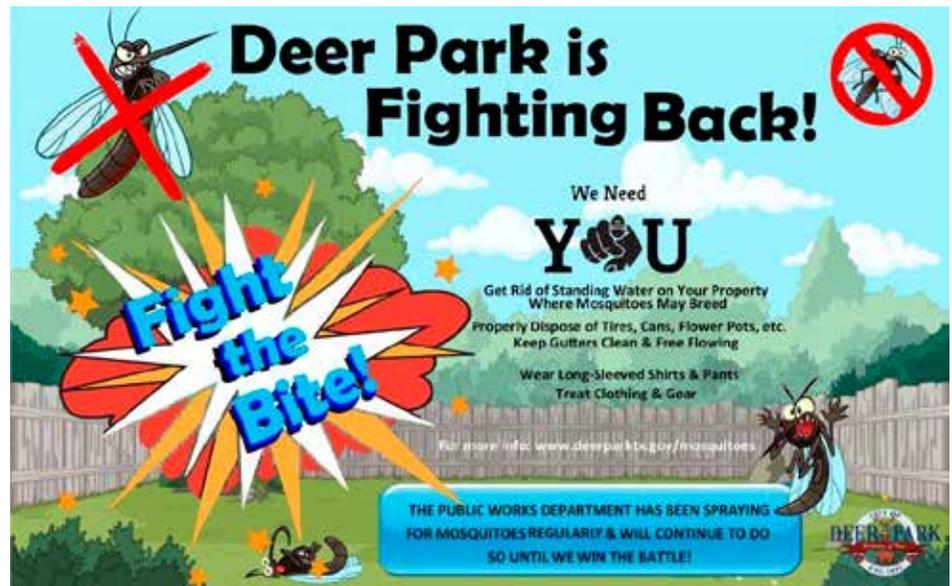
Stormwater runoff occurs when rain water flows over the land's surface. The addition of roads,

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driveways, parking lots, rooftops and other surfaces prevent water from soaking into the ground, thus greatly increasing the runoff volume created during storms. This runoff is swiftly carried to our local streams, lakes, wetlands and rivers, which can cause flooding and erosion, as well as wash away important habitats for animal life in the stream. Stormwater runoff also carries pollutants from paved surfaces, such as sediment, nitrogen, phosphorus, bacteria, oil and grease, trash, pesticides, and metals. City Engineer Adam Ballesteros oversees the Storm Water Division to ensure that the city is in compliance with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality General Permit TXR040000 for Phase II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems requirements for obtaining authorization for stormwater dischargers from small MS4's, the new General Permit, forms, and annual reporting.

## *Mosquito Control*

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



property clean of items that can hold water, including discarded aluminum cans and tires.

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

## *Flood Risk and Insurance*

Property owners should have a good understanding of flood risk and insurance. Knowing basic details will assist property owners with planning ahead.

- Federal disaster assistance is usually provided in the form of a loan that must be paid back with interest along with your existing mortgage.
- Total flood insurance claims in the United States averaged more than \$3.5 billion per year from 2005 to 2014.
- In the past 5 years, all 50 states have experienced a flood.
- Floods are the #1 disaster in the United States.
- Everyone is at risk, even those who do not live close to rivers and lakes. Floods can be the result of heavy rains, overloaded drainage systems, land development runoff, and tropical storms. Just one inch of water can cause extensive costly damage to a home and its contents.
- Most homeowners insurance does not cover flood damage.
- More than 5 million Americans are protected by flood insurance. Unfortunately, millions more are unaware of their personal risk for property damage or the options available to reduce that risk.
- It typically takes 30 days after you purchase flood insurance for the policy to take effect.
- The average premium is \$700 a year; the average claim is \$42,000.

For more information, go to [FloodSmart.gov](http://FloodSmart.gov).

