

# HOMETOWN *Link*

CITY OF TOMBALL  
401 MARKET STREET  
TOMBALL, TEXAS 77375

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## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



March 14, 2009 Gazebo Ribbon Cutting

Pictured left to Right: Front Row—Nettie Doty, Councilman Mary Harvey, Mayor Gretchen Fagan, Diane Holland, Vicki Butler, Terri DeShazier, Sharla Gist and Barbara Tague  
2nd Row—State Rep. Allen Fletcher, Penny Fletcher, Councilman Roy L. Lazenby, Linda Lazenby and Director of Public Works David Kauffman

Have you driven by the Depot Plaza lately? The Centennial Commission has given the City of Tomball a gazebo to commemorate the 100th birthday of Tomball. When you have a few minutes, drive by and take a look. It would be a great place for a family picnic or photo opportunity! What a beautiful addition to our great town!

We have lots of family fun at our *2nd Saturday at the Depot* events. Be sure to bring your family on April 11 for an egg hunt, lots of arts and music and the movie *Over the Hedge*. Information on future events can be found on the city's web site.

*Walk Tomball!* continues to be a huge success. Every Saturday morning you can find about 100 of us walking around downtown Tomball to get fit and enjoy the company of our neighbors. Once we finish walking, we get together for coffee at a local restaurant or shop.

All of these events are designed give the people of Tomball things to do here in our own town, as well as attract others to come and see what we have to offer. The good for our community goes far beyond fellowship and fun; when we bring people to Tomball to eat and shop, it helps insulate us from what is happening in the nation's economy. Tomball remains strong and family events like these can only help our local economy. It is great to be in Tomball...it's a wonderful life!

Sincerely,



## City Pool

The Tomball City Pool will be open on weekends only from May 2—May 31 and August 22—September 13. During the Summer the pool hours are Tuesday—Sunday 12 PM to 8 PM. The pool will be closed on Mondays. Passes can be purchased at the Tomball/Magnolia YMCA—36725 FM 1774, Magnolia, TX 77355. For more information on the pool, please call the Tomball/Magnolia YMCA at 281-356-4077.



## Tomball Comprehensive Plan

In October 2008, Tomball City Council approved the Tomball Comprehensive Plan proposal, which is a year long community-driven planning effort to develop a long-range vision for the future growth and development of the City.

When completed, the Plan will be a policy tool used by the City to address zoning changes, infrastructure improvements, transportation & mobility concerns, annexations, and other considerations related to land development. Input and participation from residents, businesses and landowners is critical to ensure the Plan is representative of the community. All are encouraged to participate in a variety of public involvement activities throughout 2009.

May will be a fun and exciting month in the Comprehensive Planning process!! May 5-7 we will be hosting an “*Urban Design Studio*” from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Tomball Community Center. At this event the public is invited to stop by any time throughout the day to discuss urban design concepts and create the framework for future growth and development. From 6-8 p.m. on May 5, there will be a “*Futures Forum*” meeting open to the general public at Tomball High School to discuss strategic planning opportunities for our community and hear from a keynote speaker about the value a Comprehensive Plan brings to a rapidly growing community.

On May 6, from 6 to 9 p.m., we will be hosting a community “*Town Hall Event*” at Tomball High School. Citizens will be given the opportunity to be a “planner for the evening” by creating land use and transportation alternatives to be considered for the Comp Plan. The week’s activities will be capped off with the “*Futures Forum Results Presentation*” on May 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Tomball High School where the results of the week’s meetings will be presented and discussion will take place on the comments and ideas received.

For more information regarding the Comprehensive Plan and upcoming events visit [www.PlanTomball.com](http://www.PlanTomball.com).



## Construction Status

### Project

M118-00-00 Channel Outfall  
M124-00-00 Ditch and Detention Basin  
Mechanic Street Reconstruction / Extension  
Michel Road Reconstruction / Extension



### Completion Date

January 14, 2009  
January 22, 2009  
January 26, 2009  
June 2009 (Expected)



## Code Red



The City of Tomball has contracted with Emergency Communications Network, Inc., for its "CodeRED" high speed telephone emergency notification services. The CodeRED system gives city officials the ability to deliver pre-recorded emergency telephone notification/information messages to targeted areas or the entire city at a rate of up to 60,000 calls per hour.

To ensure no one is omitted, Chief Parr urges all individuals and businesses to log onto the City of Tomball's website, [www.ci.tomball.tx.us](http://www.ci.tomball.tx.us), and follow the link to the "CodeRED Residential and Business Data Collection" page. Those without Internet access may call Tomball's Emergency Management Office (281-351-7101), Monday through Friday, (8AM-5PM) to give their information over the phone. Required information includes first and last name, street address (physical address, no P.O. boxes), city, state, zip code, and primary phone number, additional phone numbers and e-mail address (optional).



## City Recycling



Tomball now has 4 paper recycling locations available to the citizens of Tomball at the City Hall parking lot, Police Department parking lot, Public Works front parking lot and at the Central Fire Station on Rudel Road.

We encourage all citizens to utilize these paper recycling bins. Cardboard boxes are accepted only if they are broken down. You can put shredded paper in plastic bags if the bags have holes to allow the air to escape.

Thanks for your assistance in protecting our environment.

## Election 2009



On Election Day, Saturday, May 9, 2009, City of Tomball voters will choose their candidates for Council Positions 2 and 4, currently held by Roy L. Lazenby and Mary Harvey. Polling dates and times are listed below. If there are any questions, please call the City Secretary at 281-290-1002.

