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Budget and Tax Rate Public Hearings begin Thursday

The public will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed budget and tax rate during public hearings scheduled for August 19th and August 26th at 7:00 pm at City Hall. The proposed tax rate is \$0.68527 per \$100 valuation. The current tax rate is \$0.634331 per \$100 valuation. The City Council received its first look at the proposed FY2010-11 City Budget on August 5, 2010. City Manager Paulette Hartman presented the proposed General Fund budget and property tax rate for next fiscal year which begins October 1st. An additional budget work session was held August 12th at 6:30 pm to review the special funds, and to continue discussions related to the General Fund budget. The City Council is scheduled to adopt the final budget and tax rate during the September 16th regular Council meeting. So, make plans to attend the budget meetings and express your opinion during the public hearings before final adoption in September.

Work Continues at the City Park

Fencing around the ball fields has been completed and work on the concession facility and restrooms are moving along. Concrete for the basketball court has been poured and ball field lighting has been installed. Construction remains on schedule with the completion date remaining scheduled for October 25, 2010. For more information on the City Park, please visit the city website at www.cityofjoshuatx.us

Public Property and Your Pets

Did you know that if you are the owner, harbinger or other person in possession of a dog commits an offence if he knowingly permits, or by insufficient control allows the dog to defecate in the city on private or public property and fails to remove and dispose of any excreta the dog deposits. The City of Joshua answers many complaints that are related to this and several other animal violations. For more information on ordinances that may effect you and your pets, please call the shelter at 817-774-9450 or visit the city website at www.cityofjoshuatx.us.

Interested in Adopting a Pet

Joshua Animal Control has pets ready for adoption. Currently they have 7 puppies, 13 adult dogs, 21 kittens and 3 adult cats. For more information, contact the Joshua Animal Shelter at 817-774-9450 or visit the city website at www.cityofjoshuatx.us

National Dialogue on Emergency Preparedness Now Open

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Protection and National Preparedness are hosting a National Dialogue on Preparedness to supplement the mission and recommendations of the Local, State, Tribal, and Federal Preparedness Task Force (“Task Force”). At the direction of Congress, the Task Force—comprised of 35 local, state, and tribal members and 24 Federal *ex officio* members with diverse expertise in homeland security and emergency management—was formed in April to assess the state of disaster preparedness and make recommendations for improvement throughout the nation.

The Task Force has been working on this mission since April, through face-to-face meetings, teleconferences, and web-based collaboration. In order to supplement and build upon the discussions of the Task Force membership, DHS is opening a dialogue to a broader range of stakeholders—to include individuals from the private sector, non-governmental and volunteer organizations, additional governmental partners across all levels, and the general public. The Department’s broad stakeholder community is encouraged to join the National Dialogue, by submitting feedback and ideas at: <http://preparedness.ideascale.com>

DHS appreciates your support by sharing the link with your employees, colleagues, members, or constituents so they can participate in this important event.

Engaging a wide variety of preparedness stakeholders in this way will help DHS identify similarities and differences for how various organizations view preparedness issues and will also help DHS capture a wide range of diverse perspectives and meaningful input for Preparedness Task Force deliberation. The National Dialogue on Preparedness Website will be open through August 31, and will allow individuals to propose ideas, vote on popular recommendations, and tag discussion topics.

More information on the Task Force is available at: <http://www.fema.gov/preparednesstaskforce>

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Council Meeting, Budget Hearing and Tax Rate Hearing August 19, 2010 at 7:00 PM
Budget Public Hearing and Tax Rate Public Hearing August 26, 2010 at 6:30 pm
Joshua Planning and Zoning Board Meeting September 7, 2010 at 7:00 PM.
Joshua Type A EDC Meeting September 13, 2010 at 6:30 PM
Joshua Type B EDC and Park Board Meeting September 14, 2010 at 7:00 PM