

January 2019



City of Pilot Point Newsletter

2018 was a landmark year for the city of Pilot Point. Together, we continue moving Pilot Point forward as a strong and innovative 21st-century city. We successfully approved all four propositions in the November Bond Election, approved the 2030 Comprehensive Plan, built two new houses through the Home Program, adopted Historical guidelines for the Historical District, and revamped the City website. In addition, we made sidewalk improvements to the Historic Downtown Square, making this beautiful area more accessible to everyone, with the completion of ADA compliant walkways.

These accomplishments not only increased our vitality, they helped prepare Pilot Point for a prosperous future. The next decade will prove to be the most important in our city's history. Projects on our horizon include new Public Safety Buildings, one million dollars in Street Improvements, a Trail Master Plan, numerous housing developments, and Automated Metering Infrastructure for residential and commercial customers. These projects will pay huge dividends to our city, including a significant economic stimulus that will sustain our city's infrastructure and maintain strong home values for years to come.

As we embrace the future, we must remember that it's our community pride and shared sense of duty that serves as the fabric of our city. If you haven't already, I ask you to get involved. Attend a community meeting, volunteer with a local organization, and participate in any way you can to improve our city.

Most importantly, I ask you to continue making Pilot Point a welcoming community for everyone. As great as 2018 was for the City of Pilot Point, 2019 looks to be even better! Here's wishing you all a happy, healthy, prosperous New Year.



Total Permits Issued: 18

New Residential Units Permitted: 4

- Four (4) Single Family Residence

New Residential Construction Valuation: **\$675,000**

New Commercial Units Permitted: 2

New Commercial Construction Valuation: \$24,500

Certificate of Occupancies Issued: 1

Gilliam Ritchey Holdings, LLC – 520 S. Highway 377



Storm Water Landscaping Tips:

- Use less fertilizer and consider using compost or organic fertilizers.
- Avoid using chemicals. These can be washed into creeks and lakes.
- Properly dispose yard waste. It is best to leave grass clippings on lawns or compost them. Woody waste can be chipped to use as mulch. If you sweep or use a leaf blower never direct yard waste into the street, instead direct back onto the grass.
- Protect your soil from erosion by maintaining vegetative cover or mulch.
- Bag and dispose of pet waste in the garbage. Pet waste contains bacteria that can wash into our waterways.
- Pick up the trash in which wind or rain water will carry it into downstream water bodies.
- Trash, leaves, yard clippings, and brush can clog storm drains leading to localized flooding and damage to the storm drain infrastructure.

Don't let *THIS*.....turn into *THIS*



Pilot Point General Election

The Pilot Point City Council is composed of a Mayor and six Council Members. While there are six council places, they are not divided into geographic districts. Each Council Member is elected at-large and represents the entire community.

Residents of Pilot Point will go to the polls on May 4, 2019, to vote for Mayor, Councilmember Place 1, Councilmember Place 4 and Councilmember Place 6.

Candidate packets will be available starting January 7, 2019 at the City Secretary's Office located at 102 East Main Street, Pilot Point, Texas.

Applications for Place on the Ballot will be accepted January 16, 2019 through February 15, 2019 during regular office hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, visit <http://www.cityofpilotpoint.org/184/Elections> or contact City Secretary Alice Holloway at 940/324-5025.



Register to Vote!

To vote in Texas, you must be registered. Simply pick up a voter registration application, fill it out, and mail it at least 30 days before the election date or visit <https://webservices.sos.state.tx.us/vrapp/index.asp>

You are eligible to register to vote if:

- You are a United States citizen;

- You are a resident of the county where you submit the application;

- You are at least 17 years and 10 months old, and you are 18 years of age on Election Day.

- You are not a convicted felon (you may be eligible to vote if you have completed your sentence, probation, and parole); and

- You have not been declared by a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be either totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote.

The Pilot Point City Council approved a contract to partner with Neptune Technology Group and Core and Main Corporation to provide the City of Pilot Point an AMI (Automated Metering Infrastructure) water meter system. Neptune is an industry leader in water meter technology and is headquartered in Tallassee Alabama. Neptune is the only American made meter technology available on the market.

An AMI meter system will provide real-time data that can be mined and transformed into actionable data that benefit the utility and our citizens. With AMI technology you can identify and capture nonrevenue water, share consumption with residents and support water conservation initiatives.

After an extensive evaluation and an eye on the best value for the city, we feel like Neptune's focus on Total Cost of Ownership will be the right fit for our city's culture. A quality proven meter technology with minimal issues, partnership approach, professionalism, progressive management with quality control processes and dedicated resources to ensure program success.

Neptune Technology solutions will allow the City to operate with greater efficiency and deliver unparalleled customer support. This partnership will provide multiple benefits for both Pilot Point and its residents, and we are excited to begin this journey. Meters will be exchanged January through March dependent on good weather.

The focus of the Neptune AMI system is to improve water management, conservation, operational efficiency, and customer service. As our community continues to grow at a rapid pace implementing an AMI water meter system is the first step to comprehensive water management and conservation strategy. Pilot Point citizens will have access to a customer portal. With these tools at their fingertips, residents can engage with their water use like never before. Once logged into the customer portal platform via a computer, smartphone or tablet, homeowners can pay their bills, see their real-time water use and set personalized alerts for both usage and estimated monthly billing. The customer portal will also alert residents to any events of unexpected high water use such as a leaking pipe or faulty sprinkler system. Paired with the Pilot Point customer service center, the immediate alerts and visibility tools that the portal provides will drive water efficiency and customer satisfaction throughout the Pilot Point community.



volunteer

do good, feel good

On December 11 the community came together to celebrate our volunteers who give so selflessly of their time and talents to help make Pilot Point the great community that it is today.

At the Winter Festival hosted by the City of Pilot Point and the Pilot Point Chamber of Commerce volunteerism was the focus. City boards and commissions, volunteers in the equine industry, around Lake Ray Roberts and in Pilot Point schools were recognized for the hundreds of hours they put in to support the community's vision as special place to live, work, play and raise a family. The Lake Ray Roberts Rotary Club recognized first responders from the City of Pilot Point who stood out this year responding to emergencies assisting people during times of crisis. And speaking of volunteers, the Lake Ray Roberts Rotary Club is made of folks around the Pilot Point/Aubrey/380 area who commit many hours volunteering their time, talent and funds in support of local scholarships, dictionaries for 3rd graders, eradicating polio worldwide, and much, much more.

We had a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship highlighting just some of people who volunteer in and around Pilot Point. Find your passion and make a commitment to be a volunteer in 2019. Volunteer at your child's school or through the programs at your church. Join the Lake Ray Roberts Rotary Club. We meet Tuesdays at noon at Mom's in Aubrey. The first lunch is on us. Join the Pilot Point Chamber of Commerce as a member and be a cheerleader for Pilot Point. If you love horses learn about the Lake Ray Roberts Equestrian Trail Association and volunteer with them. Sign up to serve on a City board or commission or find out how to volunteer at one of our events on the Square. I want to leave you with this quote from Mother Theresa, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." Give some of your time back to your community in 2019. You will feel good about it.