

Recycling Collection to Begin July 2nd

From July 25th – July 27th IESI will deliver recycling bins to each home. Recyclables will be collected every Wednesday starting July 2nd and continuing through the next 12 months. Remember, 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. So take advantage of the free recycling service, and “go green” to help the environment and your community.

Joshua Family 4th Picnic & Fireworks

Be part of the first ever 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!

Remember Popping Individual Fireworks is Illegal within the City Limits

Professional fireworks displays are allowed within the City limits with a permit. However, the purchase, sale and ignition of individual fireworks within the corporate limits of the City is prohibited by ordinance. Violators can be fined up to \$2,000, so please do not pop fireworks within the City limits this 4th of July or any time.

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

The City of Joshua will host its first ever Summer Community Clean Up event 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.

Council to Continue Review of Proposed Revisions to Sign Regulations at July Meeting

During the June 19th City Council meeting the Council reviewed and discussed some proposed revisions to the current City of Joshua sign regulations, but tabled action on the ordinance until July. The proposed revisions to the sign regulations 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, a provision allowing the City to regulate signs in its extraterritorial jurisdiction or ETJ, provisions to clarify portable sign regulations, and clarification of rules related to garage sale signs. The City Council will continue discussion regarding the proposed changes to the Sign Ordinance during the July 17th City Council meeting. 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.

Street Inventory and Condition Ratings Presented to the City Council

During the June 19th City Council work session, City staff presented a summary of the citywide street inventory and condition rating list that was recently completed by the Joshua Street Department. This list contains an inventory of all streets within the City limits that are to be maintained by the City, and assigns a condition rating to each street. The purpose of this comprehensive list is to plan for appropriate street repairs, construction and preventive maintenance now and in the future. The list categorizes the streets into various types ranging from Type I to Type IVd. A Type I street is an asphalt street with curb and gutter where a Type IV street is a concrete street with curb and gutter. A Type IVd street is a concrete street with curb and gutter that is divided. Most of the streets in the City of Joshua are Type II streets which is an asphalt street with bar ditches. Condition ratings range from "A" to "E" with "A" being the best condition and "E" being the worst condition. The majority of the streets in Joshua are in the "C" condition rating which means that they are in fair condition. Adequate repairs will require base work and surface work. Streets with a "D" condition rating require road base repair and at least an asphalt overlay, and streets with an "E" condition rating require complete reconstruction. This Street Inventory and Condition Rating list will be used to plan and budget for adequate repairs to City streets, create a preventive street maintenance program to extend the life of the streets in the future, and will be updated at least once each year to reflect condition changes and any new streets that are built.

Upcoming City Meetings and Events

- 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
- City Council Regular Meeting – Thursday July 17th 7:00 pm