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Summer 2014 ★ Mayor's Message Summer 2014

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★ Now that Summer is upon us and another 3 months has flown by, I have to reflect on the many accomplishments the City of Cibolo and its citizens have experienced. I am so very proud to call this my home and know that we are moving forward in the right direction.

★ It is an understatement to say just a few things have been accomplished. I would like to highlight what has transpired:

★ Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Schlather Park: Many residents attended with their families and came in record numbers. Our Parks and Recreation Committee, together with Staff did a remarkable job!

★ Food Truck Event/Kickball Tournament, first weekend in May: Another fantastic event planned by Parks and Recreation! This was an event that replaced the annual Sausage Supper at Niemietz Park. And get this: Most of the food trucks ran out of food in the first 2 hours! Wow Cibolo! You showed them you loved this idea and they will be returning and telling all their Food Truck friends! Watch for another weekend in the future!

★ Cibolo Police Department's weekly Movie in the Park: Every Saturday evening a movie is shown at a local park and each neighborhood is highlighted. Please check our website for information! This is a perfect way for neighbors to come together, enjoy a family movie, get to know one another!

★ GroundBreaking on FM 1103/Main Street for the new Cibolo Marketplace: This was a great day and since then several more businesses have hosted Ribbon Cuttings.

★ Finally, yes...I'm going to share that the lawsuit between Bentwood Ranch HOA, et al vs. the City of Cibolo has been dismissed. Our city is moving forward in a positive direction because of this outcome. Your elected officials have worked through some trying times, together with staff and of course, YOU, our citizens. We as a community have experienced huge growth in population, and with that comes growth. As promised, it is with the growth that we manage it well. Many processes are being reviewed and suggestions for change being made and new policies implemented.

★ I encourage you to spend some time on our website, reach out to your Councilman or myself with questions, ideas and assist us in assisting you. Council meetings are now beginning at 6:30pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month with DVDs available for viewing if you cannot attend.

★ We have another election upon us with 4 seats up for election/re-election. Take time to interview the candidates, or maybe you would be interested in throwing your name in the hat?

★ I look forward to the next 3 months with you and of course, beyond that.

★ Until then, enjoy your summer and do not hesitate to contact me should you need to.

★ Lisa M. Jackson, Mayor



Tree Trimming

During the summer, everything is growing including your trees. As defined in the City's code, it is the homeowner's responsibility to keep the trees trimmed and maintained in a manner that allows for safe passage of vehicles and pedestrians. A general rule of thumb is that a tree canopy should be 14 feet above right-of ways (including overhang in the streets) and 8 feet over pedestrian traffic areas (sidewalks).

Bond Rating Upgrade

Standard & Poor's Ratings Services raised its long-term rating and underlying rating (SPUR) one notch to 'AA' from 'AA-' on Cibolo, Texas' outstanding general obligation (GO) debt based on new local GO criteria released Sept. 12, 2013. At the same time, Standard & Poor's assigned its 'AA' long-term rating to the City's series 2014 GO bonds. The outlook is stable. The new rating is a testament that the City is on sound economic footing and has implemented plans and policies that will help prepare the City for the future. The "AA" Bond Rating will allow the City to sell the bonds at lower interest rates than it would if the City did not get the bond upgrade. Standard & Poor's includes the following rationale for the bond rating:

- Strong economy with access to San Antonio - New Braunfels metropolitan statistical area;
- Very strong budgetary flexibility;
- Strong budgetary performance;
- Very strong liquidity providing very strong cash levels; and
- Strong management with good financial policies.

City's Annual Budget Season

The summer means budget season for the City. Staff is working on the 2015 budget. Public workshops will be held starting at the end of July. Check the City's website for dates, times, and locations. The City staff presents a budget for the City Council to approve in September. The new budget, once approved, will be in effect October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.



No Swimming Pool Filling by the City

Cibolo Fire Department, Cibolo Volunteer Fire Department, and other City Departments are not allowed to fill swimming pools. Residents may fill from their hose.

