

City of Bevil Oaks

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Next City Council Meeting:
Thursday, October 15, 2015
@ 7:00 p.m.
Civic Center

Next JCESD #1 Meeting:
Tuesday, October 20, 2015
@ 6:00 p.m.
Firehouse

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Rural Route 1
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September, 2015

We've gone "PINK" in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month!

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The Bevil Oaks Chronicle

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Traffic Light!

If you haven't noticed, Bevil Oaks is getting a traffic light! It is at the entrance of Bevil Oaks, on the corner of Sweetgum and Highway 105. Ted Clay, of TXDOT called the Mayor on Wednesday, September 23rd to let the City know it will be turned on starting Thursday, October 1st. TXDOT will be sending out messages via blackboard connect to let everyone know to be safe! This is a new experience for not only Bevil Oaks, but all who travel Highway 105, so please drive carefully, look twice, and use caution. Together, we can make a difference and help keep everyone safe.



Proposed Animal Ordinance Update

The animal committee met recently and reviewed all the comments that came into City Hall regarding the proposed ordinance. They wanted to thank each and every one that took the time to put their thoughts in writing as requested, so each comment could be reviewed. After more discussion, the committee voted and decided unanimously that there will be no pet registration at this time, and will not be brought up again by this committee. The committee also decided to table this ordinance and not present it to Council for vote.

At this time, any animal attack should be immediately called in to Jefferson Co. Sheriff's Office and file a report. You can bring a copy of any report to City Hall, and the City Attorney can review it for violating the current animal ordinance that has been on file since 1996. We encourage all to stay informed by attending the Council Meetings and visit the City's website at www.CityofBevilOaks.com to view the agendas for any upcoming meetings.



Upcoming:

- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Oct. 8—Pet Clinic
- Oct. 10—City Wide Garage Sale (RAIN OR SHINE)
- Oct. 15—City Council Meeting
- Oct. 17—City Wide Clean-up (7 am- 1 pm, RAIN OR SHINE)
- Oct. 20—JCESD #1

Community Development Surveys/Grant

A huge **THANK YOU** to those who turned in the survey the City mailed out. It is greatly appreciated! We have compiled all the answers and comments for review and will be applying for a Texas Parks & Wildlife Grant to start an upcoming Community Development project. The grant is a matching funds grant, which means the City will have to provide half the funds, and TPWD will, if awarded, match those funds. The good news is the City can use volunteer hours, land value and more to be included in our fund amount. At this time, the project is scheduled to begin once the City is notified of the award status for the grant, which will be some-time around March or April of next year. The location for the project will be on the land owned by the City, which is located beside both City Hall and the Fire Station. Playground equipment, walking trails and more are being considered and will be implemented based on grant funds, needs, and other factors. More information will be announced as official decisions are made.

Water Meters, Continual Usage (potential leaks), Readings & More!

As everyone has seen, the City has completed the new water meter project. All water meters have now been replaced with new meters. The new meters are read daily, via radio communications, and provide detailed readings, including hourly data. You can view your own readings each day by going on www.eyeonwater.com. Please call the water department at 409-753-2126 to obtain your Account ID if you have not already done so. The new system will also detect what is called continual usage within 24 hours, rather than up to 6 weeks later like the old meters, sometimes saving \$100's of dollars for you, the citizen. The term continual usage can mean many things, including leaks, running toilets, filling up a pool, left the water hose on or any other number of things. The water department pulls the list up each work day and will call anyone who is new on the list via black-board connect. The message will tell you how much the system is detecting, such as 2 gallons per hour or 245 gallons per hour. **We will not continue to call you on the same continuous usage amount once you have been notified.** Should you want to know if the issue has been fixed, you can review that information at the above website, or contact the water department. Often times, it takes 24 hours before the next reading for us to see if you come off the list. Please review Ordinance #245, pages 3-4, starting with (i) regarding how the bill adjustments are calculated for leaks. Please note that the City contractors do not inspect or find leaks on your property, and will only inspect up to the meter. If you have been notified of continual usage and cannot find the problem, you will need to contact a plumber. If you have any questions regarding any of the information here, please feel free to contact us at 409-753-2126.



Have Floodplain Questions?

If you want to know if a property is in the Special Flood Hazard Area, check out our website at https://cityofbevilocks.com/uploads/Flood_Map_PDF.pdf. You'll find a wealth of information about the City's Flood Insurance Rate Map, flood insurance, special rules for building in the floodplain and much more! Or, you can call City Hall with all of your floodplain questions at 409-753-1475, or by email at bevilocks@att.net. We also keep copies of FEMA Elevation Certificates on all buildings constructed or substantially improved in the floodplain since 2007.

NewWave...

As many of you know, NewWave Communications has taken over the local cable company in town. They have done some upgrades, but it has also caused issues for many. Originally, Bevil Oaks did not have any cable company, and Councilwoman Sherry Adams spearheaded the move to get us one. After many years and several purchases later, NewWave is the current owner of the cable company that also provides internet services. It is not the only choice, as DirecTV and Dish are also available. However, upon the recent issues arising with NewWave, and the many citizen complaints, Councilwoman Adams again took on the task to get the issues fixed. After visiting the local office, who couldn't seem to tell us anything, Mrs. Adams got the name of the man over this region, Jerry Smith, who is from around the Austin area. The City contacted Mr. Smith and explained in no uncertain terms that he needed to contact Mrs. Adams immediately, take care of the customer's concerns, and attend our next City Council Meeting. He contacted Mrs. Adams back shortly afterwards and stated they should have all customer complaints fixed within the week. **He also stated he or one of his representatives would be in attendance at the next City Council Meeting on October 15th.** If you have an issue you would like addressed, please turn them in to City Hall, ASAP, as a Councilperson will be addressing NewWave during the meeting. If you would like to speak personally to them, please plan to attend the meeting and catch Mr. Smith either before or after the meeting takes place, or attend the NewWave Festival being hosted in Pinewood on the 14th.