



Bevil Oaks Chronicle

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BEVIL OAKS JULY 4th, 2014 CELEBRATION



Provided By:

City of Bevil Oaks and First Baptist Church Bevil Oaks
Activities Located on Grounds of
First Baptist Church Bevil Oaks
7725 Sweetgum Road



PROGRAM AGENDA

- **9:00 A.M.** Volunteers on site to set up tables and chairs
- **3:30 P.M.** Volunteers on hand in church kitchen to prepare hot dogs and other refreshments

****PLEASE NOTE** Volunteers are still needed to help with setting up and taking down tables and chairs and for food preparation. If you are available to assist with any of these activities, please contact Dee Booker at 409-363-2945.

- 5:30 P.M.** Parade Registration begins
(For Parade Registration Information Contact Barbara & Doug Emmons at 409-998-1877 or 409-880-5205)
- 6:00 P.M.** Posting of the Colors
Water Slide/Bounce House and Face Painting for Children
Dinner to follow
- 7:30 P. M.** Parade begins
- 8:30 P. M.** Announcement of Parade Winners
Patriotic Singing
- 9:00 P.M.** Fireworks



Check us out on
Facebook & Twitter!
Facebook: Bevil Oaks City
Twitter: @BevilOaks

Classic Car Show is tentative. If you or someone you know has a classic car that they would like to display during our July 4th Celebration, please contact Kimberely at City Hall 409-753-1475 to register your vehicle.

NEW PERMITS & FEES

The City Council approved new permitting fees at the May 15, 2014 Council Meeting. They will help to streamline the process, and make it easier to understand for all. While a few things stayed the same, some are different. For a complete fee schedule, contact Kimberely at City Hall, by email bevaloaks@att.net or by phone, 409-753-1475. Here is a breakdown of what it means for you, the citizens. (Please note, this does not cover all situations that may arise. For a specific situation, please contact City Hall.)

**** IF you live in a Flood zone, a Floodplain Permit is required for ALL construction, including fill dirt being brought in. A Floodplain Permit is FREE, but must receive approval before moving forward with a project, and takes several days or more to approve. So do not wait for the last minute to turn one in.**

Please note, that it can take several days or more to approve any permit. Do not bring a permit on Friday afternoon expecting complete approval to start on the next day. It may, or may not, be able to happen.

Tree cutting/removal: **NO** permit is required

Contracted yard men: **NO** permit is required

Routine maintenance on a home: **NO** permit is required

Fixing a driveway: A permit **IS** required, but **no fee** is charged

Culverts & ditches: A permit **IS** required, but **no fee** is charged

Building & Construction of any kind: A permit **IS** required and fees assessed, regardless if a contractor is hired or homeowner is doing it themselves

Moving a building: A permit **IS** required and fees assessed

Demolition of any building or structure: A permit **IS** required and fees assessed

Air Condition & Heating: new, additions, repairs, alterations or replacements: A permit **IS** required and fees assessed

Electrical work: A permit **IS** required and fees assessed

Plumbing work: A permit **IS** required and fees assessed

Gas work: A permit **IS** required and fees assessed

Roof work: A permit **IS** required and fees assessed

As previously stated, the fees have changed and vary based in each individual situation. Before, all permitting fees were a flat \$100. Now, some permits may be as low as \$35, while others can go higher, to help offset the building inspector's fees. Overall, the fee schedule is intended to be more flexible and job specific to reduce cost wherever possible rather than a "one size and cost fits all" approach.

NEW WATER FEES

The City Council voted to approve new fees for the water department at the May 15th meeting. The new fees took affect immediately. If you have any questions concerning any of these fees, please contact City Hall at 409-753-1475. The fees are:

Fee	NEW CHARGES:
NSF	\$35.00
Stop Payment	\$35.00
Late Fee	\$15.00
Meter Re-Reads * if read properly during meter readings	\$27.50
Check for leaks *if leak is on customer side	Actual City Cost
Re-Connect *Please note, anyone owing more than \$10 will be cut off	\$50.00
1st Tampering	\$100.00
2nd Tampering	\$500.00
Deposit - homeowner	\$100.00
Deposit - renter	\$150.00
Application Fee	\$10.00
Meter testing	\$100.00
Turn off for repairs & leaks (called out by homeowner)	\$55.00
After hours call out for customer side issues	Actual City Cost
Called back out to turn on if not home when initial turn on	\$27.50
Meter Re-Read for Animals, locked gates, or other	\$35.00
Unmetered Water *theft of water	\$500.00
Copies: BW per page	\$0.10
Copies: Color per page	\$0.50
Fax Local	\$1.50
Fax Long Dist. 1st Page	\$2.25
Fax Long Dist. 2nd Page	\$1.50
Notary Fees	FREE

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

Our 2013 Consumer Confidence Report is now available online. It can be viewed at

https://www.cityofbevilocks.com/uploads/2013_CCR.pdf

This report shows the quality of the drinking water provided by the City of Bevil Oaks. It shows no violations. You can view it online or at City Hall. For more information, contact Lacey Kent at (409) 753-2126.

