

# Town of Pantego News Journal

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## **It's Election Time Again!**

The Pantego Municipal Election will be held Saturday, May 9 at Town Hall from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. with the positions of the Mayor and Town Council Places 4 & 5 on the ballot. Those citizens interested in running for a place on the Town Council can obtain information on the Town's website under Elections, or visit the Secretary of State website ([www.sos.state.tx.us](http://www.sos.state.tx.us)) and the Texas Ethics Commission website ([www.ethics.state.tx.us](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us)) for packet information. The time period to file an application with the Town Secretary will be from January 28th– February 27th. Early Voting by Personal Appearance begins on April 27th and ends on May 5th. The closest early voting location to Pantego is the Center for Community Service Junior League of Arlington located at 4002 W. Pioneer Pkwy, Arlington 76013.



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## **Water Fees**

The Town of Pantego, and its utility customers, will be impacted by a water use fee assessed by a governmental agency known as the Northern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District. The Town Council will be considering changes in the future to the Utility Ordinance in order to pay these fees, and you could in coming months see these appear on you water bill.

The Northern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District was created by the Texas Legislature in 2007 for the purpose of regulating groundwater usage to ensure the future availability of this resource. It is one of ninety-eight such districts in the State of Texas. It shares the same boundaries with Tarrant County, and is governed by a board of five members appointed by the Tarrant County Commissioners Court. The primary task of the District is to adopt a Groundwater Management Plan and the rules necessary to enact that plan. This was done in 2011. The Texas Water Code authorizes the District to impose a fee of up to twenty cents per one thousand gallons of water pumped from the ground in order to fund its operations.

The Town of Pantego, as a public utility system that relies upon groundwater as its primary source of water production, is subject by law to the regulations and fees adopted by the District. In the future, it could possibly be subject to further regulations imposed by the District in other areas, such as water conservation.

The Town Staff will continue to provide additional information on the District's regulations, and how the Town will implement them, in future newsletters.

## **Blackboard Connect**

Blackboard Connect is a service utilized by the Town of Pantego that allows authorized Pantego staff to create and rapidly disseminate time-sensitive information to every telephone number and email stored in the notification database. It is a free service to residents and businesses that is only used in case of emergency; such as severe weather warnings, traffic hazards, and more. Your information will never be sold or used in any other way. This system is a significant enhancement to existing means of communication and is a supplemental to, not a replacement for, the systems we have used in the past.



For more information and to sign up, please visit:  
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### **Utility Bills: We have a Bank Draft option!**

Tired of keeping track of due dates? Fed up with late fees? Sign up for our automatic bank draft! Signing up for bank draft allows for your monthly bill to be drafted directly out of your bank account by the Town. This will ensure your payment has been made on time and successfully. If you would like to apply, please fill out a bank draft application, which can be found on the town website or at Town Hall. In addition to your application, we will need a voided check. Once we have your application, we can start drafting the monthly balance directly from your bank account. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact Town Hall at (817) 617-3700. In addition to bank draft, we can also process a credit or debit card over the phone, no service fee applied. We do not accept American Express.



### **Pantego Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast**

Join us on Saturday,  
January 31, 2015 at the  
Odis Pharr Community

Center located at 3535  
Marathon Street. Tickets are \$6.00 per  
person. Kids under 5 eat  
for free. Get some pan-  
cakes, eggs, sausage and  
drinks; Help support a  
good cause! Bring your  
family, neighbors and  
friends! Join in the fun  
and enjoy a great break-  
fast!



### **Upcoming Meetings:**

*(Check website for times, locations & agendas)*

Community Relations Board—February 3rd  
Town Council—February 9th & 23rd  
Economic Development—February 11th & 25th  
Youth Leadership Council— February 17th

We currently have two openings on the P&Z board. P&Z is a planning board that recommends Town zoning changes and regulations to Council. If you are interested, please contact Town Hall.