



The Strawberry Jam

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Mayor Trevino

Iwould like to take this opportunity to thank all the citizens of the City of Poteet for all the hard work in keeping our city safe. As the summer season just started lets all keep our children occupied doing fun things such as summer activities and visiting our new library. The library is now open for everybody that loves to read and relax in a quite atmosphere. Although the Library is open for business, we have scheduled a Grand Opening in the very near future. Beside the Library, we have other projects that have started, or will start very soon. We have purchased playground equipment that will be installed at the City Park, the park foundation donated \$30,000.00 to help out. The Horton Rd. drainage project has started and will be completed soon. We have taken big steps to make our City a place where people would like to move to. I would like to give Mr. Jiminez a shout out for all the work he has done in the short amount of time he has been the City Admin. “Great Job!” Thank you Citizens of Poteet for allowing me to be your Mayor, my office doors are always open!!

~Albert Estrada Trevino
Mayor, City of Poteet



City Administrator’s Corner

Dear Residents and Business Owners,

Another three months has come and gone. In April, the strawberry Festival was a huge success with almost over 170,000 visitors to our wonderful little city. The City continues to make progress and make changes in order to stay current with changing times. The old playground was removed after being in place for a little over 20 years and a new playground has been purchased with funds from the Park Foundation and the City of Poteet. The new playground is scheduled to be delivered around the fourth week of July. The new library is complete and open to the public. The library has seen an increase in patrons and many who used to visit have returned to the library, thanks to the friendly and professional staff. Then Senior Center was closed and the City purchased the building from the Senior Citizen’s organization. The property is currently not in use, pending some special interest



Eric A. Jiminez

Public Service Announcement

Monthly Court Dates have moved to the **3rd Tuesday** of each month starting at **10a.m.**

- July 17th
- August 21st
- September 18th

We hope you are enjoying —
“The Strawberry Jam” —
the City of Poteet’s official newsletter.
Your input is always welcome.

The city is changing slowly but surely; however; not everyone is happy or excited about change. As your City Administrator, I would like to remind everyone that decisions are made by the City Council, City Staff and myself for the greater good of the City and not for certain groups or individuals. Recently, several City ordinances were being enforced which caused some to become upset. Ordinances are enforced for many reasons but are done so, with the purpose of improving the quality of life for our residents and business owners. Please keep in mind that Council Members as well as my staff strive to make the best decisions for the entire city as a whole and not for a select few.

The city will continue to change and we will continue to move Poteet forward. I ask that you all be patient and ask questions you may have of myself or City staff to receive accurate and correct information. I ask that you not turn to social media such as Facebook to receive false and incorrect information unless it is from a city source. My city staff and I are here to serve all of Poteet with your best interest at heart.

Best Regards from your City Administrator,

Eric A. Jiminez

Poteet Strawberry Festival 2018



Summer Reading Program



Upcoming Events



Join us for our 3rd annual
"Fun in The Park" and "Movie Night"

On August 4, 2018

From 5 pm to 9 pmish !!



"Food Commodity" first Friday of every Month

11am - 1pm



Coming Soon

City Hall will be taking over the accounts for Commercial Dumpsters, which will result in an increase for the Refuse. This will also be added onto your water bill .

Public Information



It has been brought to our attention that a lot residents and citizens are communicating wrong or incorrect information on social media sites. We ask that information be verified or received directly from city resources before relying on social media post.

Please refer to our website or contact City Hall at:

<http://www.poteettx.org/> or call City Hall (830) 742-3574 during business hours which are Monday-Friday 8a.m.-5p.m.

For any inquiries, it'll be best to **RELY ONLY** on these sources to get correct and accurate information regarding the City business and operations.

Have a Complaint about your water or sewer bill? —file this form

 **CUSTOMER DISPUTE FORM**

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT ALL SECTIONS OF THIS FORM)

- Account Number (as it appears on your water bill) _____
- Customer Name _____
- (If known) Block _____ Lot _____
- Mailing Address _____
- Home Tel () _____ Daytime Tel () _____
- Cell () _____ Email _____
- Contact information of authorized representative of the owner, if representative is filing the application or will represent the owner at a review meeting:
 - Name _____
 - Mailing Address _____
 - Home Tel () _____ Daytime Tel () _____
 - Email _____
- Service address (location of property), if different than the owner's mailing address: _____
- Type of property (check one):
 - Residential
 - Commercial
 - Industrial
 - Vacant Land
 - Mixed Use
 - Other (List Type) _____

This form allows customers to make an official complaint about their water or sewer bill.

www.poteettx.org >
Departments >
Public Utilities >
Billing

Link to online form. Control/click here.

