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Mayor's Corner

Dear Everman Residents,

What a time to live in Everman. We were able to survive the twenty-two water main breaks that occurred over a two week period, in our city. This was in part due to a valve malfunction at one of our pump stations, and an aging water system in three areas of our city. The city council has approved a \$3,000,000 Bond (Non-voting) to replace the lines on Enon, Christopher and the Chambers Creek Addition. This will bring our water system up to date, and prevent the problems that we experienced earlier this year.

Also the Everman Water Department is looking for employees. We are looking for a Leadman and a Laborer for the water Department. If you are interested or know someone that might be in need of a job, please contact City Hall at 817-293-0525 or come by City Hall and fill out an application.

On April 30th we had the Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies for two new businesses in our city. First we had the Ribbon Cutting for Cancun Mexican & Seafood Restaurant, located at 1809 Everman Parkway. The restaurant served lunch to everyone after the ceremony. The food is incredible and will be a huge success in our city. They will officially open on May 4th and will be open seven days a week.

Next was the Ribbon Cutting for the new Everman Supermarket. After years of trying to bring a grocery store to our city, one of our local business owners saw a need and delivered a grocery store for our citizens. Abid Malik has been a fixture in our city for many years and continues to bring new businesses to our city. The City Council, City Staff, Everman Economic Development Committee and Everman Residents are truly blessed to have (Eddie) Abid Malik in our community. I can't wait to see what Eddie will bring to our city next.

We are currently working with a nonprofit called "6 Stones". "6 Stones" comes in and performs home rehabilitations on the exteriors of homes that are owner occupied and the resident is low income, handicapped, Veterans and Senior Citizens, at no cost to the resident.

If you think that you might qualify for this program, you can come by city hall and pick up an application. Also be looking for the flyer in your water bill about this program.

If you haven't noticed, Fort Worth is surrounding us with several housing additions around our city. I have been going back and forth with them about the problems that are being created in Everman by these projects. As you can imagine, I have been speaking on deaf ears. We have a new charter school being constructed north of Souder Elementary along with 506 new homes around these two schools. The charter school will have over 2,000 students by the year 2024.

Next are the 988 new homes that will be constructed on the south side of Shelby Road. I can only imagine the amount of traffic that will be created due to these projects.

Next is the Stallion Point Apartments that are located on Race Street close to the High School. Phase one is in the middle of construction. The Fort Worth Housing Authority had asked for Section 8 status, but was refused by HUD, due to the area being over saturated with Section 8 Housing. The City of Everman was asked to help them get their Section 8. That request was denied. So they went with the next best thing, Low Income Housing. Now they are getting ready to start on Phase Two of these apartments. The apartments went before the Fort Worth Zoning Commission to ask for a change from Townhouse/Cluster to High Density Multifamily. I did appear before the Zoning Commission and asked them to deny this request, but as usual the change was approved to go before council. I guess that Fort Worth feels that they can move their Low Income and Section 8 residents to the outskirts of their city so that they can build expensive apartments and townhomes. You know the saying, Out of sight out of mind. I will be either be meeting with Mayor Betsy Price or sending her a letter on the issues that are happening around us.

Lastly, if your trash has been put out at the curb prior to the trash trucks running on your street and the trash was not picked up, contact City Hall at 817-293-0525. We cannot correct this if we are not notified. If you are having mail issues, contact

Congressman Marc Veasey's office at 817-920-9086.
Mail issues are a federal issue, not a city issue.

Mayor Ray Richardson,

City Manager, Michael Box

NSF CHECK POLICY

All NSF checks will be charged a service charge, the price to be adjusted periodically to reflect banks charge. All NSF checks are to be paid for with cash or money order, no checks will be accepted for a payment of an NSF. Once the City gets the NSF check back, it will not be re-sent to the bank. The bank presents the check two (2) times before returning it to the City. If a customer gives the City an NSF check two (2) times in a one (1) year period, then that customer forfeits the right to write checks for a one (1) year period, ending a year after the date of the second NSF check given. Customers that have given an NSF check will be notified of such and given three (3) working days to pay for the NSF check and the service charge. If on the Fourth (4th) working day, the NSF check has not been paid for, the water will be cut off and an additional service charge will be added to the account.

