

Volume 2, Issue 1

# The Strawberry Jam

November 2018- January, 2019

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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

- Presidents Day Feb. 18th– City Hall Closed**
- March 5th-City Council Meeting @ 6:30pm**
- March 20th-P&Z Meeting @ 6:30pm**
- April 5th-7th-Poteet Strawberry Festival**
- April 19th-Good Friday-City Hall Closed**
- April 21st-Easter Sunday**

## A letter from the Mayor



Mayor Albert Trevino

Greetings,  
 On behalf of the City Council, we want to say Thank You for your continued support and efforts in making Poteet a better city to live. I would also like to commend the community for looking out for one another, and reporting any suspicious or possible crime in progress to our Police Department to take proper action.

2018 was such a busy year; and full of projects to beautify and update our lovely town. The Horton Lane drainage project, to help prevent flooding to the area and school, has been completed. The Poteet Canyon Park was another project that was completed this past year. Updates include; a new jungle gym, picnic area’s, and also a Volleyball court. Last but certainly not the least, our new and improved Library is up and running with new book shelves, reading area, and free wi-fi. The city is looking forward for 2019 and what it brings. I have recently signed off on plans for a new auto parts store on Hwy 16. No dates have been given on when this will start construction.

I would like to close with giving thanks again to all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as Mayor. The past two years have been an amazing journey. Hopefully, we can continue to grow and work together to mold Poteet to it’s full potential. I ask that all citizens be more involved with our community and try to attend City Council and Town Meetings, so any and all information can be received accurately.

And remember, “My office doors are always Open.”



Albert Estrada Trevino  
 Mayor, City of Poteet

## Elected Officials

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Albert E. Trevino, Mayor</b>       | <b>Nick Sanchez, Council Member</b>  |
| <b>Estella Rocha, Council Member</b>  | <b>Susanna Perez, Council Member</b> |
| <b>Denise Sanchez, Council Member</b> | <b>Rick Flores, Council Member</b>   |

## City Administrator's Corner

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. The holiday's went by so fast and the New Year is upon us. November was a quiet month overall; however, Communities Unlimited conducted a water rate study for the City of Poteet and presented their study to the City Council. The City Council voted to adopt the recommended water rate and that rate went into effect January 01, 2019. The new rates were published in the paper and on the city's website. It is important to understand the water rates for the City of Poteet have not increase in the past seven years. Operating expenses for the city have increased and we find ourselves paying more for parts, supplies, and equipment. In the past seven years our vendors and those organizations whom the City does business with increased their prices with the economy. The City of Poteet endured those higher cost and those expenditures were not supplement in any form. It is important for the city staff and City Council to recognize when water rates need to increase, so the city does not continue to incur any additional out of pocket expenses. With this being said, my staff and I will continue to provide the best services possible to the resident's and business owners of the City of Poteet.

Over the past several months the City has seen an increase in sales tax. This is a wonderful feeling because it tells us more citizens are spending money in our city instead of elsewhere. Sales tax is very important for city operations and if we can produce more sales tax over time then it may be possible to lower the property tax. I encourage you, your families and friends to continue to shop locally. In doing so, you help the city with trying to provide the best service possible.

Elections are just a few months away; if you or any one you know are interested in running for City Council or Mayor please come by City Hall and pick up a packet. The deadline to turn in the packets is February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. If you have no desire to run for City Council, then please get out and vote. The City of Poteet has a little over 3,400 residents in our city and only a small percentage actually vote.

As of March 2019, resident's and business owners will start to see blue Republic Services garbage trucks picking up your trash. Republic Services purchases ACI, their equipment and offered all of ACI's employees a job. Republic Services will continue to honor the contract ACI and the City of Poteet have in place.

In closing, I want to thank the Mayor and City Council for their vote of confidence and my outstanding performance evaluation. This Mayor and Council see the changes that have been made in my short time as your City Administrator. As I have stated before, changes take time and not everything can happen at once. Please continue to be patient but I assure you; my staff and I come to work everyday with our citizens and business owners' best interest in mind. We will continue to serve each of you and do our best to make your needs and concerns our priority.

