

City of Sweeny

May 2014 Newsletter

May is the month for local elections, primary run offs, garage sales, homes for sale and a host of other activities where roadside advertising (temporary signs) is heavily utilized. Candidates in particular, but everyone in general are reminded that signs can't be placed on City, County or State Right of Way. Signs improperly placed are subject to pick up - these signs will be placed behind City Hall. If you think one of yours has been removed, check here.

- *Early voting, April 28th through May 6th, for local elections (City, School Board & Bond Proposal, Hospital Board, and West of the Brazos Emergency Services District's request for increase in tax rate from 2 cents per hundred valuation to a maximum of 10 cents per hundred valuation. May 10th is regularly scheduled voting day).*
- *May 27th is primary runoff day for County, State and National offices.*

May 3rd: "Pride Day!" Everyone come out and have a good time. Parade begins at 10:00 A.M. The annual "BBQ" cook off starts with judging on May 2nd, and the carnival will be in full swing starting on Thursday night. Other activities include: vintage cars on review, men who bake judging and auction, cute babies, and several categories of dogs.

We reviewed the following in the March 2014 Newsletter, but felt it's a good reminder.

- *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, it's something they do on 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 recycle (Plastics, paper, aluminum, and other metal items, etc.) -- Green Garbage Container - wheels facing backwards from the road. May 1st, 15th, and 29th this month.*
- *Saturdays*

- *Non-regular trash such as bags of leaves and small branches – items that can be collected by hand*

We are still concerned that many properties in the City are not being maintained in good order, as calls from other citizens requesting that the City take action continue to be received. The City does mow and clean up these properties as needed. To offset associated costs with mowing and clean up Council has increased fees. When this action is necessary, the City does place a lien against the property. To assist in meeting the concerns of the citizen, regarding overgrown properties, the City will again be hiring four summer positions. The cost of these positions directly affect the health of the City's General Fund, as taxes must be levied to pay for the service. We ask that everyone be a good neighbor and maintain your property to a high standard. This is but one area where we can all come together to help save the City money in its General Fund.

"Sweeny United" is celebrating its 14th year of service to the community from June 20th to June 27th. If you own your property, and are in need of assistance for repairs or one-time lawn care, you may qualify. Applications are available at Sweeny Chamber of Commerce and City Hall.

Hurricane season is upon us -- don't forget to develop an evacuation plan for your family.

In observance of Memorial Day on May 26th the VFW will be posting honors in memory of our Nation's KIAs in the Sweeny and Rainbow Cemeteries.

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City of Sweeny Texas*

*Cindy King, City Manager
City of Sweeny Texas*