



City of Hunters Creek Village

Community Message Notification

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HELLO SPORTSFANS,

Summer update time, so here goes.... Blink....it's mid-June already, and really hot.

Here are a few items of note in our wonderful Village:

-New lights are nearing completion at Memorial and Lindenwood....still waiting on a few parts and it will be complete and our last stoplight project will be done!

-Phase one of the Voss Esplanade beautification is done and looks awesome. Next phases coming as our budget will allow, as we have some big-ticket items coming.

-City Council is scouring our budget later this month as our Fire Department has grown 30.67% over the past 2 years and our Police Budget is 20.26% over the past 2 years as well. This year alone the increase is over \$480,000. These are adding up to be big numbers and make up the largest part of our budget. Our property tax revenue is \$6.5 mil. and the Fire and Police expenditure is \$4.8 mil., which is 74% of our property tax revenue. Both the Fire and Police Commissions are made up of resident citizen volunteers who spend long, thankless hours running the "business" side of the departments and their work is much appreciated. The Fire Dept. issues have been smoldering for years and thanks to Hedwig, Bunker Hill, and Hillshire Village, and interim Chief Howard Miller in joining us to take steps to fix what needed fixing and make tough decisions. Our Fire and Police Departments are the best in the State and Nation, and work 24/7 to keep us safe and our villages the best place to live in Texas, so their continued funding and maintenance is our top priority.

Council is doing our best to cover those huge increases within our current budget with no Tax increases. We may be putting some road projects on hold in the short term to pay for these, so stay tuned....

-Summer License to Carry Handgun class will be held on Wednesday, July 12th @ 5:30 pm in the Hunters Creek Village City Hall. **Email Randy Woodum to register** rcw@dynamicdefense.solutions

-Fourth of July community parade will be held on the 4th again. Come out and line the streets and wave the flag! Always a good time. **(SEE ATTACHED FLYER)**

-Hurricane season is upon us, and we've had several large trees come down in the past week in recent storms. It's a great time to get your trees trimmed before it's too late.

-As always, if you see something, say something as it relates to suspicious activity. Many crimes are prevented and solved through citizen calls, so let the Police know if you see anything troublesome.

Non-Emergency # 713-365-3700.

-You may have heard, our local Library on Gaylord celebrated "Pride month" during their preschool story time this past Monday. This story time was geared towards kids ages 3-6 years old. Young children were read books that aligned with the "Pride" movement, Pride flags/paraphernalia was handed out and the library had several Pride themed displays. I have been contacted by several residents asking if the city controls the content of story time.... we do not. The library is solely controlled by the Harris County Judge Lena Hidalgo and the Commissioners court. We (Village Mayors and Councils) and our Commissioner Tom Ramsey did not endorse the event and asked the County and library to cancel it. The request was denied. The Librarian said "we have received numerous calls and comments in support of our displays and programs"...If you would like to let them know your feelings about the topic, please contact Jennifer Finch at 832-927-5510 or Jennifer.finch@hcpl.net. Our county tax dollars fund the library system and programs, so let your voice be heard if you so choose.

OK, that's all I got. Stay cool and enjoy your summer!

Jim Pappas

Mayor Hunters Creek Village