



Everman Community Newsletter

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Mayor's Corner

Everman Residents,

There is not a lot to discuss with you at this time of the year. Things have a tendency to slow down around the holidays. Now that the New Year has started, things should start to pick up. We have a plethora of projects that we are currently working on, and you will be hearing about them in the near future. Here are a few items for you to think about.

City Elections will be taking place on May 6, 2017 and all council members are up for re-election. If you have a desire to run for City Council, you will need to come by Everman City Hall and see City Secretary Mindi Parks. She will give you all of the paperwork that must be filled out to run for council. The dates to sign up are from January 18, 2017 to February 18, 2017.

In order to run for council you must meet the following criteria:

Be a registered voter,

You must live in the City of Everman,

In addition, you cannot be a convicted felon.

If you have any further questions, please contact Mindi Parks at Everman City Hall.

Items that have taken place for our residents: The city has been renting out the pavilions at Everman City Parks, for parties and family get-togethers. And at the end of 2016, we started renting out the City Hall Annex to our residents. If you have the desire to rent one of these facilities, you will need to come by City Hall to fill out the paperwork and go over the rules and regulations.

A couple of things to beware of:

There have been a number of vehicles in our city that have been burglarized. Typically, these vehicles are left unlocked and the owner has left their valuables inside the vehicle, or there has been items left the bed of their pickup trucks. Remember to remove your items from your vehicle and lock your doors.

The second item to discuss is our police department. They have been strongly enforcing our traffic laws, and if you are speeding or running our stop signs, our officers will be pulling you over and citations will be issued. Our police officers are here to protect the law-abiding citizens of our fair city.

Mayor Ray Richardson

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 (4th) 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.

CODE COMPLIANCE

The City MS4 (Storm Water Protection Ordinance) mandates that any grass clippings from landscaping shall not be distributed into the streets but rather back onto your own property.

Donna Strickland, Code Compliance

LIBRARY LORE

Article coming soon. Check for updates on the newsletter monthly.

Obed Rodriguez, Librarian

**POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

Dogged Out

The Everman Police Department recently obtained a new Police K-9 named Niko. Niko has now completed his NDDA certification and now has the training necessary to be a very effective partner in locating multiple types of illegal substances, as well as people. Corporal James Thompson is Nikko's partner and, together, they are now sporting a brand new K-9 Police unit. This vehicle was purchased through the Crime Control district and the City of Everman Saved taxpayers \$48,000 by doing so.

Can You See Me Now?

After a recent incident where an individual was videotaped by security camera at the police station, throwing a concrete block through the plate glass front door of the station, the City of Everman has now added new and additional security cameras outside, as well as inside the building. Detective Anita Sims quickly identified the person that caused damage to the City property and filed charges on him. These security cameras were also purchased with funds from the Crime Control District (\$20,000) and cost City taxpayers nothing.

Crime Watch

On the second Thursday of each month, at 7 p.m. the Everman Police Crime Watch meeting is held at the Everman City Hall annex. At the latest meeting, 30 people attended the gathering. This is up from our regular attendance. During the meeting, information regarding crimes that have occurred is shared with those in attendance. This helps those who attend to be more aware of what they should be on the lookout for, in their neighborhoods, and hopefully call the police while the offense is occurring. It can also educate them on how to describe actors, vehicles, or other information that may lead to an arrest and recovery of stolen items. While thirty people attending the meetings may sound like a lot, we could stand many more folks coming to the meetings. Officers are encouraged to patrol residential areas frequently, and they do a good job doing so. The more eyes and ears we have watching out for the neighborhoods we live in, the more likely it is that the actors may be apprehended. I would encourage everybody to attend these meetings and help us help you.

Can't Find You

State law requires that every residence and every business display their address clearly, at a location that can be easily seen from the roadway. This enables Police, Fire, and EMS to locate your location easier. During an emergency, it is very important that first responders can locate the property as quickly as possible. In many cases, with address posted, as required, it can save valuable seconds when you most need it. If you do not currently have your address marked, please get this done as quickly as possible. The life you save, may be your own, or a family member.

