

# CITY OF DEVINE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2016

MAYOR- WILLIAM “BILL” HERRING

**COUNCIL:**

- DISTRICT 1 – DAVID VALDEZ
- DISTRICT 2 – STEVE A. LOPEZ
- DISTRICT 3 – DAVID ESPINOSA
- DISTRICT 4 – KATHY WILKINS
- DISTRICT 5 – HAL LANCE

**Monthly Meetings**

- Council meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
- Planning and Zoning meetings are normally held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month.

## City Hall

A new City Ordinance has been approved by the City Council. The ordinance is to establish a civil penalty for tampering with water meters. A copy of the new ordinance can be obtained at City Hall with explanation of tampering and civil penalty fees.

## HOLIDAYS

City Hall will be closed on the following day:

October 10<sup>th</sup> – Columbus Day



### UTILITY DEPARTMENT

- Monday, October 3, 2016 – LAST DAY** to pay, for past due accounts
- Tuesday, October 4, 2016 - CUT- OFF DAY**, for past due accounts
- On September 27, 2016, the City Council passed a **2% Rate Increase** on Water, Sewer, and Garbage Rates. This will take effect as of **October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.**
- Reminder for Utility Customers:
  - In order to final/disconnect or transfer your account, a request form must be filled out.
  - Form has to be turned in to our office before 2:30 p.m. Mon-Fri by the main account holder.
  - Any requests to connect, disconnect, transfer or work order requests turned in after 2:30 p.m. will be processed for the next business day between 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
- Reminder for residents to call in to be added to the scheduled brush pick up list.
  - Active residential utility services
  - Only allowed to place 5x5x5 cubic feet pile & weigh no more than 50 lbs.
  - Strictly brush, neatly stacked or bundled facing the same direction.
  - Provide street location and please place pile in safe location away from electrical wires or anything that may get in the way of the rear-loading brush truck.
  - ACI will pick up allowed portion; if larger pile, customer will need to call again to schedule new date for remaining brush left behind
  - Will not pick up brush on any vacant properties
  - Will not be picked up if not called in
  - Deadline to call is Friday before noon to be added to new list

### Employees' Anniversaries this Month

**Administration**

Juanita Carrillo 10 years

**Police Department**

Jenise Whitaker 13 years

**Public Works**

Bobby Keylich 10 years

Julio Gonzales 2 years

Simon Davila 5 years



### Devine Code Compliance

- ❖ **THANK YOU** to all of the citizens who are working hard to comply with the city ordinances, to clean up the city. Your efforts do not go unnoticed.
- ❖ Reminder for those that received letters; if you have not taken care of issue within the allotted time a formal complaint will be filed in the Municipal Court.
- ❖ Please keep grass mowed shorter than 12” and keep areas clean. Do not allow stagnant or unwholesome water to remain visible on property so it does not create a breeding ground for insects.
- ❖ Starting any work that requires a permit without obtaining a permit first, will result in DOUBLED fees.
- ❖ The County Dump is located off Highway 2200 south of Devine on County Road 5710 and can be reached at phone number 830-426-4261 for site information. There is also a local steel recycling center to get rid of any junk metal.
- ❖ Please don’t hesitate to report any ordinance violations by contacting us at 830-663-2804 with any questions regarding zoning, building permits, city ordinances, street lights out and code complaints.

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## *Devine Animal Care and Control*

### *Pet of the Month*



#### *Meet Maddie*

*Maddie is a shelter dog that is in need of a good home. Maddie is a Beagle Mix breed and is approximately 1 year old. Maddie is very loving and friendly. Maddie can be adopted for a nominal fee of \$79.00. This includes: rabies vaccination, spay or neutering and for a limited time, free microchipping.*

*If you are interested or know someone who may be, have them contact Mike or Tyler at  
830-663-4403*

## Police Department

Introducing: Corporal Robert Amaro



Robert has been with the Devine Police Department for almost fifteen years. Robert has also been employed at the Natalia Police Department and the Medina County Sheriff's Department. Robert attended the San Antonio Regional Law Enforcement Academy and graduated in 1994.

Robert is our Patrol Corporal and is a Supervisor and Training Officer. In his free time, Robert enjoys spending time with his family and his grandson.

If you see Robert out and about or at any of our local schools, please wave or take a minute to introduce yourself to him.



### Municipal Court Corner

- Thursday, October 20, 2016 - Court at 1:30 p.m.
- Doors open at 1:00 p.m.
- If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Municipal Court @ 830-663-2804.

## DRISCOLL PUBLIC LIBRARY



### Upcoming Free Events:

Children's programs include a preschool Story Time, each Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. @ Community Center. After reading 2 books, preschoolers can participate in a related craft.

**Saturday, October 8** Texas Writes Program featuring Reavis Z. Wortham and Meg Gardiner.

**Tuesday, October 11** Deadline to register to vote (if not previously registered) Forms are available at the library in English and Spanish.

**Saturday, October 22** Fall Fun Days - games, pumpkin decorating contest and auction.

Please contact Barbara Moore, Driscoll Public Library Director, for more details at 830-663-2993

### Emergency Management

#### Flooding

With the amount of rain we have had this year, flooding obviously becomes an issue. We ask that if rain or flooding is not directly affecting you, please remain at your residence. Often times we have people that drive around "TO SEE WHAT IS GOING ON" and become part of the problem as opposed to the solution. The increased traffic poses congestion problems that Emergency Services must deal with, rather than the true matter at hand.

#### Power Outages and Vehicle Traffic

Power outages are rather annoying, however an everyday possibility. Power outages within a populated area become quite dangerous when the affected area has traffic lights. If you are approaching a traffic light at an intersection and the light is not showing Red, Yellow or Green and/or not flashing, that DOES NOT mean to just keep going through it. Be vigilant and slow down or stop especially with approaching traffic. Drive Cautiously!