

IMPORTANT DATES:

June:

- 15th: 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
- 19th: 6:30 p.m. Community Involvement
- 20th: 5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Eat @ Vautrots
- 22nd: Deadline to Post Election Notice

July:

- 4th: July 4th (City Office Closed)
- 19th: 5:30 p.m. Municipal Court
- 20th: 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
- 24th: First Day to Run for Election

Becky Ford, Mayor	753-1263
Danny Fruge, Mayor Pro-Tem Roads, Drainage, Grounds & Utility Maintenance Oversight	753-3446
<u>Council Members:</u>	
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
<u>City Clerks:</u>	
Kimberely Vandver & Aimee Battle	753-1475
<u>Emergency Management:</u>	
Don Smith	658-8220
<u>Code Enforcement Officer:</u>	
Lois Balka	753-1475
<u>Water/Sewer:</u>	
Office Hours:	753-2126
Emergency AFTER Hours:	755-7377

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June 2017

City of Bevil Oaks



4th of July

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

****4:00 P.M.** Volunteers on hand in church kitchen to prepare food, drinks, etc...



****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. Volunteers to be fed

6:00 P.M. SWAT Team Truck will be in attendance & Opening Ceremony
 Posting of the Colors will be conducted by West Brook ROTC
Water Slide/Bounce House and Face Painting for Children
 Dinner to follow

6:30 P.M. Food is served & Parade Registration begins

7:30 P. M. Parade begins

8:00 P. M. Announcement of Parade Winners (Follows parade)
 (Approx)

9:00 P.M. Fireworks



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Updated Website...

The City website is being updated. This is your main source of City information. Check it out daily/weekly for things happening within the City. It will also link you up to the City's Twitter account. Want to know when the meetings are? Check out the website... want to see what is on the agenda? Check out the website... Need to contact someone, or know who to contact? Check out the website... Looking for what is in the ordinances? Check out the website... What flood zone are you in? Guess what? It is on the website...Is there something you would like on the website? Just let us know! Email us at bevilocks@att.net.

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City Elections...

It is almost that time again for City Elections. We will be posting the official election notice no later than June 22, 2017. The first official day to file for City Election is July 24, 2017. You can file at City Hall, located at:

7525 Sweetgum Rd.
Beaumont, TX 77713

The last day to file to run for any of the positions will be August 21, 2017. You can file during office hours, which are Monday—Thursday, 7:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m., and Fridays from 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. noon.

The offices up for election, along with who is currently in the position is as follows:

