

*November 2013 City of Sweeny
Monthly Newsletter*

November is an exciting time! Halloween is behind us, and fall is in the air. Our school teams are having a great year on the hardwoods and turf—go bulldogs, and everyone is starting to look forward to the holiday schedule.

Monday, November 11th is Veterans Day. The County annual parade will be held in Lake Jackson. Parade will start at 1:00 P.M. Veterans will be honored with breakfast hosted at the Christian Center in West Columbia, and brunch hosted at the Lake Jackson Community Center. Don't forget to extend a prayer for the safety of those veterans still serving and a thank you to all veterans who have answered the call. Our Veterans' Park Committee can still use some help in finishing our Veterans Memorial Park.

Next up -- Thanksgiving. Churches, organizations, businesses and private individuals are already hard at work in the preparations for the 4th annual Community Feast - November 24th at the Community Life Center, First Methodist Church of Sweeny, 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Come prepared to have an excellent meal, and stay for good conversation, or to lend a helping hand to serve those who come after you. On November 28th have a great day with family and friends. If you are able to share with those less fortunate, please do so.

The "Blue Santa" program is being put in place, and applications are now being accepted at the Sweeny Police Department.

We hope you noticed the improved Main Street, AKA FM 524, and turn-around at Lady Civic. A big shout-out to TxDOT --- thanks for the great job!

As promised, City Council conducted a workshop to start the process of identifying needs to set into motion its long-range planning. We will have another workshop on November 12th.

Drainage: we are starting to review things we can do to improve drainage within the City. For our efforts to succeed, we believe step one is to improve the drainage from our outflow areas. These areas belong to Drainage District 11. District 11 has a large-land mass to service, covering from north of Damon, to Jones Creek and west of Old Ocean, and has five Directors: Willie Sanders, District 1, Mark Ducroz, District 2, Horace Buchanan, District 3 and two others. We mention this in that although the District is large, we fall within the jurisdictional responsibility of three Directors. We are on the district's agenda for November 4th, and hopefully we can start developing a plan to improve the outflow from our City.

We end with two sad notes. Long-time teacher, school board member, and member of City Council, Phyllis J. Kittinger, passed away October 30th. Also, Gary L. Stroud, Chief of Police for almost 10 years, passed away October 30th. Each brought commitment to the City and made our community a better place in which to live. Phyllis designed the "City Flag" and Gary brought humor to the job, and greatly assisted in solving high profile cases while serving with Lake Jackson and the County. Both, will be missed!

As always, your feedback is welcomed!

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