

June, 2017

Dear Citizens:

I have three topics to update you on in this newsletter. 1- Code Enforcement 2- Orchard Jamboree. 3- Pavilion.

First-- Code Enforcement, to improve our ability to enforce city ordinances we have now hired a trained code enforcement officer to work part time at the city of Orchard. She has 17 years of service with the city of Sealy & Katy and is also trained on substandard building enforcement. Her name is Chrissy McGee and currently is the Assistant Building Official with the City of Sealy. She will begin work in June 2017, and will monitor our city for compliance on city ordinances such as junk cars, pets, tall grass, etc. She will also monitor any work in the city that may require a permit. As always we will send a letter to anyone who is not in compliance and give them a chance to resolve the issue before any citation is issued. However, we have many pet owners, who were sent warning letters for a pet not contained, only to see it out again. So please understand if you have received a warning in the past, and your pet is not on a leash or is not contained you will receive a citation and pay a fine. I know there will be a learning curve and maybe a few bumps along the way but the benefits to our city will certainly be worth it. As always any questions please feel free to call me at my cell number or address the council by calling city hall and ask to be on the agenda.

Second-- The Orchard Jamboree will be on November 12, 2017. We now have the raffle tickets in and would like to thank the folks from our community for their generous donation for the raffle items.

Supak Construction, Aqua Vault, EFI Panels, Great Lawn & Landscape Inc., Sunny's Country Food Market, The Jaynes Gang, The Mayorga Family, Rod & Marie Pavlock, Al Sulak & Country Sounds, David & Karen Pavlock, Matt & Dani Perreault, Orchard Beer Parlor, Orchard Sales & Service.

I would also like to thank Sunny's Country Food Basket for donating money to pay for printing the tickets. Now, I need everyone to help sell tickets. The raffle & auction creates the largest part of our profits for the Jamboree. The more tickets we sell the more we make. You can pick up tickets at the city hall or contact me at my cell number or Mary Jane Sowa. We will also be selling advance meal tickets for \$8.00 each. Meal tickets on the day of the event will be \$10.00 the meal will be a Chicken Fried Chicken Plate catered by Ben's Chuckwagon.

Third-- We will most likely start construction on the Pavilion around March of 2018, We have received \$100,000 from the George Foundation and with the additional money we have set aside we can fund the First phase of the pavilion. We are also submitting request for a grant to the Henderson-Wessendorff Foundation and Texas Parks & Wildlife. This is for funding of the second phase which will include the bathrooms, concession area and stage. I will keep everyone updated with progress.

We will do our best to continue to enforce our ordinances and keep our commitment to the citizens of Orchard and keep our taxes down so we can all enjoy a safe and clean place to live.

Please feel free to call me or any of the council members to learn about other activities the city is working on. Our objective is to continue improvements to our city services, facilities and to the quality and safety of our city.

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