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We are now accepting credit cards, both online and in person at City Hall. We can also provide a link for you to view, print and pay your utility bill online! It is a safe, secure service. You can pay using a credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express) as well as debit cards displaying the Visa or MasterCard logo, or with an electronic check. There is a small service fee; this fee in most cases would be less than a late fee or other charges you could incur if your payment was delayed for any reason. The service fee is assessed at \$3.00 per \$100.00 utility bill. For example, if your bill is in any amount from \$1.00 - \$99.00, it will charge you \$3.00 to use the service. If it is \$100.00 - \$199.00, the charge would be \$6.00, and continues going up from there.



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www.billpay.ubmaxonline.com

2013-2014 Budget Approved



At the September 19 Regular Council Meeting, Council approved the 2013-2014 budgets that total \$240,900.00 for the City operations and \$332,000.00 for Utility operations. The City budget is approximately \$25,000 less than the 2012-2013 budget of \$265,200. Funding for road repairs will come from the funds that were designated, by ordinance, for road repairs and cannot be used for any other purpose.

Upcoming:

- Oct. 3—Pet Clinic
- Oct. 10—Phone Seminar
- Oct. 12—City Wide Garage Sale
- Oct. 15—JCESD #1
- Oct. 16—Flu Shots
- Oct. 17—City Council Meeting
- Oct. 26—City Wide Clean-up

2013-2014 Tax Rate Approved

Council also approved the effective tax rate of 0.215774 per \$100 which is expected to produce approximately \$105,000.00 in income. Last year's rate was 0.216005 per \$100 and produced approximately \$106,000.00 in income. Adjusted taxable property values decreased during 2013 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.



Code Enforcement Activity

Our part-time Code Enforcement Officer patrols our neighborhood on a regular basis inspecting properties for ordinance violations that could adversely affect the health and well being of the neighborhood as well as property values. This includes, but is not limited to, dead trees on the property that threaten to fall on neighboring properties; trash and debris accumulated on properties; junk motor vehicles, etc. Notices of violations are discretely mailed to property owners to allow them the opportunity to make necessary corrections without exploitation. However, if there is no response after receiving a second notice, the property owner is given a court date and must present their case to the judge for resolution.

The good news is that, of the 74 property owners notified of violations during the past year, 65 or 88% received only one notice and corrected the violation without further action; only 9 or 12% were issued a notice to appear before the judge.

Code Enforcement violations are community wide. Of the 74 violations noted, 26 or 35% were in Ward 1; 17 or 23% were in Ward 2; and, 31 or 42% were in Ward 3.

Keeping our City safe and clean is the responsibility of every property owner. Please do your part to keep these numbers low and without fines. If you do receive a letter from Bevil Oaks Municipal Court, time is of the essence, so please contact us immediately.

GLO Round 2.2—Sanitary Sewer Improvements

The construction work along the Boulevard and the eastern section of the City is the pipe-bursting project that is being funded by a \$500,000 grant that the City received from the Hurricane Ike Round 2.2 Funding. Previously, inspections of the City's sewer lines had shown this area to have the heaviest infiltration of ground water going into the sewer system. Therefore, this area was chosen to receive the grant funded repairs.

The contractor has finished the pipe bursting of the sewer mains in the project and is currently working on installing the new manholes and working on final clean up.



Report:

Traffic Offense8
 Alarm (All types)..6
 Suspicious Act/Per.....5
 Welfare Concern...3
 Trespassing.....2
 Civil Dispute.....1
 Criminal Mischief...1
 Debit Card Abuse...1
 Family Disturbance.....1
 General.....1

Neighborhood Watch Report

Many thanks go out to Jane Hebert for keeping up with the Neighborhood Watch Program, and making sure citizens are kept informed. For the month of August, the Jefferson County Police Report is listed to the left.

Also, a special thank you to all the volunteers who helped put up the new signs around the city!



