October 2018 Newsletter



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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Mayor's Minute

We at the city are all excited with the recent developments at our South Texas Regional Training Center which ultimately will enable our Hondo citizens along with those young people and adults in the area to receive additional vocational training enabling enhanced job opportunities.

The construction of our annex next to the original training center building is progressing nicely even with our recent needed rains and should be completed next summer or earlier in 2019. The annex will provide the housing and equipment for industrial type training starting off with welding and air conditioning installation and repair and later probably plumbing, electrical and other trades.

Dialogue is ongoing with the high school administrations in the area discussing these needs and finding ways to bring students to the training center including finalizing transportation requirements.

In September your city administration along with the members of the Hondo City Council, the Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors and the Medina County Commissioners Court finalized an Interlocal Agreement with the Board of Trustees of Southwest Texas Junior College (SWTJC) as to the coordination of courses which will be offered now and in the future at the training center. Most important, the agreement addresses the offering of courses at the center which SWTJC does not have the capabilities to provide allowing for the center to reach out to other providers like the Alamo Colleges District. This agreement finalization which took many months to facilitate, is very important to the future of vocational training in the area.

Please be reminded:

You should have your items out for the city's semi-annual clean-up since the active pick-up will commence on October 1st. To enable our refuse contractor to have a successful clean up, please follow the directions on the notice you recently have been provided. These clean-ups insure that our city continues to have an attractive reputation.

Also, to commence with the semi-annual clean-up our Hondo cemetery has also scheduled a similar event from October 1st - 5th. Please remove all of your flower arrangements and decorations to enable city staff to accomplish this cemetery beautification.

On October 25th, your Hondo Police Department is presenting its monthly "Coffee with Cops". The subject for this gettogether is Anti-Bullying and Social Media Safety. Please take this opportunity to visit with "Hondo's Finest".

Also, the police department is having its well-planned "2018 National Night Out" event on Tuesday, October 2nd from 6:00 -9:00 p.m. at the 1100 block of 16th Street. Plan to join your neighbors and Safety Pup to enjoy free hot dogs, music and a Disney film "Zootopia" for this annual fun event.

The city sponsored "Hondoween" on the Square will be held on October 31st from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Memorial Square across from the Hondo Public Library. Please take advantage of an opportunity to have a fun filled safe Halloween.

~Mayor James W. Danner, Sr.



City Council Meetings

October 8th, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. October 22nd, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Boards & Commissions

Planning & Zoning Meeting
October 15th, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
Board of Adjustment Meeting
October 16th, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
Airport Advisory Board
October 17th, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

Coffee with Cops

Friday, October 25th, 2018

Hondo Public Library

Topic: Anti-Bulling/Social Media Safety



Having a ruff day? Let one of these puppies make your day paw-tastic!







Three adorable female shepherd mix puppies available for adoption!
Contact the Animal Shelter at 830-426-2696 if interested.

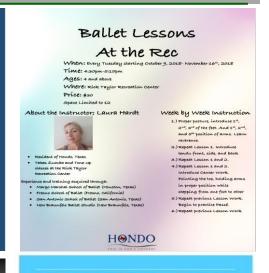
More rain means faster growing grass. Be sure to keep up with your growing yards!

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Check out activities happening this month















Inviting all Type 1 aduits, children and their families to the Hondo Public Library. Our Hondo Outreach Program would like to start a monthly get together to help all those living with Type 1 diabetes and their families. We hope to form a great support group in our area to benefit those living with or directly affected by Type 1.

Type 1 Upcoming Events







This is a social group for adults, children and families with Type 1 Diabetes (Insulinpependent) living in the greater Hondo area (DYHanis, Castroville, Devine, Sabinal, (nippa). We are a fairly small percentage of the population and it would be nice to have some camaraderie with others who understand how emotionally draining the lisease can be... It is fun, therapeutic and enlightening to meet up and make some tew friends that have some similar daily challenges.

From the desk of the City Manager...

When I am out in the community, one of the things I get asked about often is how to become involved more with City activities. I wanted to share with you a few of the questions I frequently get asked.

- 1) How do I get nominated to serve on a board or commission? Multiple times a year, the City Council makes appointments to our boards and commissions. If you are interested in volunteering to serve on one of these boards, please let a Council member or myself know of your interest and we will follow-up when an appointment is available. You can also stop by City Hall and complete a form that we will keep on file for the Mayor to review when appointments are available.
- 2) What are the various advisory boards and commissions available for people to serve on? There are several boards and commissions that people can volunteer to be a part of. The list includes the following: Airport Advisory Board, Animal Care Services Advisory Board, Cemetery Advisory Board, Golf Advisory Board, Library Advisory Board, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. There are also three more formal boards of which to serve on: Zoning Board of Adjustments; City of Hondo Economic Development Board and the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- 3) How much time does serving on a board take? Typically, these boards meet for one hour every couple of months. You are provided with any information needed to make informed recommendations to City Council and Staff on items of concern or interest.
- 4) What qualifies you to serve on a board? Each board is comprised of City of Hondo residents. There are a few exceptions that allow for someone who lives in our extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ). Any training in Open Meetings Act regulations and board conduct are provided at no cost to you. The biggest thing that qualifies you to serve on a board or commission is your spirit of volunteerism and desire to make our community a better place!

If you are interested in serving on a board or commission in the future, I do encourage you to be thinking about registering for our next Hondo U Citizen Engagement Academy this Spring. You will learn more about our City operations and get a taste of what it feels like to fill one of these important roles. For more information about Hondo U, please visit our website: www.hondo-tx.org.