

COMMUNITY UPDATE

CITY OF MARSHALL, TEXAS
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CANCELLATION OF 2013 CITY ELECTION FOR COMMISSION DISTRICTS 1, 2, 3, AND 4

By Lisa Agnor, City Secretary & Finance Director

The general election ordered by the City Commission to be held on May 11, 2013, for Commissioners from Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 has been cancelled. All incumbents were unopposed, and in accordance with the Texas Election Code the unopposed candidates, Gloria Moon, District 1, Zephaniah Timmins, District 2, John Flowers, District 3, and Bill Marshall, District 4, were declared elected.

Notification of cancellation will be posted at City Hall and at each polling place that would have been used had the election not been cancelled.

IT'S BACK - MAIN STREET 2ND SATURDAY CAR SHOW & ART SHOW!

By Debbie Swendson, Art Center Assistant

Marshall Main Street's kicked off again in March with a monthly street fair and a car show; street vendors open at 9:00 am, live music in the evening in Telegraph Park.; Marshall - home of Boogie Woogie and will be held every 2nd Saturday through November. Vendors open at 9 am; Car show registration begins at 4 pm.

In addition to many of our 2nd Saturday Main Street events, the Visual Arts Center at 208 East Bursleson Street, will have Art Events for residents and visitors to enjoy.

For more information about Main Street 2nd Saturdays, the Car Show, or the Art Events – please call Debbie Swendson at 903-935-4414.

MARSHALL PUBLIC LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

By Anna Lane, Library Director

The next Friends of a Public Library book sale will open to Friends members for a “sneak peek” on Thursday, May 16 (memberships available at the door) and to the general public on Friday, May 17. The book sale operates during library

hours and will conclude on Friday, May 24. Funds raised during the book sale support the children's Summer Reading Program and high school students' summer reading for their AP courses.

“Dig into Reading!” is the theme for this year's Summer Reading Program. The Summer Reading Program begins Wednesday, June 5 and continues each Wednesday until July 17. There will be a 10:30 storytime geared especially for the pre-school age children with a 2:30 storytime tailored for elementary children. All children are welcome at any time, however.



For updates on the Summer Reading Program, AP books available at the library, or other information, please contact the library at (903) 935-4465 or (903) 935-4466 during library hours; log onto the library's website www.marshallpubliclibrary.org; or like us on Facebook (“Marshall Public Library”).



FIRE DEPARTMENT HEATER AND FIRE PLACE SAFETY TIPS

By Reggie Cooper, Assistant Fire Chief / City Fire Marshal

Protecting life and property will continually be the cry of the Marshall Fire Department. Yet in the order of our concerns, life is always the focal point of our determination. There are several simple actions that we as citizens can do in order to prevent fires from occurring as well as enhance our chances of survival during an unfortunate fire. The Fire Marshal's Office encourages you to acknowledge a good Fire Safety Checklist in an attempt to prepare yourselves and prevent fires from happening. Hazards are all around us and cannot be totally eliminated; however the risks or potential for something happening can be reduced through proper planning.

Fire Safety Checklist

What are Your Home Fire Safety Risks?

- Do you have working smoke alarms on every level of your home?

- Do you stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food?
- Are space heaters placed on solid, noncombustible surfaces and placed at least 3 feet or more away from anything that can burn?
- Are all electrical cords in good condition (not damaged or cracked)?
- Do you know two ways out of every room in your home?
- Do you know what to do if your smoke alarm sounds?

Working smoke detectors are the single most important item individuals can have in their homes in order to protect them from fires while sleeping. Smoke detectors have proven, nationally and locally, to save lives when they are functioning and placed properly. They're the guard dogs that warn us in our most vulnerable moments.

Let's do our part in giving our guard dogs the best chance of success. Smoke detectors should be placed outside each bedroom and we must make sure batteries are kept fresh. Time change (Daylight Savings Time) offers the perfect opportunity to replace existing batteries in battery operated smoke detectors. Make sure you periodically check the functionality of your smoke detectors by occasionally pressing the test button. Dust or vacuum smoke alarms annually and/or whenever the batteries are changed. Also replace the entire battery operated smoke detector every 10 years or sooner if it does not respond properly when tested. I encourage us all to be safe and become risk reducers!!! As always, if you have any concerns please contact the Marshall Fire/EMS Department – we are here to better serve you.

