



# Everman Community Newsletter

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## Mayor's Corner

Everman Residents,

There has been a lot of activity around our fair city.

On June 21, 2017, Chief Randy Sanders retired from the Everman Police Department, after 43 years of service. You will still see Randy around our city. He will remain as the acting Fire Marshall. He will also remain active with the Everman Volunteer Fire Department. He currently has 48 years with the fire department, and is planning to make it to at least 50 years of service.

On July 1, 2017, the Everman Volunteer Fire Department and Police Department hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Celebrate America festival. This was a tremendous effort on their part. There was a parade, Car show, bounce houses, laser tag, an incredible DJ and plenty of food and drink. There were also many vendors available to pass out free items along with information about their products and services. This event had a great turn out and will only grow with time. A big thank you goes out to all of the volunteers that made this event possible.

The city of Everman has planting their first milkweed garden, at the corner of Race and Lee. This is in response to the Mayors' Monarch Butterfly Pledge. All of the seed was donated and hopefully will give Monarch Butterflies a spot to feed and lay eggs. In turn, the worms will make cocoons and transform into butterflies. We hope to set up more gardens in the near future. If you would like additional information about the "Mayors Monarch Pledge", it can be found on Facebook.

We have been receiving some complaints about our trash and recycling pickups. If you have put out your trash, recycling or a bulk item, (bulk items are to be picked up on Friday) and it was not picked up, please contact city hall at 817-293-0525. We cannot address these issues, if we are not made aware of them.

We have several new Hispanic owned businesses in our city, and some of us may or may not know what kind of services that they offer. The first one is "La Media Naranja". This is a Mexican restaurant that offers some

traditional Mexican food and tortas (sandwiches). They also offer a Breakfast Buffet on Sundays. They are located at 1809 Everman Parkway (Everman Shopping Center).

Next is "Blessa's Beauty Salon". This is a traditional Beauty Salon that also offers men's haircuts and has a nail salon. They are located at 1813 Everman Parkway (Everman Shopping Center).

"El Chamoy Restaurant" located at the corner of Wichita and Trammell. This location offers quick food items along with fresh fruits, yogurts, shaved ice and fruit drinks.

The next business is not currently open for business but will be opened soon. It is called "Expendio De Pan Anakaren". This is a Mexican Bakery and will offer a plethora of baked goods. I'm being told that their items are incredible. They will be located in the Everman Shopping Center as well.

Then finally, we have the "Taco Oasis", located at 623 East Enon. Yes, this is a Mexican restaurant. I have not eaten there yet, but have been told that the food items are incredible.

Everman is still experiencing in our business community. We have a new restaurant named "All J's Family Restaurant" located at 600 West Enon. They offer home cooking and BBQ items on their menu. They also offer burgers, fries, tacos and various other items. I recommend the Deep Fried Lemon Peppered Ribs.

We also have "N.Y. Pizza Pasta Subs" located at 1601 Everman Parkway. The name says it all. The garlic knots are incredible.

We also have our long time favorite restaurants like "Hickory Stick", "Madea's" and "Longoria's". Remember that each time you visit one of these restaurants that your sales taxes stay at home. These sales taxes, allow the city to make much needed improvements. They also allow us to work on lowering our property taxes. Please do your part and support our local businesses.

Sincerely,

Ray Richardson, Mayor

## **NSF CHECK POLICY**

### **City Manager**

All NSF checks will be charged a service charge, the price to be adjusted periodically to reflect banks charge. All NSF checks are to be paid for with cash or money order, no checks will be accepted for a payment of an NSF. Once the City gets the NSF check back, it will not be re-sent to the bank. The bank presents the check two (2) times before returning it to the City. If a customer gives the City an NSF check two (2) times in a one (1) year period, then that customer forfeits the right to write checks for a one (1) year period, ending a year after the date of the second NSF check given. Customers that have given an NSF check will be notified of such and given three (3) working days to pay for the NSF check and the service charge. If on the Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) working day, the NSF check has not been paid for, the water will be cut off and an additional service charge will be added to the account.

Greetings all,

We have some street work going on around town. By this posting Fort Worth should be finished with their section of Enon. The County plans on starting back in our area on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. They will start with the overlay of Enon from Thompson to just past Forest Hill Drive. They chose this street first while we wait on ATMOS to lower the gas lines on our other projects for this go around which are; Chambers Creek, Smith, Langley and the east sections of Russell and Marlene.

I need your help; we have been receiving a lot of trash in our parks and along our roadways. Our Park Crew spends several hours each workday just picking up from the night before from park visitors. Some folks feel that it's alright to empty the trash from their cars onto the parking lot. What makes this sad is there are trashcans and dumpsters nearby. Then on to roadways, a lot of what we are getting is fence panels and tires and just trash thrown from a moving vehicle. All these actions are illegal dumping.

Now for your help. Please report anyone that you see trashing our parks or streets to the police. A vehicle ID and tag number will help. Those that they catch and ticket will go before our Judge and he does not take kindly to these infractions.