Mayor: Rebecca M. Ford

Ward 1: Mark Theobald

Ward 2: Michelle Nelson

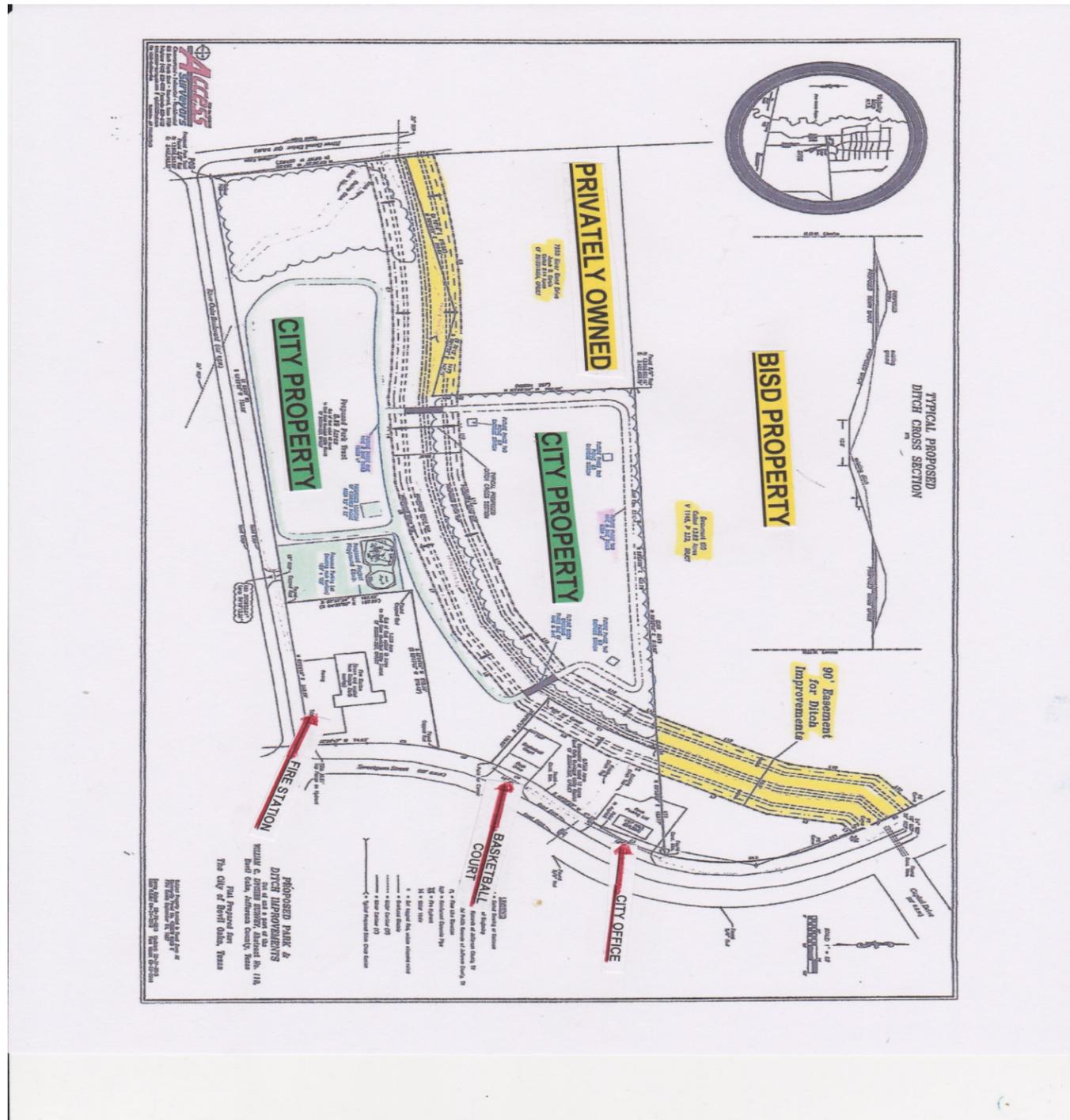
Ward 3: Danny Fruge

The election will be held on November 7, 2017.

Emergency Management

- Know where to go. If you are ordered to evacuate, know the local hurricane evacuation route(s) to take and have a plan for where you can stay. Contact your local emergency management agency for more information.
- Put together a disaster supply kit, including a flashlight, batteries, cash, first aid supplies, and copies of your critical information if you need to evacuate
- If you are not in an area that is advised to evacuate and you decide to stay in your home, plan for adequate supplies in case you lose power and water for several days and you are not able to leave due to flooding or blocked roads.
- Make a [family emergency communication plan](#).
- Bevil Oaks has a text, call or email alerting system for notifications, including emergency. To find out what alerts are available in your area, contact City Hall today at (409) 753-1475.

It is hurricane season again, **MAKE SURE YOU ARE PREPARED!**



This is a Site Map of the ditch widening project; the playground location; as well as Phase One & Phase Two for the hike & bike trails. It is extremely hard to read the detail on this map as the scale had to be reduced so much to get it on 8.5 X 11 paper. The yellow highlighted areas are property that the City does not own. The other two highlighted areas point to Phase One & Two of the Hike & Bike trails. To help put things in perspective, the fire station is located at the corner of Sweetgum and River Oaks Blvd. Soon, a full sized 24" X 36" laminated poster will be located on the porch at City Hall for anyone that would like to view this in a size that can be read and better understood.

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SUPPORT BEVIL OAKS CHILDREN FUNDRAISERS

ALL BEVIL OAKS COOKS—RECIPES NEEDED

The Bevil Oaks Children's Legal Fund Committee is compiling a cookbook of favorite recipes from Bevil Oaks cooks to sell as a fundraiser. The books will sell for \$20.00 each. Proceeds of the sale will go toward the legal expenses that will be incurred during the appeal process to the Commissioner of the Texas Education Agency to move Bevil Oaks into the Hardin Jefferson ISD.



Bonnie Byrd has volunteered to chair this project. Please pick out your favorite "tried and true" recipes and drop a copy off in the night drop at the City office or leave them with one of the City Clerks. Please put your name on the recipe(s) so she can acknowledge your contributions in the book. Don't be bashful! She needs LOTS of recipes!

TEE SHIRTS FOR SALE—"SUPPORT BEVIL OAKS CHILDREN"

The fundraising committee has another fundraiser about to roll out. Orders are being taken for their "SUPPORT BEVIL OAKS CHILDREN" shirts that are selling for \$20 (reg. sizes) and \$25 (XX & Up). Jenny Bloss is chairman of tee shirt sales and orders may be placed with her at jtbloss@hotmail.com; at Vautrot's; or, at the City office.



ONGOING NEED FOR DONATIONS

Large cash donations are needed and encouraged from everyone who can possibly afford to do so because a large portion of the legal fees are needed early on. These fundraisers, and others to come, will be ongoing projects to continue to supplement the account to assure funding the effort through to the final decision which we hope, for all concerned, will be a WIN! A favorable decision from the Commissioner, to allow Bevil Oaks to de-annex from BISD and become a part of Hardin Jefferson ISD, will mean that our children will be able to receive the quality education that every child deserves. This school district change will literally breathe new life into this community. Not only will homes start selling for better prices but, they will sell to families, with school age children, who will become the future of Bevil Oaks. What a beautiful picture that is in one's mind!! Step forward with your contributions and SUPPORT BEVIL OAKS CHILDREN!



