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Photo Contest Launched For National Community Planning Month

October 1, 2009— Tomball will join hundreds of communities across the nation this October to celebrate National Community Planning Month. Mayor Gretchen Fagan will sign a Proclamation at the October 5th City Council Meeting recognizing October as Community Planning Month in Tomball. The theme of National Community Planning Month is "Community Sustainability."

The month-long celebration is an opportunity to recognize how planning shapes the City of Tomball, and to publicly recognize the participation and dedication of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Adjustments, planning professionals and volunteer planners that work to improve the quality of life in Tomball. The Mayor will also present several community members with "Tomball Master Planner" certificates for their involvement in the Tomball Comprehensive Plan at Monday's Council meeting.

In celebration of Community Planning Month, the City of Tomball is sponsoring a photo contest during the month of October asking for photographs depicting what you love about Tomball and what should be preserved for the future. Selected photos will be included in Tomball's first Comprehensive Plan to be presented to Council for adoption later this year. All photos will be displayed on the City's website during the months of October and November.

National Community Planning Month, sponsored by the American Planning Association (APA), is intended to increase awareness of the impact that planning has on communities. Good planning helps build neighborhoods of lasting value and creates communities that offer better choices for where and how people live, work, and play.

Photo entries must be submitted by October 23, 2009. For contest rules and regulations visit the City's website at <u>www.ci.tomball.tx.us</u>.

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