

IMPORTANT DATES:

April:

- 13th: 12:00 p.m. City Hall will close for holiday
- 14th: all day—City Hall will be closed for Easter
- 16th: EASTER
- 20th: 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
- 29th: City-Wide Yard Sale

May:

- 6th: City-Wide Clean Up
- 14th: Mother's Day
- 18th: 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
- 29th: City Hall will be closed for holiday

Becky Ford, Mayor	753-1263
Danny Fruge, Mayor Pro-Tem Roads & Drainage; Grounds	753-3446
Council Members:	
Michelle Nelson, Ward 2 Secretary	753-1475
Mark Theobald, Ward 1	753-1475
Martha Vautrot, Ward 1	363-4168
Doug Emmons, Ward 2	880-5205
Jim Andrews, Ward 3	504-9337
City Clerks:	
Kimberely Vandver & Aimee Battle	753-1475
Emergency Management:	
Don Smith	658-8220
Code Enforcement Officer:	
Mike Collier	753-1475
Water/Sewer:	
Office Hours:	753-2126
Emergency AFTER Hours:	755-7377

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March 2017

City of Bevil Oaks



Law Enforcement in Bevil Oaks



Hopefully you noticed, in recent weeks, the increased presence of Jefferson County Sheriff's Department Patrol Units in our community patrolling our streets as well as working traffic. When the City had to eliminate the Marshal's department, we began working with "then" Chief Deputy Zena Stephens to set up a small sub-station, of sorts, in Bevil Oaks to allow officers a place to do paperwork, take a break, etc. and,

be more visible in our community to help offset, as much as possible, the loss of the Marshal's department. We almost had this worked out when Chief Stephens left the Sheriff's Department for her position at Prairie View. Once she became our Sheriff, we immediately approached her about this project that had never developed. She was receptive and units were immediately in Bevil Oaks under the supervision of Lt. Trish Molfino of the newly created Traffic Control Division. Officers have access to the civic center and the conference room is in the process of being set up for their use when they are in our area. Sheriff Stephens has hired ten (10) new officers and they are currently in training. Once their training is completed and the department is fully staffed, the goal is to have an officer in our office periodically and for longer periods than just for a break.

Sheriff Stephens, Captain Troy Tucker and Lt. Trish Molfino were all present at the community meeting held on February 7. At that time, they all stressed that it was important to them that they get to know our citizens and develop a good working relationship with the community. So, if you see that they are in the office, it is O. K. to stop in; introduce yourself; make them feel welcome; or, ask a question. They are here to help us make Bevil Oaks a safer place for all of us.

At this meeting, citizens discussed things we, as citizens, can do to make Bevil Oaks a safer place. They are:

- 1) SLOW DOWN! Speed limit on all streets is 30 m.p.h. Drive at 30 m.p.h. or lower
- 2) STOP AT STOP SIGNS! Do not just slow down and roll on through.
- 3) Actually stop and then proceed.
- 4) ENCOURAGE our neighbors to drive within the speed limit and

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stop at stop signs

- 5) BE AWARE of what is going on in the neighborhood and on our street and report suspicious activities to the Sheriff's department

The Sheriff's Department does not enforce ordinance violations. We have a Code Enforcement Officer for that and complaints of that nature should be directed to the City. But, the Sheriff's department has always been available to us for any type of criminal activity that we suspect is happening or, that we witness. If you are witnessing the activity, please call 911 immediately so an officer can be dispatched. If you suspect there is a problem, call 409-835-8411 and make a report. Please remember, officers do not have access to the various Facebook pages in Bevil Oaks. So, please do not just chat on Facebook about any suspicious activity. Please call the Sheriff's department prior to posting on social media so it can at least be investigated.

We now have in place a system to better protect and serve our community. Let's all work together to make this a successful endeavor and Bevil Oaks a safer place for all of us.



Chairman & Volunteers Needed

The Community Involvement Committees are looking for volunteers to help with the 4th of July, Christmas in the Park, and many other events that happen around the City. Please take time to help make Bevil Oaks a GREAT place to live and volunteer your time! Come by or call City Hall today to let us know you are interested in volunteering your time and we can give you more information on details of each position!

We are looking for help with the following:

Chairman for Christmas in the Park & a Chairman for the Christmas Parade

Volunteers for: Christmas in the Park, July 4th Celebration, Christmas Parade, Pet Clinic, Yard of the Month and more!

Please considering helping out today! Also, keep an eye out on our website to see a completed detailed list soon. This is a fun way to get involved without much time being spent away from your own family and time.

How Do I Read My Water Bill?

CITY OF BEVIL OAKS 7525 SWEETGUM BEAUMONT, TX 77713				First Class Mail U.S. Postage Paid Sour Lake, TX 77659 Permit #3	
METER READ	02/02/2017 113930 63530	03/06/2017 116262 63530	USAGE 2332 0		
Prior Balance			79.34		
Payment(s)			-79.34		
Sewer			13.99		
Water			16.99		
User Fee			23.50		
Total Due			54.48	DUE DATE	03/21/2017
				AMT DUE	54.48
				ACCT NO.	[REDACTED]
				IF LATE	69.48
				BILL DATE	03/01/2017
				SRV TYPE	Residential
SERVICE ADDRESS [REDACTED]					
DUE DATE	03/21/2017	IF LATE	69.48	RETURN THIS STUB WITH PAYMENT.	ACCT NO.
					[REDACTED]
					AMT DUE
					54.48

The first thing to look at on your bill is this area here. It lets you know the dates of the readings used for the bill, as well as the readings. On this bill, the readings were taken from Feb. 2 to March 6., and you can see they have two meters. The first meter, used 2,332 gallons of water, while the second meter didn't have any usage at all. If you look just below that, You will see their prior balance was \$79.34, and they made that payment. HOWEVER, some do not make a payment until after bills are printed, therefore pay attention to this section to see if your payment is listed. There is the \$23.50 user fee listed, which is on everyone's bill. Then to figure up the rate, both water and sewer costs are the same. Both are billed at a rate of \$0.006 per gallon. So, as you see above, the usage was 2332. Multiply that times 0.006, and you will get the \$13.99 billed for water and sewer. Here, you will also notice the water has an added \$3.00. That is added to anyone's bill who has a secondary meter. It covers the cost we pay for the software to read the meters and other such items each month. Had there been usage on that secondary meter, they would have been billed at the same rate of \$0.006 per gallon. The only exception is a secondary meter is not charged for sewer.

REMEMBER, ALL bills are due on the 21st, unless it falls on a weekend, then it is due the following Monday. If not paid on or before then, a \$15 late charge will be applied. You will see that charge on the next months bill, even if you have paid it to show you it was billed. But it will be in the payments as well.

Do You Have Dirty Water?

Do you have dirty water? Often times there is a simple explanation or reason behind it, and an even easier fix. If you see your water looks dirty at any time, please don't hesitate to call the office at (409) 753-2126. The phone numbers are always listed on the newsletters and on the outside of City Hall on the building. If it is after hours, the after hours callout number is (409) 753-7377. However, please note that if it is after hours, it will not be checked out until the next day. The after hours number is primarily for emergencies only, and customers do run the risk of being charged for calling the after hours number for such things as turning their water on/off or other items that is either the customer's responsibility or can be done during normal business hours. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall, again, at (409) 753-2126.