

City of Sweeny

March 2015 Newsletter

Scheduled Recurring Official Meetings for City Business:

- *Sweeny Economic Development Corporation - 2nd Monday of each month - March 9, 2015*
- *City Council - 3rd Tuesday of each month - March 17, 2015*

Recycle dates for March are the 5th and 19th.

March is time for spring cleaning—which means a lot of things will be placed curbside for trash service. So this is a good time to review the rules regarding our contract with Waste Connections.

- *Mondays*
 - *Household Trash—Blue Garbage Container—wheels facing backwards from the road.*
 - *Heavy Trash*
 - *Oversized household items*
 - *Limbs, etc. cut to 4' lengths*
 - **“No”** *Construction Materials*
 - *We do hear “they’ve picked it up in the past.” The key point to remember is that the City does not pay Waste Connections to pick it up. While a driver may pick the material up at time, it’s something they decided to do on their own out of the goodness of their heart. Or, they may have space left on the truck and time on their route, but they don’t have to pick it up.*
- *Every other Thursday (March 5th and 19th this month)—recycle (Plastics, paper, aluminum, and other metal items, etc.) -- Green Garbage Container - wheels facing backwards from the road.*
- *Saturdays*
 - *Non regular trash such as bags of leaves and small branches— items that can be collected by hand*

Permit and Contractor Registration: If you are hiring someone to complete work on your behalf it is the contractor's responsibility to pull a permit and provide you proof of the permit before they start work. For a contractor to pull a permit they need to be registered with the City which means they have the appropriate liability coverage to protect you against damages to your property. As part of this process, citizens should never pay for work before it is completed, which includes the permitting process. We include this information as we have received some complaints regarding payment for work that was not completed. Don't let this happen to you! Make sure the contractor has a permit, and don't pay until the work is completed per the agreement of services.

*With Pride Day (May 2nd) just around the corner we encourage all residents and business owners to start their preparations early. **Just remember some things you place curbside may not qualify for pickup** – see above.*

Sweeny Chamber of Commerce plans are underway to celebrate its 50th anniversary, of service to the community, March 26th. These plans will continue the tradition of naming a "Man" and "Woman" of the Year as part of its celebration. Contact Traci Eaton, Chamber Executive Director, 979-548-3249 or sweenychamber@windstream.net, for more information.

For information, City ordinances are listed on the City website, www.ci.sweeny.tx.us.

As always if you have questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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