## *Heavy Trash Pick Up*

Every Wednesday is reserved for heavy trash pickup. Occasionally, the volume of heavy trash requires more than one day to service the entire

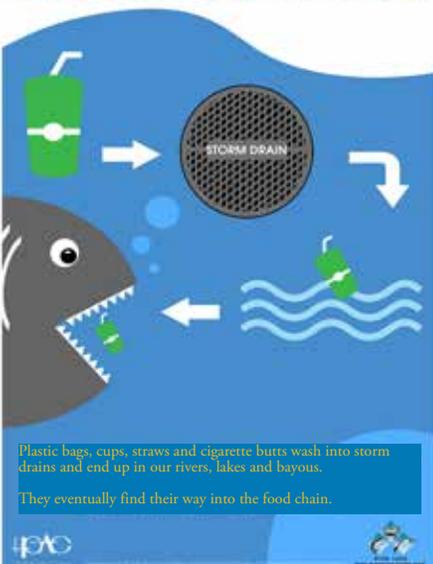
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city. Collection could extend into Thursday and Friday. Small furniture, appliances and other items can be placed at the curb. Tree limbs must be smaller than 6 inches in diameter and no more than 4 feet in length. Tree limbs should be stacked neatly behind the curb line. The City of Deer Park is not responsible for debris generated by private contracted jobs.

## *Single-Stream Recycling*

The City of Deer Park offers single-stream recycling. Residents can recycle paper, cardboard, plastic bottles and metal cans by dropping them all into one single bin. Sorting your recyclables is no longer necessary. Please be cautious to not contaminate the recycle bin. If the bin is contaminated, the whole bin must be discarded. Food waste, plastic bags and polystyrene foam cups and containers are not acceptable. The Recycling Center is located at the Transfer Station at 610 Old Underwood Road. For questions, call (281) 478-7213.

## The Journey of Trash



# Deer Park Public Library

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## *Virtual Scholastic Book Fair, for all ages, May 11-September 4*

The Friends of the Deer Park Public Library (DPPL) will host an online Scholastic Book Fair this year. Each year the profits made by the Scholastic Book Fair goes back into the community through the purchase of paperback books. These books are given as prizes during the summer reading program. This year will be no different! Use the links available on our website and Facebook page to enter our virtual book fair. To access directly, go to <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/deerparkpubliclibrary1>.

There are over 6,000 products available in the virtual book fair, including award-winners, best sellers, box-sets, and more. Book-only orders over \$25 will ship to an address for FREE. Grandparents - you can purchase items and have them sent directly to your loved ones. Shop online all summer long! The library will receive the credit for all your purchases. Creating an account is required to ensure DPPL receives credit for your purchase. Please call the library at (281) 478-7208 if you need assistance with this process.

## *Imagine Your Virtual Story Summer Reading Program*

The 2020 DPPL Summer Reading Program will offer virtual options to help encourage reading throughout the summer. Children and teens will log their reading and other mission tasks into our web-based summer reading program. The online program is available via a website or app for Android and Apple devices. If there is an issue with getting online, the library can help. Contact library staff at (281) 478-7208 for assistance. Check out the weekly postings, including crafts and other fun online ways to engage with the library. There are some amazing virtual performers ready to share their talents and skills. For additional details, go to our social media pages or visit our website at [www.deerparktx.gov/library](http://www.deerparktx.gov/library).

## *Mysteries & More Book Club*

The Mysteries & More Book Club plans to continue to meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. to discuss books from a variety of genres. The meeting's format will be announced on the library's webpage and social media pages closer to date. Future titles will be selected at upcoming meetings. Go to [www.deerparktx.gov/library](http://www.deerparktx.gov/library) or call (281) 478-7208 for details.

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June 9, *Beach Read* - Something in the Water by Catherine Steadman

July 14, *Thriller* - The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides

Aug. 11, *Historical Fiction* - The Things We Cannot Say by Kelly Rimmer

## Adult Programming for Summer

DPPL will continue to provide services and programming for our patrons during the summer months. We'll be hosting our adult summer reading program and more as soon as safely possible. Check our website at [www.deerparktx.gov/library](http://www.deerparktx.gov/library) and social media pages for additional details.

