

COMMUNITY UPDATE

CITY OF MARSHALL, TEXAS

401 South Alamo Street – Marshall, Texas 75670

www.marshalltexas.net

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CITY COMMISSION AND SPECIAL PROPOSITIONS ELECTION ON MAY 12TH BALLOT

City Commissioner Election

District 5

Kenneth Moon
Charlie Oliver

District 6

Larry Michels
Garrett Boersma

District 7

Ed Smith
William D. "Buddy" Power

City Propositions Election

Proposition No. 1 - Shall the Marshall Home Rule Charter be amended to remove and delete any sections or provisions of the Charter that have been superseded by specific state laws regarding the City's authority to manage, administer, or govern the City's public school system?

Proposition No. 2 - Shall the Marshall Home Rule Charter be amended to accurately provide for the City Commission to consist of seven (7) members elected from seven (7) single-member districts, with elections being held for Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 in odd numbered years and elections for Districts 5, 6, and 7 being held in even numbered years, in accordance with state and federal law by revising Section 64 of Article III of the Charter?

Proposition No. 3 - The reduction of the rate of local sales and use tax in the City of Marshall dedicated for the benefit of a Type A Economic Development Corporation from one-half (1/2) of one percent to three-eighths (3/8) of one percent, and the adoption of a local sales and use tax in the City of Marshall at the rate of one-eighth (1/8) of one percent to provide revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets.

Early Voting:

April 30, 2012 – through May 8, 2012

Open: 8 am till 5 pm - April 30th through May 4th

Open: 7 am till 7 pm – May 7th & May 8th

Early Voting Location:

Harrison County Elections Office
415 East Burselson
Marshall, TX 75671
903-935-4822

Election Day Voting:

Saturday May 12th, 2012

Open: 7 am till 7 pm

Election Day Voting Location:

Marshall High School
1900 Maverick Drive
Marshall, TX 75670

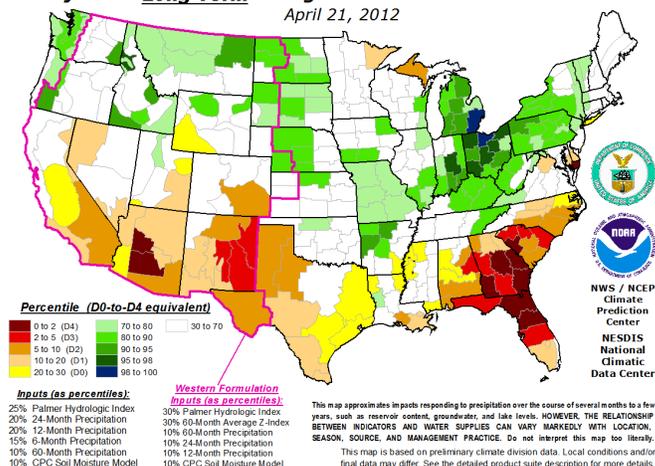
*A district election map showing City Commissioner districts is available at City Hall, 401 South Alamo, Marshall, Texas 75670 in the office of the City Secretary:

City Secretary
Lisa Agnor
903-935-4526

lagnor@marshalltexas.net

CITY REQUESTS CONTINUED WATER USE AWARENESS

Objective Long-Term Drought Indicator Blend Percentiles April 21, 2012



Drought Monitor 04-21-12

www.droughtmonitor.unl.edu

Recent rains have eased dry conditions in Harrison County, but as highlighted in the Drought Monitor Map shown above, long range indicators for our region of East Texas still show a potential rain deficit. Severe drought conditions plagued Texas and East Texas last year and droughts as deep as we encountered are not erased overnight; city officials urge utility customers to continue water use awareness.

Adequate advance planning for a potential extended drought, heat, or for exceptional needs is a necessary part of conservation of our valuable water resource as well as to protect the sensitive water ecology of Big Cypress and Caddo Lake.

FIRE/EMS/AMBULANCE PREPARING FOR OUTDOOR BURNING

In 2011, Texas residents reported over 30,000 out of control wildfires that resulted in more than 4 million acres lost and the destruction of more than 2,000 homes. This year may be just as bad due to many forecasters believing the drought situations could be even worse.

The City of Marshall does allow for burning with proper inspection and approval of the Marshall Fire Department. A resident of Marshall may apply for a burning permit at Marshall's Central Fire Station, located at 601 South Grove Street. Once the application is submitted and the exact burn site is inspected for safety by Marshall Firefighters, the applicant must then pay \$25.00 for a permit that is good for 90 days. Strict burning instructions are on each permit and should be followed by the recipient. This permit must be kept on the site where the burning process will take place at all times in case a burning complaint is made.