CODE COMPLIANCE

It is not permitted to park commercial vehicles in the City 10ft. easement. Refuse (trash) is not permitted, if you don't consider it refuse (trash) then it is outside storage, which is not permitted as well.

Parking is not permitted on unapproved surfaces in front building setback.

Permits required, if you are unsure if a permit is required contact City Hall and ask before you do it to save time, money and possibly having to remove any work you have done illegally.

Residential and commercial certificates of occupancy are required to occupy any structure and the certificate of occupancy document must reflect exactly the use of the structure, otherwise you are occupying the premises illegally.

D. Wilkerson

Code Enforcement

LIBRARY LORE

Greetings from the Everman Public Library

We at the Everman Public Library want to wish everyone an amazing 2018 full of great experiences and knowledge. We want you to come visit us at your Public Library and feed your curiosity with all the interesting things that you can find in our books.

We are making great progress on our Automated System Project. Our efforts are focused on the cataloging of our entire library. This means, getting all the necessary information about our books, including title, author, publisher and other information, in our database. This is a long process but it needs to get done in order to keep track of our circulation and inventory.

We hope this 2018 can be a year of success for everyone in Everman. We are excited about the programs that we will be having in this following year. Some of these programs will include our Summer Reading Program, Guitar class, Story Time and Movie Night. We will announce the times and days on the electronic board outside the library.

Remember that your contributions and donations are welcome. You can make checks payable to Friends of the Everman Public Library, P.O Box 40341, Everman TX 76140.

Thank you very much for your support.

Obed Rodriguez, Librarian

POLICE DEPARTMENT

As temperatures begin to rise, we are preparing for our busiest time of the year. As the weather changes around the year, so do crime patterns. The Everman Police Department hosts a monthly Neighborhood Crime Watch meeting on the second Thursday of every month to talk about the current crime trends. At these meetings, you will learn about what has been happening around your community, talk directly with the Police Officers who patrol your neighborhood and learn tips to prevent

falling victim to crime. It's our way of building the best relationship with you as possible. Please join us at our next meeting at 7:00pm on Thursday, May 9th, 2018 at the Everman Police Department.

In an effort to take a little larger "bite" out of crime, the Everman Police Department as recently made a new addition. Officer Robert Patton and his K9 partner "Kenia" have officially passed all required certifications as a narcotics detection canine and handler. Both were deployed as a team to our streets last month. Officer Patton and his partner are an addition to our K9 Division which is led by Corporal Thompson and K9 "Niko". The Everman Police Department K9 program is funded by these officers through a non-profit organization and by the support of local business owners. Our K9 Division is already proving to be an asset to our community with several finds and arrests this year alone. We look forward to utilizing these teams often to help combat the war on drugs and keep the streets of Everman drug free.

When recent tragedy struck in Florida, the Everman Police Department began receiving questions about our abilities and plans for a response to an active shooter situation. Officers with the Everman Police Department train diligently, year-round, to respond to all types of situations including active shooters. Every year, officers with the Everman Police Department School Resource Division team up with administrative members of the Everman Independent School District to plan and develop an Emergency Operations Plan. This plan addresses all types of emergencies ranging from severe weather impact to active shooter situations. The Everman Police Department is fortunate to have the close relationship and partnership that we do with the Everman Independent School District as we both share one common goal - to keep our youth safe. I can assure all members of our community, that if a situation arises such as this, the officers of the Everman Police Department, including myself, will respond swiftly, appropriately and without hesitation. We are currently working with the Everman Independent School District to host a Citizens Response to Active Shooter training that will allow parents, faculty and members of the community to learn about active shooter situations and offer the opportunity to address any questions.

