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A Message from The Mayor



Happy Summer! I hope you and your families are enjoying all that summer has to offer. It's certainly a busy time for the City of Tomball as we continue to work toward the vision of making Tomball a city you can be proud of. Here are just a few things that have happened in since our last newsletter:

- Robert S. Hauck, Tomball's new police chief, started work on June 2 and a public reception was held on June 17 for the chief and his family.
- In the May elections, David Quinn, Councilman Position 1, and Warren Driver, Councilman Position 5, were re-elected to serve three year terms. Mary Harvey, Councilman Position 4, was selected by Council to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem for the next year.
- The first 2nd Saturday at the Depot event was held on June 14. What a great time everyone had! The music, arts and movie were a wonderful way to celebrate the beginning of summer. Be sure to check out the July and August 2nd Saturday at the Depot events shown on page 5 of this newsletter. We'd love to see you there.

We continue to add information and documents to the City's web site so you'll know what's going on.

In the upcoming months, we will initiate several planning studies that will have an impact on the future of Tomball:

- We received a grant from the Houston-Galveston Area Council for a Livable Centers Study to create plans for downtown Tomball.
- We will start the city visioning and comprehensive planning process.

We are looking at economic development studies that will help generate more shopping opportunities for the community.

In order to be successful in these planning efforts, we need your help! We will post notices of town hall meetings, public hearings and other opportunities to receive your input. 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. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,



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 and fill out an application.

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

Did You Know?

5 Ways to Conserve Water

1. Check every faucet in the house for leaks. You can waste 15 to 20 gallons a day with a slow drip.
2. Use a small drop of food coloring in your toilet to check for leaks. A slow leaking toilet can use 100 gallons a day.
3. Don't shower too long or fill the tub too full.
4. Try to use automatic dish and clothes washing machines.
5. Water wisely. Water early or late in the day, but not in the midday heat.

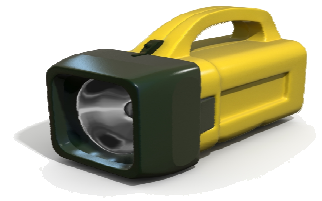


Help Wanted

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 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.

Be Prepared

We are pleased to announce that the Tomball Fire Department, in conjunction with the Tomball Lowes Home Improvement Center, is offering free emergency hand lights to be placed in home emergency preparedness kits to residents of the community. **Supplies are limited to the first 200 persons who stop in at the Tomball Fire department Central Fire Station, 1200 Rudel, Tomball, TX 77375.**



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:



Captain John C. Ford—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.



What's New

Tax Collections



Beginning July 1, 2008 the Harris County Tax Office officially took over the collection of all City of Tomball tax payments. Residents can make payments at any Harris County Tax Office including the office located at 101 South Walnut Street, Tomball, TX 77375. Beginning July 21, tax payments may be made online at www.tax.co.harris.tx.us. Payments will no longer be accepted at Tomball City Hall after June 30, 2008. For questions about tax payments, you can call (713) 368-2000.

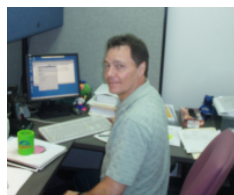
Online Bill Payments

Online billpay is now available for Tomball utility customers as well as those needing to pay a municipal court fine for which appearance in front of the judge is not required. Customers may either go to the City website at www.ci.tomball.tx.us and select the "Online Payments" options on the home page or may go to the payment site directly at <https://tomballtx.municipalonlinepayments.com>.

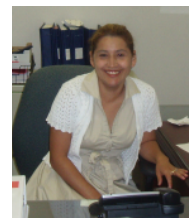
New Faces



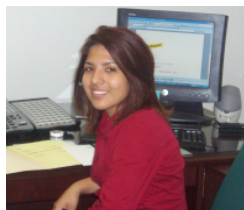
The City of Tomball hired Robert S. Hauck as its new Police Chief. Chief Hauck comes to Tomball from the Las Angeles Police Department where he served for 20 years, eventually retiring as a Captain. Chief Hauck graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from The University of Phoenix and a Master of Science Degree in Management from Johns Hopkins University. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the West Point Leadership Program.



Also new to the Police Department is Monty Redick who serves as the Information Technology Specialist.



Maria Morris has joined the Tomball Municipal Court as its new Senior Court Clerk.



Wendy Torres has joined the City Secretary's Office as its new receptionist.



Elaine Chrisman has joined the City part serve as the part-time Special Events Coordinator.

Upcoming Events

July 4th Celebration

Our July 4th celebration will begin at 11:00 a.m. with water games and activities hosted by the Tomball Fire Department in the Target parking lot on the northwest corner of 2920 @ 249. Activities will end at 3:00 p.m. Fireworks will begin at dusk.

The following streets around the fireworks “shooting area” will be closed beginning at 6:30 p.m.:

- Quinn at Rudel
- Village Square at Quinn
- Hicks at Quinn
- Hicks at SH249
- Rudel at SH249



Attendees are encouraged to park in the shopping center parking lots around 2920 and 249. Please plan for hot weather conditions and bring sufficient water to remain hydrated and comfortable.

See you on the 4th!

Development Review Committee

Are you a developer or property owner who needs guidance and direction concerning City of Tomball development policies and requirements? Do you need to speak to 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 must 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 DRC

Calendar of Events

July

- 4 Independence Day - City Offices Closed
- 7 Council Meeting
- 12 2nd Saturday at the Depot
- 21 Council Meeting

August

- 4 Council Meeting
- 9 2nd Saturday at the Depot
- 18 Council Meeting

September

- 1 Labor Day- City Offices Closed
- 2 Council Meeting
- 15 Council Meeting

THE CITY OF TOMBALL & THE REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL
PRESENT

2ND SATURDAY AT THE DEPOT

LOCATED AT THE DEPOT PLAZA—201 SOUTH ELM

July 12 ~ August 9



Movies ~ Music ~ Arts ~ Concessions

ENTERTAINMENT BEGINS AT 6:00 P.M.—MOVIE BEGINS AT DARK

FREE ADMISSION

MOVIES

JULY 12 ~ BEE MOVIE
AUGUST 9 ~ MADAGASCAR

MUSIC

JULY 12 ~ ATONEMENT
AUGUST 9 ~ BRAID

WHAT TO BRING:
THE WHOLE FAMILY
LAWN CHAIRS
PICNIC BASKET

***NO GLASS CONTAINERS**
***NO RAIN DATE**



For Information visit www.ci.tomball.tx.us or call 281-351-2787

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

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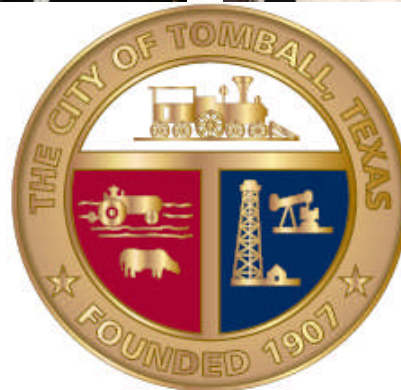
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Bill Webb

Councilmember, Position 3

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