

Council to Review Proposed Revisions to Sign Regulations

The City of Joshua currently has an ordinance in effect to regulate signage throughout the City. The purpose of the ordinance is to promote the use of a variety of sign types in the City of Joshua in a safe, aesthetically pleasing manner that is also compatible to the surroundings and legible in the circumstances in which they are seen. During the June 19th City Council meeting the Council will review and discuss some proposed revisions to the City of Joshua sign regulations. The proposed revisions are designed to clarify the requirements and make them easier to enforce. The changes include allowing for "kiosk" type signs to help eliminate visual clutter of signs advertising housing developments, and a provision allowing the City to regulate signs in its extraterritorial jurisdiction or ETJ. Sign regulations are put in place in an effort to reduce distractions for drivers, which might otherwise create public health and safety hazards, and to reduce the visual clutter that may result over time with excessive signage. The overall intent of the current ordinance as well as the proposed revisions is to balance the need for a safe, well maintained and attractive physical appearance of the community with the need for adequate business identification.

City to Recognize the Joshua Lady Owls Softball Team

Mayor Merle Breitenstein will present a Proclamation to the Lady Owls softball team during the June 19th City Council meeting to honor the team's outstanding accomplishments this season and to declare June 19, 2008 as "Joshua Lady Owls Softball Team Day" in the City of Joshua. As the proclamation states "the 2007-08 season was an exciting, hard-fought and successful season for the Owls players, managers, coaches, officials, and countless fans who supported the team". The performance, dedication and commitment of the team served as an inspiration to all. Go Owls!

Recycling Bins to be Distributed June 25th, Collection to Begin July 2nd

As reported in the City Page a few weeks ago, the City of Joshua received a grant from the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) through funding from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to provide recycling services to all residents of Joshua free of charge for one year. You will receive a flyer regarding the recycling program in the mail in the next week. IESI will deliver recycling bins to each home June 25th and the first recycling collection day will be July 2nd. Recyclables will be collected every Wednesday from July 2nd on. Remember, this service will be free of charge for one year, so take advantage of it and "go green" to help the environment and your community.

Joshua Family 4th Picnic & Fireworks

Make plans now to attend the first annual Joshua Family 4th Picnic and Fireworks show. This community event is being brought to you through sponsorships of local businesses including Chesapeake Energy, Liberty Ford, Allenco, and Honda West in cooperation with the City of Joshua, the Joshua Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Joshua Independent School District. The event will be held Friday July 4th at Joshua High School Owl Stadium. Gates to the stadium will open at 7:00 pm and the fireworks will start cracking at dark. Bring a picnic and blanket for your family and enjoy the bounce houses, clowns and magicians that will provide entertainment until the fireworks show begins. No alcoholic beverages or smoking please. See you there!

City to Host Summer Community Clean Up July 11th – 13th

The City of Joshua will host its first ever Summer Community Clean Up event next month from July 11th – July 13th. Residents will be able to drop off any brush or bulky waste items at the City's

service center from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Friday July 11th through Sunday July 13th. There will be a \$5 fee for disposal of tires and batteries. The City cannot collect any paint, pesticides, car parts, or any item with a compressor. The City of Joshua normally provides two Community Clean Up events each year, one in the spring and one in the fall. But, the City was awarded a grant from the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) through funding from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to provide two (2) additional Community Clean Up events each year. The July Clean Up event will be the first of the expanded events. There will be additional clean up events in October and January.

Free Mulch Available at City Service Center

Free mulch is available for the taking at the City Service Center located at 104 West 12th Street. Bring your trailer or truck and load some up! If you need assistance loading mulch onto your trailer or truck during normal business hours, we may be able to help if you contact City Hall at 817-558-7447 ahead of time.

Do I Need a Permit for That?

Please remember to contact the City before you do any work to your home or business to find out if a permit is required for the work you plan to do. If a permit is required, you must have it prior to starting the work. Permits are generally required for new construction as well as additions, alterations, repairs, storage buildings, fences, electrical work, plumbing work, air conditioning work, driveway approaches and pools. Contact Building Official Nader Jeri at 817-558-7447 or via email at buildingofficial@cityofjoshuatx.us for more information.

Upcoming City Meetings and Events

- City Council Regular Meeting – Thursday June 19th 7:00 pm
- City Offices closed Friday, July 4th
- Family 4th Picnic & Fireworks – Friday, July 4th 7:00 pm
- Planning & Zoning Commission Regular Meeting – Monday July 7th 7:00 pm
- 4A Economic Development Commission regular meeting – Tuesday July 8th 5:30 pm
- 4B Economic Development Commission regular meeting – Tuesday July 8th 7:00 pm
- Summer Community Clean Up July 11th – 13th 7:00 am to 7:00 pm