Lastly, we are planning an electronics recycle day on September 23, 2017 from 9am until noon. This will be of no charge to you the State and County is picking up our bill, you will need to show your current water bill for them to take your electronics and such. The location for the pickup will be at the Joe C. Bean High School, 1000 S. Race at the South Race Street Parking lot. To get a list of what items they will take. Just pick up a flyer at City Hall or the Library. Sorry but No Tires, Paint, Light bulbs, Batteries, Gasoline, Oils, Freon Items or Normal Household Trash.

*City Manager*

*Michael Box*

## **CODE COMPLIANCE**

425 Trash Time/Placement – Trash allowed at curb on Tuesdays and Fridays only, no earlier than 6pm the day prior, only if prepared/contained properly

679 Zoning Ordinance - Parking permitted on wholly paved surface comprised of asphalt or concrete only, in natural driveway.

554 Nuisance - Accumulation of refuse, limbs (10.4), trash, garbage, rubbish, and/or items stored on private property, in public view, is not permitted. Be sure to prepare discarded items properly in order to be removed by City contracted waste removal company otherwise remove on your own. Water account holder, with picture I. D., may take certain items to C & D Landfill at 4144 Dick Price Rd. In Kennedale, TX, 4 times a year. Be sure to call (817-561-7777) to confirm what items they will take.

554 Nuisance 10.6 - Grass, plants, weeds, otherwise not cultivated, in excess of 10 inches in height are not permitted including but not limited to curb and fence lines. A violation of this ordinance may also be in violation of section 10.5 (see below) as well as a fire hazard and creating an environment for the infestation of rodents

554 Nuisance 10.5- Standing water is prohibited as it creates a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Donna Strickland, Code Compliance

## LIBRARY LORE

Greetings from the Everman Public Library, It has been a great summer at the Everman Public Library. We hope you are enjoying this time of the year with a good book and cold drink by your side and we hope you can come visit us soon. Our Summer Reading Program was a total success!!! We are so thankful to the Friends of the Everman Public Library for their continuous support to the Library; especially thankful to MS. Betty Anderson for all the work and time she dedicates year after year to make sure this program is a success. We had an average of 40 in attendance every day with the participation of many readers and musical guests and at the end of the program each kid received a book, courtesy of the Friends of the Everman Public Library. Once again, thank all for your support.

The Everman Public Library once again hosted the Tarrant County Back To School Program. This is our sixth year hosting this important program for our citizens and the citizens of Tarrant County. About 185 families received vouchers for school supplies to be picked up on August 10<sup>th</sup> at the Will Rogers Coliseum where they will also have access to vision screening as well as haircuts and many more things. We want to thank our volunteers and everyone involved in making this possible. The Everman Public Library is very proud to be involved in these programs and to provide many more services to our patrons.

We hope to see you soon at the Everman Public Library, remember that a good book is a good friend.

**Obed Rodriguez, Librarian**

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

On June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017, longtime Chief of Police and Director of Emergency Services Randy Sanders retired. Chief Sanders always believed in working for and being part of the community. As many of you already know, Chief Sanders has been a part of this community for over 47 years, serving as a firefighter, police officer and ultimately the Director of Emergency Services. I have been blessed with the opportunity to work under Chief Sanders for the last six years and will continue to value his leadership, unique humor and friendship for many years to come.

With the retirement of Chief Sanders, I have been asked to serve as the Director of Emergency Services. This month, I want to share with you a little bit about myself and the vision I have for our Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services Departments. In 2003, I graduated from High School in Euless, TX with honors and was accepted to Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas. There, I immediately began my career in emergency services with the Alpine Fire Department and West Texas Ambulance Service. In 2007, I attended the Sul Ross State University Law Enforcement Academy. Upon completion of the academy, I immediately began working for the Alpine Police Department. In July 2008, I took the opportunity of advancing my career with the Brewster County Sheriff's Office. While there, I served as a Patrol Deputy assigned with such tasks as special investigations, narcotics interdiction, K9 handler and ultimately assigned to the HIDTA D.E.A. Task Force. While serving as a Deputy Sheriff, I maintained my status with the Alpine Fire Department ultimately being assigned as a Captain Firefighter. During my service in Alpine, I served on the Emergency Management Response board and was responsible for responding to and mitigating several large scale emergency incidents. In 2011, I completed my studies with Sul Ross State University in Criminal Justice as well as Business Administration and decided it was time to move back home. In October of 2011, is when I was blessed with the opportunity of meeting Chief Randy Sanders. I was accepted onto the Everman Volunteer Fire Department and later employed by Chief Sanders as a Patrol Officer. I knew then, that I wanted to make Everman my home. Through the last several years, I have had the opportunity to serve as a Lieutenant with the Fire Department and Patrol Sergeant and Training Coordinator with the Police Department. In September of 2016, God also blessed me with the opportunity of marrying my beautiful and amazing wife. I have a passion for small communities and truly feel that Everman is the "Best Little City in Texas". I believe firmly in community policing as well as procedural justice. I believe that close relationships with the community are the key to providing a safe community for our residents and guests. I have an absolutely amazing team of Officers, Firefighters and Emergency Medical staff, who are always willing to not only respond to your needs, but serve the community as

a whole. I would like to encourage everyone to stay up to date with our Police and Fire Departments and events among the community by following us on Facebook. I look forward to growing with the community and finding new ways to better serve you.