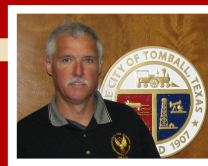
- **Early Voting: April 27—May 5 at City Hall, 401 Market St.**
  - Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday — 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - Tuesday, April 28 and May 5 — 7:45 a.m. to 7:45 p.m.
  - Friday, May 1 — 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Election Day: Saturday, May 9—7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

## New Faces



Rosalie Dillon has joined the City of Tomball as its Community Events Coordinator. She will be planning our **2nd Saturday at the Depot** events.

Tommy Nicholson has joined the Fire Marshal 's Office as its new Fire Inspector.



**The City of Tomball Wants You...** to serve on its Boards and Commissions.

We value input from residents who care about Tomball and want to be a part of the decision making process. If you would like to be considered for a board or commission, please go to [www.ci.tomball.tx.us/boards\\_commissions](http://www.ci.tomball.tx.us/boards_commissions) and fill out an application.

Applications should be returned to Doris Speer at City Hall, 401 Market Street.



## April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Chamber 1st Friday Luncheon	4
5	6 City Council	7	8	9	10 Good Friday City Offices Closed	11 2nd Saturday at the Depot
12	13 Planning and Zoning Meeting	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 City Council	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

## May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Chamber 1st Friday Luncheon	2
3	4 City Council	5 "Futures Forum"	6 "Town Hall Event"	7 "Results Presentation"	8	9 2nd Saturday at the Depot
10	11 Planning and Zoning Meeting	← Urban Design Studio →		14 Livable Centers Meeting	15	16
17	18 City Council	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day City Offices Closed	26	27	28	29	30
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## June 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 City Council	2	3	4	5 Chamber 1st Friday Luncheon	6
7	8 Planning and Zoning Meeting	9	10	11	12	13 2nd Saturday at the Depot
14	15 City Council	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Strategic Planning Workshop	27
28	29	30				

# THE CITY OF TOMBALL PRESENTS 2ND SATURDAY AT THE DEPOT

LOCATED AT THE HISTORIC TOMBALL DEPOT PLAZA—201 SOUTH ELM

## APRIL 11 ~ MAY 9 ~ JUNE 13

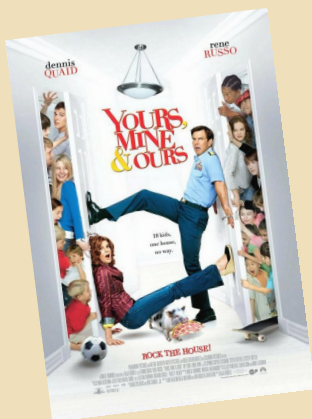
OPEN AT 6 PM

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY, YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND A PICNIC DINNER.  
WE WILL HAVE KID'S FUN, MOVIES, MUSIC, ARTS AND CONCESSIONS!

### April 11

Take back the neighborhood one snack at a time with **Over the Hedge**

Music ~ Rose Hill United Methodist Church Praise Band



### May 9

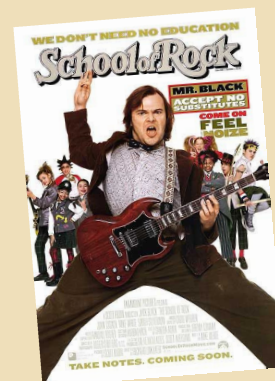
Rock the House with **Yours, Mine & Ours**

Music ~ Atonement and Living Stones Church

### June 13

We shall teach Rock & Roll to the World with **School of Rock**

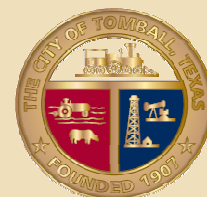
Music ~ **Rock for Life Music Festival**



In case of rain, event will be held at the Tomball Community Center—221 Market Street

Remember to log on the City's website for information on future  
2nd Saturday at The Depot Events.

If you have a question or would like to participate in a future  
event, please visit the City's website at [www.ci.tomball.tx.us](http://www.ci.tomball.tx.us) or  
call 281-290-1001.



*To promote a healthy and safe environment of increasingly higher quality of life for all citizens, with sensitivity to the financial burden it may impose*

**Mission**

Councilmember, Position 5

**Warren Driver**

Councilmember, Position 3

**Bill Webb**

Councilmember, Position 2

**Roy Lazenby**

Councilmember, Position 1

**David R. Quinn**

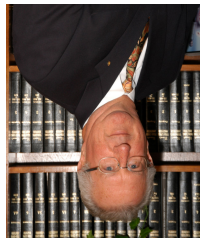
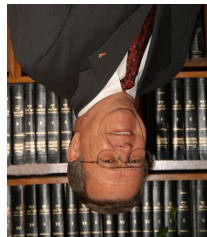
Mayor Pro-Tem, Position 4

**Mary Harvey**

Mayor

**Crechen Fagan**

*Mayor & City Council*



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401 MARKET STREET

The City of Tomball Presents  
2nd Saturday at the Depot  
Located at the historic Tomball depot  
plaza—201 South elm

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**Numbers**

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Community Center

281-255-6221

Fire Department

281-351-7101

Police Department

281-351-5451

Public Works/  
Engineering & Planning/  
Building Official

281-290-1400



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