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The Strawberry Jam

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- October 2—National Night Out**
- October 8—City Offices Closed (Columbus Day)**
- October 15–19—City wide bulk pick up**
- October 25—Trunk of Treat**
- November 12—City Offices Closed (Veterans Day)**
- November 22-23— City Offices Closed (Thanksgiving)**
- December 15— Blue Santa Parade and Gift giving**
- December 24-25—City Offices Closed**

A letter from the Mayor



Mayor Albert Trevino

Fall season has made its way back around and so has The Strawberry Jam! I am happy to inform you all that there is a lot happening in the City of Poteet and so many projects that have been completed. The playground at the Canyon Park is up and ready for our kids to play on and enjoy. The drainage project on Horton lane is almost completed and school traffic should be running smoothly in no time. Last but certainly not the least, is the Poteet Public Library had its finishing touches with new furniture and book shelves this past month. We had a wonderful turn out at the Grand Opening Ceremony and Ribbon cutting.

We’ve been taking some big steps into making Poteet a clean and safe place to live. That being said, I would like to take this time to thank the Poteet Police Department for doing a great job in keeping our city safe. So many great things are going on here in the City of Poteet. I know some of the decision making and steps we have to take to get there may not be supported by all, but we as community must work together on reaching these improvements to better our City.

Again, I would like to thank all of our citizens for allowing me to represent the City of Poteet as your Mayor. And remember, “My office doors are always Open.”

Albert Estrada Trevino
Mayor, City of Poteet



ELECTED OFFICIALS:

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| Albert E. Trevino, Mayor | Nick Sanchez, Council Member |
| Estella Rocha, Council Member | Susanna Perez, Council Member |
| Denise Sanchez, Council Member | Rick Flores, Council Member |

Regular City Council Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

City Administrator's Corner

Hello Poteet,

These last three months have flown by. Summer is over and the kids are back to school. I hope everyone had a fantastic summer and enjoyed their family time. Several things happened over this summer period; a new playground was installed at Poteet Canyon Park and the grand opening was a success with several children that came out to enjoy the new playground. The library received a donated popcorn machine from ACI recycling and disposal company. The police department held their Fun in the Park event which was a huge success. Many families and residents came out and participated. It was great to see so many residents from the community gathered together and having a great time. The new Atascosa Animal Control Facility held its grand opening and many folks from around the county attended the event. The City will soon be partnering with Atascosa County to use their services. Hopefully, over the next several months, the City of Poteet will see a huge difference in the amount of stray dogs roaming around the city. With that being said, the city welcomes cats that have been spayed to help with the rodent and snake population.

The City Council adopted the 2018 - 2019 budget for the city without raising property tax. Several residents attended the meetings and expressed their concerns regarding the possible property tax increase. It was great to see the community getting involved. However, I will like to stress the importance about receiving the correct information. So much information is being communicated through Facebook and other social media, and among small groups of individuals that is wrong and incorrect. If you have questions about how the city operates and conducts business, please make an appointment come and visit with me. Too often, I read post that are incorrect and filled with wrong information. It is frustrating as a City Official because individuals don't take the time to come and ask the right questions here at City Hall. Inquiring and asking the right questions would allow you to receive the correct and most accurate information.

As many of you have noticed, the City of Poteet is continually trying to improve and move forward. This process is a slow process because the city has been behind the curve for many years. As your City Administrator, I am well aware of many issues and concerns around the city. The issues and concerns have to be addressed one at a time. Results are often not seen immediately, but it does not mean those concerns and issues are not being addressed. Progress takes time and money. The city needs to get to a state where we can operate consistently and to continue to make progress. However, we need our residents and business owner to do their part as well. Be a good neighbor and keep your yards and properties clean and free from debris. Lock up your pets and don't feed stray animals.

More importantly, stand behind your City and its employees. Stop living in the past about things you and I cannot control and had no control over. Let's work together and continue to make Poteet a great place to live and work.

