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April 30, 2009

Early Voting Underway

City Council elections for places 2, 4 and 6 will be held Saturday, May 9th. The following individuals have filed for candidacy and will appear in the following order on the ballot:

City Council Place 2 Glen Walden (incumbent)

City Council Place 4 AJ Mathieu

 Butch Maxfield (incumbent)

 Larry Taylor

City Council Place 6 Larry Allen

 Bob Neely (incumbent)

On Election Day, polls will be located at the Joshua High School Community Room, 907 South Broadway, and will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at City Hall, 101 South Main St., beginning April 27th and ending May 5th. Early voting hours will be Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.. Extended early voting hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. will be offered Monday April 27th and Wednesday April 29th. Anyone who wishes to vote in this election must have registered by April 9, 2009.

Zoning Board of Adjustment Vacancy

The Joshua Zoning Board of Adjustment has a vacancy to be filled by a resident of the City. Meetings are scheduled on an as needed basis. For persons interested in serving the community, please contact the City Secretary, Mary Beth Thomas at 817-558-7447 or visit the City website at www.cityofjoshuatx.us

Rabies, License & Micro-Chipping Clinic

A low cost Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2009 from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the parking lot of the Wachovia Bank, located at 449 S. Broadway. City of Joshua Ordinance No. 471-2006, requires pets within the City limits be registered with City of Joshua Animal Control. Pets must have a current rabies vaccination and be micro chipped to register with the City. If the animal is not micro chipped, the animal can be micro chipped by Joshua Animal Control at the time of registration.

The Fees for the clinic are:

City License \$5.00 for sterilized; \$10.00 for non sterilized

Micro Chip Fee \$20.00 (2 year license fee is included with the microchip fee when provided at the Rabies Clinic.)

Rabies vaccination \$8.00

Lightning Safety Awareness

The National Weather Service reports that Texas ranks second only to Florida in the number of people killed by lightning every year. The number of Americans killed by lightning each year, typically exceeds the number killed by tornadoes and hurricanes both.

Electrical current from lightning moves along the ground and most people are injured by lightning that strikes nearby, rather than by direct lightning strikes. That's why on average, six of every ten victims of lightning strikes will survive. However, survivors may suffer painful effects for the rest of their lives.

Weather experts advise following the 30/30 lightning safety rule.

A house or other substantial structure offers the best protection from lightning. Following a flash of lightning, go inside if you are not able to count 30 seconds before hearing thunder. If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance.

If you are in an urban area and can hear thunder above city noise, it's time to go inside. Remain for 30 minutes following the last thunderclap that you hear.

For additional lightning safety information, go to www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov

Upcoming Meetings and Events

April 27 – May 5, 2009	Council Election Early Voting at City Hall	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
May 4, 2009	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting	6:30 pm
May 9, 2009	Council Election Day (Community Room at High School)	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
May 12, 2009	4A Economic Development Corp. Board	5:30 pm
May 12, 2009	4B Economic Development Corp. Board	7:00 pm
May 19, 2009	Annexation Public Hearing & Canvas Election Results	7:00 pm
May 21, 2009	City Council Meeting	6:30 pm