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Christmas Tree Collection

Residents that have Christmas Trees that need to be hauled away may place the trees alongside the trash on collection days. IESI will remove trees at no additional charge on regular collection days of Tuesday and Friday. Any tree that is more than 9 feet in height, should be cut in half and placed at the curb. Trees will be collected for the next several weeks. For more information, please contact Joshua City Hall at 817-558-7447 or visit the city website at www.cityofjoshuatx.us

Citizens Police Academy to begin January 12, 2009

Congratulations to the 10 Joshua citizens who will participate in the first ever Joshua Citizens Police Academy! The program begins next week, and the class will meet every Tuesday evening from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. for 10 weeks. A dinner will be served each night of class. Graduates will receive a certificate, various handouts, and will be eligible assist the Police Department with special events in the future. Thanks to all those who will be participating, and to the Joshua Police Department for putting together an outstanding curriculum for the class

Community Emergency Response Team

The City of Joshua Fire Department will be hosting the CERT or Citizens Emergency Response Training program on January 9 and January 16, 2009. The purpose of the CERT team will be to assist area Fire Departments in emergency incidents. The two day training program will provide training in Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, Medical First Aid, Search and Rescue, Psychology and Terrorism. Certificates will be issued upon the completion of training on January 16, 2009. Training will be held at the Johnson County Fire Training Center in Cleburne. Only 20 persons will be accepted to the team. For more information, contact Glen Hargrove at 817-558-7447 or email to firemarshal@cityofjoshuatx.us

Construction to Begin on 1st City Park in May

The City of Joshua will break ground on the first City park in May of this year. The City will complete acquisition of all the park land by the end of this month. Almost one year ago the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department announced that Joshua was awarded a \$500,000 outdoor recreation grant to be used for park land acquisition and park construction. The City's Type B Economic Development Corporation is providing a \$500,000 match to this grant which includes land to be donated by the Joshua Baseball Association. In addition, the City expects to receive \$1,000,000 from the Federal

Government for construction of the park thanks to the efforts of Congressman Chet Edwards.

The first City park will be approximately 20 acres and will include baseball fields, a playground, a water spray ground, a pond with a fishing pier, a basketball court, picnic pavilions, and a great lawn that will be an open area for play. This park project is a result of local planning efforts that involved the adoption of the City of Joshua Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan in May 2008. The master plan prioritized recreational needs of the community based on public input received through focus group interviews and a citizens' survey. The development plan for this park is a direct reflection of the needs and priorities identified by the community as the park will include all of the top 10 recreational priorities established in the master plan. The park will be located at the corner of North Main Street and Spring Valley.

Mark Spencer of MHS Planning is completing design of the park, and Dean Construction will serve as the Construction Manager for the project. The Type B Economic Development Corporation and the City Council are expected to review construction bids for specific elements of the park in March. Construction is expected to commence on May 1st of this year, and will take approximately 6 to 9 months to complete.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Joshua Type A EDC Board Meeting	January 11, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m.
Joshua Type B EDC Board Meeting	January 12, 2010 @7:00 p.m.
Joshua City Council Work Session	January 14, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m.
Joshua City Council Meeting	January 21, 2010 @7:00 p.m.