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### Mayor's Minute

It would be remiss on my part not to utilize the newsletter to welcome newly elected Place Two City Councilman, Bobby Vela to your City Council and also to thank our long term City Councilman Sammy Nooner for his over ten year service to your city. I look forward to working with Councilman Vela but will miss the contributions to the city by Mr. Nooner who brought financial and fiscal responsibility to the Council. Mr. Vela is an astute businessman who will bring fresh ideas to the council.



For many years our citizens have left Hondo and went elsewhere to celebrate America's birthday on July 4<sup>th</sup>. However, over the past few years the City of Hondo staff has partnered with the Hondo Area Chamber of Commerce to provide a great July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration right here in our city and the celebration seems to get better and better each year.

This Independence Day, you can remain in your hometown where a fun filled celebration is being planned for our citizens. Your city and the Chamber of Commerce once again will hold the Red, White and Boom event on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Red, White & Boom will be an all day festival and will provide fun and excitement for your whole family, beginning in the morning at the Hondo Public Library at 7:30am with a Color Fun Run. Live music, a patriotic pet contest and parade, a petting zoo, face painting,

and carnival games will be held Wednesday morning at Memorial Park.

The start of the 5K Color Run will be followed by a presentation of colors by American Legion Post 128 and a sing along of our national anthem. The pet costume contest will be held at 9:30am and during the morning we will have a K-9 presentation, a pet adoption, pet zoo and plenty of good food provided by the Girl Scouts and others.

The day will continue in the evening at Hondo City Park #1 starting at 3:30pm with local live music provided for your enjoyment by Dalton Lane at 3:30pm, followed by Landry Scott Ritter with Double Bogey at 5pm and climaxed by City View at 7:30pm. For the kids (and even for some adults) three large inflatable water slides will be provided for a nominal fee. Also, the Hondo City Pool will be open and offering free swimming all day. As always, a great and memorable fireworks show will be the highlight of the day, provided by Pirate Fireworks following all the live music. The show will start around 9:30pm.

Come, enjoy and feast on all types of good food at one of the finest July 4<sup>th</sup> celebrations in South Texas, right here in "God's Country".



Please be reminded of your opportunity to visit with some of "Hondo's Finest" during one of the upcoming "Coffee with Cops". The next gathering will be June 28<sup>th</sup> from 8am-9am at Herman Sons Restaurant featuring a program on Impaired/Distracted Drivers.

~Mayor James W. Danner, Sr.

### Upcoming Events

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### City Council Meetings

June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm  
June 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

### Boards and Commissions

Animal Care Services Board  
June 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm

### Airport Advisory Board

June 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm

In the coming days you may see this letter in your mail.

**YES!** This letter is legitimate.  
**YES!** The City of Hondo has partnered with this company to offer our citizens these benefits.

To sign up or for more information contact the company. City of Hondo does not arrange these services.



### CITY OFFICES CLOSED

Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>



Vector Control has begun spraying for mosquitos. They will be out 3-4 nights weekly (weather permitting). Please help do your part and make sure to avoid collecting water to avoid mosquitos from breeding.



### Time to Mow...

April showers bring May flowers and high grass. There are several properties throughout the City of Hondo with high grass and weeds. Citizens are required to follow the ordinance adopted that requires grass be kept under 10". (Ch. 6, Art. 6.05, Sect. 6.05.004)

High grass & weeds attract rodents, snakes and cause insect infestation. This also takes away from the aesthetic appearance of our city and could create a fire/safety hazard.

Together "WE" can make a difference keeping "God's Country" looking great.

For more information contact Code Compliance at 830-426-4737.



### Mobile SNAP Clinic

Hondo Animal Care Services will be hosting a spay & neuter event on JUNE 8<sup>th</sup>.

Open to residents of City of Hondo only. (Must bring utility bill for proof)

**DEADLINE to register is June 6<sup>th</sup>!**

Limited spots available for animals and must have animal registered or may do so at HPD before June 8<sup>th</sup> for \$5.00.

First come, first serve spots  
Sign up sheet will be at HPD office at 1101 16<sup>th</sup> St.

One pet per household

For more information contact the HPD staff at 830-426-5353 or Animal Care staff at 830-426-2696

Together we can help control the issue of overcrowding at the shelter and strays.



### From the desk of the City Manager...

As we wrap up May with unseasonably warm temperatures, it is appearing that we are in for a hotter than usual summer. We have already entered Stage 1 water restrictions, so I thought it might be a good time to share some information about water conservation.

- 1) **What are some common watering mistakes?** Runoff and evaporation are two easily preventable watering mistakes. Runoff is when you are watering too rapidly for the plants to absorb. This not only wastes water, but carries soil, fertilizer and pesticides to nearby streams. Evaporation typically occurs when you water during the heat of the day or use a fine mist which causes much of the water to evaporate before reaching your plants.
- 2) **How can I maximize my water use while reducing my costs?** Some simple things you can do are make sure you don't have any sinks or toilet leaks, install water-efficient fixtures, wash full loads of laundry, use drought resistant plants and if you have a pool, use a cover or floats and toys to cover the surface to reduce evaporation.
- 3) **How do I find out what water stage we are in and the restrictions associated with that stage?** As the summer moves on and in the absence of any significant rainfall, we are predicting moving into Stage 2 and Stage 3 water restrictions. There are multiple ways to learn what stage we are in. You can visit the City website, read the local paper or sign-up for I-Info – the City's notification system for emergencies and timely public information. You may register on our website at [www.hondo-tx.org](http://www.hondo-tx.org)

For more information about saving water, you can visit [www.takecareofTexas.org](http://www.takecareofTexas.org). As always, if you have questions about this or any other City processes, please feel free to contact my office at 830-426-3380.

~Kim Davis