What's Going On Behind City Hall?

Many have called to find out why the trees behind City Hall have been cut down. As many of you know, the City was awarded a grant last summer by Texas Parks and Wildlife to purchase and install playground equipment and create a park on city owned property. This park is to be built close to the drainage ditch that runs behind City Hall and west of the Fire Station to Riverbend Road and on to Pine Island Bayou. This ditch is an eye sore and has not been maintained by DD6, because, as it turns out, DD6 did not have an easement for this ditch.

During the planning of the proposed park and walking trails, the City realized that this ditch was a posing a problem, not only for the park project but, for the drainage project where it crosses River Bend. When the request to DD6 was made, they agreed to improve this ditch if the following conditions were met:

- 1) First, they needed easements to the three tracts of land that borders this ditch. Those three tracts include BISD property, City property and a private tract at the western end of the ditch before it goes under Riverbend Road.
- 2) They would perform all work necessary to widen and improve this ditch and the City would have to pay for all materials needed to complete this project.
- 3) DD6 would provide a logger to remove the trees from the three tracts of land. The City was advised by DD6 that there was not enough timber on the city tract of land as to be commercially viable, but that they thought between the three tracts the logger could make enough so as not to charge DD6 for the removal of the trees.
- 4) The City would be responsible for disposing of all limbs and tree debris left over from the logging operation.
- 5) The City would be responsible for providing a place to dispose of the excess dirt that was generated from the widening of this ditch as well as spreading same if necessary.
- 6) In addition to the ditch widening, DD6 also agreed to replace the one 36" culvert under Riverbend with two 48" culverts. Again, the City is responsible for purchasing the materials both for the culvert installation as well as all materials required to patch the road when complete. The City decided to make this portion of the work **Phase Two** and complete this work in the next budget cycle due to monetary constraints.
- 7) DD6 will seed the 90' R.O.W when construction is complete and maintain this ditch going forward.

So, during budget talks last July, the City Council approved by a vote of 5 to 1 to authorize DD6 to move forward with this project and provided the estimated \$45,000 needed as the City's contribution in its 2016/2017 budget; DD6 has estimated their cost at just over \$200,000. In this budgeted amount, there were monies for procuring easements from both BISD as well as the private land owner. As it turned out, DD6 could procure an easement from BISD for no charge and the City recently procured the easement from the private land

owner at no charge since they were recently approved for a FEMA Buy out Grant for Repetitive Losses due to flooding. So, the city may or may not end up with some surplus budgeted funds depending upon how the project goes.

From a logical and construction stand point, the crossing on Riverbend (**Phase Two**) should have been completed prior to the ditch widening portion of the project (**Phase One**), however, two reasons complicated this approach.

1. Not enough money available in the 2016/2017 budget to fund both Phase One & Two during the same budget cycle. **Phase One** needs to be completed to take advantage of the grant funds before they expire. It did not make sense to construct a park adjacent to a large excavation project before that project is completed. Who would allow their children to play in such proximity to a construction project utilizing heavy equipment; creating tons of dust; and, having to use the same entrance for access as where the parking will be located for the park?
2. A sewer line that runs thru the middle of the 36" culvert on River Bend is to be replaced with two 48" diameter culverts. This sewer line only serves the one house that was recently included in the FEMA buyout. By postponing Phase Two until the City was sure the grant funds were approved for the FEMA Buyout, the City saved several thousand dollars that would have been needed reroute or otherwise remedy this sewer line interference that is no longer necessary since the FEMA Buyout funds were approved. The City will now be able to simply take this portion of line out of service.

It should also be pointed out that all these decisions had to be made last fall to authorize DD6 to perform this work so they could place this project on their work schedule which they make out in January of each year.

The contractor for DD6 has recently completed the logging operation. On June 2, DD6 moved a large track hoe with a "thumb" attached onsite to start piling the brush and debris to be burned and disposed of by the City. Unfortunately, all the rainy weather we have just experienced will set this operation back a bit. While we cannot get a specific time frame from DD6 as to when they will start this work, they have said they intend to have it completed by the end of summer. That's the best we have now.

For DD6, this is a drainage project that is long overdue to improve the drainage for a sizable portion of the central part of Bevil Oaks. For Bevil Oaks, not only do we receive the benefit of better drainage, but also an improvement to our property ahead of our playground and park development. In addition to the playground equipment and covered picnic area to be provided in this grant we have already been awarded, the City also has long range plans of creating "Hike & Bike" trails on this property as well. A request was submitted for a grant to install Phase One of the Hike & Bike trails but, we were informed last week by the State that we did not get picked because they had three times the number of applicants as they had money to award. We will submit another application this December if this program is still available.

So, the answer to the opening question is----progress!