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COMMUNITY EVENTS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER:

Mayor: **Becky Ford**
753-1263

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

Council Members:

Sherry Adams, Ward 3 Secretary
Building & Grounds
753-2474

Dave Tevis, Ward 1
Street Lights & Signs
753-3216

Danny Fruge, Ward 3
Roads & Drainage
753-3446

Fay Roberts, Ward 2
753-2163

Bud Merendino, Ward 1
466-3193

City Clerks:
Charlene Kent
Lacy Wagner
753-1475

Utility Maintenance:
Utility Specialists
755-7377

Emergency Management
Don Smith
658-8220

Code Enforcement
Delia Giglio
753-1475

Next City Council
Meeting

Thursday,
October 18, 2012
@ 7pm
City Hall

Bevil Oaks is Online
at:

www.cityofbevilocks.com

Grand Opening of new fire station was held on Saturday, June 16. The event was blessed with beautiful weather and a large crowd of citizens present. In addition to Jefferson County Emergency Services District #1 Commissioners and volunteers from Jefferson County Emergency Services District #1, Inc, City Officials were in attendance as well as Jefferson County Judge Jeff Branick; Commissioner Eddie Arnold (Pct.1); Tina Lewis from General Land Office; J. Rice, Public Management, Inc. (grant administrator); and, Phillip Hotson from Carroll & Blackmon Engineers. Chief Gonzales and his volunteers (including their devoted wives) prepared a great lunch for all and graciously acted as tour guides of their new home. This group is deserving of the very best that we can provide and certainly our sincere gratitude for all they do for our community on a daily basis. If you have not had the opportunity to visit the new facility please do so soon. You will quickly see that they now have a facility second to none and, best of all, it was provided by grant funds from Hurricane Ike Disaster Fund.

Another very successful July 4th Celebration. Every year our City and Church volunteers gather after the event to start planning for the next year and trying to do something better each time. So far, they have been able to do just that! This year's parade was longer and more colorful. The theme, "Honoring our Veterans", is extremely appropriate considering all who have given so much for our independence and those currently serving to maintain the freedoms we often take for granted.

The event was highlighted by special guests from the **Sons of Confederate Veterans—Texas Division.** They came dressed in Civil War era uniforms and put on quite a show. The breathtaking/earth shattering event was the firing of "dragon's breath" (literally, fire!!) from their vintage cannon. It obviously wasn't the shot heard around the world but, it certainly could be heard all around Bevil Oaks! A special "thank you" to the following volunteers: **Ron Strybos**, Dick Dowlen Camp #15; **George Haley** and **Kenneth Puckitt**, Joseph A.J. Sheffield Camp 2153; **Morris Weeks** and **Bill Maddox**, Phillip A. Work Camp 1790; **Hank Van Slyke** and **John Burleigh**, Walter P. Lane Camp 1745; **Charles Brown**, **James Tucker** and **John Evans**, Joseph N. Dark Camp 2026; and, **Chauncey Neff**, Big Thicket Outlaws.

We do not want to overlook the volunteers from the City and First Baptist Church of Bevil Oaks for providing the wonderful food and the clearly outstanding fireworks display. Fortunately, there were too many volunteers to name them all individually but their work was sincerely appreciated by all. We never have too many volunteers for this fun event and would love to include you in next year's celebration. For more information, please call Jimmie Grimes at 409-753-3377 or Dee Booker at 409-363-2945.

Community Basketball Court Finally Almost Complete. As a result of citizen requests for a basketball court for our children, Council budgeted \$10,000 in 2011-2012 budget to build 1/2 of a full court. The project is almost complete and will come in under budget by approximately \$700 not including citizen donations. Special thanks go to the following citizens for their contributions to this community effort. Ed Milam, basketball goal; Cory Nelson, material for tables; John Byrn, construction of tables; Danny Fruge, assembly and installation of basketball goal; and, Colleen Grimes and Orian Tubbs, unloading and placing tables at site. Mr. Tubbs has also donated dirt for around the slab and Mr. Fruge has agreed to spread the dirt. If anyone has equipment to move the dirt to the site your assistance would be appreciated. Please Contact Jimmie Grimes at 409-880-5311. Please take advantage of this community recreational facility for all ages of your family—small children, teenagers, adult children and grandchildren!

CITY COUNCIL NEWS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER



2011 Audits

Auditors completed the annual audits for both the City General Fund Accounts and the Utility Funds Account. Milton Bertolio, of Chuck Reed, CPA and Associates, gave the reports to City Council at the July regular meeting. These audits reflected the first full year of utility operations by the City. According to Mr. Bertolio, there were no findings in his report which meant that City financials are in excellent condition. He went on to congratulate Council stating that Bevil Oaks is one of the best run cities he has ever audited.