## New Books for Adults

### June

- *Fair Warning* by Michael Connelly
- *Mrs. Lincoln's Sisters* by Jennifer Chiaverini
- *Credible Threat* by J. A. Jance

### July

- *Cajun Justice* by James Patterson & Tucker Axum III
- *Muzzled* by David Rosenfelt
- *The Pull of the Stars* by Emma Donoghue
- *The Order* by Daniel Silva

### August

- *The Midwife Murders* by James Patterson & Richard DiLallo
- *The Silent Wife* by Karin Slaughter
- *Malorie: A Bird Box Novel* by Josh Malerman



## 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](http://www.deerparktx.gov), hover over *Residents*, and click on *Prescription Program*.

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

## 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](http://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.



## 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.

## 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.



# Economic Development

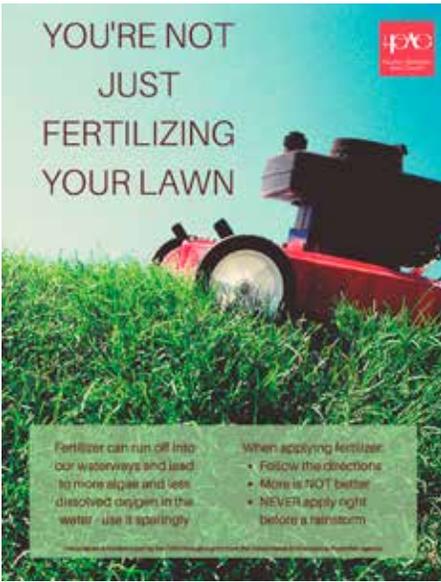
- **Whataburger** has now opened their 2<sup>nd</sup> Deer Park location at 715 Center Street on the southeast corner of Center St. and 6<sup>th</sup> Street, formerly the location of the Wells Fargo drive-through building.



- Norma Moses has officially retired after 34 years in business, closing **Norma's Country Dreams**, which was located at 4705 Center Street. The building sits on 1.06 acres and is for sale. For listing information, contact Alix Fox at (832) 687-7533.
- **Buzzy Bee Convenience Store** with an Exxon filling station is under construction at 3501 East Blvd. on the northeast corner at Pasadena Blvd. The owners are also constructing an additional 7,083 square feet of retail space that they hope to lease to retail or service businesses. Those interested in leasing information for this new shopping center should call (281) 850-8755.
- Deer Park's **Rockwell Wealth Management** is constructing a new 5,634 square foot office building at 317 W. San Augustine, next door to Occucare and across the street from Optometrist Michelle Lamb's office. The new building will serve as the firm's expanded headquarters, as well as offering approximately 2,000 square feet of additional office rental space for local businesses.
- **Serenity Gardens** is the newly constructed 16-bed hospice facility now open at 4324 East Blvd., next door to Deer Park Animal Hospital and across the street from Heritage Elementary School.
- Family owned and operated **Donny's Paint & Body** has been proudly serving Deer Park for the past 32 years. They started in a small space on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, but 20 years ago they moved to the old JC Thomas building at 417 Center Street. Owners Donny and Cindy Heckert make customer service a priority and pride themselves on quality collision repair. Your satisfaction is their top priority! This long-established business just expanded their services by purchasing **McBroom's Automotive** at 305 Center Street earlier this year. McBroom's Automotive remains mostly the same, including the name, with the exception of a few new equipment purchases and some modernizing.
- **Sweet Threads Children's Boutique** is now open at 4134 Center Street, next to Papa John's Pizza.



For questions, contact Debbie Westbeld, Economic Development Administrator, at (281) 478-2042 or [dwestbeld@deerparktx.org](mailto:dwestbeld@deerparktx.org). For business news, go to [www.deerparktx.gov/ed](http://www.deerparktx.gov/ed).



# Parks & Recreation

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## Dow Park Pool

Dow Park Pool is currently under construction. The pool is scheduled to open on June 12. Please be advised that operations have been modified to meet state guidelines related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Pool hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 12 to 7 p.m. and Sunday, 2 to 6 p.m. The pool is closed on Mondays for maintenance. For information on swim passes, guidelines, and more, call (281) 478-2050 or go to [www.deerparktx.gov/parksandrec](http://www.deerparktx.gov/parksandrec).

