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May 8, 2010 Election Day in Bevil Oaks

7390 Sweetgum Rd.
Beaumont, TX 77713
(409) 753-1475

Mayor: **Becky Ford**
753-1263

Mayor **Jimmie Grimes**
Pro-Community Dev.
Tem: 753-3377

Council Members:

Sherry Adams
Building & Grounds
753-2474

Rusty Moseley
Roads & Drainage
753-2075

Dave Tevis
Street Lights & Sign
753-3216

Cathy Crane
Councilwoman
790-2703

Michelle Nelson
Secretary/Communications
753-1219

City Clerk: **Norma Lucas**
753-1475

Emergency Management
Coordinator: **Don Smith**
409-658-8220

Marshal's Department:

Marshal: **Ray Crader**
790-0248

Deputy Marshal: **John Jannise**
790-2257

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EARLY VOTING for May 8, 2010 **BOMUD Board of Directors** election will be held on Wednesday, April 28 and Thursday, April 29, 2010 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Bevil Oaks Civic Center.

Your vote "counts" in Bevil Oaks elections. Be sure to exercise your right to have your voice heard.

CITY COUNCIL NEWS: Terms of council members in each of the three wards expire in May. Due to there being no opposition for any of the three places, the City will not hold an election this year. The following unopposed candidates for council positions in Wards I, II, and III will be sworn in for two-year terms at Council's regular meeting, May 18, 2010. They are:

- Cathy Crane, Ward I;
- Don Smith, Ward II;
- Sherry Adams, Ward III.

Council wishes to thank Councilwoman, Michelle Nelson, Ward II for her four years of dedicated service to our community. Michelle has been a very active participant in organizing the annual garage sales, July 4th activities, newsletter publishing, and our previous 5K events. She has been a pleasure to work with on council and will certainly be missed by all. We wish her and her family the very best and look forward to continue working with her, as a citizen volunteer, on future community projects.

At Council's next regular meeting, Tuesday, April 20, 2010 a **public hearing** will be held for the purpose of allowing citizens to comment on the merits of Ordinance 204 that enforces a curfew in Bevil Oaks. Regulations require that curfew ordinances be reviewed every three years to allow for revisions, if necessary, and/or to discontinue the curfew entirely. Citizens are encouraged to attend this meeting and voice their opinions on the matter.

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(BOMUD) NEWS: Positions 2 and 4 on the BOMUD Board of Directors also expire in May. George Bryant, position 2, ran unopposed for his seat and will begin a new four-year term in May. Two candidates are vying for position 4 that is currently held by John Hignett. They are: Colleen Grimes and Larry Landry. **Campaign statements for both candidates appear on page 3.**

BOMUD's next regular meeting will be Tuesday April 13, 2010. A possible action item for the board could be whether or not to accept funding of the \$440,000.00 loan that was recently approved by the Texas Water Board. These funds, if accepted, will go toward the engineering portion of the new sewer plant project that is ongoing.

NOTE: In order to insure that your payments are posted correctly, please include your account number on your check.

Next City Council Meeting:

**Tuesday,
April 20, 2010
@ 7pm**

JEFFERSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1 NEWS: The District's next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 6:00 pm, City Hall. Newly appointed Commissioner, Paul Truax, will take his place on the Board of Commissioners replacing Becky Ford who resigned effective April 1, 2010.

Bevil Oaks is Online

at:

Volunteers for the emergency services team are desperately needed, particularly for the day shift. If you have time available during the day, please consider joining their group. No experience necessary...training will be provided. This is an unbelievably rewarding volunteer program. They don't just put out grass fires, **THEY SAVE LIVES! YOU CAN TOO!**

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BEVIL OAKS BUSINESS NEWS:

Vautrot's Cajun Restaurant's Grand Re-Opening:

Louis and Martha Vautrot and their family brought their wonderful Cajun cooking to Bevil Oaks in 1993. Business was going really well when the flood of 1994 damaged most of our homes including the restaurant. Like everyone else in Bevil Oaks, the Vautrot's got busy and rebuilt their business which continued to grow and become well-known all over the area. Then, along comes Hurricanes Rita and Ike and the restaurant was seriously damaged a second and third time. Both times, they were faced with the decision to either start over or quit. As we all know, they started all over again and survived with a business that continued to prosper. Then, last December 26, they were struck by a fire in the kitchen area that was pretty devastating. It has taken them longer this time to bring the restaurant back but, they have done it! The restaurant has been completely restored and some of the interior changes give it a more open atmosphere making it appear to be much larger than before. It is bright, fresh and friendly and, just waiting to be shown off.

