



Calendar

JANUARY 2016

January 1 - New Year's Day
Offices Closed

January 12 - Community Luncheon
Noon-1pm
Payment Windows Closed for Lunch

January 12

5:30pm - Planning & Zoning Meeting
6:30pm - Zoning Board of Adjustment
7:00pm - City Council Meeting
Pre-Council preceding

January 18 - Martin L King, Jr. Day
Offices Closed

Luncheon Guest

Captain Michael Steffen
Base Commander



Base Updates

Coburn's will cater Lasagna and Spaghetti with marinara sauce, vegetables, salad, garlic bread and iced tea.



Please bring your favorite desserts.
Sponsored by the Crime Control and Prevention District

MAY 7, 2016 CITY GENERAL ELECTION

The City will hold a General Election on Saturday, May 7, 2016. If you are interested in a City Council position, ballot applications are available in the City Secretary's office. The first day applications can be accepted is Wednesday, January 20. The filing deadline for candidates is Friday, February 19 by 5pm. The filing deadline for write-in candidates is Tuesday, February 23. For more information, call the City Secretary at 817-710-2526. A Special Election will be conducted on the same date to renew the 1/4% Street Maintenance Sales Tax.

MANAGING POLLUTED WATER RUNOFF

Households can prevent polluted runoff by picking up after pets and using, storing, and disposing of chemicals properly. Check your cars for leaks and recycle your motor oil and antifreeze when these fluids are changed. Also, please minimize car wash detergents, grime, etc. by using car wash facilities that do not generate runoff. For more information, visit the Environmental Protection Agency online at www.epa.gov/nps.

RECYCLED CHRISTMAS TREES

Progressive Waste will recycle your used Christmas trees. Just place your tree on your curb after the holidays. Pick up will be on Saturdays along with your regular trash.

GREASE DISPOSAL

Fats, oils and grease from cooking turkeys, chickens and other meats will congeal and block your pipes, causing sewer backup and garbage disposal problems. Prevent future problems and help the environment by pouring grease into containers. Use cat litter to soak it up, or let it solidify on the countertop or in your refrigerator. Then you can put it in the garbage. **Do not** pour grease in your yard. When it rains, grease will run off into the storm drains and pollute the environment.

NEW LIBRARY SERVICES

Check out this New Service in the New Year! The Westworth Village Public Library is proud to offer you best-selling and classic eBooks and digital audiobooks. This new service, powered by **Overdrive**, is free with your library card.

To get started, visit <http://indietexas.lib.overdrive.com>, come by the library, or call 817-738-2248.

PLEASE MONITOR YOUR DOGS

Thank you to all citizens for demonstrating pride for our City this past year. Code Enforcement looks forward to working with you in 2016. Residents are required to pick up what their pets leave behind on City streets and yards.

Code of Ordinances Section 2.01.010 Removal of dog feces

- (a) An owner, harborer, or other person having care, custody, or control of a dog commits an offense if he knowingly permits or by insufficient control allows the dog to defecate in the city:
- (1) On private property other than property owned, leased, or controlled by the owner, harborer, or person having care, custody, or control of the dog; or
 - (2) On public property or any other place to which the public or a substantial group of the public has access, including, but not limited to, a street, sidewalk, alley, park, or play ground, or any common area of a school, hospital, apartment house, office building, transport facility, or shop.
- (b) It is a defense to prosecution under subsection (a) that:
- (1) The owner, harborer, or other person having care, custody, or control of the dog immediately and in a sanitary manner removed and disposed of, or caused the removal and disposal of, all feces deposited on the property by the dog;
 - (2) The dog was specially trained to assist a person with a disability and was in the care, custody, or control of that disabled person at the time it defecated on the property;
 - (3) The owner or person in control of the property had given prior consent for the dog to defecate on the property; or
 - (4) The dog was being used in official law enforcement activities.
- (c) Any person other than a disabled person who has a dog on a leash shall have on his or her person a plastic bag for the purpose of picking up such dog's feces. Such bag shall be presented upon request by any city officer or employee.
- (d) A person who violates this section is guilty of an offense and upon conviction is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$50.