Don't Keep It Running

During cold weather, it is not uncommon for people to go outside and start their vehicles, to let them warm up, and then go back inside the house, for a few minutes. Often they might pull into a store for a quick purchase and leave their vehicle running. Did you know this is against the law? A recent national news story belittled a police officer, because he wrote a resident a citation for doing just this. The vehicle owner posted this on Facebook, which then went viral and caused a big ruckus. Any person, who leaves their vehicle running, while unattended, is taking a chance of their vehicle being stolen. It only takes seconds for a person to slide in behind the wheel and drive away with the vehicle. Is it really worth doing that, just to have a warm car to get into? In addition to losing the vehicle, there are a multitude of other problems the vehicle owner might face, once the vehicle is recovered. Damage is the most frequent cost, and, you never know what the thief might get involved in, while driving YOUR car. Think about that, next time you decide to leave that car unattended and running. A citation for doing so may be much cheaper than the other.

Volunteers Needed

Frequently, you will see the volunteer fire department asking for donations of water, to assure that they are hydrated properly. In this case, we are asking for volunteer fire fighters. We desperately need persons who work, or reside inside the City of Everman to join our volunteer fire department and assist in emergencies. Because it IS a commitment, the time spent training and responding to emergency calls, can be time consuming and, at

times treacherous. Your volunteers need your help. Training is held every Tuesday from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. and business meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. at the fire station. Anybody interested in finding out more about the volunteer fire department, should come to the fire station, during any of the times mentioned above.

ISO Inspection Successful

Recently, the City of Everman underwent its ISO audit. This inspection occurs every 5 -8 years and the results of the inspection have an effect on home owner and business insurance rates. Because of the audit, Everman's ISO rating moved from a 4.5 to 4. An entity with an ISO rating of 1 has the best rating and, a 10 is the worst rating and results in really horrible insurance rates. We are proud of our 4 rating, but, it also showed us areas where we could use improvements, to help lower the rating. During the audit, inspectors look at fire department capabilities, water system capabilities, training that we do, and water system testing procedures.

Director of Emergency Services, Randy Sanders

Everman Animal Control

Article coming soon, check website monthly for updated newsletter.

Animal Control Officer Bryce

NOTES FROM PUBLIC WORKS

There has been some confusion with the trash pickup service. Therefore, I want to clarify some things. The City of Everman does not own the trash pickup service. The city has a contract with Waste Connections, a privately owned business.

Pick up days are on Tuesdays and Fridays. Times of is generally from 7am to 7pm. You are not to put your trash out any other days. You may put your trash out on the curb after 7:00 pm the night before pick-up. All trash must be considered solid waste with exception of vehicle batteries. DO NOT put vehicle batteries on the curb to be picked up. No liquid waste such as paint or motor oil will be picked up.

Tuesday pickup is generally reserved for smaller items, specifically trash bags, trash cans, items up to fifty pounds, items no longer than four feet and/or no more than two yards in volume.

Friday pickup is generally reserved for trash bags, and as well as bulky items such furniture, wood items, and things of that nature, as long as the items are reasonably contained, no more than forty-eight inches long, do not

exceed two yards in total volume and any one item does not weigh more than fifty pounds.

The customer can call Waste Connections for special pick up on heavier bulkier items that are longer than four feet, weight more fifty pounds, or greater than two yards in volume. This may include but not be limited to refrigerators, stoves, and mattresses.

Tree limbs must be cut into four-foot lengths and securely tied in bundles. The bundles must be small enough to be picked up by one person, but at least fifty pounds or less and no more than two yards in volume. If you have, any fencing also that would need to be bundled as well with the same preparation rules.

The plastic recycle containers are for recycle items only, such as cardboard boxes, plastic and glass containers, etc. The recycle container is picked up on Tuesday. Do not put food items, pizza boxes, or clothes hangers in the container. Customers are welcome to call Waste Connections with any question regarding recyclable waste.

Should you have any questions concerning your trash pickup, or you have bulk items to be picked up please call Waste Connections at 817-222-2221.

Jeff Reed

Director of Public Works

IT IS A VIOLATION TO TURN ON THE WATER SUPPLY TO ANY BUILDING. THE CITY WATER EMPLOYEE WILL TURN THE WATER ON AFTER A DEPOSIT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED, APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED AND CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY INSPECTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

If the water has been turned off for non-payment and you or your agent turns it back on a fine may be accessed for the violation of Water Supply Tampering – The City Code of Ordinances - Section 20-199 (#10), It's 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. If your water has been turned off the City water employee will turn it back on once you have paid your delinquent balance or you have made arrangements with the billing clerk. Turning your own water back on is considered tampering with utilities.