2012-2013 Budgets Approved

At the August regular council meeting, Council approved the 2012-2013 budget that totals \$265,200.00 for the City operations and a budget that totals \$760,000.00 for Utility operations. The Utility Budget includes the \$500,000 grant that will be disbursed for wastewater line maintenance during the next fiscal year.

2012-2013 Tax Rate Approved

Council also approved the effective tax rate of 0.216005 per \$100 which is expected to produce \$106,263.00 in income. Last year's rate was 0.217989 per \$100 and produced \$106,341.00 in income. Adjusted taxable property values increased during 2012 causing the effective tax rate to decrease accordingly. The effective tax rate is the rate calculated by the county tax office for the purpose of keeping the tax dollars collected from property owners as near to the same amount as possible each year regardless of the fluctuation of taxable property values. Copies of the budget and monthly financial reports are available upon request at City Hall.

New Councilman for Ward 3

The resignation of Councilman Terry Satterthwaite of Ward 3 was accepted at the September 20, 2012 regular meeting. In the short time he served on Council, Terry made significant contributions to our web page as well as roads and drainage projects. We sincerely appreciate his efforts and will miss his boundless energy and enthusiastic personality.

Council then approved the appointment of Robert D. "Danny" Fruge to fill the remainder of the term expiring in May 2013. Mr. Fruge expressed an interest in serving on Council earlier this year. He has been a resident of Bevil Oaks since December 1990 and resides at 13390 Inwood Drive. As a graduate Civil Engineer as well as a construction company owner since 1976, (civil construction—mainly industrial concrete), he feels that his experience in this field would be of benefit to our community as we get closer to updating our sewer collection system and sewer plant. Mr. Fruge attends council meetings on a regular basis in support of community activities. We look forward to working with Mr. Fruge as a councilmember.

October Proclaimed Breast Cancer Awareness Month In Bevil Oaks

Mayor Ford and the City Council of the City of Bevil Oaks, in honor of our community's breast cancer survivors and breast cancer survivors worldwide, proclaimed the month of October 2012 as **BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in the City of Bevil Oaks. Pink ribbons will be displayed throughout the City in recognition. Please contact Charlene Kent at City Hall, 409-753-1475, if you would like to assist volunteers in hanging the ribbons and removing them in November.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENTS

OCTOBER 11, 2012 — PET CLINIC

From 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the parking lot of First Baptist Church of Bevil Oaks. Doctors and staff of Sour Lake Veterinary Clinic will be onsite again this year to vaccinate our dogs and cats. This community service ***is open to everyone even pet owners who live outside the City of Bevil Oaks.*** We encourage you to spread the word to your friends and family so we will have a good turnout and can continue to provide this service again next year. The rates are the same as last year:

Dogs——-Rabies = \$18.00	Cats——-Rabies= \$18.00
Distemper/Parvo/Corona = \$18.00	Feline Upper Respiratory = \$18.00

PLEASE NOTE: CATS MUST BE CONFINED TO A CAGE

This is a drive-through clinic. The veterinarians will not examine your pet. They are only there to vaccinate. Cash or checks are accepted but a \$25.00 NSF fee will be charged for insufficient fund checks.

A special “thank you” to Martha Vautrot for supplying sandwiches for the volunteers.

OCTOBER 20, 2012—CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE If you would like to participate, please call **Stacey Smith at 782-6972 or 753-2633** to add your address to the map. There is no cost to participate and the event will be advertised on-line @Southeasttexas.com as well as in the newspaper. Maps showing all participating homes will be made available at K Mart (formerly, King’s Mart) for residents on Friday as well as at the entrances to the neighborhood on Saturday morning. ***Deadline to register for the sale is Wednesday, October 17th.***

October 20, 2012 — TRADE DAYS IN THE PARK

Location: Civic Center and LaRousse Park

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Vendors will have booths both inside the civic center and in LaRousse Park with a wide variety of interesting products and crafts for sale. If you are interested in participating as a vendor, booths are still available both inside the civic center and outside in the park. Cost for the booths are: Inside the Civic Center 8 X 10 booth -\$20.00; Inside old fire station area 8 X 10 booth—\$15.00: Outside booth—\$10.00. Cash or checks made payable to the City of Bevil Oaks are acceptable and will be accepted when the booths are set up. Set up time will be Friday from 3:00 p.m. until all are complete. ***For more information or to reserve a booth, please contact Colleen Grimes at 409-880-5526 or 409-753-3377.***

October 27, 2012— FALL CITY-WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY

Roll-offs will be on the Boulevard at 7:00 a.m. Saturday, October 27 until noon for big trash clean-up day. Remember, no household garbage, tires, paint or chemicals. If you have an item that might be questionable, please call IESI at 409-246-4022 for clarification.

**Pet Clinic—October 15, 2012—from 6—9 p.m.
City-wide Garage Sale—October 20, 2012
Trade Days in the Park—October 20, 2012
City-wide Clean-up Day—October 27, 2012**

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