



Greetings & Happy Spring,

We are beginning to experience such beautiful weather. As the temperature and weather improve, so do outdoor activities. The city staff has been diligently preparing our parks and facilities for this season. We have so many improvements that have been made and many more to come.

Tarrant County Precinct 1 is currently performing Parking Lot Improvements at Pittman Park, Memorial Park, and Johnson Park. Additionally, they are currently working on the new Mobile Food Truck Park that will be located near 300 N. Race Street. These improvements were made possible by a partnership between the City of Everman, Tarrant County Commissioner Roy C. Brooks, and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). The material utilized for these parking lots is recycled asphalt that TxDOT has donated at no cost to the city. Tarrant County Precinct 1 is also performing the work for these parking lots at no cost to the city. This will allow for a tremendous improvement to our parks while saving tax-payer dollars and allowing us to focus funding on more critical road improvements.

City Crews and Tarrant County Precinct 1 are also preparing for major reconstruction of two roads within the City of Everman. Christopher Drive is scheduled to begin road construction from Marlene Dr. to Everman Parkway on May 4<sup>th</sup>. This project will take approximately two weeks to complete. Following this project, crews will begin construction on N. Race Street from Enon Avenue to Wichita St. This project is also expected to take two weeks and is scheduled to begin on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Following the completion of Race Street, residents can expect to see a change in the traffic pattern related to Race Street, Wichita, and Bell Street. This traffic pattern change aims to make this dangerous intersection safer. Race Street will be converted to a northbound one-way street, while Wichita will be converted to a southbound one-way street. Southbound traffic on Wichita will no longer be able to travel southbound on Race or turn eastbound onto Bell St. Parallel style parking will be available around the park, and the speed limit will be reduced to 20 mph.

Thanks to funding obtained by U. S. Congressman Marc Veasey, the City of Everman is preparing for additional park upgrades that include a new walking track around Pittman Park, new playground equipment for both Pittman Park and Johnson Park, as well as sports field lighting and bleachers for the Pittman Park Pee-Wee Football Field. Additionally, Tarrant

County CDBG-Coronavirus Funds have been approved for the first Inclusive Playground in Everman. This playground will be constructed as a part of Pittman Park and designed for children and adults of all shapes, sizes, and abilities.

The Everman City Hall Annex – Civic Center is nearing completion. We are excited about all of these improvements that are occurring. We hope you can join us in celebrating the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting of the Civic Center on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

Lastly, I would like to invite all citizens to attend a “Town Hall Meet & Greet” scheduled for Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. At this meeting, I will be sharing information related to recently completed projects, the many ongoing projects, and planned future projects. I will be discussing the City’s goals and objectives and how we are planning to improve services with little to no financial impact on the citizens. Following this presentation, every citizen will have the opportunity (and is encouraged) to interact directly with the directors and city leaders face to face. The purpose of this is to receive your feedback. We want to know what your vision for the future of Everman is, and we want to make that vision a reality.

Thank you,

C. W. Spencer

City Manager

#### **Fire Department**

As was expected, 2022 has started off the same way 2021 left off, busy! Between the increased call volume, city events, and new constructions across the city, the Fire Department has remained busy as ever!

This year’s grassfire season has put the fire department personnel to the test on multiple large-scale fires. In just the past few months, Everman Fire Department has responded to grass and wildland fires with in Everman and mutual aid to Unincorporated Tarrant County, Rendon, Kennedale, Forest Hill, Crowley and Ft. Worth. The largest fire drew a response of 16 different area fire departments growing to 5 alarms in the City of Kennedale. Everman Fire was a part of the initial attack and assumed roles as fire attack, water supply and command. It was truly a regional effort made to save dozens of structures. The fire dangers have not lessened despite the much-needed rain we have received recently.