God Bless,

Eric A. Jiminez  
City Administrator

## SERVANT LEADERSHIP

*"The servant-leader is servant first... It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve first. The conscious choice brings one to aspire to lead... The difference manifests itself in the care taken by the servant—first to make sure that other people's highest priority needs are being served."*



— Robert K. Greenleaf



Eric A. Jiminez

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Election Information

# CITY OF POTEET

## NOTICE OF DEADLINE TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR PLACE ON THE BALLOT (AVISO DE FECHA LÍMITE PARA PRESENTAR SOLICITUDES PARA UN LUGAR EN LA BOLETA)

**Filing Date and Times:** *(Fechas y Horario para entregar presentaciones)*

**Start Date: January 16, 2019**  
*(Fecha Inicio)*

**End Date: February 15, 2019**  
*(Fecha Limite)*

**Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.**  
*(Horario de la Oficina)*



Notice is hereby given that applications for a place on ballot for the May 4, 2019 City of Poteet General Election may be filed during the following dates:  
*(se da aviso por las presente que las solicitudes para un lugar en la boleta de la Eleccion Especial de la Cuida de Poteet su pueden presentar durante el siguiente horario)*

Physical address for filing applications in person for a place on the ballot:  
*(Direccion a fisica para presentar las solicitudes en persona para un lugar en la boleta)*

City of Poteet City Hall  
491 Ave H  
Poteet Texas, 78065

Address to mail applications for a place on the ballot (if filing by mail):  
*(Direccion a donde enviar las solicitudes para un lugar en la boleta (en case de presentar pro correo)*



City of Poteet  
City Secretary's Office  
P.O. Box 378  
Poteet Texas 78065

Printed Name of Filing Officer  
Abigayle Frautschi, City Secretary

December 17, 2018      Diciembre 17, 2018  
Date Posted                      (Fecha Archivada)

The City of Poteet currently holds a Joint Election with Poteet ISD. Poteets' General Election is in May of each year. The Notice Drawing for the City of Poteet General Election date and time has been posted at City Hall and can be viewed on the Poteet City's webpage

# Public Information

## Facebook Page



**REGISTER  
TO VOTE!**



April 4, 2019, will be the  
LAST Day to Register to  
Vote for May 4, 2019  
Election .



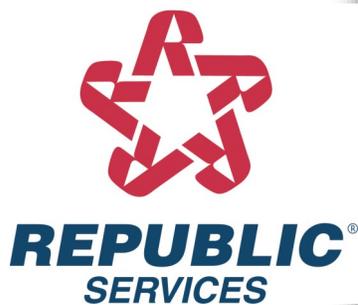
January 22nd a Proclamation was signed by Mayor Albert Trevino to declare January 20-26th **School Choice Week**. Declaring all children of the City of Poteet and Poteet ISD should have access to the highest-quality education possible.



### Municipal Court Week

On November 8th, the Mayor signed and read a proclamation recognizing November 5th - 9th as Municipal Court week. Please join us in thanking our Poteet Municipal Court Judge, Court Administrator and Court Clerk for the fine and outstanding job they perform.

Republic Services recently purchased ACI Recycling & Disposal and will begin taking over garbage service on March 1st. Resident's and Business owners will start to see blue Republic Services trash trucks roaming around the city. However, your current containers and receptacles will remain the same until they are damaged or need to be replaced. For garbage complaints, please continue to contact City Hall.





# Department Reports

## Poteet Public Library

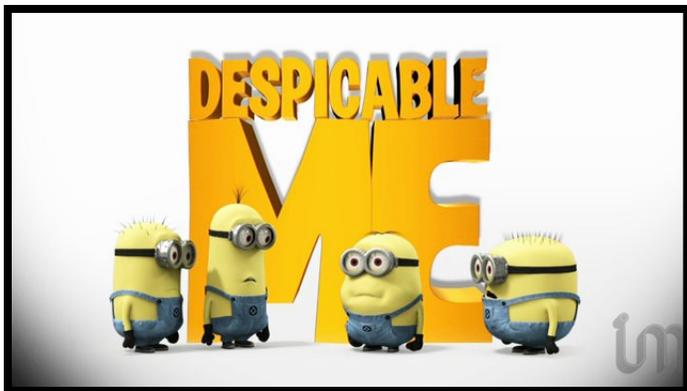
### NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

We would like to introduce a new face at the library. Andrea Faz, who is our New Library Clerk. Andrea is from Poteet and is very excited to be at the Library. The Library now has FREE Wi-Fi which was donated by the Poteet Rotary Club. The library offers: Faxing, copies, e-mail, and movie check-outs. The Library now has Storytime for the “Lil Aggies” from 10:00 am – 11:00 am every Thursday. During the Winter Break, the kids enjoyed watching Despicable Me 3 and free popcorn. We also made Christmas Decorations for the kids to take home or decorate the Christmas tree at the Library.

**February activities include:** Valentine Cookie Decorating February 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 4:30. Brown Hearing will be here February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They can be reached at 1-888-433-4167 to schedule an appointment.



