

HOMETOWNLink

CITY OF TOMBALL
401 MARKET STREET
TOMBALL, TEXAS 77375

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



Wow...what a hot and dry beginning to summer. With the increasing temperatures and lack of rain, the City of Tomball has asked residents to help us conserve water. We are asking for a voluntary reduction in use, primarily concentrating on the irrigation of landscaped areas. If your address ends in an even number, please water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. If your address ends in an odd number, please water on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Also, please water only between 8 PM and 10 AM. Be sure to adjust your sprinklers to limit the amount of runoff you have into the street. If we all work together, we should not have to limit any further. Please stay updated by visiting the City's website at www.ci.tomball.tx.us, or by calling 281-351-5484.

Welcome to our newest City Council Members Mark Stoll and Derek Townsend. Bill Webb was elected as our new Mayor Pro Tem. Join me in congratulating them in their new roles.

With summer here, we have entered into our second year of **2nd Saturday at the Depot** events. If you haven't experienced these fun-filled nights, it's not too late! We have music, movies, concessions and all types of children's games and activities. Bring the whole family, your lawn chairs and a picnic if you would like...it is the second Saturday of every month, beginning at 6 PM for the summer months.

Also, don't forget about **Walk Tomball!** every Saturday morning. We meet at 8 AM at the Depot and walk 1, 2, or 3 miles and then visit a local restaurant or business for refreshments. You even get a free t-shirt on your second walk. So come on, get in shape while you make new friends and enjoy Tomball's historic downtown.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our summer events and hope you and your families enjoy them as much as we do. Isn't it great to be in Tomball...it's a wonderful life!

Sincerely,



Summer Pool Safety

Each year, nationwide, more than 300 children under 5 years old drown in residential swimming pools, usually a pool owned by their family. In addition, more than 2,000 children in that age group are treated in hospital emergency rooms for submersion injuries.

The following are some rules to follow for the safe enjoyment of your swimming pool or hot tub.

- * Never leave a child unsupervised near a pool. During social gatherings at or near a pool, appoint a "designated watcher" to protect young children from pool accidents. Adults may take turns being the "watcher." When adults become preoccupied, children are at risk.
- * If a child is missing, check the pool first. Seconds count in preventing death or disability. Go to the edge of the pool and scan the entire pool, bottom and surface, as well as the pool area.
- * Do not allow a young child in the pool without an adult.
- * Do not consider young children to be drown proof because they have had swimming lessons. Children must be watched closely while swimming.
- * Do not use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision.
- * Learn CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). Babysitters and other caretakers, such as grandparents and older siblings, should also know CPR.
- * Keep rescue equipment by the pool. Be sure a telephone is poolside with emergency numbers posted nearby.
- * Remove toys from in and around the pool when it is not in use. Toys can attract young children to the pool.
- * Never prop open the gate to a pool barrier.

For additional information on swimming pool safety, contact the Tomball Fire Department at 281-351-7101 or Northwest EMS at 281-351-8272.



Blue Days of Summer

Be sure to be on the lookout for Blue Days of Summer in your neighborhood! During the month of July, the Tomball Police Department will be out to "meet and greet," cook out, and inform the public. We want to know how you feel about the police department and the job they are doing. Don't forget to stop by!



Locations:

July 14—Dartford Square Apartments

July 21—Fountains of Tomball Apartments

July 15—Mid-Town Apartments

July 22—Park at Spring Creek

July 16—Marymont Apartments

July 23—Cobble Creek Apartments



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.



July 4th Celebration!

Our July 4th celebration will begin at 11:00 a.m. with 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



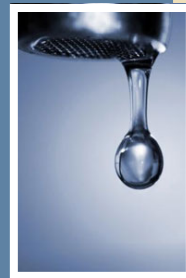
Attendees are encouraged to park in the shopping center parking lots around 2920 and 249. Please plan for hot weather conditions and bring sufficient water to remain hydrated and comfortable.

See you on the 4th!

Help Conserve Water!