As we move forward into the holiday season over the next three months, let's come together as a community and share the love and holiday spirit with one another. The City will be hosting many events over the next few months, so please make sure you come out, enjoy the festivities and show your community support.

God Bless,

Eric A. Jiminez
City Administrator



Eric A. Jiminez

Department Reports

Poteet Public Library

In the month of August we showed two movies, “Sing” and “Coco.” We also had Atascosa Comino Real Workforce come to the library and host a scavenger hunt.

We received the new book shelves and furniture for the library and held our Grand Opening on Friday, September 7th. It was a great turnout and Certificates of Appreciation were handed out to all the Companies and Non-Profit Organizations who so generously donated to the library and made it all possible. The Tocker Foundation also donated a Texas flag that briefly flew over the Texas State Capitol Building. This flag will be displayed outside of the library in the near future.

On September 15th the library hosted an event for National Batman Day. We had activities, games, and Batman mask making. Batman also made an appearance. The children and parents had lots of fun interacting with Batman and they had several photo opportunities with Batman.

September 20th, we (Lisa Burbridge the Librarian, Dora Gomez with the Courts, Sgt. Noe Rodriguez, and Police Chief Bruce Hickman) went to the Poteet Elementary Campus with Bernard the Bear to give a presentation about seat belt safety for grades pre-k through 3rd grade.

Upcoming Events

October 16th, at 4:00pm: Story Teller, Bernadette Nason will be here to tell “A Dark and Stormy Night.” This event is free, so be sure to bring the kids by after school.

October 20th, the library will be open from 9:00am- 1:00pm

October 23rd, Brown Hearing will be here from 10:00am to 4:00pm

October 26th, the Friends of the Library will be having a Burger Sale

Starting at 10:30 am until supplies last.



Additional Info:

We are also selling Poteet Public Library book bags for \$3.00 each. Come on by and check out your favorite books.



Lisa Burbridge
Library Director



Community Event Photos

Library receives new furniture with a grant from the Tocker Foundation



Library Grand Opening



Potteet Canyon Park Playground Grand Opening



Librarian Lisa Burbridge, Court Clerk Dora Gomez & Lt. Noe Rodriguez participated in a Buckle Bear initiated at Potteet elementary school where they read a book about seat belt safety to children from pre-K—3rd grade .

Department Reports



Horton Lane Drainage Project



Bobby Buentello, Director



The Public Works department has been busy this past summer. The Poteet canyon parks received a new volleyball court with sand ready for use. The park also received new playground equipment with picnic tables and Bar-B-Que pits. Public Works has been diligently checking for vandalism. We kindly ask that our citizens keep watch and report any vandalism or any concerns with the new equipment and volleyball court area. We are also glad to report that this past month we collected our Lead and Copper samples and submitted all the samples to our lab to be analyzed. All samples were approved by TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality). September was a wet month for Poteet and Atascosa county Public Works would like to remind the public to get rid of all standing water in items that can become breeding grounds for mosquitos. (I.E., buckets, old tires, portable swimming pools, toys, etc.) October is now here, and Public Works will be having the bulky curbside pickup on the week of Monday October 15th through Friday October 19th, 2018. Please keep watch in your utility bill for the bulky pick-up flyer. The flyer will also be published on the City’s webpage at www.poteettx.org This Flyer contains critical information about the bulky pick-up. City hall will also be closed October 8, 2018 in observance of Columbus Day.



Public Works employee repairing a water leak during the month of August.



Public Work received two new John Deere Mowers with Coun-

Department Reports



Police Chief Bruce Hickman

Greetings to all my fellow strawberry lovers.

Our hope is that everyone had a great summer. We would like to remind folks to be prepared for our ever-changing South Texas weather. Please continue to check the back seat for kiddos and pets before walking away from vehicles. Also, see something, say something. This applies to everything from kids or pets in vehicles and other weather related exposure concerns to acts of mischief or violence against persons or property. Remember “Turn Around, Don’t Drown”. Also remember that the City of Poteet is a handsfree city. Keep your strawberry pickers off your devices while your driving. Especially in our school zones. A phone in your hand with speaker on is still a violation.



