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Mayor's Minute

Nutrition and good eating habits are very important not only for the adults in our community, but even more so for our young people. There are two initiatives presently being offered or being developed in Hondo that deserve our thanks and appreciation.

For contact information about this very worthy project you can visit the website www.hondofoodcoop.com.

City of Hondo staff along with the Hondo Independent School District administration should receive your appreciation for a partnership that will provide activities for our school children out for the summer. Our Summer Recreation Youth Camp will keep kids active throughout the summer by having them engage in different sports activities

"Surround yourself with people strong enough to change your mind"

~John Wooden

First, the Hondo Area Chamber of Commerce recently organized and is now having available for you every Friday a "Sprouts" food market. Vendors from around our area are in Hondo at the City's "Loading Dock" on Eighteenth Street offering fresh produce, herbs and other organic products for sale at reasonable prices. The market opens at 9:00AM and is open until early afternoon. The Chamber of Commerce is to be commended for organizing this market for our Hondo and area residents.

The other new initiative is an ambitious, but much needed endeavor called the Hondo Food Cooperative. This project, started by a local group of volunteer citizens, has a vision to provide a community owned, community grown or produced, cooperative that will serve the entire area's citizens. In the beginning, the goals are to build membership, raise funds by shares purchased in the cooperative, develop educational programs and extend community outreach. This endeavor is solely a nonprofit grass roots effort that will likely take three to five years to achieve. Anyone can become a member/owner of the cooperative by purchasing a one time share for \$100.00

along with group games and crafts and trips to the Hondo Pool. Camp participants will take field trips with visits to the Medina Regional Hospital, the Hondo Police Department, the Hondo Volunteer Fire Department, the Hondo Garden Club and possibly others.

This camp cost is \$96.00 and runs June 5th through July 27th, Monday through Thursday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Space is limited so please stop by the Rick Taylor Recreation Center and sign your children up for a summer full of learning and fun.

Our school district helps provide lunches during the month of June and provides transportation to and from the recreation center. What a great program!

During the month of May National Police Month was celebrated nationwide. Please take the opportunity when you can to stop and thank our "Men and Women in Blue" for always being there for us!



~Mayor James W. Danner

Upcoming Events



City Council Meetings

June 12th at 6:00PM

June 26th at 6:00PM

Boards & Commissions

Planning & Zoning Meeting
June 19th at 6:00pm

Board of Adjustment
June 20th at 6:00pm

Airport Advisory Board
June 21st at 5:30pm

Parks/Rec Advisory Board
June 28th at 6:00pm

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

Tuesday, July 4th



RED WHITE & BOOM
Saturday, July 1st
Hondo, TX
City Park #1

BBQ Cookoff
Veterans Ceremony 11:00
Food Vendors
Golf Tournament
Patriotic Pet Contest
Live Music

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Kids Activities:
Rock Climbing Wall
Bungee Trampoline
Inflatable Water Slides
Human Claw
Free Swim at City Pool

FIREWORKS!

Free Admission
Gates open at 10:30 am

Additional Sponsors:
Church's Chicken * Community National Bank * Community Care Center of Hondo Medina Electric Cooperative * HEB * Hondo National Bank * Lone Star Kawasaki * Silver Creek Meats & Gear * Southwest Gulf Railroad

Music Line Up:
Buddy Vargas - 11:30 - 12:30
Dalton Lane - 1:00 - 2:00
Jannie Lin Wilson - 2:30-3:30
Double Bogey - 4:00 - 5:30
The Torman Brothers 6:00 - 9:00

Fireworks Immediately Following the Music

830-426-3037 * info@hondochamber.org for more info



Home & Building Numbering

Why is this necessary? It helps EMS, Fire, and Police personnel easily locate properties during emergency situations. It also assists City of Hondo personnel, FedEx, UPS, and postal workers with deliveries.

Article 3.08 House and Building Numbering, Sec 3.08.002 states that all structures within the city limits of Hondo are to be addressed and numbered. This ordinance puts the responsibility on property owners to insure proper addressing and to correctly display identifying numbers on said property.

All numbers shall be within four (4) feet of the front and/or rear door and visible from the street. Numbers shall be a minimum of three (3) inches tall and one and three quarter (1 ¾) inches wide. Numbers to be used shall be of contrasting color compared to their background.

It is preferred to use black reflective numbers on a white background.

Help make a difference within the community and let's achieve compliance through the spirit of cooperation and education.

Code Compliance/Building Inspection Division at 830-426-4737.



Begins June 12th

Kinder: minimum of 15 books read

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1st – 3rd: minimum of 25 books

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4th grade+ minimum of 30 books

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Admission: \$10.00 refundable materials deposit required to register. Registration is first come, first enrolled.

SESSION ONE

June 12th – 16th

K-3 at 10am-11:30am

Grades 4+ at 1:30pm-3:30pm

SESSION TWO

June 19th – 23rd

K-3 at 10am-11:30am

Grades 4+ at 1:30pm-3:30pm

Reading Logs due June 23rd

Awards Ceremony June 30th at the Hondo Public Library to award top readers followed by a family picnic and ending the fun at the Hondo Pool for family pool night.

For more information contact Debbie Krueger at dkrueger@hondo-tx.org or call 830-426-5333.

Hours of Operation:
Monday – Friday 10am-6pm
Saturdays 10am-3pm

From the Desk of the City Manager

As we start to roll in to a new budget season at the City, it is always a time to reflect on the things we have accomplished in the last fiscal year. It is easy to appreciate when new curbing gets installed or a new building constructed – all of which have been long-standing projects for the City. Those are the tangible things to the citizens. This year, we have accomplished a number of items that aren't as visible, but just as important to the City. As you know, having a solid team is critical to any organizations. Keeping good team members is a balance between recognizing their value to the team and controlling the burden to our Citizens of maintaining benefits and wages. In addition to working on adjusting our pay plan to stay competitive in today's market, we established a system where people can advance within our organization and we are working to train our next generation of leaders at the City. Establishing a means to promote retention of organizational knowledge and history is important to our successes. Also, providing the guidelines for achieving our mission has been a project at the forefront of our efforts this year. The City of Hondo Personnel Policies had not been updated in *sixteen years*. A lot about the City and personnel law has changed in that time and a comprehensive review of those policies was long overdue. Earlier this year, we adopted a new policy and included in it guidelines for review to ensure this is not a challenge in future years. Another such project was completion of a comprehensive purchasing policy. Again, while this may not be one of those flashy projects to complete, it is critical in making sure we are good stewards of the public funds that we are entrusted with. This project also went hand-in-hand with review of our investment policy. Setting that solid foundation for us to work from is critical as we move forward with City operations. I would be remiss if I didn't complement our executive staff, particularly our Finance Division, who has been instrumental in achieving these goals. Furthermore, I have had the pleasure of working with a Council who has a vision and understands the importance of having policies in place that work to advance our vision of a Hondo that assures a sense of community, safety and neighborhood integrity by providing needed municipal services, fiscal responsibility, and a progressive, quality atmosphere in which to work and play with an emphasis on balanced, equitable growth.

~Kim Davis