Non-Emergency number 903-935-4580

For all emergencies dial 911

DOWNTOWN RECYCLING CENTER INSTALLED NORTH WELLINGTON – BEHIND WEISMAN'S

By Bo Ellis, Main Street Manager & J.C. Hughes, Public Works Director
The City of Marshall and Main Street Marshall are excited to announce the installation of a new three compartment recycling center in downtown Marshall as an aid in recycling for all businesses and residents. The unit has two columns that accept general recycle material, except glass, and has a center unit that accepts paper product only. All three columns have flaps to assist in keeping rain from contacting the recycled material; the center "Paper Only" column has a vertical flap for additional protection from rain.

Glass recycling is not currently offered by our refuse and recycling service provider, but we continue to search for future glass recycling options.

The added benefit of this recycling center is that it is very portable. During special events or festivals, this unit can be

picked up and moved by hand to the Square or near any special events.



We are excited to add this recycling option and we encourage everyone to take advantage of the convenient location in the parking lot behind the Weisman's building on North Wellington Street.

Residents are also reminded that they may take advantage of our city wide curbside recycling every Wednesday; blue recycling bins are available from Allied Waste at 800-678-7274.

Residents may obtain an itemized listing of items that may be recycled on the City Webpage at www.marshalltexas.net or by calling Allied Waste at 800-678-7274.

REMINDER – NEXT CITY CLEANUP DAY ANNOUNCED FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST 2013 FREE RESIDENTIAL DUMP PASSES AVAILABLE

By Cindy Dunnigan, Admin Assistant - Public Works & Water Utilities
In cooperation with Allied Waste Services, the City of Marshall is reminding residents of our next scheduled quarterly "Free" City Cleanup Day, for city residents only, at the Marshall Convenience Station on Five Notch Road, between the hours of 8:00 am till 4:00 pm; we also have two (2) additional cleanup days planned for the 3rd and 4th quarter of 2013 on the following Saturdays:

- September 7th
- November 2nd

Residents may use the Convenience Station at 2300 Five Notch Road "free" during the scheduled Quarterly Cleanup Days 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.

City residents are also reminded that they are allowed two (2) "free" dump passes a year, which must be picked up in person at Water Billing Office, located in City Hall at 401

South Alamo. The following rules apply to use of the two “free” dump passes:

- Each pass is valid for one solid waste disposal at the Marshall Convenience Station - two maximum per year – issued to patron listed as payee on the water bill - no exceptions.
- Valid ID and/or water bill must be presented WITH the dump pass prior to dumping.
- Pass is limited to a maximum of 5 yards of debris. Additional yardage will be charged according to the normal Convenience Station fee schedule – no exceptions.
- Convenience Station guidelines of items accepted will still apply to all free passes.
- Any misuse or abuse by patron will result in their water billing account being billed for the abuse amount.

For information on the Convenience Station guidelines and Free Quarterly Cleanups – please contact 903-935-1004

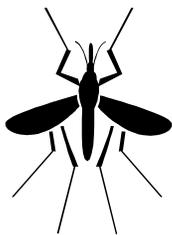
For more information on the two (2) “free” dump passes – please contact 903-935-4435

Residents are also reminded that the Convenience Station is open for normal use, five (5) days a week between the hours of 8:00 am till 4:00 pm on Tuesday through Saturday (closed Sunday and Monday) – a fee applies, except during the quarterly cleanup days.

CITY EXPANDS MOSQUITO SPRAYING EFFORTS STATE RECOMMENDS PROTECTION/PREVENTION

By J.C. Hughes, Public Works Director

Recent press reports of an ever expanding area of West Nile mosquito cases have attracted attention across the state and even nationwide; Texas continues to be the hot spot in cases nationally. The City of Marshall began spraying much earlier this year (the 18th of March, instead of May 1st) because the recent mild and wet winter, with no real extended deep freeze period, may allow mosquitoes to arrive early.



During the peak late Spring, Summer, and late Fall last year, we doubled our spraying of the entire city to twice-a-month and expanded the spray coverage beyond our normal street routes by adding the actual parking lots and grounds of all schools, colleges, and large apartment complexes; spraying anywhere there is access at these locations. We have always included the city streets and parks, but felt the added coverage was necessary. Our contractor sprays between 4 AM and 7 AM so as to avoid pets, animals, and foot traffic as much as possible.

The first line and the best defense against mosquitoes are you and your action in and around your home or business! Standing water is the culprit – eliminate any

source of standing water! Work with you neighbors or adjoining property owners to eliminate water resources used by mosquitoes to breed.

Please share the following link to the Texas Department State Health Services with information and tips regarding West Nile and mosquitoes: www.txwestnile.org

Your best personal defense is to practice these habits, known as the “Four Ds”:

1. Use insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus.
2. Dress in long sleeves and long pants when you are outside.
3. Stay indoors at dusk and dawn, when mosquitoes are most active.
4. Drain standing water where mosquitoes breed. Common breeding sites include old tires, flowerpots and clogged rain gutters.