More Cibolo Coming Soon...

The City of Cibolo continues to see continued economic growth through the first half of 2014 and further growth is expected to continue through the foreseeable future.

In early 2014, HEB announced plans to open a new location along FM 1103 and Main Street. The 68,000 square foot store will also provide an additional 20,000 square feet of retail space. Construction is expected to begin in 2015.

The FM 1103 and Main Street area will soon also be the home of two new retail shopping centers in the very near future. Core Commercial of San Antonio is currently in the process of submitting plans to the City for a new retail center near the intersection of Cibolo Valley Drive and Main Street. Adjacent to this site is where the Cibolo Market Place recently broke ground mid June. Both of these retail developments will feature new dining, retail, and shopping options for Cibolo residents.

City Manager's Message

As we are about to begin the budget process and plan for the year ahead, it seems a fitting time to call attention to some of the goals the City Administration accomplished during the current fiscal year. With the support of the City Council, Boards and Commissions, the Administration successfully:

- Continued efforts to secure future potable water, drainage and road improvements, and youth activities for our community;
- Identified and corrected inaccuracies to support the adoption of a consistent official zoning map;
- Implemented a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) program and placed this information on the city website to provide the public the ability to research mapping information such as council districts, zoning, public parks, and city facilities; and
- Improved the safety of the roadways in Cibolo by introducing reduced speed limits, striping projects, crosswalks, bike lanes, and the installation of traffic calming measures and signalization in areas of need.

Along with our achievements, we also experienced some disappointments. The City of Cibolo was not selected to receive grant funding from the San Antonio-Bexar Metropolitan Planning Organization to improve a portion of FM 1103. However, our Administration remains committed to continuing to seek alternative options to fund improvements to this vital thoroughfare.

As we approach the new fiscal year, we will welcome it with optimism and a sense of purpose.

Thank you,
Robert T. Herrera
City Manager

Contact Newsletter@CiboloTX.gov for newsletter questions and comments



Meet Officer Carlos

The Cibolo Police Department is excited to introduce K9 Officer "Carlos" to the community. Carlos and his handler Officer Chris Ybarra began patrol duties in June. Carlos is an 18 month old black lab who has been trained in detecting illicit drugs. Carlos has already been introduced to our school campuses and will play a vital role in our efforts to maintain a safe secure environment. In addition, Carlos will patrol our major roadways and neighborhoods to provide drug interdiction in an effort to keep our community safe. Welcome aboard Carlos!!





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Mosquito Control

It's summer time in Cibolo and in addition to swimming pools and family fun, we are reminded that we need to share our outside spaces with nature.



But that doesn't mean we have to embrace a mosquito problem in our neighborhoods. The City places mosquito control briquettes in standing water and drainage ways of City owned and maintained properties. Individuals are responsible for their own private property and can purchase briquettes at a variety of home improvement centers and other supercenters.

When it comes to prevention, remember the 3Ds: Drain, Dress, and Defend.

DRAIN - Problems are likely to come from water-filled containers. All mosquitos require water to breed. Be sure to drain standing water around your house.

DRESS - Wear light colors, loose fitting clothing, and when possible wear long sleeves and pants.

DEFEND - Choose a repellent that has been registered with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). These have been reviewed, approved, and pose minimal risk for humans when used as directed. Visit www.cibolotx.gov to find more information on mosquito prevention and protection.

Upcoming Events



1st Wednesday, 6:00 PM Parks Meeting
2nd & 4th Tuesday, 6:30 PM City Council Meeting
2nd Wednesday, 6:30 PM Planning & Zoning Meeting
3rd Thursday, 6:00 PM Economic Development Meeting
3rd Monday, 6:00 PM Streets & Drainage Meeting
Thursdays, 2-6:00PM - Farmer's Market at Grange Hall
09/01/14 - City Offices closed for Labor Day