

COMMUNITY UPDATE

CITY OF PILOT POINT, TEXAS

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CENSUS IS HERE!

Remember – An Accurate Count is Important!

Once every ten (10) years the U.S. Constitution requires an accurate count of every resident in the United States. One key point to make is that the Constitution states every “resident” must be counted, both citizens and non-citizens.

#1 – Why is it so important? - Every year over \$400 million dollars in federal allocations are distributed to states and local governments based on the census population count. Since our region is one of the growth areas of Texas, we stand to lose or gain millions of dollars in federal allocations. Funds received through these allocations supplement local government operations and help keep local taxes and fees lower.

#2 - Why is it so important? - Census data is used to determine locations for retail stores, schools, hospitals, new housing developments and other community or governmental facilities. Developers especially use the Census data to justify project size and location.

#3 – Why is it so important? - The data is used to determine congressional and senatorial district boundaries on both the state and federal level. Once again, since we are in a growth area of Texas, we stand to gain congressional and senatorial seats and representation on both the state and federal level.

#4 – Why is it so important? - All too often, rural communities experience a lower percentage of responses, and it's the rural communities that have the highest need!

New Census Form - In the 2010 Census Count, every resident will receive a short questionnaire of just 10 questions and takes about 10 minutes to complete; it's simple and fast.

Census Responses Cannot be Shared - By law, it is illegal for the Census Bureau to share anyone's individual responses with anyone! The data can ONLY be used to determine an accurate population count and individual responses CANNOT be shared or used by any other local or federal agency or law enforcement.

When? – Every household will receive the Census Questionnaire by the end of March 2010 either through the U.S. Mail or hand delivery.

Please respond immediately and do your part to be counted for PILOT POINT!

For information contact the Census Bureau at 800-923-8282 or visit www.2010census.gov or contact City Hall at 940-686-2165.

For information about jobs with the Census Bureau, call toll free at 866-861-2010.

LIBRARY

324 South Washington St.

Tuesday – Friday 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Closed on Sundays and Mondays

National Library Week: (April 11-17) Visit us this week and reaffirm for yourself and your family that the library is wonderful place of discovery. Our staff will be providing daily tours of the library, offering free giveaways for the kids and showcasing National Library Week displays that will include our library's history.

TV Turnoff Week: (April 19-25). Whether your family chooses to participate by cutting back on TV time or by turning the TV off completely, the library is the place to go! In addition to loads of magnificent books, we also have free take-home crossword puzzles, mind-teasers and other printable games available all week. We also invite you spend some leisurely time in one of our reading areas and relax with a newspaper, magazine or book because the library is always TV-free.

For more information about the library or to find out how to get a free library card, visit us at www.pilotpointlibrary.org or call 940-686-5004.

MAIN STREET

New Neighbors & New Times on the Square

Champion Show Clothes has moved to 101 S. Jefferson. Champion specializes in custom show outfits for the equine industry. It is a competitive business where “Bling Is The Thing!” and no one does that with more style and embellishment than Champion.

Champion moved to Pilot Point from Pocahontas, Arkansas to be closer to Horse Country U.S.A. Jill Burton is owner. She is not officially opened for retail visitors but when I dropped by she was busy filling orders for 2010 show season.

Nicole Lane and Tracey Lane are the new owners of 104 W. Main Street. Nicole and Tracey have ambitious plans. The back of the building will be their office for Texas Isotopes in which they do worldwide sales for this respected medical supply company. In the front area, their plans call for a spa boutique. What is a spa boutique? *Boutique* comes from the French word for shop. Boutique is a small shopping outlet, particularly one that specializes in distinctive and fashionable items. *Spa* used to be associated with water treatment. Today spa is synonymous with beauty, relaxation and pampering of all kinds. Combine those two words and your have a unique shop that specializes in the things that make life worthwhile.

Whether it is a scented candle, a comfortable robe or fragrant bath salts, Tracey and Nicole will be searching the globe for those special gifts that you love to receive or buy for yourself! When they finish their renovation (which has just begun), 104 W. Main St. will be an important stop for both residents and visitors to Pilot Point. We'll let you know when they are ready to cut the ribbon.

To go along with these newcomers, one of the venerable mainstays of the square is also in the news. Jay's Café has announced they are now open seven days a week from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Since 1873 this location has been a part of the Pilot Point scene. One hundred and thirty seven years later and Jay's is planning for the future with expanded hours. So, drop for breakfast or lunch soon...any day of the week.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

“The Growing Season is here!”

