

CITY OF DEVINE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 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 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
- Planning and Zoning meetings are normally held the 2nd Monday of each month.



City Hall



Devine’s 56th Annual Fall Festival & Avocado Showcase 2016

Carnival starting November 3rd through the 5th

Fall Festival Parade on November 5th to begin at 10:00 a.m.

Food, Arts & Crafts, Booths, Avocado Seed Spitting, Cooking Contest and Free Street Dance ‘Till Midnight!

HOLIDAYS

City Hall will be closed on the following day:

November 11th – Veterans Day

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November 24th & 25th – Thanksgiving



UTILITY DEPARTMENT

- Wednesday, November 2, 2016 – LAST DAY** to pay, for past due accounts
- Thursday, November 3, 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 went into effect as of **October 1st, 2016.**
- Reminder of new City Ordinance that was approved to establish a civil penalty for tampering with water meters.
- 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

Police Department

Kandy Benavides 32 Years

Public Works

Russel Crossland 11 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: Robin

Robin is a shelter dog that is in need of a good home. Robin is a Jack Russel Mix breed and is approximately 11 weeks old. Robin is very loving and friendly.

Robin 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: Feliza Miller



Feliza has been with the Devine Police Department for almost ten years. Feliza attended the Houston Community College Police Academy in 2005.

In her free time, Feliza enjoys spending time with her family, pets and friends.

Feliza is an avid golfer and plays frequently at the Devine Golf Course.

If you see Feliza out and about, please wave or take a minute to introduce yourself to her.



Municipal Court Corner

- Thursday, November 17, 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:

We are continuing GED classes Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for registered students. Not accepting applications until January.

Preschool Storytime: Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day: Saturday, November 19th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Christmas-themed Edible Creations for the 7th Annual Gingerbread House Contest are due on Monday, November 28th by 7:00 p.m. These items will be auctioned off on Friday, December 2nd, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at The Friends of the Driscoll Public Library fundraiser in the community center. Please call Driscoll Public Library, for more details at 830-663-2993.

Public Works

Water Leaks

As winter approaches, residents are reminded to start winterizing your exposed exterior pipes. Prevention of burst pipes due to freezing temperatures saves time and money later.

Household Drain Maintenance

Residents are also reminded to be aware of what goes down the drain. In the kitchen, grease and food items should always be put in the trash and not the drain. These items may cause a buildup in your pipes causing not only drain backups but sewer backups as well.