What you need to know about . . .Fact Sheet:

Department of State Health Services • 1100 W. 49th St. • Austin, Texas 78756 • 512-776-7400 • Toll Free 1-888-963-7111 • TDD 1-800-735-2989

CITY COMMISSION APPROVES \$1,580,882 FOR 2013 STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

By J.C. Hughes, Public Works Director

During the City Commission Meeting Thursday, March 28th, the City Commission approved the largest street improvement program in the last ten years, dedicating nearly \$1.6 million dollars to our 2013 Street Improvement Budget.



Various improvements are planned for 33 streets and range from street micro-resurfacing, and asphalt overlays to full reconstruction, based on the surface condition of the existing street.

The 2013 Street Improvement Program plans \$1,577,851.80 in expenditures and \$1,580,882 in revenue which includes:

- \$750,000 in City General Tax Funds
- \$425,000 in estimated Street Maintenance Sales Tax
- \$229,082 in Community Dev. Block Grant Funds
- \$160,000 in General Fund Reserves left from 2012
- \$16,800 in City/County Interlocal Agreement Funds

An “alphabetic” listing of streets scheduled for improvement in 2013 are shown on the first page of the 2013 Street

Improvement Program spreadsheet that is published on our City webpage. The largest portion of the street improvements will be accomplished during the summer months.

**MARSHALL CONVENTION CENTER
2501 East End Blvd. South**



The Marshall Convention Center is a full service multi-purpose state-of-the-art facility with meeting rooms, large open convention or assembly halls, a kitchen service facility, and a 1,600 seat theater that can serve the needs for any type meeting, gathering, wedding, or dance - large or small.

For a full listing of currently planned events and dates of activities or to schedule your event, visit or call:

(903) 935-4472 or (903) 935-4473

8 am – 5 pm Monday-Friday, visit our website at

www.marshalltexas.net/departments/convention-center

**CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU
AND OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS**

Marshall is hosting a full slate of conventions, festivals, and events over the next three months at the Marshall Visual Arts Center, Main Street Marshall, and the Marshall Convention Center – in fact so many events that room does not allow a full listing, but some of the major events include Gold Wing Riders, Birthplace of Boogie Woogie Heritage Festival, BBQ Throwdown, Bike Rally, and numerous shows and events at the Marshall City Arena.

Convention and Visitors Bureau's

Visit our website: www.visitmarshalltexas.org for a list of events and activities and happenings in Marshall

301 North Washington

9:00 am till 5:00 pm – Monday thru Friday

903-702-7777

**CVB VISITORS GUIDE AND PRINTABLE VISITORS GUIDE
AVAILABLE ONLINE**

**MAJOR CITY EVENTS CALENDAR
Apr – May – June 2013**

Recycling curbside pickup – starts at 7:00 am

Wednesday - city wide (no electronics or glass)

Downtown Recycling Center – Available 24 hours

300 Black of North Wellington – behind Weisman's

Electronics Recycling Station - 8 am till 4 pm Tue. – Sat.

Five Notch Road; FREE; please call 903-935-1004 for details of items NOT accepted.

Trash pickup – starts at 7:00 am

Mon. & Thur. - North of Houston and east of Hwy. 59

Tue. & Fri. - South of Houston and west of Hwy. 59

Bulk or large item pickup – starts at 7:00 am

You must call Republic Waste at 800-678-7274 to schedule pickup at least two days in advance

City Brush and Bulk Station - 8 am till 4 pm Tue. – Sat.

Five Notch Road; I.D. as a city resident 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. City Commission Meetings – City Hall Chamber

MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

**Sat. Marshall Main Street Program 9:30 am – 10:00 pm
2nd Saturday in Downtown Marshall**

- Saturday April 13th
- Saturday May 11th
- Saturday June 8th
- Saturday July 13th

Street fair and a car show; street vendors open at 9:00 am, live music in the evening in Telegraph Park.; Marshall Home of Boogie Woogie; Car show registration begins at 4 pm.

Sat. Saturday Art Party 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Visual Arts Center - 208 East Burleson St.

Adults only – \$ fee applies – supplies furnished – a team of art instructors guide painters, using an “exclusive” patent pending teaching method. Call 903-938-9860 for information and reservations.

City Hall Closed - Holidays

April 22nd – Monday – San Jacinto Day

May 27th – Monday – Memorial Day

June 19th – Wednesday – Emancipation Day

City Quarterly Cleanup Day

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

June 1st – Saturday

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