Regards,

C. W. Spencer

Chief of Police & Director of Emergency Services

### **Everman Animal Control**

The Everman Animal Shelter would like to remind everyone to make sure any pets they own have plenty of water and shelter from the elements while they are outside. Please be sure to check fences regularly to make sure the ones you love do not end up lost on the streets. The staff would also like to let everyone know that the shelter is full! So if you are looking for a fur baby, come see us at 3961 Bluebell dr. The shelter phone number is 817-561-5495. If you can't adopt but would still like to help we are also always in need of blankets, towels, pet beds, cat litter, toys and treats to keep the animals happy while they are in the care of the shelter.

### **Animal Control Officer**

#### **NOTES FROM PUBLIC WORKS**

Mosquitoes are a nuisance and of course no one likes the itch they leave behind. But, mosquitoes are more than just a nuisance. They can be deadly. They can infect humans with diseases than have been known to kill. This is why, it is so important for people to educate themselves on controlling the environment in which the mosquitoes thrive. Everyone should know not to allow containers to hold stagnant water. This is the number one breeding ground for mosquitoes. The mosquito larvae can survive in less than an inch of water. Always make sure flowerpots are free of standing water, dispose of old tires, coffee cans, and other items that hold water. Also get rid of the mosquito's favorite hiding places by removing trash, debris, refuse, stacked wood, and brush. Keep trees and bushes trimmed. Keep lawns mowed. Keep swimming pools, no matter the size, free of stagnant water. Make sure the water is well chlorinated and clear. Mosquitoes do not like chlorinated water. Change the water in kiddie pools often and do not leave water in the kiddie pools when not in use. Report to the city any stagnant water, unclean premises, and illegal dumping. By controlling these environmental issues we will all have

an upper hand on these pesky and deadly nuisances. Should you have any questions about his article, please contact Jeff Reed or Donna Strickland at 817-293-0525.

Director of Public Works

Jeff Reed

Greetings all,

We are excited to have the new water meter project near completion. The new system allows the remote reading of the meters therefore human error will no longer be an issue. We are still having a problem with citizens tampering with the utilities (turning the water on after it has been turned off for one reason or another). **Water Supply Tampering - Code of Ordinances - Section 20-199 ( #10), It is unlawful to remove, change, interfere with or tamper with any water meter and ( #11) to turn on the water supply to any building where the supply has been turned off for non-payment.** The resident will be issued citations for the theft/tampering.

Should you need your water turned off for repairs please call 817-293-0525 during regular business hours or 817-293-2923 after hours for emergency repairs only. Should the repair be of a non emergency nature a fee will be charged for after hour turn offs.

The City of Everman would like your assistance in identifying leaks. If you notice water around your meter box or running down the road, please call 817-293-0525 to report the leak, we will send a utility worker to investigate the cause and correct it if the leak is the responsibility of the City.

Lisa Minnis

### **Economic Development news**

I am sure you have noticed by now that numerous new businesses have arrived in Everman! We are working hard to bring new commercial, industrial, and Family services to our community and we hope you are enjoying the fact that you no longer need to

look beyond Everman for quality places to do business.

With that in mind, here are the newest updates:

### **Quickway Convenience store**

Quickway has opened another new store at the corner of Everman Parkway and Christopher at the Everman shopping center site. The store is beautiful and state-of-the-art. All your quick convenience needs can be met here!

### **Everman Supermarket**

Everyone is anxious for the supermarket to open and that time is getting closer every day. The exterior work is completed and the work crews are working hard to finish the interior work. Our community is going to love the store and everything it has to offer. We don't have a firm opening date yet, but we will keep you posted!

### **NY Pizza, Pasta, and Subs**

If you're looking for good Italian food, this new restaurant opened at 1601 Everman Parkway. Just in time to order Pizza for the upcoming fall Football season!

### **Tacos Oasis**

This popular eatery has opened their new facility for business. They still cater to the walk-up crowd but now they also offer an indoor dining experience with an expanded menu. Soon they will be open for Breakfast, lunch, and dinner! The crowds have been large and the Family owned business put a lot of hard work into this new location. The restaurant is beautiful and they are ready to serve you.

Everman is blessed with great restaurants you cannot find anywhere else! Madea's, Hickory Stick, La Media Naranja, Longoria's, Tacos Oasis, All J's, and several others are wonderful places to bring the family and experience great meals without the "chain restaurant" atmosphere. These Family owned restaurants are unique, friendly, and the food is absolutely awesome!

We are working on more potential projects that we hope to bring here soon. In the meantime, please remember to SHOP EVERMAN FIRST and keep your hard-earned money in YOUR community.

**Michael Nicoletti**, Economic Development Director