## Dow Park Pool Rentals

You can rent our 50-meter pool or children’s pool area for your next private party. All rentals are subject to the availability of Deer Park certified lifeguards and managers. The pool is available for private events June 19 through August 9 during the hours when the pool is closed to the public. Reservations must be made in person at the Deer Park Community Center. \$100 refundable deposit required. Pool rentals are limited to 2 hours. Renting the pool guarantees you space for a private pool party, not necessarily private pool space. For more information, call (281) 478-2050.

### Available Rental Times:

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

### Fees:

- Main pool & children’s pool - residents \$200, non-residents \$350
- Main pool - residents \$150, non-residents \$300
- Children’s pool only - residents \$75, non-residents \$100

## Concerts in the Park

Come to Dow Park on Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. to enjoy local and regional bands as they perform some of your favorite songs.

- June 18 - Ladies Night (Orange Fox)
- June 25 - Faith Night (Andre German)
- July 9 - Summer Dance Night (Lux 5)
- July 16 - Smooth Instrumental Night (On Three Band)
- July 23 - Senior Night (The John Barraza Project)
- July 30 - 90's Night (Time Warp)
- August 6 - Latin Night (Corporate Seventy 7)



# Parks & Recreation

## *Daddy-Daughter Dance*

Dads and daughters of all ages, let's celebrate 2020 by going back in time to the Roaring 20's on August 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center. Through August 3, cost for this event is \$30 per couple and \$20 for each additional daughter. Cost at the door is \$35 per couple and \$25 for each additional daughter. Enjoy dancing, light refreshments, and door prizes. You have the option of purchasing a couple's dinner at a cost of \$20 per couple, plus \$10 for each additional meal, to eat at the venue from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. You must purchase the meal option by August 3. Be sure to verify your meal purchase because walk-ins for meals will not be allowed. Rosie's Photography will be on site for those who would like to take pictures and purchase a picture package.

## *4<sup>th</sup> Fest Celebration*

You're invited to celebrate Independence Day at this year's 4<sup>th</sup> Fest Celebration, July 4 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. There will be live music and fireworks! Don't miss this year's event at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center, 500 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street.

**DISCLAIMER: These events are subject to change based on guidelines related to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Please follow our social media outlets for the most up-to-date information.**

## 2020 Census

Have you participated in the 2020 Census yet? Learn more about the process and explore the questions you'll be asked on your census form at [2020census.gov/en/about-questions](https://2020census.gov/en/about-questions). There's still time to participate - it's vital for you and your community! Your responses help secure funding for hospitals, fire departments, highways and roadways, schools, libraries, and much more. Self-response methods include the Census website, phone, or physical forms. For more information, go to [Census2020.gov](https://Census2020.gov), the city's website at [www.deerparktx.gov](https://www.deerparktx.gov), DPTV, and social media outlets.

## City Manager Elected to TCMA Board

Join the City of Deer Park in congratulating our City Manager, Jay Stokes, who has been elected Vice President of the Texas City Management Association (TCMA). TCMA is an organization of local government professionals dedicated to promoting the highest standards of governance, service, leadership, ethics, and education while embracing individual and regional diversity for the benefit of its membership and the cities of Texas. As TCMA Vice President, Stokes will work as part of a 17-member Board serving a membership of more than 1,000. "I am very appreciative that my fellow members elected me to this office," Stokes said. "I look forward to serving the membership of TCMA during these very challenging times, particularly with the difficulties cities everywhere are facing due to the coronavirus response."



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](https://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 to be of benefit or interest to our residents. For more information, go to [www.deerparktx.gov/dptv](https://www.deerparktx.gov/dptv).

# CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

## PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

### TYPE B DEDICATED SALES TAX PROJECTS

**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 and is about 60% complete. The City of Deer Park, along with Burditt Consultants, is working with CenterPoint Energy on the terms for trail access in the easement. Project design is expected to be completed this summer and City staff plans to go out for bid in late fall.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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, Dow Park Pavilion, and the Deer Park Soccer Complex.

