

**City Page**  
**June 4, 2009**

**Early Voting Opens for City Council Place 4**

Early Voting for the runoff election for City Council Place 4 between A.J. Mathieu and Butch Maxfield (incumbent) opened Monday June 1, 2009. The election will be held June 13<sup>th</sup> at Joshua City Hall and polls will be open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Early voting will also be held at City Hall, and began June 1<sup>st</sup> and will end June 9<sup>th</sup>. Early voting hours will be Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Extending voting hours will be offered June 2<sup>nd</sup> and June 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Rabies Clinic and Micro Chipping Clinic Scheduled for June 13, 2009**

A low cost Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday, June 13, 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

**Attention Military Veterans**

Last year, the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration was a huge success. This year, we will honor military veterans and thank them for their service to our country. We are asking any and all military veterans from Joshua to contact us, so that you may be recognized as we honor your service. If you are a veteran, and plan to attend, please contact Mike Peacock at 817-558-7447 or by email at [dioperations@cityofjoshuatx.us](mailto:dioperations@cityofjoshuatx.us)

### **Code Compliance: High Grass & Weeds**

In an effort to build a safer and more attractive community, the City of Joshua has initiated more proactive enforcement of many City codes. First and foremost, we want to be sure that property owners know the major code requirements, so that residents and property owners can be sure you stay in compliance. To this end, the City will begin highlighting the major code requirements each week in the City Page in an effort to educate residents on what each code means.

Spring time brings beautiful flowers, growing grass, and, unfortunately, unsightly weeds. So, spring is an appropriate time to highlight City requirements related to high grass and weeds.

People often wonder: Why is the City concerned about grass and weeds on private property? The first thing people normally think of is that high grass and weeds are an unsightly eyesore that decreases the beauty and ambience of our neighborhoods, and can bring down property values.

What residents may not realize is that high grass and weeds can be dangerous too because tall grass also:

- Poses a fire hazard,
- Blocks visibility,
- Harbors rodents and snakes, and
- Contributes to pests like mosquitoes and chiggers

Joshua City Ordinances say that property owners are responsible for maintaining their lots, and that grass and weeds that average over 12 inches high are a violation.

To stay within Code, property owners should keep lots mowed to less than 12 inches. If your grass is taller than 12 inches, you may receive a certified notice to mow your yard and will have 10 days to complete the task.

If the lot is not mowed after 10 days, the City can hire a contractor to complete the job and charge the property owners for mowing costs and labor. If the City mows the property and the property owner fails to pay the bill, the City can place a lien against the property. Liens stay with the property and are assessed interest penalties until they are paid.

By far, the cheaper, most efficient and safest alternative is for owners to keep lots maintained so that they are less than 12 inches.

### **City Wide Summer Clean-up**

The City of Joshua will host the summer clean-up on July 10, 11, and 12, 2009 from 7:00a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Persons should enter off of 6<sup>th</sup> Street, and exit on to 10<sup>th</sup> Street. A \$5.00/ea fee will be charged for batteries and tires. We cannot accept car parts, paint, chemicals or appliances with a compressor. Proof of residency will be required in the form of recent tax statement or trash service bill from IESI. The costs for the clean up are covered by a Grant from the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality and the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

### **Upcoming Meetings and Events**

City Council Runoff Election Early Voting June 1<sup>st</sup> – June 9<sup>th</sup>.

June 9, 2009 Joshua 4A Economic Development Corporation Meeting 5:30 p.m.

June 9, 2009 Joshua 4B Economic Development Corporation Meeting 7:00 p.m.

City Council Place 4 Runoff Election June 13, 2009 from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

June 18, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Joshua City Council 7:00 p.m