DID YOU RECEIVE A LETTER?

Are you one of the citizens who received a letter from the Water Department asking you to fill out the application and service agreement? For those with questions, here are a few answers. For more detailed answers or other questions, please call Lacey Kent at 409-753-2126.

In auditing the files, we found some citizens who have been out here for a number of years are missing the original application. This application sent is strictly for documentation purposes to help make sure we have the correct resident in the home, as well as good contact information on file to contact you in the event we need to reach you.

Q1: Do I need to give my SSN or DL #?

A: No. We only require those for new move-ins.

Q2: It states I need proof of ownership, what do I need?

A: Nothing. This is the exact same form used for new move-ins. We only need the forms filled out and signed.

Q3: It states a deposit is required?

A: Again, only for new citizens. For this purpose, we are only looking for the form to be filled out and signed; nothing more.

Q4: If I sign the service agreement, does that mean you will be coming onto my property?

A: No. We are not looking to come onto your property other than to read meters. However, in the event of a concern, someone will try to contact you first, and should someone need to enter your property for inspection, it would only be after trying to reach you and will also fall under our City Ordinances, or other State Regulations.

Q5: My neighbor says they haven't gotten one, why not?

A: Not everyone will get one; only those who we were missing the original application.

ARE YOU RECEIVING MAIL WANTING YOU TO PURCHASE INSURANCE?

Several residents have informed us they are receiving information from companies wanting them to purchase different types of insurance from them, including but not limited to water and sewer pipe insurance.

We wanted to inform all citizens that this is NOT a City sponsored project. This is an insurance company soliciting your business. Before entering into an agreement with this or any other company, we recommend that you check their credentials with the Texas Insurance Commission, the Better Business Bureau, and any other source that is available.

July 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	VF: Volunteer Fire Fighter Meeting: ALL are welcome! 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday	1 <u>New Water Bills</u> VF Meeting	2	3	4 4th of July City Hall Closed	5
6	7	8 <u>Cut Offs</u> VF Meeting	9	10 Budget Workshop Civic Center 6:30	11	12
13	14 Council Meeting Agenda Posted	15 JCESD #1 Fire station	16	17 Council Meeting Civic Center 7:00	18	19
20	21 Water Bills Due	22 <u>Late Notices</u> VF Meeting	23 Court	24	25	26
27	28	29 VF Meeting	30	31		

August 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Water Bills	2
3	4	5 <u>Cut Offs</u> VF Meeting	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 VF Meeting	13	14	15	16
17	18 Council Meeting Agenda Posted	19 JCESD #1 Fire Station	20	21 Council Meeting & Identity Theft Presentation Civic Center 7:00 Water Bills Due	22 Late Notices	23
24	25	26 VF Meeting	27 Court	28	29	30
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BUILDING IN A FLOODPLAIN

FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) has regulatory requirements for new construction and substantial improvements for properties located in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA's). Communities that participate in the NFIP, which allows residents the ability to purchase flood insurance, must comply with these requirements. The NFIP includes a requirement that new buildings and substantially improved buildings be constructed in ways that minimize or prevent damage during a flood. This requirement grew out of the recognition that there were large numbers of buildings already located in flood-prone areas that would continue to be subject to damage.

