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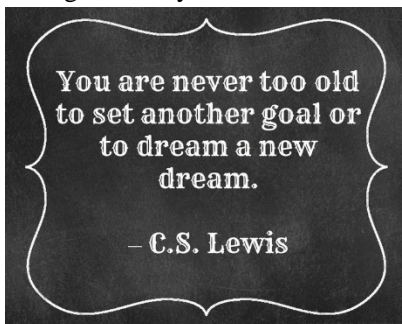
JANUARY 2018

Mayor's Minute

This edition of my "Mayor's Minute" is devoted to the many who deserve special appreciation at this time and throughout the year for their contributions not only during the Christmas season but continuously to our citizenry.

Thanks to the Hondo Area Chamber of Commerce for an especially successful "Christmas in God's Country" this year which delighted the young and old, our citizens and visitors to our city, with the various activities they and their sponsors held and also for the many other events they carry each and every year.

Thanks to the many Hondo charitable organizations that gave our local needy children a very Merry Christmas with over 500 kids enjoying presents from Blue Santa, HANK, Bluebonnet Children's Center, the Hondo/D'Hanis Rotary Club and others. Thanks to the Hondo Garden Club whose members made it possible for our underprivileged Hondo citizens to have needed clothing during the holidays and for the many donations they make throughout the year.



Thanks to all our local first responders who kept our community safe and with medical and emergency care like our Hondo Police Department, the EMS, the Hondo Volunteer Fire Department, and others as they stayed on duty while others enjoyed the holiday.

Thanks to our City of Hondo employees who not only during the holidays but all during the year insure that our citizens have water to drink, electricity to light their homes, safe streets in which to drive, parks, recreation and a library facilities to enjoy along with many other services. I'm sure there are other folks that deserve our thanks and appreciation that I have not mentioned but as you consider those above and the others who contribute to your quality of life, please take the opportunity when you can to show them your gratitude.



A good example of the services and facilities your city provides is the new Hondo Oakwood Cemetery Annex. The new annex, directly to the south of Oakwood Cemetery will be dedicated by the City Council and the Cemetery Advisory Board on Thursday, January 11th at 9:00am. You are all invited to the cemetery and to have the opportunity to see the new addition.

~Mayor James W. Danner, Sr.

Upcoming Events

City Council Meetings

January 8th at 6:00PM

January 22nd at 6:00PM

Boards & Commissions

Animal Advisory Meeting
January 2nd at 5:30pm

Planning & Zoning Meeting
January 16th at 6:00pm

Board of Adjustment Meeting
January 17th at 6:00pm

Library Advisory Board
January 23rd at 5:30pm

Parks & Recreation Meeting
January 24th at 6:00pm

Cemetery Advisory Board
January 25th at 5:30pm



City of Hondo offices will
be closed on:
Monday, January 15th
in observance of
Martin Luther King Day.



Hondo Public Library events:

Jan. 4th- 9am-AARP

Jan. 11th-iPhone Tips-11am

Jan. 12th-Garden Club-12pm

Jan. 18th-Domestic Violence Awareness-10:30am

Jan. 18th-Knitting Class-3pm

Jan. 25th-Coffee w/a Cop-8:30am

Jan. 25th-Knitting Class-3pm

Storytime-every Wed.-10:30am

Tiny Tot Tales-Tuesdays-10:30am

Questions?

Contact HPL staff at 830-426-5333



The Hondo Police Department has been doing the Blue Santa program for over 22 years. This year was one of our best years. We were able to distribute to all kids on our lists and have toys left over. Extra toys will be used as prizes for community events. Any funding we received that is left over is also saved or used to support our Community Outreach programs throughout the year. This year we went back to home deliveries and stopped at 47 different residences and Blue Santa himself delivered toys to 131 kids. BIG THANK YOU to Cecil Ford for the use of their vehicles, all those who donated monetary or toys. Our officers showed up with lights to help make the visit that more special. Thank you for showing your support to our program; it is greatly appreciated.

~Chief Brian Valenzuela



City of Hondo 2017 Employee Award winners:

Above & Beyond

Ryan Murphy-Police Dept.
William Stewart-Water Division
Justin Moncada-Electric Division

Newcomer of the Year

Joe Ramon-Code Compliance

Supervisor of the Year

Karissa Gonzalez-Recreation

Employee of the Year

Abby DeLeon-Administration

Executive of the Year

Chief Brian Valenzuela-Police Dept.

Citizen's Award

Abby DeLeon

Big congratulations to each of them on their accomplishment.

From the Desk of the City Manager

With each New Year, new goals for improvement are made. Sometimes these goals are set towards our homes. The City of Hondo encourages citizens to maintain the upkeep on their property. Before you begin to start on your new fence or add on to your home please know there are proper steps that need to be taken to avoid any penalties.

- Complete a permit application and hand deliver/e-fax/email to Code Compliance office.
- Once permit has been reviewed, customer is notified and permit may be paid and picked up at City Hall or paid online.
- Once permit is paid it must be posted in a visible area until work is completed.

Prior approval is required before work begins. Work constructed without a permit are subject to fines of no more than \$500.00 or \$2000 per violation/per day depending on the violation.

I hope these tips help your planning and construction go smoothly. If you find yourself with any issues or questions the staff at Code Compliance will be more than happy to assist you. They may be reached at: Phone: 830-426-4737 or Physical Address: 802 Ave Y.

May you and yours have a blessed 2018!

~Kim Davis