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Street Repair Is Ongoing

This Winter was one of the wettest on record in our area, and has left the area with many roads that are in need of significant repairs. The Joshua Street Department crew is in the process of locating and making repairs to roadways that have been left in bad conditions as a result of wet weather conditions over the past couple of months. If you have a concern about a repair that needs to be made, please visit the website and make a request at www.cityofjoshuatx.us using the "Citizen Service Request" link.

Code Compliance: High Grass & Weeds

Spring time brings beautiful flowers, growing grass, and, unfortunately, unsightly weeds. So, spring is the perfect time to remind everyone of City ordinance requirements regarding high grass and weeds.

Why is the City concerned about grass and weeds on private property? The first thing you might think of is that high grass and weeds are an unsightly eyesore that diminishes the appearance of our neighborhoods, and can bring down property values. What you 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.

Community Cleanup Scheduled for March 26-28, 2010

The city's Spring Cleanup has been scheduled for March 26-28, 2010. Gates of the City Service center will be open from 7am – 7 pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Residents will be required to show proof of residency. Residents are reminded that they may not drop off chemicals, paint, car parts and appliances with a compressor. Tires and batteries have a \$5.00 disposal charge. Persons should enter off of 6th street to drop off debris.

2010 Census Workers Available at City Hall

While the 2010 Census is underway, Census Representatives are available to assist Monday – Friday from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon in City Hall. Census staff will be on hand until April 19, 2010. If you have any questions on filling out the 2010 Census, please come by and visit with a representative.

Mulch Available to Residents at No Cost

Residents are reminded that mulch is available to those who would like it from the city at no cost. Fresh mulch is available currently for pick up at the city street department service center. For more information please call 817-558-7447 or visit the website at www.cityofjoshuatx.us

Help Wanted: Animal Control Officer

The City of Joshua is accepting applications for Animal Control Officer. This position is a supervisory position which requires independent judgment, and is responsible for protecting residents from and educating the community about stray or vicious animals and related diseases. Duties include operating the animal shelter, capturing and impounding stray, vicious or injured animals; disposing of certain animals using humane methods; and record keeping and reporting. The successful candidate will be skilled in customer service and problem solving, have the ability to communicate effectively, work well with public and co-workers as well as in cooperation with other agencies.

Requirements: High School diploma or General Education Degree, at least two years experience related to animal care and control; supervisory experience preferred. Must possess a Valid Class C Texas drivers' license; Basic Certification from the Texas Department of Health as a Certified Animal Control Officer; Certification in Animal Euthanasia.

Salary: \$30,000. - \$40,000. DOQ EOE, Paid Group Health and Dental benefits, TMRS, Paid Vacation, Sick leave, Holidays, Employee Assistance Program and supplemental benefits available. Application can be downloaded at www.cityofjoshuatx.us. Send application and resume to: City of Joshua, Attn: LaDonna Davis, 101 S. Main St., Joshua, TX 76058 or adminfinance@cityofjoshuatx.us

Upcoming Meetings and Events.

Community Clean Up March 26th – 28th from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm
Zoning Board of Adjustment Hearing March 29, 2010 at 7:00 pm
Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting April 5, 2010 at 6:30 pm
Type A EDC Board Meeting April 12, 2010 at 6:30 pm
Type B EDC and Parks Board Meeting April 13, 2010 at 7:00 pm