### OTHER PROJECTS

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. Design is about 90% complete. With the completion of design expected this summer, City staff plans to go out for bid this fall.

The condition of the **Irrigation Pumps at the Battleground Golf Course** was reviewed in June 2019. This project will remain an ongoing part of maintenance. A water feature/backup pump was installed. The main irrigation pumps were manufactured and completed this spring. A back-up irrigation pump was temporarily taking the place of the additional pumps until the new pumps were completed and installed in May. This project is complete and the Battleground Golf Course receives the proper irrigation amounts for turf growth.

# CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

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. Currently, City staff is considering going out for re-bid due to some changes to the scope of the project. Staff members are working on the proposed scope with concession and storage elements for the building. Completion is expected to be by November.

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 were prepared for the removal of the columns, as well as drainage improvements. Frost Construction was awarded the project at a cost of \$51,000. Demolition has begun and is expected to be completed by fall. Options for art and a canopy are being considered for the building's entrance to portray a modern appeal.

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. Consulting architects, CobbFendley & Associates, was hired to study the floodplain requirement for approval by the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCFCD). The data is being prepared to be submitted to HCFCFCD and the design of the bridge is underway.

The **Dow Park Municipal Pool Re-Plaster Project**, consists of the extensive removal of several layers of plaster, leak detection and repair, the addition of an ADA ramp, as well as the installation of wall returns, handrails, and other material upgrades. Construction began in April 2020 after the project's approval in March. The project is expected to be completed early this summer at an anticipated cost of \$186,465. The project is being funded by Capital Outlay and Capital Improvement Funds.

Note: Projects previously completed include the Deer Park Nature Preserve, Wayfinding Program - Phase I, and the Pony Field/P Street Parking Lot.

## Need to report a concern?

Citizens can submit concerns directly to the appropriate city personnel. Simply go to [www.deerparktx.gov](http://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.

# CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### COMPLETED

Project Name	Started	Completed	Cost
Sanitary Sewer Rehab Project, Park Meadows Subdivision, Sections 1-4	March 2019	January 2020	\$1,957,242.05
Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation, Phase 4	June 2019	January 2020	\$249,983.88
Street Replacement Project	May 2018	February 2020	\$5.1 million
Surface Water Treatment Plant Sludge Removal	Nov. 2019	February 2020	\$546,253
Street Marking and Lane Striping Project	July 2019	March 2020	\$147,487.37
Restoration of the Police Firearms Training Facility	January 2020	May 2020	\$788,788.78

#### Outfall Repair at Battleground Golf Course, South Ditch

Started: April 2019  
 Completed: May 2020  
 Cost: \$125,482.10

The storm drainage system outfalls along the south ditch of the Battleground Golf Course that borders Westside Manor Subdivision were damaged by heavy rainfall over the last couple of years and needed to be replaced. The 5 concrete outfalls in the ditch were replaced with reinforced concrete pipe and corrugated metal pipe, roughly 255 linear feet of new pipe. The project was awarded to SKE Construction, LLC through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$125,482.10. The project was funded with 2007 Series Certificates of Obligation Bond Funds and completed ahead of schedule.

#### CMP Storm Sewer Rehab

Started: April 2020  
 Completed: May 2020  
 Cost: \$90,161

Hurricane Harvey damaged the storm sewer outfalls at 6 locations in Deer Park: Eastwind Drive, Dow Circle, Wisdom Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Bayou Vista Drive, and Garret Blvd. This project entails the removal and repair of roughly 260 linear feet of damaged reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) and replacing corrugated metal pipe with new RCP. City staff applied for a FEMA Public Assistance Grant to help with the repairs to the outfalls. The project was awarded to T Construction at a cost of \$90,161. Total eligible cost under FEMA was \$83,171, of which FEMA covered \$74,853.90 while the City of Deer Park undertook \$8,317.10. This project started in April 2020 and was completed roughly 60 days ahead of schedule on May 6, 2020.

# CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

## **Storm Sewer Rehab, New Orleans Street**

Started: March 2020  
Completed: April 2020  
Cost: \$269,661.60

This project consists of slip lining 250 linear feet of storm sewer outfall pipe on New Orleans Street. The existing storm pipe is in bad condition. Improvements were necessary to allow better flow and increase capacity. In addition, the inlets were replaced with larger inlets and the damaged paving was replaced. Services were purchased from Vaught Services, Inc. through the TIPS Cooperative Purchasing Program. The project was funded with water and sewer funds at a total cost of \$269,661.60.

## **IN PROGRESS**

### **Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project, Phase 2**

Started: August 2017  
Anticipated Completion:  
August 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 in the amount of \$13,636,685. The project is on track to be completed by the end of August 2020.

### **2020 Waterline Rehab**

Started: May 2020  
Anticipated Completion:  
August 2020  
Cost: \$672,883.79

This project is part of the city's ongoing mission to rehabilitate the water system to reduce water loss, as well as maintain optimal water pressure and superb water quality. The project consists of pipe-bursting 5,600 linear feet of various waterlines across town ranging from 6" to 12" in diameter. The locations identified for rehabilitation are E. 13<sup>th</sup> from Luella to Deer Avenue, Luella Avenue from Arbor Dr. to Pasadena Blvd., Henderson Lane from Lufkin/Tyler Lane to San Augustine Street, and Texas Avenue between Pasadena Blvd. and Brookhaven Avenue. These waterlines are in degraded condition and need to be rehabilitated due to severe leaks or upsized to improve water pressure for the area they serve. Services for this project were purchased from SKE Construction, LLC through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$672,883.79.

### **Sanitary Sewer Project, X Street**

Started: June 2020  
Anticipated Completion:  
September 2020  
Cost: \$441,447.92

The project consists of pipe-bursting 3,500 linear feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer pipe along X Street due to pipe failure under the pavement and rehabilitation sanitary lines within the Maxwell Subdivision, adjacent to City Hall. Pipe-bursting services were purchased from Vaught Services, LLC (A Vortex Company) through the TIPS Cooperative Purchasing Program. The total cost of the project is \$441,447.92.

## 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, 2019.

- Heritage Addition, Deer Park Manor and Delo-Elaine Subdivisions:
  - » Heritage Addition - Construction plans are 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. Project is expected to go out for bid this summer, with construction anticipated to begin by fall. The project is expected to be completed in approximately 9 months.
  - » Deer Park Manor and Delo-Elaine - Construction plans are 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.
- 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.
- Parkview West: Study Phase - Presented existing, proposed, and mitigation scenario models. Cost estimate is \$6.9 million for pavement and drainage items. Note that the initial study area was expanded after it was determined that downstream water was backing up due to the elevation of the adjacent Boggy Bayou. The Parkview West area, as well as areas within and adjacent to the 100-year flood plain, are being studied by CobbFendley through an interlocal agreement with Deer Park and Harris County Flood Control District in a new “Boggy Bayou” Watershed Study. The project study start-up, existing condition analysis, and proposed condition analysis begin this summer. Results and recommendations are expected by fall.