The purpose of Code Enforcement is to assist city residents in improving and maintaining the neighborhoods in which they live. We need your help in achieving this goal.

As you are aware, the grass is growing again. According to City Ordinance No 443-05, all grass; weeds, brush, or other unsightly vegetation must not exceed 12 inches in height. You are responsible for mowing the area from the street pavement to the rear of your property including to the middle of any unpaved easement behind your fence line. Be sure to trim if the vegetation next to any object is more than 12 inches in height.

If you are aware of a violation of this ordinance, any other unsightly/unhealthy location, accumulation of debris, vehicles parked in the grass, or if you have any questions please contact Kurt Romero, Code Enforcement Officer at 940-686-2165 ext. 25. You can also view this ordinance and other city ordinances by going to our website, www.cityofpilotpoint.org see City Documents/ Ordinances. *For this specific ordinance click on [Accumulation of Junk Ordinance No 443-05](#).*

ANIMAL CONTROL

Whether It's on the ground or flying around, If it's a bat - DON'T touch that!

It is tempting to pick up a bat because they look so unusual. Don't do it! Leave bats alone.

Bats are helpful in nature. However, they also can spread rabies.

Rabies is a deadly disease caused by a virus. You can get rabies if animal that has rabies bites you. Bat teeth are so small you might not even know you were bitten.

You can also get rabies if the saliva from an animal with rabies gets in your eyes, nose, or mouth. This can happen if you get the saliva on your fingers and then touch your face. Another way you can get rabies is by touching an animal with rabies and getting its saliva in open cuts on your skin.

Contact the Animal Control Officer or a Police Officer immediately if you have touched a bat or a bat has touched you. There is medicine that can keep you from getting rabies. However, for the medicine to work well, it must be given soon after contact with a bat.

Remember, if you find a bat, even if it is dead, DO NOT TOUCH IT. Contact the Animal Control Officer at 940-686-2165 ext. 14 or 940-686-2444 right away and report the location of the bat.

POLICE DEPARTMENT
What Can You Do To Help
Your Teen Drive Safer?

According to the National Safety Council there are several safety measures a parent can do and the first thing is to set ground rules.

Passengers – Limit the number of friends your teen can have in the car. The council recommends not allowing passengers. For teens, crash rates increase dramatically with each additional passenger.

Nighttime Driving – Start with an early driving curfew. The council recommends 10 P.M. during the graduated driver license period.

Cell Phone Usage – Teens should never be allowed to use a cell phone for calls or text messages while driving. Using these distracting devices make drivers of all ages more likely to crash.

Alcohol and Drugs – Make a Zero-tolerance policy for the use of alcohol and drugs.

Seat Belt Use – Remind your teens to always buckle up. Seat belts significantly reduce the likelihood of fatality or serious injury in the event of a crash.

Speeding – Encourage your teen to follow the speed limit and model good driving by following the limit yourself.

Work together with your teen to create ground rules for driving. Be sure to agree on both positive and negative consequences for following or breaking these rules.

CITY ANNOUNCES
STAGE I – CUSTOMER AWARENESS
Drought Contingency Plan

Stage I begins yearly on April 1st and runs through September 30th. Water customers are requested to voluntarily limit the use of water for nonessential purposes and to practice water conservation.

This required announcement is designed to increase customer awareness of water conservation and encourage the most efficient use of water. A copy of the current public announcement on water conservation awareness shall be kept on file available, for inspection by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Copies of the Drought Contingency Plan containing full details are available online at www.cityofpilotpoint.org.

Non-Profit Organizations are encouraged to list their upcoming events in our Community Newsletter.
Email kschoonover@cityofpilotpoint.org
to list your upcoming community events.

FIRE/EMS/AMBULANCE
Lightning Safety

Approximately 400 people are struck by lightning each year in the United States. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends the following steps to prevent death or injury

- When playing or working outdoors, be mindful of weather reports of thunderstorms, especially during the thunderstorm season;
- Take steps to protect yourself before it actually starts to rain, as lightning sometimes starts before rain begins;
- If you hear thunder, avoid standing near trees or tall objects;
- Avoid high ground, water, open spaces, metal objects such as golf clubs, umbrellas, fences and tools;
- When indoors, turn off appliances and other electronic devices and stay inside until the storm passes;
- If you see someone struck by lightning who is suffering cardiac arrest, begin CPR immediately and CALL 911.



