

Chief of Police Resigns

Chief Paul Waldrip resigned as Joshua's Chief of Police effective July 9, 2008 after serving the City for 12 years. Lieutenant Annabeth Robertson will assume duties as Interim Chief while the City conducts a search for a successor. The position posting will be placed on the City web site www.cityofjoshuatx.us in the near future.

Stadium Drive Between Hwy 174 and Henderson Closed for Construction

Stadium Drive between Hwy 174 and Henderson will be closed for approximately 3 weeks for construction of drainage culverts related to the Joshua ISD Stadium project. In the mean time, residents should use Henderson Street to Cooper Street or Henderson to Plum Street to gain access to Hwy 174. It is necessary to do the construction now so that this section will be complete before school starts in August.

Council to Continue Review of Proposed Revisions to Sign Regulations

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.

Council to Hold Public Hearing on Park Grant Application July 17th.

During the July 17th City Council meeting the Council will hold a public hearing to receive public comment regarding the City's application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for funds to acquire park land and design the City's first park. Anyone interested in this issue should attend the meeting and voice your opinion. You can also provide written comments to Management Assistant Mike Peacock

via email at mgmtassist@cityofjoshuatx.us or regular mail at 101 South Main, Joshua, TX 76058.

City Council to Honor Joshua Owls Baseball Team at July 17th Meeting

The City Council will recognize the Joshua Owls Baseball Team for their outstanding accomplishments this past season by proclaiming July 17, 2008 as Joshua Owls Baseball 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 is Underway

We are now in our 3rd week of re-cycling and the program is working well. If you have not received a recycle bin, please contact Mike Peacock at City Hall at 817-558-7447 or email mgmtassist@cityofjoshuatx.us Recyclables will be collected every Wednesday 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.

First Summer Community Clean Up Was A Big Hit

The City of Joshua held it's first ever Summer Community Clean Up event July 11th – July 13th. More than 150 residents dropped off brush and 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. The clean up filled 9 roll off containers, and removed more than 360 cubic yards of trash and debris from the City. 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 was the first of the expanded events. There will be additional clean up events in October and January. Dates for the October Clean up are October 3 – 5, 2008.

Free Mulch to Joshua Residents

To date the City has given away 12 cubic yards of mulch free of charge to residents of the City. More mulch will be available by request. Please contact the City Hall if you are in need of mulch.

Upcoming City Meetings and Events

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

City Council Budget Work Session – Thursday July 31st 6:30 pm

Planning & Zoning Commission Regular Meeting – Monday August 4th 7:00 pm

City Council Budget Work Session – Thursday August 7th 6:30 pm

4A Economic Development Board Meeting – Tuesday August 12th 5:30 pm

4B Economic Development Board Meeting – Tuesday August 12th 7:00 pm