Please give a big Welcome to our new **Library Clerk Andrea Faz**



**DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY OFFERS WIFI!! BRING YOUR SMRTPHONE, TABLET, LAPTOP AND SIT IN OUR SITTING AREA AND ENJOY SOME FREE WIFI!!**



### **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



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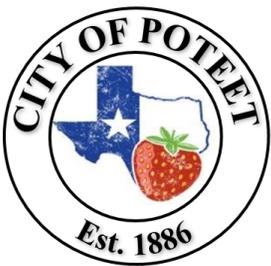


**Bobby Buentello, Public Works Director**

The Public Works Department had a very productive 2018 completing numerous projects, such as the drainage improvement project at the school, the playground equipment and the volleyball court both at the Canyon Park just to name a few. For 2019 the public works department is working on completing the Horton lane road improvement project on joint venture with the county. Commissioner Gillespie and his crew will begin construction early spring. Public works is also pleased to announce that a collection system improvement project is under construction at the city’s lift station site. The Public Works Department will continue to work diligently to improve both our city and our department.

# PUBLIC WORKS

*Building Engineering Maintenance*



# POTEET PUBLIC WORKS

# Department Reports



**We Support Our  
Law Enforcement Officers**

Police Chief

Bruce Hickman

Hello Poteet,

Happy new year!!



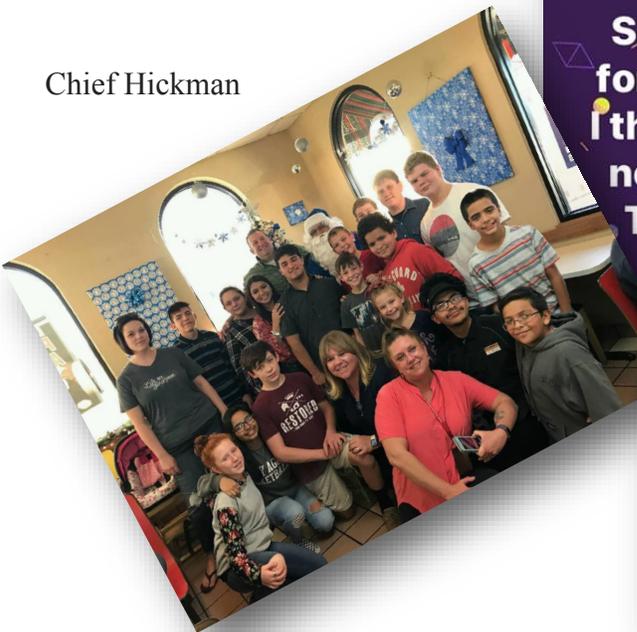
We would like to thank all of you who attended, participated and volunteered in our National Night Out, Trunk our treat, and Blue Santa Programs. We (City Employees and our families) had a great time hanging out with our citizens during these events. Several community organizations participated by providing treats, goodies, gifts and gift wrapping. We would like to thank and applaud the Poteet Ministerial Alliance, St. Philip Benizi Catholic church and all the many other organizations that worked together with the Police Department and Police association to make these events happen. These events provide opportunities to meet with The Mayor, City Manager City Council members and City Department Heads to ask questions and discuss current events or topics. We look forward to 2019 and all the events we have planned for this year. Let all pray for appropriate weather and greater attendance and participation. The Poteet Strawberry Festival is quickly approaching, and we are looking forward to a pleasant and enjoyable weekend.

We wish you a safe and Happy Valentine's Day.

God Bless you,

Chief Hickman

**Shout out to Poteet PD  
for showing my kids and I  
that being pulled over is  
not always a bad thing.  
Thank you very much**



## POTEET STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL 2019

### Information and Forms

**Carnival wristband night will be Thursday, April 4th, 2019**

**Strawberry Festival main events will be April 05 - 07, 2019**

#### **Parade Information:**

The Poteet Strawberry Festival Parade will be held on Saturday, April 06, 2019 and will began at 10:00 a.m.

#### **Parade Entry Information:**

The link to the online application for Parade Participation is now open and can be found on the City of Poteet's website or the Strawberry Festival Association website. Please consider participating in the Parade or referring others in your community to participate.

The link is: <https://tinyurl.com/y9yrfjiv>

You can copy and paste the link into your browser in order to complete the online application.

**The final deadline for entries in the parade will be March 20, 2019.** Entries must be in by this date.

(830) 742 - 8144 - Local

(830) 276 - 3323 - San Antonio Metro

(888) 742 - 8144 - Toll Free

#### **Vendor Information:**

#### **Mandatory Vendor Meeting**

**Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 6:00 PM** at City Hall 491 Ave H, Poteet, TX 78065

All permits must be purchased by **Thursday April 04, 2019 at 4:30 PM** to avoid late fee of \$100.00

Fill out the Application in its entirety and bring to City Hall at 491 Ave. H, Poteet, TX 78065, accompanied with the attachments. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

#### **Forms of Payment Accepted**

Credit card, Cashiers Check, Money Order, or Cash (no personal checks will be accepted)

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FOR INFO : 830-276-3323

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