# Council Actions

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

## February 2020

- Approved the reallocation of budgeted funds to cover the purchase of supplies and software engineering services to upgrade the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system at the Water Treatment Plant.
- Accepted the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2019.
- Accepted the completion and retainage release for the Deer Park Soccer Complex to Tandem Services, LLC. Final cost was \$3,614,705.57.
- Approved the payment to SHI for the Microsoft Enterprise Services Agreement.
- Approved the purchase to replace SAN for the Deer Park Police Station from NWN via the Choice Partner Cooperative agreement in the amount of \$60,366.20.
- Accepted the Deer Park Community Development Corporation's quarterly report for the period of October 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.
- Approved the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget calendar.
- Approved a referral from the Planning & Zoning Commission for a specific use permit to operate a Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Center at 210 W. Helgra.
- Approved an addendum to the contract for Phase I of the Wayfinding program.
- Authorized the closeout of the contract for Phase I of the Wayfinding program.
- Approved an agreement with PSI Water Technologies for improvements to the Avon elevated storage tank and the P Street ground storage tank.
- Approved an agreement with Harris County for the Hurricane Harvey CDBG-DR Bayou Bend Regional Detention Facility and Drainage Improvements project.
- Approved an ordinance calling for a General Election on May 2, 2020 to elect 3 Council members.
- Approved an ordinance calling for a Special Election for a Type B Economic Development Sales and Use Tax.
- Approved the purchase of 52 desktop computers and 17 laptop computers from Dell through a continuation of a lease/purchase via the Texas Department of Information Resources in the amount of \$57,820.
- Approved the purchase of a 2020 GMC Sierra 3500 HD crew cab with service body truck for the Parks Operations Division from Gunn Auto Group via the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$54,826.12.
- Approved an agreement with DPISD to provide a polling location for a General Election of Board of Trustees on May 2, 2020.
- Approved an agreement with SKE Construction for the repaving of the Dow Park parking lot between the baseball fields and the soccer fields via the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of

\$68,024.48.

- Approved an ordinance to amend Appendix B of the Code of Ordinances related to various Parks & Recreation Department fees.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget for the City Secretary's office by \$2,800, due to additional costs associated with publishing public notices.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget for the Finance Department by \$6,400 due to changes in health insurance.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget for the Sanitation Department by \$92,500 due to a rate increase from Waste Management during the past fiscal year which were offset by additional revenues.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget for the Emergency Management and Emergency Medical Service Departments by \$23,800 due to overtime expenses connected to the ITC fire.

## March 2020

- Awarded the bid for the rehabilitation of the Pasadena Blvd. 1-million gallon water ground storage tank to Nova Painting in the amount of \$341,000.
- Authorized staff to advertise and receive bids for the Water Treatment Plant Solids Handling Improvement project.
- Authorized the purchase of services from SKE Construction, LLC through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program for the 2020 Waterline Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$672,883.79.
- Accepted the completion of the Surface Water Treatment Plant

# Council Actions

- Sludge Removal project. Final cost was \$546,253.
- Accepted the completion of the 8” waterline pipe bursting project on Holton Avenue. Final cost was \$74,067.44.
- Approved a recommendation from the Selection Committee on entering into an agreement for architectural services with Pierce Goodwin Alexander & Linville, Inc. for programming and the conceptual design of the Deer Park Emergency Operation Center addition in the amount of \$29,310.
- Approved an agreement with NewGen Strategies and Solutions to evaluate the revenue sufficiency of the water and wastewater rates relative to the city’s updated 5 year financial forecast for water and wastewater enterprise fund in the amount of \$10,000.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 General Fund Budget for the Athletics & Aquatics Division for repairs to the Dow Park swimming pool in the amount of \$53,500.
- Approved an agreement for services with R&K Aquatics for the repair and replastering of the Dow Park swimming pool via the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$156,485.
- Approved an ordinance adopting the 2018 International Building Code, 2018 International Fire Code, and the 2020 National Electrical Code.
- Approved an ordinance adjusting the city’s classification scale to reclassify the Fire Marshal role to the Assistant Director of Emergency Services/Fire Marshal.
- Awarded the bid for the demolition work at the Deer Park Court and Theater building to Frost Construction in the amount of \$51,000.
- Accepted the completion, balancing change order, and release of retainage on the 2016 Deer Park Street Improvement project. Final cost was \$5,472,089.50.
- Accepted the completion and release of retainage for the 2019 Lane Striping project. Final cost was \$141,184.64.
- Accepted the completion and release of retainage for the CMP Rehabilitation on Jefferson Avenue project. Final cost was \$656,721.86.
- Accepted the completion and release of retainage for the Deer Park EMS Station. Final cost was \$3,950,262.21.
- Approved the purchase of a communications tower at Fire Station #3 from Rohn Towers in the amount of \$76,905 and the installation of the tower to Proteus in the amount of \$10,750.
- Authorized the restriction of public access to the pedestrian bridge that connects the Deer Meadows Section 3 Subdivision to Deer Park South Campus.
- Approved the reappointment of Troy Cothran as the City of Deer Park’s representative on the Board of Directors for the South East Texas Housing Finance Corporation.
- Approved an interlocal agreement with Harris County Flood Control District to jointly fund a drainage study of the Boggy Bayou watershed.
- Approved the extension of the 2019 Sports Organization Utilization Agreements for Deer Park Pony Baseball, Deer Park Soccer FC, and Deer Park Girls Softball until May 30, 2020.
- Approved a resolution to enter into a Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance Company.
- Approved an ordinance calling for a Public Hearing on the request to rezone 0.3030 acres of Outlot 147 of the town of Deer Park from Multi-Family to Community Service to expand a current facility.
- Approved an ordinance calling a Public Hearing on the request for a new Planned Unit Development located at 800 W. Pasadena Blvd. to construct a 300-unit apartment complex which is currently zoned as a Planned Unit Development.
- Approved an ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget for the Fire Marshal’s Office in the amount of \$4,900.
- Approved an ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Grant Fund Budget for the Wetland’s project.
- Approved an ordinance ratifying the declaration of disaster issued by the Mayor dated March 13, 2020 for coronavirus (COVID-19).