Here are a few ways to help conserve water this summer:

- Check every faucet in the house for leaks. You can waste 15 to 20 gallons a day with a slow drip.
- Use a small drop of food coloring in your toilet to check for leaks. A slow leaking toilet can use 100 gallons a day.
- Don't shower too long or fill the tub too full.
- Try to use automatic dish and clothes washing machines.
- Water wisely. Water early or late in the day, but not in the midday heat.
- Set lawn mower blades one notch higher. Longer grass means less evaporation. This saves 500 to 1,500 gallons each month
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth. This saves three gallons each day.
- Use the garbage disposal less and the garbage more (even better--compost!). Saves 50 to 150 gallons a month.



Recycle!

Looking to recycle? There are numerous options to choose from in Tomball. Our curbside pick up collects glass, plastic, aluminum, and paper. The City also has paper recycling locations at the City Hall parking lot, Police Department parking lot, Public Works front parking lot and at the Central Fire Station on Rudel Road. If you are looking for a way to recycle electronics or other items, visit www.earth911.com, for the nearest location. Also, stay on the lookout for the City's Household Hazardous Waste recycling event.



New Faces

Jason Reel has joined the City of Tomball as its newest Police Officer.



Working for the City during the Summer are Gabe Skaggs, James Caruso, Garrett Ogrodowicz, Dustin Cole and Ford Noack


New to the Fire Department is Charles Kimble. Charles has joined as a part-time firefighter.

Information is Key!

Want more up-to-date news about your city? Sign up for Tomball Today, the City's weekly e-newsletter. You can do so by going to our website www.ci.tomball.tx.us and clicking on the link at the bottom of the page, or you can email Shawn Cox at scox@ci.tomball.tx.us.



July 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
					City Offices Closed	 <i>Walk Tomball!</i>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	City Council				Chamber 1st Friday Luncheon	2nd Saturday at the Depot
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Planning and Zoning Meeting					<i>Walk Tomball!</i>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	City Council					<i>Walk Tomball!</i>
26	27	28	29	30	31	

August 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
						<i>Walk Tomball!</i>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	City Council				Chamber 1st Friday Luncheon <i>Tomball Night</i>	2nd Saturday at the Depot
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Planning and Zoning Meeting		Comp. Plan Public Workshop			<i>Walk Tomball!</i>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	City Council					<i>Walk Tomball!</i>
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September 2009

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THE CITY OF TOMBALL PRESENTS 2ND SATURDAY AT THE DEPOT

LOCATED AT THE HISTORIC TOMBALL DEPOT PLAZA—201 SOUTH ELM

JULY 11 ~ AUGUST 8 ~ SEPTEMBER 12

BEGINS 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!

July 11

On a family vacation, no one can hear you scream!

RV

Music ~ Cypress Ramblers



August 8

Experience the pandemonium with

Kung Fu Panda

Music ~ Covenant Christian Worship Team



September 12

Graduate with **High School Musical 3**

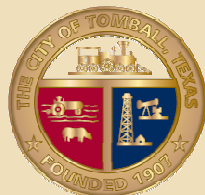
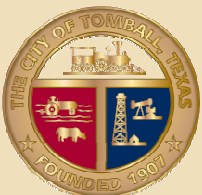
Music ~ Kathryn Hallberg



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 or call 281-290-1001.



Department Phone Numbers
 City Hall
 281-351-5484
 Community Center
 281-255-6221
 Fire Department
 281-351-7101
 Police Department
 281-351-5451
 Engineering & Planning/
 Public Works/
 Building Official
 281-290-1400

City of Tomball



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

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Mark Stoll

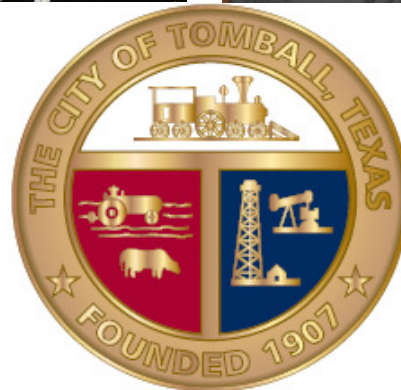
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Derek Townsend, Sr.

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