Jackie Larson
7425 Sweetgum

Mr. & Mrs. McMullen
13555 Rolling Hills

Mr. & Mrs. Howard
13340 Inwood

Mr. & Mrs. Haydel
13550 Leaning Oaks

Mr. & Mrs. Milam
13560 Inwood

Jane Hebert Yard of the Month Program

This program was initiated several years ago as the "Community Development Yard of the Month". However, its success is the direct result of resident, and former Council Woman, Jane Hebert's tireless efforts to keep it active. Earlier this year, Council renamed the program the "Jane Hebert Yard of the Month Program" in her honor. Recipients of this year's "Yard of the Month"

were:

- May, 2013: Jackie Larson, 7425 Sweetgum
- June, 2013: Wayne & Barbara McMullen, 13555 Rolling Hills
- July, 2013: Rusty & Joan Howard, 13340 Inwood
- August, 2013: Roland & Louise Haydel, 13550 Leaning Oaks
- September, 2013: Ed & Janet Milam, 13560 Inwood

A special "thank you" to these residents for their efforts to beautify Bevil Oaks that go above and beyond just keeping the grass cut. Too much or too little rain sometimes make winning this recognition very difficult and, because of that, some years our winners are more outstanding than others. However, everyone's efforts are appreciated and we encourage you to begin now to plan to be a winner in 2014.

The Holiday Yard award will be presented the first week of December. So, start organizing your outdoor decorations and be ready to make Bevil Oaks bright and beautiful this holiday season. Your efforts will be enjoyed by our community and our guests and will, hopefully, lift all of us into a joyous holiday spirit! Citizens are encouraged to nominate yards for December. Please contact Jane Hebert, at 409-753-3898 to do so.

ATTENTION: Free Specialized Phones!

If you have trouble SEEING, HEARING, SPEAKING, or GETTING TO THE PHONE, this program may be able to help you.

Hamilton Assistance Ministries will be presenting an informational seminar for those in our area who have any of the issues listed above. There is no obligation and if you qualify for assistance there is absolutely no charge to you. The program is state funded through the taxes which have been collected on phone bills. You will not have to supply your social security number! You will be required to show proof of residency, by either a current Texas state ID or current utility bill.

Where: First Baptist Church Bevil Oaks (In back at the Family Life Center)
7725 Sweetgum
Bevil Oaks, TX 77713

When: October 10, 2013 6:30 PM

Proposed New Flood Map Information

At the September 19, 2013 Council meeting, Councilman Merendino expressed concerns that the City should fund necessary research to protest the proposed changes to our Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). It was discussed that the cost of hydrologic studies are out of our reach but, it was agreed that the Mayor should proceed in determining if there was anything we could do that would be within the City's budget. City Attorney, Dru Montgomery, suggested to the Mayor that Doug Canant, Engineer for Drainage District 6, might be able to offer some assistance. Mr. Canant reviewed the Airborne Light Detection And Ranging (LIDAR) systems information that was used by FEMA for our proposed map changes. He advised the Mayor that he saw some places that he believed, with further study, could be proven to be in error. He recommended that the City contract with LJA Engineering, Inc. to make this study and determine if his assumptions are correct. And, if so, to help the City prepare a letter to FEMA protesting the changes to the map that they feel are incorrect. This study should be completed by the end of September 2013 in order to get our letter to FEMA before the November 12, 2013 deadline. In the event that LJA Engineering provides proof that there are errors, there is no guarantee that FEMA will change the map. But, we will have at least done everything possible to represent our community.

In the meantime, we are discovering more and more citizens living in Zone AE whose elevation certificates prove that their homes are built above Base Flood Elevation (BFE). This makes these residences eligible for a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) that FEMA can issue changing their zone from AE to X which will give the homeowner the benefit of the lowest flood insurance rates and remove them from the 2 foot freeboard elevation requirement in Ordinance 207. If you live in Zone AE and have an elevation certificate for your property, please bring a copy to City hall and allow Kimberly Vandver, City secretary/CFM, to review it for eligibility. If the top of your slab is above BFE for your lot, we would like to apply for a LOMA for you. There is no charge for this service.

ELEVATION CERTIFICATE

1. Applicant Name: _____

2. Applicant Address: _____

3. Applicant City: _____

4. Applicant State: _____

5. Applicant Zip: _____

6. Applicant Phone: _____

7. Applicant Email: _____

8. Applicant Signature: _____

9. Applicant Title: _____

10. Date of Issuance: _____

11. Date of Construction: _____

12. Date of Last Inspection: _____

13. Date of Last Flood: _____

14. Date of Last Flood Damage: _____

15. Date of Last Flood Insurance: _____

16. Date of Last Flood Insurance Payment: _____

17. Date of Last Flood Insurance Claim: _____

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**Pet Vaccination Time Again!
Thursday, October 3, 2013**

Registration will begin at 6:00 PM and all vaccines will be given starting 6:30--8:30 P.M.

