

City of Joshua

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November 13, 2008

City Tree Lighting and Christmas Parade

The Annual Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting will be Friday, December 6, 2008. So, enter your float now. The Parade will start at 6:00 PM at the First United Methodist Church, and travel up Paula and then South on Main Street to the Baptist Church. The Tree Lighting will be outside City Hall, and pictures with Santa will be available following the parade at the Baptist Church. Judges will be on hand for the Float Contest and area school choirs will be set up to sing carols. Parade entry forms are available at City Hall and from the Joshua Area Chamber of Commerce.

Construction on Joshua Station Blvd. to start in December 2008

After years of planning, dirt will finally be turning in December for the Joshua Station Blvd. Along with roadway construction, the 4A Economic Development Board and City Council will consider the developers recommended contract during their November Meetings. Once finalized, that will clear the way for construction to begin on the first phase of the development.

Roadway Capital Improvement Plan to start in next 60 days.

The 2009 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for several of the city streets will begin in the next 60 days or so. Roads to be resurfaced include Forest Lane, Caddo Road and the portion of County Road 909 that is inside the city limits. Also included in the CIP are plans to repair damage to the Country Club Bridge that has washed out during heavy rains.

City Animal Control Advisory Board to consider Council concerns

The City Animal Advisory Board will meet November 18, 2008 to review council comments on the proposed new Animal Control Ordinance. The council had it's first look at the New Ordinance during their regularly scheduled meeting in October. The Council provided a list of concerns and has requested the Animal Control Board to revisit those areas and look into any alternatives that may be available. The plan is to have the Ordinance re-submitted to the council during the regularly scheduled meeting in December.

City Council, Planning & Zoning Commission Reviewing Zoning Ordinance & Map

The City Council and Planning & Zoning Commission are in the process of reviewing revisions to the City's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and to the City's Zoning Map. Both boards will get their second look at the proposed ordinance and their first look at

the proposed map revisions during the November meetings. The Planning & Zoning Commission is expected to hold a public hearing on the ordinance and map revisions at its December 1st meeting, and the City Council is expected to hold a public hearing at its December 18th meeting.

The proposed Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map are available for public review at City Hall. All property owners in the City will receive a letter giving the dates and times of the public hearings. All citizens are encouraged to attend the meetings and become informed of the proposed changes. For more information contact City Secretary Mary Beth Thomas at 817-558-7447 or citysecretary@cityofjoshuatx.us.

Recycle Numbers for the Second Quarter

IESI has provided the city with the last quarter totals for recycled products. The combined totals for July, August and September are 59.76 tons. That comes to just over 20 pounds per home on average for those utilizing the service. We currently have 1971 residents participating in the recycling program, and would like to have additional use the service. For additional information, check out the City website at www.cityofjoshuatx.us 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.

Connect CTY Citizen Warning System to be Implemented in Joshua

The City Council has provided for a mass notification system in this year’s budget in an effort to keep citizens informed in the event of an emergency or other critical event. Connect CTY has been selected to provide this service for this City. It is a voice message service that allows authorized officials to record a voice message that is then delivered quickly to individual phones in the notification data base. This service will allow the City to create and rapidly disseminate time sensitive messages to every telephone number stored in the notification database. Examples for its use will include severe weather warnings and updates, hazardous traffic or road conditions inside the City, events that may affect local routes into or out of the City, and warnings from the Police Department or Fire Department that could impact the safety, property or welfare of Joshua citizens. With the Connect-CTY service, authorized users can send thousands of messages in minutes. The start up date for the system is November 14, 2008

To sign up the numbers you wish to be used for notification, or for more information about the system, visit the city web site at www.cityofjoshuatx.us or contact Mike Peacock at 817-558-7447 or mgmtassist@cityofjoshuatx.us

Reminder: Garbage Collection Service Required in City Limits

Ordinance No. 183-87, an Ordinance that provides for Mandatory Garbage Collection Services, was passed by the City Council on December 8, 1987. This Ordinance was adopted so that the City can maintain public health and safety by providing and controlling garbage collection services within the City Limits. The Ordinance also provides for mandatory participation of all business and residents within the City Limits, and Section VII of the Ordinance provides Penalty Provisions for enforcement. The fine for non-compliance can be up to \$500.00, and is a misdemeanor offence. The fine may be assessed for each day of non-compliance. Most residents are in compliance, and for those that are not, please contact IESI at 817-222-2221 to sign up for garbage collection service. Also, please note that failure to pay your garbage collection bill can result in cancellation of service which will result in a violation of Ordinance No. 183-87.

Please feel free to contact the City at 817-558-7447 if you need more information about garbage collection, have unresolved issues with the service provider, or if you need help establishing service.

JVFD Canned Food Drive in Progress

Each year during the holiday season, the Joshua Fire Department collects donations for those in need. This year the JVFD is conducting a canned food drive. Canned foods can be dropped off at the Fire Station on Santa Fe Street in Joshua. The food collected will be distributed to families in need during the holiday season. For more information on giving or receiving, contact Fire Chaplain Jessie Davis at 817-558-4141.

Upcoming City Meetings and Events

4A Economic Development Board November 18, 2008 at 5:30 PM

4B Economic Development Board November 18, 2008 at 7:00 PM

Animal Control Board Meeting November 18, 2008 at 7:00 PM

City Council Regular Scheduled Meeting November 20, 2008 7:00 PM

Planning and Zoning Commission December 1, 2008 at 6:30 PM

City Parade and Tree Lighting December 6, 2008 at 6:00 PM