



CITY OF CITY OF TOMBALL  
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# HOMETOWN *Link*

## A Message from The Mayor



Happy New Year! I hope you and your family had a wonderful holiday season and that your new year is off to a great start. As I reflect on 2007, it was a banner year for Tomball-one filled with exciting events and many changes including:

- \* A year-long celebration of Tomball's Centennial Anniversary, ending in a fantastic 100th birthday party with Former President George H.W. Bush
- \* Dedication of the "Depot" to preserve and commemorate our history
- \* Opening of Tomball Market Place at FM2920 and SH 249, including the opening of the new Academy store
- \* Approval of the development plans for Spring Creek Commons shopping center at SH 249 and Brown Rd.
- \* Selection of Jan Belcher as our new city manager
- \* Reorganization of city staff to provide better customer service
- \* Creation of a Development Review Committee to streamline the development process

As we move into 2008, we look forward to many more positive changes:

- \* A citizen's survey to help determine the city's needs
- \* City Council strategic planning and visioning process
- \* Improvements to the city's web site to make it more user-friendly
- \* Completion of, or significant progress on, city capital projects

I look forward to another exciting year full of progress and improvements. If you would like to talk to me about your vision for the community, you may call me at 281-290-1007, or email me at [gfgan@ci.tomball.tx.us](mailto:gfgan@ci.tomball.tx.us). I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

## Boards and Commissions

If you are interested in serving on a City Board or Commission please go to our website at [www.ci.tomball.tx.us/boards\\_commissions](http://www.ci.tomball.tx.us/boards_commissions) and complete an application. Applications should be returned to Doris Speer at City Hall (401 Market Street). You may also call Ms. Speer at 281-290-1002 with any questions.



### Department Phone

#### Numbers

#### City Hall

281-351-5484

#### Community Center

281-255-6221

#### Fire Department

281-351-7101

#### Police Department

281-351-5451

#### Public Works/ Engineering & Planning/ Building Official

281-290-1400

### January

21 Council Meeting

28 Council Workshop

### February

4 Council Meeting

7 Mayor's Coffee

18 Council Meeting

26 Trail Riders, Reception

Tomball Depot

### March

3 Council Meeting

17 Council Meeting

21 Good Friday,  
City offices Closed

# Upcoming Events

## Election News



The Regular City Officer's Election will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2008 for Council Positions 1 and 5, currently held by incumbents David R. Quinn and Warren Driver.

Early voting will begin on April 28, 2008 and end on May 6, 2008, with two late hour, 12-hour voting periods on Tuesday, April 29, and Tuesday, May 6. Early voting begins each day at 7:45 a.m.

The first day to file an Application for Place on Ballot is Monday, February 11 by 5:00 p.m.; the last day to file an Application for Place on Ballot is Monday, March 10, by 5:00 p.m.

## Development Review Committee

Are you a developer or owner who needs guidance and direction concerning City of Tomball plans, policies, and requirements? Do you need to speak to several City Officials about a potential development project? If you are planning a development or a project, please schedule a meeting with the City's Development Review Committee.

DRC meetings are designed to get you the information you need to make your development or project run as smoothly as possible. These meetings will provide guidelines, timeframes, and rules that have to be followed.

If you would like to set up a meeting with the DRC, please contact Brandy Pate at 281-290-1405. All appointments must be scheduled before 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Please remember to bring your engineers, architects, and surveyors that will be involved in your project.



Held every Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Public Works Building (501 James Street), the

## Customer Satisfaction

In January the City of Tomball will conduct its first customer satisfaction survey. The survey will be conducted over the phone by Creative Consumer Research (CCR). CCR will draw a random sample of telephone numbers to call, therefore every household in Tomball will not receive a call. The survey will take approximately 15 minutes and the participation of the citizens will be greatly appreciated by the Mayor, Council and City staff. The report summarizing the survey results will be presented to the City in February. This information will be used by City officials and staff in planning and budgeting for Tomball's future. If you have any questions regarding the satisfaction survey, please contact Monica Kohlenberg at 281-290-1417.