The City of Everman has approved the replacement of all water meters within the city to allow remote

reading which will eliminate human error. The project should begin within the next few months.

As a contract city of Fort Worth the year-round watering requirements remain in effect;

- Watering with a soaker hose, drip irrigation or by hand-held hose is allowed at any time
- No watering with irrigation systems or sprinklers between 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.;
- No watering hard surfaces;
- No watering during precipitation; and
- No water waste through runoff, missing, misaligned or broken sprinkler heads.

These requirements are for the purpose of conservation. Should you have any questions feel free to contact me at lminnis@evermantx.net or 817-293-0525 ext. 308.

Lisa Minnis

City Ordinance # 631 has been adopted and implemented in accordance with our Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit to prevent contaminated storm water runoff. No person shall dump, allow, or permit to be introduced yard waste (grass clippings and leaves being blown into the street), garbage, motor vehicle fluids, household hazardous waste, industrial waste, any waste water from cleaning of pavement that contains any harmful quantity of soap, detergent, solvent or any other harmful cleaning substance and runoff from any animal pen are just a few examples of ways to protect our water from contaminates. Violations may be reported to City Hall at 817-293-0525.

The MS4 permit requires we convey the above information in order to educate the citizens and public of the negative impact caused to our water and environment.

Economic Development news

OFI Baseball (Opportunity for Improvement) opened their doors in December. The facility is very nice. If you and/or your children, teams, etc., are looking for indoor batting practice, this is the place! They also have an sales shop in the event that you need supplies, gear, etc. Located next door to Madea's Restaurant and in front of Tri-Lam Roofing on Enon Street, you cannot miss this beautiful facility!

Everman Supermarket is progressing nicely. Most of the exterior work on the building is finished. A fuel depot area

is being built on the corner of the lot with a small "convenience" store so people pumping gas can run in for quick purchases (snacks, drinks, cigarettes, etc.). The Grocery store will have a bakery, deli, butcher shop and all of your grocery needs. The gas pump area will probably open prior to the full service grocery store. We will keep you posted!

Tacos Oasis is still in the process of building their full service restaurant. In the meantime, their covered patio area is packed with customers every day. The restaurant will be a nice addition to this popular eatery.

La Media Naranja, located at the Everman shopping center, is getting more and more customers as the word continues to grow that they are here in Everman. They have a very popular Breakfast Buffet every Sunday morning and you cannot go wrong ordering from their menu or asking about their specials any other day of the week. They have plenty of TV's and a full service bar for the sports enthusiasts. City staff members/employees eat there regularly. If you have not tried them out, you are missing out!

KC's Paint and Body is doing tremendously well. They have a waiting list for antique/hot rod restoration and custom paint jobs. They are very well known internationally and they are nice folks! If you are in the market for a custom paint job or antique car/hot rod restoration/modification, contact them for an estimate.

The City welcomed 12 new (major) businesses and several smaller businesses to the community last year. We are hoping to bring many more to Everman this year. Our hope is to provide our residents with opportunities to shop, work, and enjoy businesses/shopping without having to travel outside the community. Ultimately, that saves our residents time and money by not having to drive clear across the Metroplex and fight traffic to fulfill needs. We will continue to pursue businesses to move to our community!

Please remember to shop Everman first! Your hard earned money will stay in our City so we can use it to improve the quality of life.

Michael Nicoletti
EDC Director

Everman Park Board Committee

Last year the Everman Park Board Committee hosted several events for the residents of Everman - Muffins for Mom, Donuts for Dad, Veterans Appreciation, Trunk a Treat, several movie nights for the kids, and the last event for the year, which I sponsored was Everman Skate Night. In December, we had a coat and blanket drive, and received a truck and a half load of new and gently used coats and blankets. Pictures from each of the events will soon be posted on the city's website. All the events have had pretty good turnouts; however, they could be better if we had you and your families there. We have the previous events and more scheduled for the upcoming year, including a basketball/volleyball tournament, Mother/Son and Father/Daughter Dance, and events for our senior residents just to name a few. The EPBC would love to see more families participate in the events schedule for the community of Everman. The EPBC would also like to invite anyone interested in being a part of EPBC or if you can think of other events for the city, please email them to me at jmallen6201@yahoo.com or by phone @ 817/727-3528.

Johnnie Allen, Chair