



Town of Pantego News Journal

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Park Row Corridor Improvements

On Monday, June 25, 2012, the Town Council approved proposed improvements along the Park Row corridor. Pantego will be partnering with Tarrant County to make necessary infrastructure improvements including the replacement of the Park Row water service pipeline. Currently, the pipe is 6" in diameter and will be replaced with a 10" pipe increasing both volume and total capacity. This improvement was as identified in the Citizens' Ad Hoc Water Committee study as vital to the future success of the Town.

Other improvements include: repairing the damaged roadway concrete, replacement of all the reflective traffic markings, and installing pedestrian friendly sidewalks and crosswalks. The proposed improvements to the sidewalks include installing trees, tree grates, street and pedestrian lighting, and park benches, as well as electrical infrastructure, and irrigation.

The total cost of the project will be approximately \$1.65 million and is anticipated to take less than two years to complete.



Reduced Water Infrastructure Fees

In February, Town Council approved a proposal requesting an implementation of an Infrastructure fee to pay for 19 infrastructure projects identified in both the Citizens' Ad Hoc Water Committee study and follow up Water System Evaluation. The new fee went into effect on March 1, 2012. After collecting the fees for two months, the Town discovered it was collecting more money than it planned on or had told the citizens they required so at the June 25th Council meeting, Council reviewed the fee structure and approved a reduction for all citizens.

Most residents will see a 25% reduction to their water infrastructure fee. Businesses with five or more units will see a reduction of 30%, and businesses with 25 or more units will see a 45% reduction to their water infrastructure fee. The new fee for units using an average of 8,000 gallons of water or less per month is \$13.50, \$19.50 for accounts using between 8,001-24,000 gallons, \$32.00 for accounts using 24,001-40,000 gallons and \$44.00 for accounts using more than 40,001 gallons on average.



For questions, please contact Town Hall at 817-617-3700.

Keeping Pets Safe

Did you know that Texas state law requires dogs and cats be vaccinated against rabies by 4 months of age and on a 1-year or 3-year basis thereafter depending on the vaccine used?

*All dogs and cats must receive a second rabies vaccination within one year of receiving their first vaccination, regardless of the type of vaccine used or the age at which the animal was initially vaccinated.

Although not required by law, it is recommended that livestock (especially those that have frequent contact with humans), domestic ferrets, and wolf-dog hybrids should be vaccinated against rabies. Check with your veterinarian about other available vaccines for these animals.

Additionally, the Town of Pantego requires all animals be licensed and a copy of the rabies inoculation is required to receive the license.

For more information, please contact Town Hall at 817-617-3700

Staying Safe from Mosquitoes

The Town of Pantego is working with Tarrant County Public Health to keep our residents safe against the summer nuisance of mosquitoes and West Nile Virus. Below are interesting facts to help keep you safe.

Did you know?

- While many mosquitoes will bite, the principal mosquito that transmits West Nile Virus is a very small one called *Culex quinquefasciatus* or the Southern House Mosquito.
- *Culex q.* prefers to breed in “stinky water” – water that has a lot of decaying organic matter; places like roof gutter drain pipes, planter water saucers and other such locations.
- Mosquitoes can grow in tiny amounts of water, anything that will hold water for five days or more can breed mosquitoes if the conditions are right; tires, children’s toys, saucers. They have even been found growing in hoof prints in tight soil.
- Fill in tree rot holes and hollow stumps that hold water with sand or concrete.
- Keep grass cut short and shrubbery well trimmed around the house, so adult mosquitoes will not hide there.

Boards and Commissions

The Town Council is seeking citizens who have a sincere desire to make a difference in their community. Council is accepting applications for appointments to one of Pantego’s boards or commissions.

The Town's goal and intent is to create well rounded, experienced and professional boards and commissions committed to zoning and/or economic development.

Contact City Secretary Lindsay Wells at 817-617-3706 for more information or for an application.



Happy 4th of July!

Happy 236th birthday, America!

The Pantego Town Council and everyone on staff wish you and your family a safe and healthy 4th of July!

"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave."

-Elmer Davis