

December 2013 Newsletter

Sweeny Community Thanksgiving Feast--Unity in the Community, was a huge success. Under the leadership of Agatha Sanchez, numerous individuals, businesses and organizations came together to feed nearly 1,100 people on November 24th. Wonderful opportunity for people throughout our School District, and some from outside the district, to come together for fellowship and food. Outstanding effort to all who participated!

Drainage: As discussed last month, The City did meet with Drainage District 11 last month. They approved action to start looking at how best to address our "Outflow" issues. Look for some work on this in the near future. Also, we are working with the cities of Brazoria, and West Columbia, Drainage District 11, and the Houston-Galveston Area Council to obtain a grant to complete a "Master Drainage Plan" for the entirety of Drainage District 11. This is an agenda item for Drainage District 11 on December 2, 2013 at 4:00 P.M. at the West Columbia City Hall, Council Chambers.

Railroad Crossing at Martin Luther King: We continue to work with Union Pacific to upgrade the switch rails at this crossing. We are on their approved list of projects, but must wait our turn.

Bank Draft Option for Utility Bills: Citizens may now contact City Hall to authorize a direct draft from your bank to pay your monthly utility bill. We will need a copy of a voided check from your bank, and a signed authorization form. This will require a one-time visit to City Hall to complete the required documentation. Once established, you will receive a statement showing the amount due, but no further action required for that month. We continue to work on a credit card option.

Sweeny Industrial Park: Look for activity in the near future. Two projects, Apache Oil and Phillips 66 Pipeline, have been approved for

occupancy. Both projects will create new jobs, and increase our tax base.

December Activities:

December 7th "Christmas in the Park." Starting with a parade and culminating with lighting of the Christmas Tree and a visit by "Santa." The overall event is sponsored by The Sweeny Chamber of Commerce, with several on-going activities, to include a chili/gumbo cook-off (sponsored by The Lions Club) and booths. The parade is sponsored by Rotary. Registration forms for the parade and booths are available at The Chamber, 111 W. Third Street. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

Blue Santa Program: Donations are being accepted at the Police Station. Applications for "Gifts from Santa" are being processed through December 13th.

December 25th--Christmas Day. Enjoy all the gifts of family and friends, and remember those who are serving, insuring the precious freedoms, that we as Americans are so blessed to have.

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