## *April 2020*

- Accepted the completion and release of retainage for the repaving of the Dow Park parking lot. Final cost was \$68,024.48.
- Authorized the purchase of services from Vaught Services, LLC to perform sanitary sewer rehabilitation and pipe bursting on X Street and Maxwell Subdivision in the amount of \$441,447.92.
- Approved an agreement with E-Z-GO via the OMNIA Partners Purchasing Cooperative for leasing golf carts for the Battleground Golf Course.
- Approved an ordinance postponing the General Election on May 2, 2020 for the election of 3 council member positions

# Council Actions

(#4, 5 & 6). Also, postponing the Special Election on May 2, 2020 on a proposition for the adoption of a Type B additional sales and use tax at the rate of one-half of one percent until November 3, 2020.

- Authorized staff to seek bids for a one-year supply of gasoline and diesel fuel to be used for all City of Deer Park vehicles and equipment.
- Authorized staff to advertise and seek bids for a one-year supply of garbage bags.
- Endorsed the Deer Park Police Department's donation of nine 3M filter packages #6051 to Dr. William Norbury with UTMB.
- Accepted the Quarterly Financial Report for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 first quarter ending December 31, 2019.
- Approved an ordinance granting Shell Federal Credit Union a permanent bridge easement 30 feet in width upon the City of Deer Park public right-of-way along E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Approved an ordinance to rezone 0.3030 acres of Outlot 147 of the town of Deer Park from Multi-Family to Community Service to expand a current facility.
- Approved an ordinance for a new Planned Unit Development (PUD) at 800 W. Pasadena Blvd., the construction of a 300-unit apartment complex currently zoned as a PUD.



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](http://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](http://www.ehcma.org/caeronline)), Facebook ([deerparktx.oem](https://www.facebook.com/deerparktx.oem)), Twitter ([@deerparkoem](https://twitter.com/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](http://www.deerparktx.gov/oem), click on the *Emergency Notifications* icon on the bottom left of the screen, and then click on the *CodeRED* icon.

## Code of Ordinances

The City of Deer Park contracts with Municipal Code Corporation to make the City of Deer Park Code of Ordinances available online. By following the link on our website, you can access our code and also that of other cities across Texas and the United States. The search engine will allow you to search by topic. Go to [www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov), hover over the menu option *How Do I?*, click on *City Code* under *View*, and then follow the link to the *Code of Ordinances*.

## Agenda & Minutes

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**Always**  
pick up after your pup

- Carry a bag on your daily dog walk
- Clean up in the yard
- Put waste in the trash

This project is funded in part by the TCEQ through a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency.



## 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 Deer Park Animal Shelter's Facebook page. For more information, call (281) 478-7274. The Deer Park Animal Shelter hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.