Wednesday, April 7, 2010 is the day of the grand re-opening. A ribbon cutting will be held at 11:00 a.m. They are serving a free side dish of gumbo for everyone dining at the restaurant that day. That is a treat you do not want to miss! And, you must top off your meal with Martha's fabulous bread pudding. As they say, "it is to die for!"

Join us in appreciation of the Vautrot's for their hard work; their die hard spirit; and, for bringing the restaurant back for Bevil Oaks customers, and countless others from all over the country, to enjoy. Pick up a copy of April 2010 Texas Monthly and read about our little restaurant. They make Bevil Oaks proud!

Do-Nut Palace—New Business in Bevil Oaks: We are proud to announce that the Do Nut Palace, with several locations in our area, has chosen Bevil Oaks for its newest location. They are in the small brown building next to King's Mart and will be opening in the next couple of weeks. Watch for their "Open" sign. We encourage you to support this new business by dropping in for a taste of their delicious do-nuts. If you are in a hurry, they have a drive-up window for your convenience. They are certainly a welcome site in our community

UPCOMING ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES:

*** City-wide Garage Sale— Saturday, April 25**

Going forward, the garage sale will be held every year on the 4th Saturday in April.

*** City-wide Clean Up— Saturday, May 1**

*** Yard-of-the-Month contest starts again in May**

Everyone is encouraged to participate in this activity. Whether you win or not, you have made a huge contribution to keeping our neighborhood beautiful and, your efforts are sincerely appreciated by all.

*** July 4th Celebration—Sunday, July 4**

Anyone interested in volunteering for the July 4th celebration, please contact Councilman Jimmie Grimes, 409-880-5311.



Candidates for Position 4, BOMUD Board of Directors—Campaign Statements



Colleen Grimes

My name is Colleen Grimes and I am running for Position 4 on the Bevil Oaks Municipal Utility District (BOMUD) Board of Directors.

I have been involved in Bevil Oaks Community Development since my husband and I moved here in 1997 because I believe in supporting all efforts to improve our City. My reason for running for the BOMUD

Board of Directors is that I know I can help lead this organization in its future growth.

I have a business management degree and have planned budgets at Gulf States Utilities, the Alzheimer’s Association, the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission and several Chambers of Commerce. I have experience supervising employees and in oversight of financial requirements.

I am a certified grant writer with successful requests worth up to millions of dollars.

I have maintained contacts with City and County leaders and have contacts with organizations that can help BOMUD with its growth. My experience would be an asset as a member of the BOMUD Board of Directors in its oversight of future financial needs.

Your vote for me will ensure your voice will be heard.



Larry Landry

My name is Larry Landry and I have lived in Bevil Oaks for some 16 years. I retired from DuPont Beaumont Works with 35 years of service. The last 5 years of which I worked with the drinking water and sewer systems which has given me a working knowledge of our needs in Bevil Oaks.

Last November, I worked to defeat the 3.4 million dollar bond election and began to search for a less costly approach for the new sewer plant that is needed. Zane Bledsoe and I formed the Greater BOMUD Sewer System Committee which now includes the following members: Ed Milam, Norman Lowrey, Danny Fruge, E. J. Booker and Joe Penner. The Committee began visiting plants in both Texas and Louisiana to view their systems with an eye to see which type would best suit our needs; be the most efficient; and, at an affordable cost. We have presented the BOMUD Board with our findings in hopes that they will see that there are many options available to us and, at a more affordable cost.

I realize that our sewer system is in need of replacement to insure the health and well-being of our community. It is my commitment to the people of Bevil Oaks to find a viable solution to this problem; to assure that our citizens are fully aware of the process; and, if elected, to assure that citizen concerns are heard on this board.

I relish your vote for BOMUD Director, Position 4, on May 8, 2010, place #2 on the ballot.



My name is George Bryant and I have served on the Bevil Oaks Municipal Utilities District Board of Directors for the past 9 years. I ran unopposed for Position 2 in the upcoming May 8, 2010 election and I look forward to serving the citizens of Bevil Oaks once again. At this time, the sewer plant is my primary concern. It is a problem that is not going to go away. At the invitation of the Greater BOMUD Sewer System Committee, I have visited sewer plants in other areas with usage comparable to ours. I am convinced that we can find a pre-designed system that will meet our needs; be approved by the Texas Water Board; and, be affordable to citizens of Bevil Oaks. It is my goal to work with the other board members to assure that every possibility has been seriously considered and that the final decision is one that is in the best interest of our community. Please feel free to contact me at 753-1019. Your opinions and concerns are important to me.

MARCH 2010
NEWSLETTER
ELECTION DAY IS MAY 8, 2010
DON'T FORGET TO VOTE
CITY HALL—7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

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