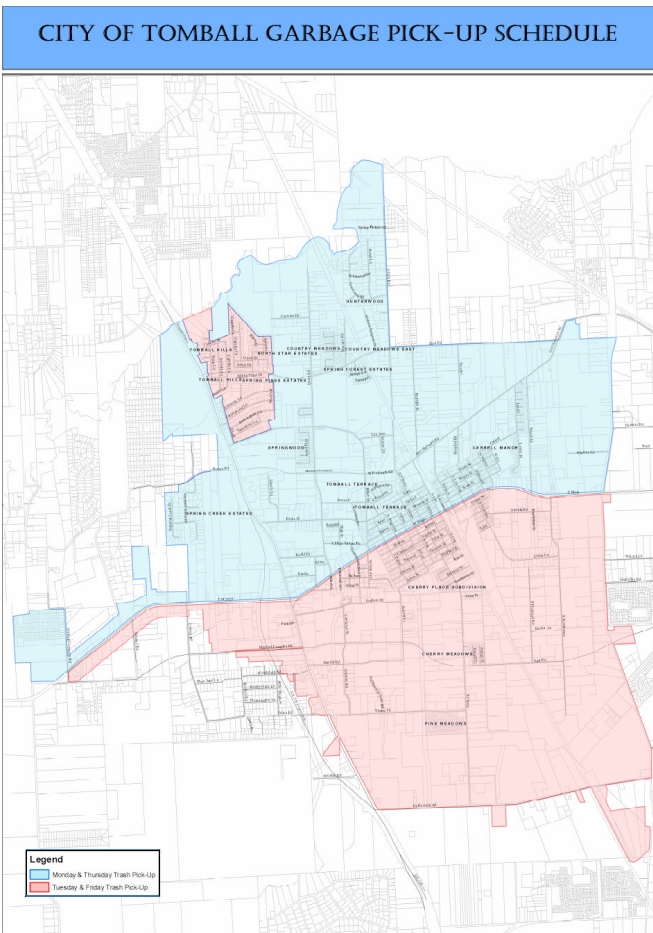
# How You Can Help Keep Our City Looking Great

As we begin this new year, the City of Tomball’s Code Enforcement Officer would like to ensure you are aware of the City’s junk vehicle policy. According to the Texas Criminal and Traffic Code, which the City uses as its own guideline, a junk vehicle is any vehicle that is inoperable and has an expired license plate and motor vehicle inspection certificate. Also, a vehicle is considered to be a junk vehicle if it is wrecked, dismantled, or partially dismantled, discarded, or if it is inoperable and has been that way for a continuous period of more than forty-five (45) days.



Please help the City keep up its appearances by properly storing your vehicles. If you have any questions, or would like to report a junk vehicle, please call our Code Enforcement Officer, Danny Toombs, at 281-290-1470.

## Curb Side Pick Up



Garbage collection for the City of Tomball is every Monday and Thursday for residents North of Main Street (except for those in the Tomball Hills, Sherwood Forest, Spring Pines and North Star Subdivisions). If you live South of Main Street, or in the Tomball Hills, Sherwood Forest, Spring Pines and North Star Subdivisions, your collection days are every Tuesday and Friday.

Trash bags are furnished by the City annually and can be picked up at the Public Works building at 501 James St. If residents run out of bags, additional bags can be purchased at the same building. Other plastic bags can be used, but trash cans will not be emptied.

Recycling is picked up on the first garbage collection day of the week. Acceptable materials include newspapers, plastic containers (type 1 or 2 only), and aluminum.

If you have heavy items to be collected, those will be taken on the second collection day of the week. Limbs cannot be longer than 4 feet, and a pile cannot be larger than 4ft. x 4ft. x 4ft. Garbage must be placed at the curb no later than 7:00 a.m. on your collection day.

## Help Wanted



The City of Tomball is always looking for hard working and dedicated individuals. If you would like to apply for a job with the City, please visit our web site at [www.ci.tomball.tx.us](http://www.ci.tomball.tx.us) or City Hall to see what positions are open. You may also call 281-290-1018 to get current job postings. Applications may be obtained on our website or by visiting City Hall.

# Tomball Today

New to the Fire Department is a 75-ft. Quint ladder/pumper truck manufactured by Pierce. This new truck has the latest and greatest in fire suppression equipment, including compressed air foam.



Also new at the fire station is a state of the art Hazardous Materials trailer. Provided through an interlocal agreement with Harris County, this trailer is stocked with Type 1 regional equipment to handle certain types of chemical and oil spills. The trailer will be utilized in Tomball and the surrounding areas.



City Hall has a new face. Jan Belcher joined the City in October as City Manager. She brings with her a vast amount of experience. Her previous position was as Deputy City Manager in Lancaster.



The City also has some new faces in the Engineering and Planning Department. Mark McClure returned to the city taking on the role of Director of the Engineering/Planning Department. Also new to the department is Erin Knesek. She is serving as the Assistant City Engineer.








## Healthcare Newsbite

**Tomball Regional Hospital staff reports that the flu season is in full swing. One step to help avoid the flu is to keep your hands clean. In the event you need a physician referral, call the hospital MD Referral Line at 281-401-7777.**

## Service Flags to Support our Troops

City Council honors our Tomball area service men and women who are currently deployed. A blue star flag, designed to hang in a front window of the family home, is presented to the family.

Service Men and Women honored at recent council meetings:

-  Specialist Sean Patrick Keane - Baghdad, Iraq
-  Lieutenant Adam Boyce Lewis - Afghanistan
-  Private First Class Blake Allen Fletcher - Ft. Benning
-  Staff Sergeant Charles "Eric" Shultz - Iraq
-  Lance Corporal Dustin Wayne Osgood - Iraq

If you have an immediate family member serving in the armed forces who is a graduate from a Tomball school or is a Tomball resident and you wish to have them honored at an upcoming City Council meeting, please call 281-290-1002 to speak to Doris Speer for more information.



# Recyclable Waste & E-Waste Collection Event

**The City of Tomball is planning a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event for late Spring. With funding from the H-GAC, we hope to make this event even more successful than the last. Watch your papers and the City's website for the date.**

**For more information, call:  
281-290-1001**

**Acceptable Items Include:**

**BOPA Waste**

- Batteries
- Oil
- Paint
- Antifreeze

**Recyclables**

- Print Cartridges
- Cell Phones

**Electronic Waste**

Televisions, Computer Monitors, Whole CPUs, Laptop Computers, Printers & Scanners Fax Machines, Telephones, Stereos, VCR's

**What NOT TO BRING?**

Business waste, radioactive waste, ammunition, explosives, compressed gas cylinders, smoke detectors, microwaves, washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, tractor tires, trash



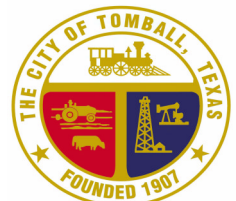
**SAFETY TIPS!**

- Bring product in original containers (do not mix products)
- Make sure containers are properly sealed and labeled
- If you don't know what it is, mark it "unknown"
- If possible, place materials in cardboard boxes
- Place materials in area away from drivers and passengers
- When you come to drop off waste DO NOT get out of your vehicle

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Mayor

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Mayor Pro-Tem, Position 1

**Roy Lazenby**

Councilmember, Position 2

**Bill Webb**

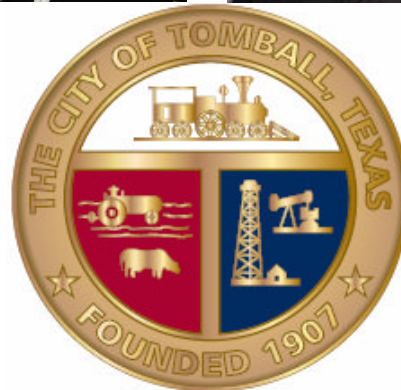
Councilmember, Position 3

**Mary Harvey**

Councilmember, Position 4

**Warren Driver**

Councilmember, Position 5



### *Mission*

*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*