Please like and follow our Facebook (www.facebook.com/EvermanPoliceDepartment) to learn more about this training event as well as stay up to date

with what is happening in our department and around the community!

Fire Department & EMS

The Everman Fire Department is gearing up for our 2nd annual Celebrate America Festival and Car Show. We are very excited about this year's event and hope to expand on our success from last year. The Celebrate America Parade will begin at 4:00pm and will lead from the Everman High School to Pittman Park. We want to make the parade bigger and better every year and would like to encourage all to participate. The Festival will begin at 5:00pm at Pittman Park. The festival will host a variety of activities such as music, games, outdoor laser tag, bounce houses, and more. There will also be a variety of vendors on site selling items such as food, crafts and merchandise. There will also be a costume contest at the festival, so please be sure to wear your wackiest and most patriotic outfit! At the festival, we will also be hosting a Car Show with door prizes and awards. For more information about this festival, please visit our website at www.evermantx.us/public-safety/fire-and-ems. If you would like to participate or become a vendor at the festival, please contact Chief Spencer at (817) 293-2923 or cspencer@evermantx.net.

On May 19th, the Everman Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at the Everman Fire Station. Breakfast will be served from 8:00am to Noon for \$5.00 per plate. We hope that you and your family will join us for this fundraiser. All proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast go towards making our Celebrate America Festival a success. Please come out and show your support!

It's springtime in Texas and that usually means two things – bad allergies and severe weather. Everman Emergency Services works closely with the folks at Tarrant County Emergency Management as well as the National Weather Service to provide updated severe weather outlook and hazard information to our citizens. We distribute this information through our Fire Department Facebook (www.facebook.com/EvermanFD) and our Connect CTY System. The Connect CTY System is a free service to citizens utilized to send out notifications of special events happening in the city or alerts for things such as severe weather or

water system emergencies. This is a great way to stay informed about what is happening in your community. If you would like to sign up to receive Connect CTY Announcements, please visit our website or call the Everman Emergency Services Dispatch at (817) 293-2923. You can choose to receive these alerts via phone call, text message or e-mail.

C. W. Spencer
Chief of Police &
Director of Emergency Services

Everman Animal Control

From your Everman Animal Control Officer's

We have recently had a few incidents of family pets interacting with native wildlife that has come into contact with the rabies virus. A bat, a raccoon, and a skunk have all recently tested positive for rabies virus after either an attack or incident with a family pet. It is imperative that your family pet has been vaccinated against the rabies virus in case such an incident occurs.

The weather is changing to much hotter temperatures as summer approaches. Remember to keep fresh water and appropriate shelter for your animals especially if their days are spent outside. An appropriate shelter shall include three solid walls and is off of the ground in accordance with state and local laws.

We have also been dealing with many dogs that have bitten humans. In such a case you will need to have the dogs vaccination records and the animal will have to be quarantined for ten days. While the animal is in quarantine it will be closely monitored to ensure that it shows no signs of the rabies virus. Upon release of the animal a \$200 charge must be paid.

Finally, please ensure that your pets are either spayed or neutered. A microchip is not required, but, it greatly enhances the possibility of the animals return if it happens to get out of its yard.

Everman Animal Shelter, 3961 Bluebell Dr. Everman, Texas 76140. 817-561-5495

Hours of operation are 8-5, 7 days a week.

Thanks for taking care of our furry friends.