Please remember that all of Tarrant County remains under a BURN BAN. This means, all outdoor open flame or activity that emits a spark is prohibited. All open flame burning is also prohibited by the existing fire code ordinance for all residence of Everman as well. Outdoor grilling for food is allowed, but remember to be safe, keep any flame covered with a grate and lid, and have an extinguishment source, like the garden hose or fire extinguisher close by at all times. Even though open flame cooking is allowed, remember that property owners or tenants may be held liable for any damages if it is determined that their open flame cooking created an

airborne ember that was responsible for damages to another property.

In April, Chief L. Whatley and Lt. Dezaruba traveled to South Dakota with Tarrant County Fire Marshal R. Renois to perform final inspection of the new Tanker 19. The Tanker was purchased by Tarrant County Emergency Services District #1 and will be housed at Station 19 and staffed by Everman Firefighters. This truck covers the unincorporated areas of Tarrant County and will replace the aging Tanker 19 that is service currently. The new Tanker will serve primarily as a water source during fires in areas not serviced by municipal water system fire hydrants.



As always, know that #YourEvermanFirefighters are always ready, 24/7/365, if you are ever in need and an emergency exists. Don't hesitate to dial 9-1-1 if you experience an emergency. Even a delay of mere seconds could change an outcome of good to bad. Take care of yourself and each other.

L. Whatley  
Chief of Department/FMO

Inspectors with the Everman Fire Department and Fire Marshal's office continue to perform inspections of all commercial occupancies within Everman. If you have yet to receive your inspection, sit tight, we will be getting with you very soon! We would like to stress that the goal of the inspection process is to improve the safety for all those in our community and those that visit the establishment. If you see any unsafe fire code violations, feel free to send us a message using the "Report a Problem" tab on the City of Everman website!

Last but not least, we are happy to have announced the date for the 2022 Celebrate America Festival. Just like last year's event, it will be held in Pittman Park on June 25<sup>th</sup>! There is a change to the hours of the event this year. As all Texans know, June is a very hot month, and the long event hours takes its toll on the event visitors, vendors and staff that work hard to coordinate it! For those reasons, the decision was made to delay the start of the event by 1 hour, and begin at 5 pm and come to a close at 9pm with a bigger and better fireworks display!

We are still in need of sponsors, vendors, and volunteers for this year's event. If you'd like to be a sponsor and donate funds that will be used entirely towards funding this event, you can make your tax-deductible donation out to the Everman Fire Department. Please provide us with a JPEG image of your business or organizations logo if you'd like to be included on our flier and banner as an event sponsor. For those who would like to be a vendor or merchant at this year's event, please go to the fire departments webpage under the city domain and click the link to submit a JotForm vendor request! If you'd like to volunteer to assist the day of the event, we would love to have you! There are many tasks that must be done leading up to the event in order to be a success. You can find a volunteer request link in the same location as the vendor link. Last year's turnout was huge, but we would love to make this year's event much larger!

### Economic Development News

A new restaurant opened at the Everman shopping center. **Doña Carmen Pupuseria** opened at 1809 Everman Parkway. This popular eatery has other locations in the Metroplex and we are happy they have arrived in Everman!

**Everman ISD** and **Advanced Architectural Stone** are looking for employees! Everman ISD is in need of Substitute teachers and Advanced Architectural Stone is looking for employees in several different positions. If you are looking for employment, please contact them directly for details.

The new **Civic Center** looks beautiful! It is slated to be finished in late May/early June with the Ribbon Cutting to come soon after on June 15 at 10AM.



The industrial park being developed by the **Rob Riner Group** is well underway. That project encompasses a large area bordering Oak Grove, Wichita, Joel East, and Enon. Everman has approximately 17 acres within this development. The Rob Riner folks plan to build 200,000 sq. ft. of facility space on our acreage. They are great to work with and we are looking forward to our land development.

The 200+ home development at Hanna Ranch is also going strong. A good percentage of the infrastructure has been completed. They are hoping to start building homes in the last quarter of 2022. **Academy Development** and their teams have also been great to work with. We are anxious to welcome this new subdivision to Everman!

**Everman Memorial Park** is nearly complete. We have some landscaping to do but the Park is amazing! About 50+ memorial bricks have been installed so far and we have room for many, many more! If you haven't purchased a brick for someone you know who served in the Military or as a First Responder, it's time for you to contact us at City Hall or on our webpage at [www.evermantx.us](http://www.evermantx.us)

We also want to thank **Advanced Architectural Stone** and **Bean Electric** for the generous contributions they made to help make our Memorial Park a reality! This Park is beautiful and something for all of us to be proud of. If you haven't walked through it, you are missing out!



### Water Utility Dept News Spotlight

#### EVERMAN UTILITY BILLING DEPT

We have updated our website for easier access to all residents. We have added water service documents, garage sale permit application, rental registration forms, and pavilion and Civic center rental applications. Our water customer service policy is also available online. For more information, please visit

<http://www.evermantx.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/2.1-Water-Customer-Service.pdf>

We recently switched over our online water bill payment system. With this change residents can now log in to their account and have access to print their water bill, consumption report and view transaction history and set up automatic payments. For more information, please visit <http://www.evermantx.us/payments/water-utility/>

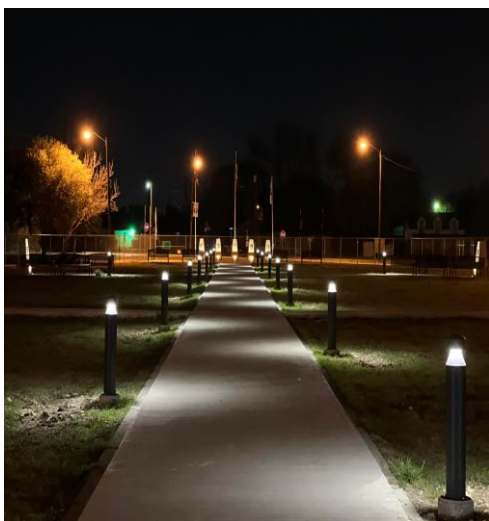
#### Garbage Collection

Waste Connections provides garbage collection. In order to expedite garbage collection, the following information is provided.

1. City-wide pick-up days are *Tuesdays* and *Fridays*; Fridays are also recycling days. Waste Connections observes the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas and New Year's. If your collection day falls on one of these holidays, call (817) 222-2221 for collection day.
2. Garbage must be out front at curbside by 7:00am on your collection day.
3. Discounts are provided to Senior Citizens. To apply for a discount contact City Hall at (817) 293-0525.
4. No hazardous waste, tires, batteries, liquids or inflammables can be left for collection.
5. We encourage you to contact Waste Connections directly if you are experiencing a problem with your garbage collection at (817) 222-2221.

#### EVERMAN MUNICIPAL COURT

The Everman Municipal Court as a Court of Record, serves its citizens and guests within the community in a





courteous, efficient, and professional manner. The court and its officers process cases in a fair and impartial manner.

Our mission is to provide effective and impartial administration of justice. We are dedicated and committed to promoting the highest standards in customer service, upholding the integrity of the court, and building public trust and confidence.

The Everman Municipal Court adjudicates Class C misdemeanor offenses and city ordinance violations punishable by fine only. The Court Office is located in the Everman City Hall and is staffed with a Court Clerk who can assist you daily. The Court Clerk is not a licensed attorney and **CANNOT** provide you with legal advice!

The Municipal Court accepts, Credit cards, checks and money orders as a form of payment. You have ten (10) calendar days from the date of your citation to either pay the citation, make a payment plan or set your citation for court. You will need to make an appearance in person, by mail or by attorney representation by your appearance date.

These dockets will be set for a one-hour session at various times every second Friday of the month between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

please visit <http://www.evermantx.us/municipal-court/>

### **Code Enforcement**

Ordinances can be found on the City of Everman website

- Parking is required to be on a wholly paved surface comprised of asphalt or concrete, out of the visibility triangle and the ten-foot utility easement, is not allowed on water meter boxes. No part of a parked vehicle may extend over the public sidewalk or the public right-of-way. No vehicle shall be parked on a lot or tract located in an area zoned as residential or multi-family when vehicle is on jacks, blocks or anything other than the wheels or mechanism that is originally designed to equip such vehicles for traveling purposes.

- Refuse is not permitted on private property in public view. Refuse is defined as worn out, used, broken, or rejected materials and includes garbage, litter, rubbish, yard waste and other decayable and non-decayable waste. It includes, but is not limited to, old barrels, old tires, tree, brush, and grass trimmings and unused household items and appliances. Refuse that is accumulated on premise creating/harboring mosquitos, rodents, vermin or disease-carrying pests constitutes a nuisance and therefore is a violation of this ordinance, including but not limited to, any pond, pool or container of unwholesome, impure or offensive water, conducive to the breeding of mosquitos.

- Swimming pools- above ground, on ground, in ground and/or spas require a permit when eighteen inches in height or taller, are not are not permitted in front yard, and are not permitted to be drained into street nor onto premise in a way that would cause flooding to premise and/or nearby premises.

- It is unlawful to plant, erect and/or place anything on or near the water meter service box as well as the ten-foot utility easement and/or City right-of-way.

- Overgrown vegetation and weeds (that aren't normally cultivated) are in violation when they reach a height of ten inches or taller, including along sidewalk or street adjacent to premise between the property line and curb, or, if no existing curb, then between the property line and the driving surface. When a fence/screening is existing, vegetation is required to be maintained by owner/occupant on both sides.

- Permits are required to build, demolish, remodel, rehab, repair, replace, erect, move in/out of the city, per the International Residential Code. Always check first to avoid being penalized for working without permits.

- Fence/Screening is required to be maintained in a safe and functional condition, be rust free if a metal material. Vegetation thru fence and/or used as screening shall be maintained to the fence, out of setbacks, sidewalks, and/or streets.

- Inoperable vehicle is defined as incapable of being propelled on its own power due to dismantling, disrepair or some other cause. Junked vehicle is defined as any motor vehicle that does not have lawfully attached to it an unexpired license plate or valid inspection and is wrecked, dismantled or partially dismantled or discarded or is inoperable and has remained so for more than 72 consecutive hours on public property or 30 consecutive days on private property. These vehicles are required to be repaired or removed from public view.

Donna Wilkerson,  
Code Enforcement

### **Everman Police Department**

The Everman Police Department would like to remind everyone about upcoming street projects which will affect traffic flow. Please watch for construction detours and changes in traffic routing along Christopher, Race and Wichita in the near future. Please be patient during the inconvenience of construction. We believe the end results will be worth it.

We would also like to remind everyone to make sure your registration is current on your vehicles. The distribution and use of illegal paper license plates (Dealer tags) has become a nationwide problem and is being addressed by numerous agencies. Everman officers have encountered numerous vehicles displaying illegal paper license plates. We would like to remind drivers the time and cost to properly register your vehicle is much less than the inconvenience and cost if your vehicle is impounded. Displaying improper or illegal license plates is a criminal offense in Texas.

With vacation season rapidly approaching, please help us keep our neighborhoods safe. If you know your neighbors are going on vacation, help us keep an eye out for unusual activity around their home. If you are planning to be out of town, don't forget our vacation house watch

service. Let's help each other make Everman a safer place for everyone.

Between pandemic restrictions and some incredible construction projects, we temporarily discontinued our Crime Watch program. Good news! The new Civic Center is nearing completion and we will resume the Crime Watch meetings soon. We look forward resuming this popular program to inform and educate participants as to the happenings around Everman as well as presenting crime prevention tips. We hope to see you very soon.