Miscellaneous

Click here



We have created a Facebook page for any questions you may have and can find upcoming events, notices, etc.

Brush pickup

Brush Pick Up is scheduled once a month on the 4th Monday of the month.

You must call **City Hall at 830-742-3574** to put in a work order **before** the 4th Monday.

- Brush must be stacked neatly in a pile no larger than 4 cubic yards (5'x5'x5')
 - Brush must be no larger than four (4) inches in diameter
- ACI will pick up at curbside only, unless previous arrangements have been made
 - There must **NOT** be any bulk in the brush pile or you **WILL** be cited.

The Mayor of the City of Poteet Proclaimed the 1st day of May as "Frank Leal" Day.



Mayor Pro-Tem Nick Sanchez, Councilwoman Denise Sanchez & Councilman Rick Flores are being sworn into office after May 2018 elections for their 2 year Council terms.



Councilwoman Estella Rocha being sworn in after being appointed to fill a vacancy left by Councilman Anzaldua after resigning from City council.



Lisa Burbridge
Library Director
Public Library



Department Reports

New Library

New Poteet Library is Open!

The library has been very busy since opening day on May 7, 2018! We have not had the official grand opening yet, but we are open for business for our patrons and visitors! Also, we had a reading event on the last day of school to kick off the beginning of the summer break. We read a short story and cooled off with some ice cream compliments of our local Dairy Queen, Thank you Dairy Queen for that. There are so many great things to come for the New Poteet Library. We have lots of great books, VHS movies and children’s books. There is a book and movie drop box in the case we are closed. You do need to have a library card, if you need to get one you will need an ID or Driver’s license and proof of residency (water bill, light bill, etc.).

We also had a great turn out for the Trailblazer that was held on June 19, 2018. The children enjoyed it so much, despite the weather we had that day there was a great turn-out they even came and enjoyed the library.

Trailblazer Museum 2018

In the little time that we have been open, we have had our local Poteet Kindergartners come to the library and visit. During their visit, a children’s book was read to them by Ms. Nora Gonzales.





Bruce Hickman, Chief of Police

Greetings to all you sons and daughters of strawberry pickin' farmers and all around good people.

Our hope is that everyone is having a great summer so far. We would like to remind folks to be aware of our high temperatures and be sure to check the back seat for kiddos and pets before walking away from your vehicles!! Drink plenty of water, don't wait until you are thirsty. Apply sunscreen and dress appropriately for our hot weather. Also, See Something, Say Something. This applies to everything from kids, to pets in vehicles and other heat exposure concerns to acts of mischief or violence against persons or property.

We would like to invite you all to join us on August 4th, 2018, from 5pm-9pmish at Poteet Canyon Park for our 3rd Annual "Fun in The Park". We will provide water blasters for everyone that wishes to participate and bottles of drinking water for free, while supplies last. Sodas, Sports Drinks, Hot Dogs, Pizza Slices, Nachos and other Snacks will be sold for \$1 each (while supplies last). We will have water slides for both the little ones and the big kids, as well as a dunking booth. We are looking forward to the Poteet Chiefs (PD, ISD PD and Fire) sitting in the booth again. We have lots of great goodies that have been donated by local businesses and families for the raffle. We will be selling raffle tickets for \$1.

This year we are excited to announce that we have partnered with the Atascosa Family Crisis Center to host "Movie in the Park" following "Fun in the Park". "I Can Only Imagine" is a family friendly film that will be featured for this event.

Poteet City Hall will be handing out free bags of popcorn before the movie (while supplies last). We look forward to a great turn out and lots of fun. Just bring your lawn chairs and cushion to sit on. The Poteet Police Association will continue to sell refreshments and snacks while supplies last.

Thank you for reading,

Poteet Police Officers being recognized for National Police Week by receiving a proclamation from the Mayor and City Council on May 15, 2018.

Lt. Frank Leal being recognized by Congressman's Henry Cuellar's office for his dedication of 34 years to the Citizens of Poteet.



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Director of Library Services

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The City Hall would like to thank Sylvia Guerra at the Texas Workforce for sending us temporary help for the summer through the work program they provide. These young ladies and young men have been of great help to City Hall and Public Works.

City Hall

Will be Closed on

July 4, 2018

In

The recognition

Of

Independence Day !!

Will resume to normal business hours on July 5, 2018

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