

## *City of Sweeny*

### *June 2014 Newsletter*

*Summer officially comes for an extended visit starting June 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:51 A.M., and is known as the "Summer Solstice." The solstice is defined as when the earth's tilt of its semi-axis is most inclined toward the sun. For us this means a lot of things to include it's the day with most daylight, so make the most of your outdoor activities, as you will have plenty of light to get things done. Don't forget sunscreen and mosquito spray especially for our little ones.*

*But, there are some serious things requiring our attention as well. Most important, June 1<sup>st</sup> is the start of the Atlantic Hurricane Season. Please take time to ensure you have a plan in place to protect your family in the event a hurricane does make its way to our area. For those who may need assistance in evacuating the area, don't forget to register by **calling 211**, option 4. This will let emergency personnel know you need help, which can be provided before the situation worsens. Other things you can do before a storm does hit is to plenty of food on hand, as well as other supplies such as batteries for flashlights, etc. Don't forget to keep your gas tanks at least half full in the event you must leave in a short amount of time.*

*Many citizens may be entertaining plans to make improvements to your property, which may entail digging holes or trenching. Don't forget to **call 811**, so critical hidden gas, electrical, phone and other essential services can be properly marked. This will insure your safety, as well as the safety of your neighbors. If you dig, and don't have your property properly marked, then you may be held liable for damage(s) caused.*

*Summer is also a time when many people bring the bicycles out of storage and put back into use. The Police Department will register your bicycle at no cost. This will facilitate its return to you in the unlikely event it's lost or stolen, and subsequently located by the Police.*

*We encourage the use of the City parks as a venue where larger groups can come together to enjoy the company of each other. The splash pad, Backyard Park, is an excellent place for our younger citizens to go for a*

*“cool” walk in the summer heat that is sure to come. It's currently receiving some coating repairs, but should be ready for use by the first weekend in June.*

*Recycle dates for June are June 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.*

*Flag Day will be celebrated on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have a flag, please consider proudly flying it on this date.*

*We mentioned 211 above for assistance during evacuation situations, but did you know other services can be accessed through this one number?*

- Food pantries, housing, senior services, child care, and help with prescription, electric bill and rent costs - option 1*
- CHIP and Medicaid - option 2*
- Report fraud, waste and abuse of state assistance programs - option 3*
- Evacuation assistance - option 4*

*Sweeny United workers will come together during the week of June 16<sup>th</sup> through June 20<sup>th</sup> to assist senior citizens and others with projects around their property that they are unable to complete. These young volunteers, assisted by adult team leaders, provide a valuable service to our community. Signs will be posted where work is being completed, so if you see a sign, we're confident they will appreciate your support - honk your horn or stop and extend a thank you.*

*Delmar M. Pettigrew was recognized, as a Distinguished Citizen, during the Boy Scouts of America, Cradle of Texas District's, annual fund raiser last month for his many years "Community Service." Previously recognized as Distinguished Citizens, were Thomas and Sadie Hendricks during for their many years of "Community Service."*

*Rodney Weems, Mayor  
City of Sweeny Texas*

*Cindy King, City Manager  
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