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City Council Special Session to Begin Budget Discussions August 4th 7:00 pm

The City Council will take its first look at the proposed General Fund budget and tax rate for next fiscal year at a special work session and meeting scheduled for Tuesday August 4th at 7:00 pm. The Council will discuss the proposed General Fund revenues and expenditures, and will take a look at the proposed property tax rate for next fiscal year. A second budget work session will be held August 13th to discuss the 4A, 4B and Capital Improvement Projects budget for next fiscal year. The Council will hold its first public hearing on the budget and proposed tax rate at their August 20th regular meeting.

Positions available for 4A and 4B Economic Development Boards

Positions available for those wanting to serve on a City Board. 4A, 4B and Zoning Board of Adjustment positions available. Please contact Mike Peacock at City Hall @817-558-7447 or email at dioperations@cityofjoshuatx.us

Practice Fire Safety

More than 4,000 Americans die each year in fires and approximately 20,000 are injured. An overwhelming number of fires occur in the home. There are time-tested ways to prevent and survive a fire. It's not a question of luck. It's a matter of practicing and planning ahead. Over the next few weeks, we will take a look at fire safety tips for a variety of areas in the home. This week...

Kitchen Fire Safety...

To Prevent a Cooking Fire in Your Kitchen

- Keep an eye on your cooking and stay in the kitchen. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires.
- Wear short or close-fitting sleeves. Loose clothing can catch fire.
- Watch children closely. When old enough, teach children to cook safely.
- Clean cooking surfaces to prevent food and grease build-up.
- Keep curtains, towels and pot holders away from hot surfaces and store solvents and flammable cleaners away from heat sources. Never keep gasoline in the house.
- Turn pan handles inward to prevent food spills.

To Put Out a Cooking Fire in Your Kitchen

- Call the fire department immediately. In many cases, dialing 911 will give you Emergency Services.
- Slide a pan lid over flames to smother a grease or oil fire, then turn off the heat and leave the lid in place until the pan cools. Never carry the pan outside.
- Extinguish other food fires with baking soda. Never use water or flour on cooking fires.
- Keep the oven door shut and turn off the heat to smother an oven or broiler fire.
- Keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen. Make sure you have the right type and training.
- Keep a working smoke alarm in your home and test in monthly.

Auto Theft Prevention Tips

Taking precautionary measures can minimize your chances of becoming the victim of auto theft.

In the United States a vehicle is stolen an average of every 21 minutes. Not only does auto theft cost the victim time and money, but it cost society, because it drives insurance premiums up and many times stolen vehicles are used to commit other crimes.

Car thefts seem to occur with greater frequency where large groups of cars are parked for extended periods of time in places such as shopping centers, colleges, sporting events, movie complexes, and large apartment complexes, according to the Los Angeles Police Department. Car thefts can occur anytime -- at random on different days of the week and times of the day, depending on the locations.

Below are some tips you can use to avoid being the victim of a car thief:

- Never leave your car running unattended, even to dash into a business, store, etc.;
- Never leave any keys in the car or ignition, inside a locked garage, or in hide-a-key boxes;
- Always roll up your windows and lock the car, even if it is parked in front of your home
- Never leave valuables in plain view, even if your car is locked. Put them in the trunk out of sight;

- Always park in high-traffic, well-lighted areas, when possible;
- Install a mechanical device that locks the steering wheel, column, or brakes. These devices will deter some criminals;
- Investigate the purchase of a vehicle theft tracking/security system, especially if you own one of the frequently stolen model vehicles;
- Never leave personal identification documents, vehicle ownership title, or credit cards in your vehicle;
- If you must leave your key with a valet, attendant, or mechanic leave only the ignition key. Make sure you are dealing with a reputable firm.
- In high theft areas the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) should be etched on windows, doors, fenders and trunk lid. This makes it difficult for a thief to market your stolen car parts.
- Copy your license plate and vehicle information (VIN) numbers on a card and keep them with you. If your vehicle is stolen, the police will need this information to take a report; and,
- Many vehicles today come with some type of security system from the factory. Normally there are upgraded systems available if you ask. The best choice are systems that shut off the fuel supply so that a car can't be started or driven.
- If your vehicle is stolen, report it to the police immediately.

Animal Shelter Adoptable Pets

The shelter has many pets available for adoption. Please call or come by the shelter if you are interested at 817-774-9450.

DOGS

Female schnauzer mix, approx. 1 year of age. First set of shots, boardatella. Semi house broke- **Isabella**

Female schippeke mix sheltie, approx 1 year of age. First set of shots and boardatella. Not house broke. -

Foxy

Female mini dachshund, red. First set of shots and a boardatella. Appears to be house broke. 3 to 5 years of age - **Naunau**

Female cocker spaniel parti color. Senior citizen. Has special needs. Heart worm positive. 7 to 8 years of age. Very sweet. She has a companion that we would love to see go together.- **carmel**

Male lab mix shepherd, white. 10 to 11 years of age. Special needs. Heart worm positive, also has heart murmur. Needs someone special to care for him. - **zach**

Female hound mix. Red and white. Set of shots and a boardatella. Not housebroke, very sweet girl. Needs room to run and play, will be a large dog.- **Edna**

Male great dane mix hound, black and white, very pretty. First set of shots and boardatella. Not house broke. 1 to 2 years of age. Will need a large back yard.- **Eddy**

Male border collie mix, black and white, has short coat. First set of shots and boardatella. Not house broke 4 month puppy. – **Lenny**

Male border collie mix, black and white, brother to Lenny. First set of shots and boardatella. Not house broke. Has long fluffy coat. 4 month puppy. – **Laddie**

Male lab mix. Red and white. First set fo shots and boardatella. Not house broke. 6 months of age. – **Diesel**

Male Pomeranian mix.reddish with cream markings. Set of shots and boardatella. Not house broke. Sweet boy. Approx. 1 year of age.- **Ice**

CATS

Numerous Kittens including Gray, Gray Tabby, Black, Black and White and Tortishell.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

August 3, 2009	Planning and Zoning Meeting	7:00 p.m.
August 4, 2009	City Council Budget Work Session	7:00 p.m.
August 10, 2009	TIF No. 1 Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
August 11, 2009	4A Economic Development Corporation Meeting	5:30 p.m.
August 11, 2009	4B Economic Development Corporation Meeting	7:00 p.m.
August 13, 2009	City Council Budget Work Session	7:00 p.m.
August 20, 2009	Joshua City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.