

City of Sweeny

April 2015 Newsletter

Scheduled Recurring Official Meetings for City Business:

- *Sweeny Economic Development Corporation - 2nd Monday of each month - April 13, 2015*
- *City Council - 3rd Tuesday of each month - April 21, 2015*

Recycle dates for April are the 2nd, 16th and 30th. Note three dates this month.

While we welcomed spring last month, it's now safe to say that "spring has sprung." That's welcome news, as everyone is working their gardens, flower beds, and anything that includes the possibility of digging. Remember to call "811" before you dig, it's the law.

Spring also reminds us that hurricane season is fast approaching, and you should review your preparations. For those needing assistance, in the event of an evacuation, call City Hall, Cindy King, to provide information that will insure you are placed on the "211" list.

It's also a sure sign that "Pride Day" is just around the corner, May 2nd, and local elections are underway. For those who come out for Pride Day, think about casting your vote on this day, and taking your children with you. What better "Life lesson" on citizenship can you impart? Show your children that being a good citizen also means involvement in the election process.

Local elections will officially be conducted May 9th, but early voting starts April 27th and ends on May 5th. Early voting can be completed at any voting site in the County, to include the site located in Sweeny. On May 9th, last day to vote, polling will be conducted at the Community Center on W. Ashley Wilson Road.

Youth baseball, softball, soccer, etc. is in full swing so we are going to see a lot more activity on the roadways to include pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles. Many of the vehicles will be parked on the side of the road,

limiting line of sight. Vehicles should be parked in such a way as the part of the vehicle closest to the roadway is parked at least 6" from the road, and no closer than 15' to the intersection. Especially important is that pedestrians have the right of way at designated crosswalks. Even if not at an official crossing point, always be on the lookout for pedestrians and cyclists, especially our youth.

As a reminder, the City now has the capability to enroll citizens into its direct bank draft program which allows for direct payment of your utility account. You will receive notice of the billing amount, but the monies will be transferred by your banking institution to the City. Currently 110 citizens have selected this method to pay their month utility statement.

Volunteer opportunities:

- *Sweeny Fire and Rescue*
- *Sweeny Zoning Commission*
- *Sweeny Zoning Board of Adjustments*
- *Sweeny Economic Development Corporation*

Lastly ditches. Their impact on drainage can't be overstated. We ask all citizens to help keep ditches adjacent to their property clear of debris and overgrowth. You can access Ordinance information, Chapter 92, on our web site for a better understanding of citizen responsibilities, which does include mowing. Together, we can work to prevent future problems.

If you have a topic you would like covered in this media, please let us know, and we will do our best to provide you the requested information.

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City of Sweeny, Texas*

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