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7390 Sweetgum Rd.
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May 12, 2012 City Council Election Day in Bevil Oaks

Mayor: Becky Ford
753-1263

Mayor Pro-Tem: Jimmie Grimes
Community Dev.
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 Lucus
753-1475

Emergency Management Coordinator:
Don Smith
409-658-8220

Marshal's Department:

Marshal: Ray Crader
790-0248

Deputy Marshal: John Jannise
790-2257

Next City Council Meeting:

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

Bevil Oaks is Online

at:

www.cityofbevilocks.com

Terms of council members in each of the three wards expire in May. The following candidates for council positions in Wards I, II, and III will be on the ballot for the May 12, 2012 City election:

Ward 1: Louis "Bud" Merendino (unopposed)

Ward 2: **Beverly "Fay" Roberts (Place 1 on ballot)**
Jeffrey Thomas Franks (Place 2 on ballot)

Ward 3: Sherry Adams, Incumbent (Unopposed)

Election will be held at the V.C. Hall Memorial Civic Center, 7390 Sweetgum Road, under the direction of Shirley Collins, Election Judge and Mable Matthews, Alternate Election Judge. Early voting ballots and applications shall be as prescribed by the Texas Election Code and shall be under the supervision of the City Clerk in accordance with the Texas Election Code, where applicable to City elections.. Early voting will be held at the Civic center on April 30, 2012 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Applications for early voting ballots by mail shall be submitted to: City of Bevil Oaks, Charlene Kent, City Clerk, 7525 Sweetgum Road, Beaumont, TX 77713. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than close of business May 4th, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. Completed ballots shall be returned as provided by the Texas Election Code..

Please mark your calendars for May 12, 2012 and exercise your right to choose the person you feel will best represent the citizens of Bevil Oaks if elected to the council seat for Ward 2. Our election is a city-wide election and everyone can vote regardless of the where you live within the city. Please do your part to make the results of this election a clear representation of the voice of the majority of registered voters in Bevil Oaks.



Council Updates:

Council wishes to thank Councilman Rusty Moseley for his 7+ years of dedicated service to our community. Councilman Moseley resigned his position as Councilman Ward 3 on January 25, 2012 due to the expanding responsibilities of his job that are preventing him from having the time to serve in this position We will miss his strong presence and positive input at our council meetings but understand his situation.

In addition, we want to express our sincere appreciation to our two outgoing council members who did not choose to run for re-election. Councilwoman Cathy Crane has a total of 4 years on council having served two separate terms. She held the position of Treasurer both times.

Councilman Don Smith has been a loyal servant of our city for six years officially and numerous other years as an energetic volunteer. He served two terms as Mayor and a term as councilman. He has been our Emergency Management Coordinator since 2005 and will continue in that position as a citizen volunteer after his official term on council expires in May.



NEW COUNCILMAN WARD 3:

At its February 16, 2010 meeting, Council approved the appointment of **Terry Satterthwaite as Councilman Ward 3.** Terry and his wife Margie moved to Bevil Oaks early last year. They live at 13420 Leaning Oaks Drive. Terry immediately began offering his services to the City as a volunteer. He assisted with the moving of the City offices and purchased and installed the flagpole and flag at the new City Office. Terry is retired from the Navy in the Submarine Service after 22 years. He then worked for Lockheed Martin Missile and Space for 23 years. Terry offers his experience, skills and enthusiasm to City Council. According to him, ***“I bring no other agenda than doing my best to help the Bevil Oaks City Council continue to make Bevil Oaks a great place to live.”***

Terry has enthusiastically taken over the management of roads & drainage in the City. He has been assessing streets and ditches; documenting problems in order of severity; and, communicating with Jefferson County Precinct 1 and Drainage District 6 to work out solutions. He personally worked at removing the blockages throughout the City during recent heavy rains. Many of the blockages that he was able to remove were at driveway culverts where grass clippings and leaves had either been dumped or burned. Please do not dump leaves and grass or burn debris in your ditches and please do not allow grass to grow at the opening of your culvert. Just remember, if your culvert is blocked you are not only causing your property to flood but you are backing flood water into your neighbor’s property as well. If you have any questions or concerns about roads and drainage, please call Terry at 409-445-0023

PET OWNERS BE AWARE:

The biggest and most consistent complaint received at City Hall is the problem of dogs running loose in the City. Unfortunately, we cannot blame the problem entirely on “strays”. The majority have homes but are allowed to run loose. We have had reports of citizens witnessing two dogs killing a cat that was in its own yard and another incident of the same dogs killing a guinea that also was in its own yard. In both cases the dogs had collars and were identifiable as belonging to a homeowner. We also continue to have complaints from walkers that dogs charge at them in a threatening manner and we have had three recent cases of a walker and a runner being bitten by dogs on the loose.

We do not have a leash law because we do not have funding necessary to meet State requirements for an animal shelter and disposal of unclaimed animals. We have to depend upon pet owners to be responsible for keeping their pets under their control and on their own property. Ordinance #125 addresses these issues and the penalties that can occur if violated. State law confirms the responsibilities of pet owners. Recent lawsuits, reported in the newspapers, reveal that pet owners received several thousand dollars in fines and court costs for allowing their animals to run loose and attack neighbors. We have to realize that the very best and most mild mannered pet can and will bite under the right circumstance.

If you are bitten, you should call 911 or 835-8411 (Sheriff’s Dept.) to report the incident and give the description of the dog and the location of the incident. They will then proceed to investigate. **Do Not Call the City.** We cannot make the report for you. **The Sheriff’s department will only take information from the victim.**

On the other side of the issue pets are subject to being killed unintentionally by a motorist or to be killed intentionally by a neighbor that does not appreciate the animal trespassing on their property. The latter is often the case when a pet just “goes missing” and it is pretty impossible to find proof sufficient to prosecute.

Please protect your pets and your neighbors by keeping your pet within your control at all times. Bevil Oaks is a beautiful place for walkers and bicycle riders and they should be safe to do so without being threatened. All of us have lots large enough to provide a safe place for our pets to run and exercise without turning them out where they are not safe. Please help us with these problems!!





UPCOMING EVENTS:

APRIL 21, 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, April 19th.**

APRIL 21, 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 8 X 10 booth -\$20.00; Outside booth—\$10.00; Kitchen—\$30.00. 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.**

APRIL 28, 2012— CITY-WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY

Roll-offs will be on the Boulevard at 7:00 a.m. Saturday, April 28, 2012 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.

YARD OF THE MONTH RETURN IN MAY

The selection committee, yet to be announced, will be surveying the neighborhood for Yard-of-the-Month candidates. Help us keep Bevil Oaks beautiful. Be ready!!

May 19, 2012 Household Hazardous Waste and Scrap Tire Collection Event

Saturday, May 19, 2012, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Ford Park Pavilion Parking Lot. See Insert.

OPENING OF NEW FIRE STATION

The new fire station is expected to be complete and ready for occupancy toward the middle of May, 2012. Our current budget did not include funding for landscaping for the new station. Citizens are encouraged to make a donation toward the landscaping. Jackie Larson of the Community Development Committee is handing the receipt of donations and working with Chief Gonzales on the landscaping project. To make a contribution, please contact Jackie at 363-1088.

UPDATED WEBSITE

Take a minute and go to www.cityofbevilocks.com and view our updated website. Councilman Satterwaite has worked with the Mayor to include ordinances on the website for easy access to citizens who want to read the ordinances in their entirety. More updates will be coming in the very near future.



**Council Meeting—Thursday April 19, 2012
7:00 p.m.—Civic Center**

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

ELECTION DAY IS MAY 12, 2012

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