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Joshua Citizen Police Academy

The City of Joshua Police Department will hold the first ever Citizens Police Academy. The Citizens Police Academy starts classes January 12, 2010 and is a ten week learning opportunity where citizens of Joshua can gain working knowledge of the Joshua Police Department's personnel and operations. Instruction is comprehensive, covering different areas of the police department each week. There will also be an opportunity to learn about general operations of the City as a whole. The goal of this program is to build trust and rapport between the citizens of our community and their Police Department, as well as provide understanding of what exactly the Police Department does and personal interaction with each officer. Citizens will gain an appreciation and understanding of the problems and challenges of their community as well as the problems and challenges law enforcement officers face today.

Classes will cover the organization of the department, the recruiting and hiring process, the Texas Penal Code, criminal investigations, building searches, traffic enforcement, suspicious activity, the Special Response Team, and the Special Crimes Unit among other things. The academy will also cover City of Joshua operations and procedures along with a section related to animal control. Physical activity is kept to a minimum.

Participants must be 18 years or older, and either reside or work in the City of Joshua. Participants are required to submit a completed Citizens Police Academy application form, and consent to a criminal history check. Applications can be downloaded from the City's web site at www.cityofjoshuatx.us or picked up at the Joshua Police Department Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m and 5:00 p.m.. Completed applications should be submitted to the Joshua Police Department no later than December 31, 2009. For further information, contact Captain Leland Cheek at (817) 558-3194. Class will be limited to 20 members at no charge to participants.

Early Voting Reminder

Early voting began Monday October 19, 2009 for the City Bond Election. Citizens wishing to vote early may do so at Joshua City Hall, 101 S. Main Street Joshua Texas, Monday – Friday 8am – 5 pm, and extended hours on Monday October 26, 2009 from 7am – 7pm. Election day is Tuesday November 3, 2009 at the Community Room at the Joshua High School, 901 S. Broadway Joshua Texas. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Animal Shelter Seeking Donations

The Joshua Animal Shelter is in need of additional cat litter. Any person wishing to make a donation to the shelter, please call the shelter at 817-774-9450 for information.

Notice to Aerobic Septic System Owners

The City of Joshua is required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to maintain records on maintenance contracts of Aerobic Systems. Residents will begin receiving notices to register and provide copies of a service agreement to the city. For more information, please call 817-558-7447 or by email at citysecretary@cityofjoshuatx.us

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Joshua Planning and Zoning Meeting
Joshua 4A Economic Development Board
Joshua 4B Economic Development Board
Joshua City Council Meeting

November 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
November 9, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.
November 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
November 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.