We would like to thank you all for joining us back in August for our 3rd Annual “Fun in The Park”. The Poteet Chiefs (PD, ISD PD and Fire) took their turns in the dunk booth. We had a great time chasing and being chased by our kids and cooling off from the heat with the water blasters. The water slides provided a great time for many of us. We had good snacks, cool drinks and great music. We shared many laughs, especially when I commandeered the PoVFD brush trucks fire hose and soaked the crowd and when the pig kiss’n got underway I don’t think anyone could contain the laughter. (I still think that Pastor Haak from PoFBC rigged that event). We would also like to thank all those that stayed and watched to movie with us. A BIG thank you to the people at the ACFCC for presenting the movie, that was a real treat.



Fun in the Park

With the cool(er) weather holidays fast approaching, I would like share that we have more great community events coming up. October 2nd, National Night Out at the Poteet Municipal Park (on Ave C). October 25th Trunk or Treat and Canyon park. On December 15th we will have our annual Blue Santa Parade and Gift Giving. I can’t hardly wait for hot chocolate, candy canes and the Christmas carols. Please visit us on the internet for more details on times for these events.



Thanks for reading

Your friends at the Poteet Police Department and Association

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

REGARDING BI-ANNUAL BULKY PICKUP SERVICE



City of Poteet
 491 Ave. H
 Poteet, Texas
 78065
 (830) 742 - 3574

The City of Poteet contracts with ACI Recycling and Disposal® to provide bi-annual bulk pickup service. ACI shall also provide twice per year for the special collection and hauling from Residential Customers of bulky waste, construction debris and stable matter (with a limitation of eight (8) cubic yards) from all residential locations receiving garbage collection services. Pickup rules are stated under the Quick Reference section. Stumps and logs “**must be larger**” than four (4) inches in diameter and stacked neatly by curbside. **Brush piles will not be** picked up but stumps and logs over (4) inches will be allowed during this event. ACI will not pick up any comingled brush/metal/bulk objects, items not placed out by the appropriate time/date, or piles placed in areas that the truck cranes cannot reach. Piles passed by will need to be moved out of the city right of way and arrangements made with ACI or other private contractor for immediate pickup. **Any resident placing bulky items out either prior to or after the authorized dates as noted below or for not moving items if passed by will be issued a Municipal Court summons for violating the City Ordinance.**

This is the official notice of your scheduled pickup service. Please note the dates that items may be placed out. This is the only notice you will receive. A copy of this document is available on the city’s website at www.poteettx.org.



START DATE TO PUT ITEMS OUT

10/08/2018

END DATE TO PUT ITEMS OUT

10/14/2018

PICK UP DATES

10/15/2018—10/19/2018

Bulky Waste - includes Stoves, refrigerators, water tanks, washing machines, furniture, mattresses, and other appliances, barbecue grills, carpeting (small pieces), stumps, logs, yard waste, toilets, wooden pallets (limit 3 per household).

Following items ARE NOT acceptable

Batteries, tires, concrete, acid/poisons, waste oil, gasoline, solvents, auto fluids, pesticides, pool chemicals, household chemicals, paint, sheetrock, televisions, electronics, brick, glass, roofing material, shingles, soil and rocks.

QUICK REFERENCE

1. Place items out no later than midnight the day before pickup is to begin. If you missed the scheduled pickup, you may contact ACI at to schedule a pickup for a nominal fee. Items must be placed **at the curb** in front of your residence only (not on street).
2. Keep **all bulk items separated two feet** from stumps/logs and especially scrap iron, wire, metal, etc. to avoid equipment damage. Do not place bulk items near fences, mail boxes, water meters, telephone pedestals, fire hydrants, under trees or other low hanging lines as the waste truck cannot safely pick up items there.
3. **Remove gasoline/oil/propane/butane** from items being discarded, (i.e. lawn mowers, small engines, barbecue pits, gas cans, etc).