Michael Dickson, and Martin Zeider

NOTES FROM PUBLIC WORKS

There are certain requirements when building or erecting a fence. You may need or may need a permit. A new fence always requires a permit. That is, installing a fence where there was not a fence before requires a permit. Replacing fence using a different type of material requires a permit. For instance, a permit is needed if a metal fence is being replaced with wood, changing a chain link to solid metal, etc. There are other requirements. A fence can be no closer than thirteen feet from the street facing the front of a house and it can no closer than fifteen from a street facing the side of a house. A house on a corner lot must maintain a twenty five foot vehicle traffic visibility triangle. A corner lot is where the front of a house faces a street and the side of a house faces a street. To accomplish this, one must start at the corner where two streets meet, measure twenty five feet along curb or edge of the street that faces the front of the house and mark it, measure twenty five feet along the curb or edge of the street that faces the side of the house and mark it. Now, draw a line diagonally from one twenty five foot mark to the other twenty five foot mark. This forms a triangle. This triangle must be maintained free from any obstacle that may interfere with the view of oncoming vehicular traffic entering into the intersection. A fence is allowed in a front yard as long as it's no higher than six feet and has a 75% clear view of the front yard. Basically a rod iron or chain link fence is permitted in the front of the house. A drive through gate is also permitted as long as they meet the front yard or side yard fence requirements. Backyard fences may be solid wood, metal or masonry and can be as high as eight feet. The back yard is considered the area behind the front corner of a house.

For any questions regarding fence requirements, please contact Jeff Reed at 817-293-0525 ext. 303

Thank you.
Jeff Reed
Director of Public Works

I would like to thank each of you for your patience with the water department. We have had some challenges over the past few months. We at the City of Everman take pride in the community and want to ensure the citizens that we will do what is necessary to retain the trust and expectations in the services we provide.

With summer quickly approaching I want to remind everyone that the watering restriction is still in effect for conservation measures;

The watering schedule is;

Monday – No landscape watering with sprinklers or irrigation system,

Tuesday and Friday – Non residential locations may water (Apartments, businesses and parks)

Wednesday and Saturday – Resident's addresses ending in even numbers 0, 2, 4, 6, 8 may water,

Thursday – Sunday – resident's addresses ending in odd numbers 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 may water

***Watering with a soaker hose, drip irrigation or hand-held hose is allowed at any time.**

***No watering with irrigation systems or sprinklers between 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.;**

*No watering hard surfaces;

*No watering during precipitation; and

*No water waste through runoff, missing, misaligned or broken sprinkler heads.

You may hand water or use a soaker hose for your foundation anytime.

Should you have additional questions feel free to contact the clerical staff or myself at 817-293-0525.

Thanks,

Lisa Minnis

lminnis@evermantx.net

Director of Public Works

Economic Development news

By now, you have noticed or, better yet, experienced our new **Everman Supermarket**. It's a beautiful store and a lot of time and hard work went into this endeavor. **Abid Malik** owns the store, the shopping center, and other properties in Everman. He completely renovated the shopping center into a modern center for our community and area residents to enjoy. Currently, he is renovating the strip center at 200 Wichita as well and he plans to follow that with the complete renovation of his strip center on Enon and others.

Abid worked in Everman as a young man and he loves our community. He wanted to bring to Everman the shopping and stores they deserve and he has done that. We appreciate his commitment to Everman and we look forward to working with him on other projects in the future!

We hope you have also experienced the new **Cancun Mexican and Seafood Restaurant** at 1809 Everman Parkway (in the shopping center). **Juan Pina** has

operated a restaurant under the same name for the past 18 years on Camp Bowie in Fort Worth. The on-line reviews are fantastic and Juan is excited to bring that same dining experience to Everman!

We are working on other potential projects in our quest to bring new businesses to our community. We still own several lots on Race Street that are available for commercial development. Please contact Economic Development Director Michael Nicoletti at City Hall if you or someone you know is interested.

Please remember we are working hard to bring these businesses to Everman for your convenience and enjoyment. With that in mind, please support our businesses and Shop Everman First!

Michael Nicoletti

Economic Development Director

City Events

You are cordially invited to 2 events to show appreciation to Mom and Dad. The Mother's Day Breakfast on Saturday, May 12th, 9-11am and the Father's Day Breakfast on Saturday, June 16th, 9-11am at the Everman City Annex at 213 Race Street. These events are free but, please RSVP by contacting Mindi Parks at 817-293-0525 by Wednesday, May 9th for the Mother's Day Breakfast and Wednesday, June 13th for the Father's Day Breakfast. Hope to see you there.