Join Today ~ It's FREE!

What is Nixle? *Nixle is a means of disseminating, important and informational messages via text, email and the web.*

How is it different than other groups? *The most important and life saving function of this system is the ability to broadcast a missing or lost child. As a parent, wouldn't you want that information broadcasted to as many people as possible and as quickly as possible?*

Residents also have the option to receive Advisory, Community, and Traffic messages by text message and email, as well as over the web.

How do I join? *It's simple to join, and FREE - simply register at www.nixle.com or click on the Nixle logo from the City's main webpage: www.cityofpilotpoint.org.*

Still not sure or have questions? Contact Investigator Powell at rpowell153@cityofpilotpoint.org.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Keep Pilot Point Beautiful

KPPB is gearing up for their Fifth Annual Trash-Off on April 10th from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon. Meet at the Gazebo on the Square at 8:30 am to receive your t-shirt, garbage bags, gloves and a map. Contact Linda Bush @ 940-686-0200 or Joyce Wood, Exec. Director @ 940-686-2442 if you have any questions.

City Spring Clean up – Roll off Dumpsters

In conjunction with the Annual Trash-Off, City of Pilot Point Residents* can drop off bulk items and e-waste at the Water/Sewer plant located at: 1400 N. St. James between the hours of 8:00 am – 3:00 pm on Saturday, April 10th.

**Tires will be accepted at Integrity Car Care
1321 N. Highway 377 - 8:00 am – 12 pm**

Limit 4 tires per household* - each additional tire - \$3.00

**Recycle old Computers, Monitors, Copiers, Fax
Machines, Microwaves, lawnmowers, metal, furniture, etc**

CANNOT ACCEPT:

**Batteries, Paint, Paint Cans & Roofing materials/shingles
Appliances containing Freon**

MUST SHOW A CERTIFICATION TAG

**Brush and limbs do not have to be bundled or
cut down in 4-foot lengths (THIS DAY ONLY)**

Leaves or Grass clippings must be bagged.

***Open to City of Pilot Point Residents Only
(proof of residency required)**

Pilot Point Education Foundation

The Pilot Point Educational Foundation will hold its 13th Annual Benefit Gala on April 10, 2010 at the Embassy Suites, in Frisco, Texas. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$150 couple; reservation deadline is March 27th.

The evening consists of photos, silent auction, cocktails, and a performance by the Pilot Point High School Jazz Band beginning at 5:45pm followed by fine dining at 6:45 pm. The live auction will start at 8:00 pm followed by dancing to the music of "Definitely Maybe" lead by PPHS Alumni and former band director Dwayne Pedigo.

Money raised benefits the students and faculty with projects not funded by the PPISD. For additional information, go to www.PilotPointEducationalFoundation.org.

Pilot Point Library

The Pilot Point Library is asking for public input for the library's five-year plan. If you are interested in being part of this focus group, please contact Phyllis Tillery at 940-686-5004.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- April 2, 2010 Friday**
Holiday – City Offices Closed for Easter
- April 3, 2010 Saturday**
Bulk Trash Pickup
- April 3, 2010 Saturday 3:00 pm**
Easter Egg Hunt
Dairy Queen
- April 10, 2010 Saturday 8:30 – 12:00 pm**
5th Annual Trash-Off
- April 10, 2010 Saturday 8:00 am**
Bulk item drop off @ Water Plant
- April 10, 2010 Saturday 4:00 pm**
Drawing on the Square
- April 10, 2010 Saturday 5:45 pm**
13th Annual Benefit Gala
Embassy Suites, Frisco
- April 12, 2010 Monday 6:30 pm**
City Council Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers
- April 12, 2010 Monday 5:30 pm**
EDC Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers
- April 15, 2010 Thursday 11:30 am**
Chamber Luncheon
Point Bank Center
- April 17, 2010 Saturday**
Bulk Trash Pickup
- April 22, 2010 Thursday 12:00 noon**
Main Street Board of Adjustment Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers
- April 26, 2010 Monday 6:30 pm**
City Council Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers
- April 26, 2010 Monday**
Early Voting Starts
- May 1, 2010 Saturday**
Bulk Trash Pickup
- May 8, 2010 Saturday 4:00 pm**
Drawing on the Square
- May 8, 2010 Saturday 7:00 - 7:00 pm**
City & School Board Elections
Pilot Point ISD Admin Building
829 S. Harrison Street, Pilot Point