As the season grows hotter and the vegetation dries, through the recommendations of the Forestry Service, a county wide burn ban may be necessary; it is the current policy of the Marshall Fire Department to issue a city wide burn ban as well during these times. In an attempt to maintain a safe environment for our citizens and due to the seriousness of the issue, the Fire Department along with the help of the Marshall Police Department will be as aggressive as possible during **Burn Bans** and citations will be issued. When Permissible to Burn

- Make burn piles small and manageable
- Burn only permissible products such as vegetation, sticks and limbs
- Never burn on dry, windy days (regardless of permit issuance)
- Burn only in the site authorized by fire personnel
- Always have water and tools on hand to extinguish anything that may escape the burn area.
- Make a quick decision to call the fire department before things get out of hand (It only takes seconds for fire to get out of control)
- Be considerate of neighbors and do not burn debris that produces a lot of smoke during times when smoke doesn't rise or when there is enough wind to blow directly on a neighbor's house. During times like these, put the fire out and burn another time.
- Stay with the fire at all times, never leaving for a second, until the fire is completely out. Leaving a fire unattended for any length of time is illegal.
- It is a violation of guidelines from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to burn electrical insulation, treated lumber, plastics, heavy oils, asphaltic materials, explosives, chemical wastes, or rubber items.
- Call 911 immediately if a fire does escape.

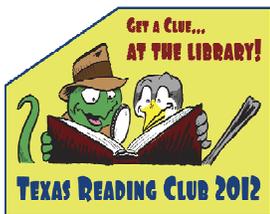
In order to protect our lives and valued property, we must all do our part and come together in safe acts that prevent out of control fires. The Fire Marshal and the City of Marshall as a whole want our citizens to be safe and join us in protecting our community

As always, if you have any concerns please contact the Marshall Fire/EMS/Ambulance Department - we are here to better serve you.

Non-Emergency number 903-935-4580
Emergency number 911

MARSHALL PUBLIC LIBRARY
NEWS & PROGRAMS

The next Reading is Fundamental (RIF) book distribution is slated for May 14-18. Children in pre-school through 6th grade are invited to choose, from a wide array of popular and award-winning books, a book to take home and keep.



"Get a Clue....at the Library!" is the theme for the 2012 Summer Reading Program. The Summer Reading Program begins Wednesday, June 13 and continues each Wednesday until July 25. There will be a 10:30 storytime geared especially for the pre-school age children with a 2:30 storytime tailored for elementary children. However, all children are welcome at any time.

Both RIF and the Summer Reading Program are supported in part by the Friends of a Public Library. The Friends group is able to support these worthwhile and vital programs through funds raised during their book sales. The next one is slated to begin Thursday, May 31 for Friends members (memberships available at the door!) and Friday, June 1st for the public. This sale will run until Saturday, June 9th.

For more information, please contact the library at (903) 935-4465 or (903) 935-4466 after 10 a.m. Monday-Saturday.

MAJOR EVENTS CALENDAR

- Mon. & Thur.** **Trash pickup** **7:00 am**
North of Houston and east of Hwy. 59
- Tue. & Fri.** **Trash pickup** **7:00 am**
South of Houston and west of Hwy. 59
- Wed.** **Recycling curbside pickup - city wide** **7:00 am**
- Mon. - Fri** **Bulk or large item pickup** **7:00 am**
Call Allied Waste at 800-678-7274 to make pickup arrangements.
- Tue. - Sat.** **City Brush and Bulk Station** **8 am till 4 pm**
Five Notch Road; Identification as a city resident is required; small fee applies; customers may secure two "free" passes a year at City Hall; please call 903-935-1004 for details of items NOT accepted.
- Thur.** **2nd and 4th Thursday Each Month: 6:30 pm**
City Commission Meeting - City Hall Chambers
- Sat.** **May 12th City General Election Day - Marshall High School**
7 am till 7 pm
- Sat.** **May 12th Second Saturday in Downtown Marshall: 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm** A street fair, a car show, and street vendors begin at 5:00 pm, live music starts at 9:00 pm; Marshall -home of Boogie Woogie - Marshall Main Street.
- Mon.** **May 28th City Hall Closed - Memorial Day**
- Sat.** **June 2nd - City Free Cleanup Day** **8 am - 4 pm**
Residents may use the Brush and Bulk Station on Five Notch Road "free" as long as space allows; please contact 903-935-1004 for a list of materials NOT accepted, which include, but may not be limited to: tires, batteries, household garbage, large appliances, air conditioners, large concrete blocks, paint, oil, dead animals, and hot water heaters.
- Sat.** **June 9th Second Saturday in Downtown Marshall: 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm** A street fair, a car show, and street vendors begin at 5:00 pm, live music starts at 9:00 pm; Marshall - home of Boogie Woogie - Marshall Main Street.
- Tue.** **June 19th City Hall Closed - Emancipation Day**
- Wed.** **July 4th City Hall Closed - Independence Day**

CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS
*** OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ***

Regularly scheduled meetings are held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall, 401 South Alamo Street the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Meetings are broadcast live on local cable Channel 20. Residents and interested parties are encouraged to attend the open meetings. Meeting agendas are posted on the city web page at www.marshalltexas.net.

VISITORS GUIDE AVAILABLE ONLINE
FOR INFORMATION, AND A PRINTABLE GUIDE

Visit: www.visitmarshalltexas.org
903-702-7777