The vaccines will only be given that night. We will not take pre-payment for a person to come by the office the next day to get their animal vaccinated.

Vaccine prices are as follows:

- Canine and Feline Rabies-- \$20.00
- Canine Distemper/Parvo/Carona-- \$20.00
- Feline Upper Respiratory-- \$20.00

We will accept cash and checks only. There will be a \$35.00 return check fee.

Dr. Schneider **WILL NOT** evaluate or diagnose **ANY** problems or conditions. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

First Baptist Church

7725 Sweetgum
Beaumont, TX



For more info, contact:
Joan Howard

This clinic is open to anyone, not just Bevil Oaks residents, so if you have family or friends that want to take advantage of this, please encourage them to come.

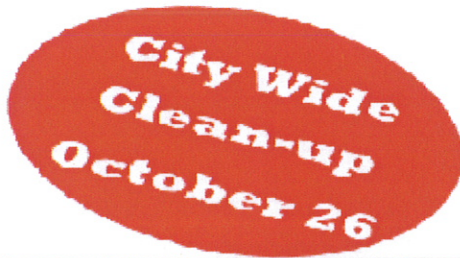


City Wide Garage Sale

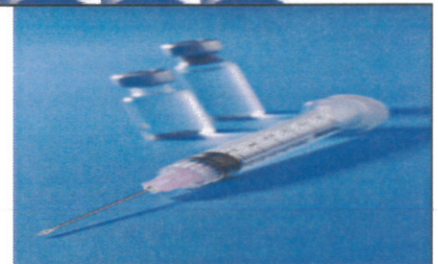
October 12

For more information or to sign up, contact:

Stacey Smith 409-782-6972



**Flu Shots
Oct. 16**



8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

\$15 each

Location: Civic Center



Volunteers Needed

From time to time the City has need for minor repairs that could be made by skilled citizen volunteers. This could result in saving our tax dollars for larger projects that must be contracted out.

If you are a skilled person (carpenter, electrician, heating and air, plumber, etc...) and have the time and desire to lend an occasional helping hand, please contact us immediately. You can do so by filling out the form below and dropping it by City Hall, or contact Kimberely Vandver, our City Secretary, and give her your information. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated and will be a significant contribution to our community.

VOLUNTEER SIGNUP SHEET

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Volunteer Only

Please add my name to a list for citizens to have as well

Carpenter

Electrician

Heating/ Air Conditioning

Plumber

Other: _____

Note:

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Received: _____

Received By: _____

Verified: _____

Entered into databases: _____

City of Bevil Oaks

7525 Sweetgum
Beaumont, TX 77713
City Hall: 409-753-1475
Water Department: 409-753-2126
Email: bevilocks@att.net

Bevil Oaks is Online at:

www.cityofbevilocks.com

City Clerks:

Kimberely Vandver & Lacey Wagner 753-1475

Emergency Management:

Don Smith 658-8220

Code Enforcement Officer:

Delia Giglio 753-1475

Water/Sewer:

Office Hours: 753-2126

Emergency AFTER Hours: 755-7377

Becky Ford, Mayor 753-1263

Jimmie Grimes, Mayor Pro-Tem 753-3377

Community Development & SETRPC Liaison

Council Members:

Sherry Adams, Ward 3 753-2474

Secretary & Buildings

Dave Tevis, Ward 1 753-3216

Street Lights & Signs

Danny Fruge, Ward 3 753-3446

Roads & Drainage, & Grounds

Fay Roberts, Ward 2 753-2163

Bud Merendino, Ward 1 466-3193

**Next City Council
Meeting:**

**Thursday,
October 17, 2013**

**@ 7:00 p.m.
Civic Center**

Next JCESD #1 Meeting:

**Tuesday,
October 15, 2013**

**@ 6:00 p.m.
Firehouse**



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Beaumont, TX 77713

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