

## **Joshua Family 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic & Fireworks**

What a great event! Joshua residents showed their patriotism and took part in the 1<sup>st</sup> City wide July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration. The weather was perfect for an evening of fireworks by Atlas Pyrotechnics. The 27 minute display ended with a bright colorful finale that brought loud cheers from those in attendance. Thank you to all who attended and made this a successful event. Also, I would like to thank those who made the event possible. What proved to be a great working team, The City of Joshua, Joshua ISD, and the Joshua Area Chamber of Commerce, joined forces to bring this event to the community. We would like to thank Chesapeake Energy, Liberty Ford, and Pathway Communications for their support. Other area business that participated were Honda West of Cleburne, Open Door Ministries, Owen Oil Tool, Brookshire's, Mallory's Screen Printing and Rumfield's Custom Homes. Thanks to all of these businesses for making the event possible. Also, a big thank you to Joshua ISD Superintendant Ray Dane for his support and participation. And thanks to the Joshua ISD Construction Department who provided support in preparing the stadium and the location to set up the firing area. Others that participated are Kenny Howell, Joshua Police Department, Joshua Fire Department and the Joshua High School Athletic Booster Club. Thank you all for your support in the community.

## **Recycling is Underway**

Despite a delay in receiving all the containers, residents should now have the recycle bins delivered. If you have not received a recycle bin, please contact Mike Peacock at City Hall at 817-558-7447 or email [mgmtassist@cityofjoshuatx.us](mailto: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.

## **City to Host Summer Community Clean Up July 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**

The City of Joshua will host its first ever Summer Community Clean Up event July 11<sup>th</sup> – July 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 11<sup>th</sup> through Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 in July**

During the July 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mgmtassist@cityofjoshuatx.us) or regular mail at 101 South Main, Joshua, TX 76058.

### **Upcoming City Meetings and Events**

Summer Community Clean Up July 11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 am – 7:00 pm.  
City Council Regular Meeting – Thursday July 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm  
City Council Budget Work Session – Thursday July 31<sup>st</sup> 6:30 pm  
Planning & Zoning Commission Regular Meeting – Monday August 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm  
City Council Budget Work Session – Thursday August 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm  
4A Economic Development Board Meeting – Tuesday August 12<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm  
4B Economic Development Board Meeting – Tuesday August 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm