

# **COMMUNITY UPDATE**

## **CITY OF PILOT POINT, TEXAS**

102 East Main Street – Pilot Point, Texas

[www.cityofpilotpoint.org](http://www.cityofpilotpoint.org)

FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2009 (Volume 1, Issue 2)

### **\*REMINDER\***

### **NEW SOLID WASTE, BULK & RECYCLING PROGRAM STARTS OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

Solid Waste Program – Beginning October 1st, our solid waste and recycling services will convert to a 95 gallon rolling cart for solid waste and a 95 gallon rolling cart for recycling for our residential customers.

Detailed instructions and a residential solid waste service map will accompany the new rolling carts when they are delivered in late September.

### **\*October and November Residential Schedule:**

Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – Recycling (citywide)  
Oct 3 and Oct 17 – Bulk Service (citywide)  
Oct 5, 12, 19, 26 – Solid Waste (city north half)  
Oct 6, 13, 20, 27 – Solid Waste (city south half)  
Nov 5, 12, 19, **27** – Recycling (citywide)  
Nov 7 and Nov 21 – Bulk Service (citywide)  
Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – Solid Waste (city north half)  
Nov 3, 10, 17, 24 – Solid Waste (city south half)

### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- **DO NOT USE THE NEW 95 GALLON ROLLING CARTS UNTIL OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>.**
- **OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> – FIRST DAY TO USE NEW 95 GALLON RECYCLING CARTS.**
- **OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> – FIRST DAY FOR RESIDENTS ON THE NORTH HALF OF THE CITY TO USE NEW 95 GALLON CARTS FOR RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE.**

- **OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup> – FIRST DAY FOR RESIDENTS ON THE SOUTH HALF OF THE CITY TO USE NEW 95 GALLON CARTS FOR RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE.**
- **NORTH HALF OF CITY IS MAIN STREET (BOTH SIDES) AND ALL AREAS NORTH.**
- **SOUTH HALF OF CITY IS ALL AREAS SOUTH OF MAIN STREET.**

**IMPORTANT – There will NOT be any solid waste service on October 1<sup>st</sup> because it falls on the first day of the conversion to the new weekly service schedule of either Monday or Tuesday. Residents will have their new rolling carts and will be able to store trash in them until their new scheduled service day. Recycling will run on Thursday October 1<sup>st</sup>, utilizing the new 95 gallon rolling carts.**

Because the carts hold much more trash, solid waste service will be once a week on Monday or Tuesday instead of twice a week, recycling will still be once a week on Thursday, but bulk pickup will go to twice a month on Saturday instead of weekly. An added benefit of the rolling cart service is an approximate 11% reduction in monthly cost to our customers; additional carts are available at \$6.00 a month.



- **EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>**; the solid waste and recycling service will convert to city furnished 95 gallon rolling carts which will be delivered to every residential household in late September.
- **SOLID WASTE**; On Monday each week, the northern half of the city will receive rolling cart service for solid waste, the southern half will receive service on Tuesday (a detailed map will accompany the rolling carts when they are delivered in late September). If a holiday falls on a scheduled service day, service will be automatically rolled to the next calendar day; Monday will roll to Tuesday service, Tuesday service will roll to Wednesday of the same week.
- **RECYCLING**; all residents will receive recycling rolling cart service on Thursday of each week.
- **BULK SERVICE**; beginning in October, normal bulk service will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. Customers are still requested to contact the service provider for large service requests – numbers will be provided with the cart delivery in mid September.
- **IESI CUSTOMER SERVICE:**  
**903-564-9252**

#### **Important rolling carts rules**

- 1) Carts may NOT be set in a roadway;
- 2) After Service, the carts must be stored/moved to a location that is behind the front of your home or apartment – within 24 hours of service;
- 3) You are still encouraged to continue bagging your solid waste and placing them in the new carts to reduce your need to clean out the carts at a later date; and finally,
- 4) The rolling carts are assigned to a residential location, you are not allowed to take them if leave.

Waste Management will be picking up the old recycling bins on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> when they make their last recycling run through Pilot Point, so please set their old bins out by the street on Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> even if you do not have recycled material. If you miss their bin pickup on Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup>, you may deliver the empty Waste Management recycling bins to City Hall.

## **VOTE ON HOME RULE CHARTER SET FOR NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2009**

In March of this year, the city council appointed a local City Charter Commission to begin development of a Home Rule Charter for the City of Pilot Point. The Commission was responsible for drafting a home rule charter document for submittal to the voters of Pilot Point for approval consideration.

During a Special Council meeting on August 31<sup>st</sup>, the Charter Commission presented a draft version of a Proposed Home Rule Charter to the City Council and as a result of that presentation, and as prescribed by state law, the City Council voted to call for a Special Election on the Charter on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009.

The Home Rule Charter ballot shall read:

“The City of Pilot Point shall adopt the proposed Home Rule Charter.”

For \_\_\_

Against \_\_\_

#### **Early Election Dates and Times:**

October 19 - 23 Mon. - Fri. 8am - 5pm

October 26 - 28 Mon. – Fri. 8am - 5pm

October 29 - 30 Thur. – Fri. 8am - 5pm

\*The nearest early voting location is the Steven Everett Copeland Government Center, 1400 FM-424, Crossroads. For other early voting location, times, and information, contact the Denton County Elections Office at 940-320-VOTE or check their website at:

<http://elections.dentoncounty.com/go.asp?Dept=82>

**Election Day Polling Place:** Pilot Point Senior Citizen Center, 310 South Washington Street in Pilot Point, Texas 76258.

Residents may secure a printed copy of the Proposed Home Rule Charter from the Lobby of City Hall – 102 East Main Street, or at the Pilot Point Public Library – 324 South Washington You may also print a copy off our city webpage:

[www.cityofpilotpoint.org](http://www.cityofpilotpoint.org)

## **CHARTER HIGHLIGHTS**

- Council-Manager form of government, increasing from mayor and five council members to seven members on the City Council (including the mayor).
- Elected mayor would get a regular vote, but no veto power.
- Council shall not receive pay for serving, but may be reimbursed out-of-pocket costs.
- Executive powers remain with the City Council — including the appointment of department heads, city manager, city secretary, city attorney, and all boards.
- City Manager shall serve as the Chief Administrative Officer of the City.
- City Manager must submit a five-year capital improvements plan each year as part of the annual budget submittal.
- Council members must be elected by a majority, not a plurality, and have no term limits.
- Council members can be removed for unexcused absences at three consecutive meetings, or by recall.
- Council member vacancies can be filled by appointment or by election.
- Recalls, initiatives and referendums can be called by a petition of the voters.

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## **MONTHLY \$\$ CASH \$\$ DRAWING ON THE SQUARE**

In addition to the Chamber of Commerce program asking residents to spend at least \$20 on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month in Pilot Point to help support the local economy, the Chamber announced the recent return of the Merchant Gift Drawing on the Square on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. The first drawing was held on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> and over 250 people were present for the cash drawing on the Square!

**The next drawing will be held Saturday evening at 7:30 PM, October 10<sup>th</sup> on the Square. Live music will be provided at 8:00 PM by the Scotty Thurman Band and then The Bois D'arcs Band.**

As a reminder, you must visit and qualify at participating stores in town each month. For detailed rules on how to qualify, and a list of the participating business locations, please call the Chamber at 940-686-5385 or by email [chamber.ofcommerce@cebridge.net](mailto:chamber.ofcommerce@cebridge.net)

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## **CHAMBER RAFFLE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE**

Raffle tickets are available from the Chamber of Commerce as a Chamber Fund Raiser! 1<sup>st</sup> prize to be given away will be \$500 cash donated by Northstar Bank and PointBank. The 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is a \$300.00 gift certificate donated by The Purple Door Day Spa. The 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is \$200.00 cash donated by Dr. Rene Scott. The tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and you do not have to be present to win.

Proceeds will help support community activities by your local Chamber of Commerce.

\*Please contact the Chamber of Commerce for a list of locations or contacts to purchase tickets by calling (940) 686-5385 or email [chamber.ofcommerce@cebridge.net](mailto:chamber.ofcommerce@cebridge.net)

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## **DOWNTOWN PLAQUES, MARKERS, AND WALKING TOUR**

In cooperation with the Pilot Point Main Street Advisory Board and in large part made possible by a donation from Texas - New Mexico Power, the City of Pilot Point recently began installing nearly two dozen historic plaques on historic buildings in the Downtown Historic District. The plaques provide a brief history of that site or building as part of the Downtown Historic Walking Tour Brochure that was also recently developed by the Main Street Advisory Board. Please visit the Square and take the time to read some of the rich history of our buildings located in the National Register of Historic Sites.

Historic Walking Tour maps are available in several business locations on the Square, at City Hall, or at the Chamber of Commerce.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

The City of Pilot Point recently passed a revision to Ordinance 442-05, Section 2, of the City Code of Ordinances, to amend the definition of a Junked Vehicle to state that any self-propelled vehicle that does not comply with the following shall be in violation of City Ordinance and subject to a citation and fine, and will be strictly enforced:

- A. Does not have attached lawfully to it:
1. An unexpired license plate; and
  2. A valid motor vehicle inspection certificate; and
- B. is:
1. Wrecked, dismantled or partially dismantled, or discarded; or
  2. Inoperable and has remained inoperable for more than:
    - a. Seventy-two (72) consecutive hours, if the vehicle is on public property; or
    - b. Thirty (30) consecutive days, if the vehicle is on private property.

**\* Please do your part to clean up Pilot Point!**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ALL CITY BOARDS

This is a VERY active period for the City of Pilot Point and we need volunteers to serve on numerous Advisory Boards. We currently have positions available for appointment by the City Council on the:

- **Parks Board** (immediate need)
- **Planning and Zoning Commission** (Dec 31<sup>st</sup>)
- **Economic Development Board** (immediate need)
- **Board of Adjustment and Appeals** (immediate need)
- **Main Street Board** (Dec, 31<sup>st</sup>)
- **Historic Review Board** (immediate need)

For application forms and instructions:

**[http://www.cityofpilotpoint.org/images/Application\\_Form.pdf](http://www.cityofpilotpoint.org/images/Application_Form.pdf)** or call Lisa Henderson 940-686-2165.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

### OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup> (Tuesday)

#### **National Night Out**

5 pm till 8 pm

Dairy Queen - Highway 377

\*Free Ice Cream Cones – Petting Zoo – DJ\*

### OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> (Thursday)

#### **Monthly Chamber Luncheon**

11:30 am

Hot Grill Steak House - Highway 377

940-686-5385

### OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup> (Saturday)

#### **Pilot Point Rabies Clinic**

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Pilot Point Fire Station

110 W. Division

Rabies Vaccination \$ 7.00

Canine Distemper / Feline Leukemia \$19.00

Combo Vaccination \$ 25.00

### OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup> (Saturday)

#### **Chamber Fall Golf Tournament**

Turtle Hill Golf Course

Muenster, Texas

940-686-5385 for information or email

[chamber.ofcommerce@cebridge.net](mailto:chamber.ofcommerce@cebridge.net)

### OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup> (Wednesday)

#### **Trunk or Treat**

Sonic Drive In - Highway 377

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Pilot Point Opera House Singers**

Meets every Thursday at 7:00 pm for rehearsal

If interested in joining call 940-686-2454

### **Pilot Point Opera House**

#### **XCW Wrestling**

Proceeds to benefit restoration of the Historic

Opera House Building 110 South Washington

940-891-3283 for information

\*Non-Profit Organizations are encouraged to list their upcoming events in our Community Newsletter. Please call City Hall at 940-686-2165 or email [jchughes@cityofpilotpoint.org](mailto:jchughes@cityofpilotpoint.org) to list your community activities.