



# Town of Pantego

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## Movies in the Park! Here's the line-up:

June 11th – Minions \* July 9th – Hotel Transylvania 2

August 13th – Monsters, Inc \* September 10th – Zootopia

Come out to Bicentennial Park and enjoy hot dogs and popcorn. Additionally, we are pleased to have Alex's Lemonade Stand join us in June. Show your support for this worthwhile cause. Movies are scheduled for the 2nd Saturday each month and begin at dusk.



Come honor those who have lost their lives in military service at our Annual Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 30th at 7:00pm at Bicentennial Park. Sgt. Gary Elmore of the United States Marine Corp will be the guest speaker. Boy Scout Troop #1250 will present the flags. The essay contest winners will read their essays on "Why Veterans Deserve Our Respect". If you would like to recognize a veteran at the event, living or passed, please contact Town Hall with their name and branch of service at [info@townofpantego.com](mailto:info@townofpantego.com) no later than Thursday, May 26th

## Water & Sewer Service Rates

As reported in previous newsletters, the Town Council has recently reviewed the water and sewer rates and adopted increases that will be effective beginning June 2016. The review included establishing a committee of Council Members that examined a comprehensive review of the current costs of service and revenue projections, as well as how to fund sanitary sewer infrastructure improvements in the future. They evaluated several alternative rate structures, with the goal of enabling the Town to continue to provide ratepayers with superior water and wastewater services. A rate structure was developed that would recover the Town's cost of service and ensure the ability to maintain and operate both utility systems moving forward.

The following table represents a typical monthly residential utility bill for 10,000 gallons of water usage. It equates to a \$4.96 increase per month over the previous rate for this amount of use.

10,000 Gallons Consumption	Water	Sewer	Together
Fixed Monthly Fee (3000 gal.)	\$9.89	\$13.10	\$22.99
Remaining 7,000 gallons	\$14.92	\$14.49	\$29.41
Infrastructure Fee	\$19.50	\$0.00	\$19.50
Trash/Recycling	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.83
NTGCD* Fee	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$2.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$46.81</b>	<b>\$27.59</b>	<b>\$85.23</b>



\*Northern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District

## Upcoming Meetings:

Town Hall will be CLOSED Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day

Planning & Zoning: June 6th  
Community Relations Board: June 7th  
Town Council: June 13th & 27th  
Economic Development: June 8th & 22nd  
Zoning Board of Adj: June 16th

Did you know?

Camp Thurman was awarded the Arlington Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit Small Business of the Year award! **Congratulations!!!**

### Mosquito Spraying

The Town Council has chosen to proactively spray this year on a monthly basis to curb the amount of mosquitoes in the area. The upcoming spray schedule will be as follows:

**May 26th & June 23rd at 9:30 p.m.**

The treatment will take approximately 2 hours and will be applied throughout the Town. It is recommended that residents stay inside during this time frame.

### Mosquito Trapping

In cooperation with Tarrant County Health Department, Town staff has been setting mosquito traps since the first week in April. Tarrant County has tested a total of West Nile Virus positive mosquito samples, two of which have come from Pantego. No human cases have been reported at this time.

### Mosquito Control

The most important and effective form of mosquito/West Nile Virus control is to take a personal stake in the process. To prevent the breeding of mosquitoes, ensure that the areas on your property have no standing water. Check your buckets, flower pots, trash containers, or other likely collection areas and dump them out on a regular basis. When going outside, especially from dusk to dawn, wear clothes that cover as much of your skin as possible and use insect repellent.

**Mosquito dunks (one package per resident) are available at Town Hall to treat standing/stagnant water that cannot be emptied (i.e. ponds, fountains, etc.)**



The Fire Department is very excited to announce we have entered into a partnership with the Pantego Lions Club to start a residential Knox box program. This is a program that provides a safe and secure box that is attached to the front door of the home. The Knox box has a special key that only the Pantego and Arlington Fire Departments have. This box will contain a key to your home that will allow emergency responders to gain entry into your home without damaging your property in the event of an emergency. These boxes have been used for several years with great success on commercial occupancies.

This program will allow us to loan 10 Knox box units to residents with the most need. To list a few of the reasons someone may need a Knox box include mobility impaired, someone that may have fallen multiple times, someone that uses a medical alert button, or even elderly person that lives alone.

The process will start with initial notification of the program such as this mailing. The information will also be placed on the Town's web site. The second phase will be sending the application to the residents. Third phase will be the resident's completing the form and returning it to the fire department. The applications will be reviewed with the mindset of who needs or would benefit the most from the Knox box. After the applications are reviewed and ranked the home owners will be contacted and a time set up to install the Knox box and sign the agreement.

What will the recipient of the Knox box need to do?

- The first thing will be to let the fire department know that you need or want a Knox box.
- Second you would fill out the application to let us know why you may need the box and how it will benefit you to have.
- Third agree to return the box if it is no longer needed.
- Lastly allow the department to install the Knox box; you will also need to provide a key for the home to be locked in the box. After the box is installed the only time it will be accessed is in the event of an emergency or to change the key if needed.

**Please do not send mail to the PO Box any longer.** The Town will be discontinuing its use. Please remit payments to 1614 S. Bowen Rd, Pantego, TX 76013.