§ 60.3(c)(2) Require that all new construction and substantial improvements of residential structures within Zones A1-30, AE and AH zones on the community's FIRM have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated to or above the base flood level, unless the community is granted an exception by the Administrator for the allowance of basements in accordance with § 60.6 (b) or (c);

The purpose of the Substantially Improved/Substantially Damaged (SI/SD) requirements is *to protect the property owner's investment and safety, and, over time, to reduce the total number of buildings that are exposed to flood damage, thus reducing the burden on taxpayers through the payment of disaster assistance.* The SI/SD requirements are triggered when the local official determines that the cost of repairing or improving a building in an SFHA equals or exceeds 50 percent of the building's market value (excluding land value). **This requirement is not specific to damage caused by flooding alone. It applies to damage from any source (fire, windstorm, fallen trees, etc.) that results in damages equal to or exceeding 50 percent of the building's market value (excluding land value).**

Types of work that may trigger SI/SD requirements are described in detail in Chapter 6 of the SI/SD requirements and generally include but are not limited to:

Rehabilitation or remodeling of a building with or without modifying its external dimensions

Lateral additions that may or may not involve structural modifications of a building as well as vertical additions

Repair of foundations, including replacing or extending foundation

Restoration or repair of damage of any origin that is necessary to restore a building to its pre-damaged condition

Reconstruction of demolished or destroyed buildings on the same site or on the same foundation

The intent of the SI/SD requirements is not to discourage routine maintenance. If work requires a permit, then the local official must review all of the work proposed and the cost of all work must be included in the project costs, including work that might otherwise be considered routine maintenance.

What is "freeboard"? "Freeboard" is the level that the lowest floor of a building (including basement) is elevated above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE). The higher the freeboard, the lower the flood insurance premium.

Why does Bevil Oaks require a 2 foot freeboard for new construction and SI/SD in its SFHA? After the flood of 1994 that damaged almost all properties in Bevil Oaks, Council approved the requirement that all new construction and SI/SD within the SFHA's of Bevil Oaks be at an elevation of 31 feet. Apparently, at that time, they felt that this was necessary to meet FEMA requirements and prevent flooding. However, in 1997, when FEMA made a formal visit to Bevil Oaks and reviewed flood prevention ordinances, building permit requirements, etc. they felt that the 31 foot requirement was far more than required, based upon our flooding history, and advised that a 2 foot freeboard would sufficiently protect from flooding. The City's Flood Prevention Ordinance was revised to meet current FEMA requirements and Ordinance 207 was approved by FEMA as well as City Council in October 2007. It includes the 2 foot freeboard. **EXAMPLE:** SI/SD properties built at a base flood elevation of 27 ft. and are in the SFHA would require elevation to 29ft. in order to comply with Ordinance 207. New construction at that same elevation would need to be built so the top of the lowest floor (including basement) would be at 29 ft.

For more information on SI/SD properties and new construction in an SFHA, go to www.fema.gov. or contact your local Certified Floodplain Manager at 409-753-1475.

IDENTITY THEFT

Detective Jeff Chadney of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office will be giving a presentation on identity theft at the July 17th Council Meeting. In today's world, this is something everyone should be concerned about. Please come out and learn valuable information needed to help keep yourself protected.

INTERESTED IN RENTING THE CIVIC CENTER?

Are you interested or know someone who is, in renting out the Bevil Oaks Civic Center for your next event? The weekends are filling up fast, so call today to start your reservation!

YARD OF THE MONTH

Yard of the Month started back up in May. Our committee is always out looking for the right property to award Yard of the Month too... will yours be next?

May Winner:

Gene & Kathy Pinney
13425 River Oaks Blvd.



June Winner:

Eugene & Ella Bagley
13425 Thousand Oaks

(Pictures not yet available)

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?



Volunteers are needed to help with 4th of July and Christmas in the Park! Are you interested? If so, contact *Jimmie Grimes*, at (409) 880-5311 for more information.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A CHRISTMAS PARADE?

The City of Bevil Oaks is looking for your opinion! We are considering a Christmas parade during the Christmas in the Park events in December. Your comments are welcome and greatly appreciated. Please either fill out the form below and drop it off with your next water bill, or call Kim Roberts at 409-617-8222.

Name: _____

_____ NO, the City of Bevil Oaks should NOT offer a parade

_____ YES, a regular parade would be nice

_____ YES, a LIGHTED parade would be great!

_____ I would be willing to participate and enter the parade



City of Bevil Oaks

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Bevil Oaks is Online at:

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Sherry Adams, Ward 3 753-2474

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Jimmie Grimes, Ward 2 753-3377

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Fay Roberts, Ward 2 753-2163

Bud Merendino, Ward 1 466-3193

Next JCESD #1

Meeting:

Tuesday,

June 17, 2014

@ 6:00 p.m.

Firehouse

Next City Council

Meeting:

Thursday,

June 19, 2014

@ 7:00 p.m.

Civic Center

City of Bevil Oaks

7525 Sweetgum Rd.

Beaumont, TX 77713

«Customer / Co#»

«Billing Address»

«City», «State» «Zip»