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MAYOR'S MESSAGE WINTER 2015

Family and Friends of Cibolo,

I want to begin by saying thank you for allowing me to represent Cibolo as your Mayor. We see a bright future for our "City of Choice" and I am honored that you have entrusted me to lead the way into that future. I encourage each and every one of you to join me in the task of taking that vision from a belief of what we can be to a reality of what we **will** be. As we begin this journey together, I ask you to consider the following:

In order to carry a positive action we must here develop a positive vision.
 -Dalai Lama

For our city, we have already taken the first steps of developing a positive vision by beginning the much needed update to our master plan. This is where we officially define what we want Cibolo to be and plan how we get there. As we move forward, I ask everyone to get involved and let us know what you think Cibolo should be in the years to come. The decisions we make today will determine what our city looks like tomorrow. Your continued involvement, even after the master plan updates are complete, is essential. The strength of our community comes from each of us working for a vision we believe in. Again, I am both humbled and grateful for this opportunity, and I will faithfully serve as your Mayor.

Very Respectfully,
 Allen Dunn
 Mayor

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UPCOMING EVENTS. . .

- 1st Tuesday, 6:30 PM Youth Council Meeting
- 1st Wednesday, 6:00 PM Parks Meeting
- 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 6:30 PM City Council Meeting
- 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 1:30 PM Municipal Court
- 2nd Wednesday, 6:30 PM Planning & Zoning Meeting
- 2nd Thursday, 6:00 PM Animal Advisory Board Meeting
- 3rd Monday, 6:00 PM Streets & Drainage Meeting
- 3rd Thursday, 6:00 PM Economic Development Meeting
- Thursday, 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM Farmer's Market, Grange Hall

December 24th & 25th—City offices closed for Christmas
 December 31st & January 1st—City offices closed for New Year
 January 18—City offices closed for Martin Luther King Jr Day
 February 15th—City offices closed for President's Day

CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE - WINTER 2015

The City of Cibolo officially turned fifty years old this past October 2015. We celebrated its birthday during CiboloFest which occurred on Saturday, October 10, 2015. According to event coordinators, we believe that approximately 15,000+ residents and visitors attended CiboloFest. The attendance for this event was the largest recorded in our community. Our City staff is to be commended for putting together the preparations which made Cibolo's fiftieth birthday a day to be enjoyed and remembered by our citizens and our visitors.



In case you didn't know, the word Cibolo is derived from Native Americans and means "Buffalo."

The City's estimated population as of October 2015 is approximately 27,000 residents; of which, 14,873 are registered to vote.

On a percentage basis, the City of Cibolo was and may still be the fastest-growing city in the State of Texas; growing by 790% from 2000 to 2015.

The City as an organization has added personnel to help meet the public needs of the community. A majority of the new positions added occurred in our public safety departments (Police/Fire) followed by our Public Works Department (Parks/Streets/Drainage/Utilities). The City Council understands that in order to keep pace with the growth of the City it may need to add manpower while working to keep property taxes at a responsible level.

The City's tax rate of 0.4454 is still one of the lowest for our immediate region. The only other community with a lower property tax rate is the City of Selma which enjoys the economic benefits associated with the I-35 corridor developments in the Forum retail center and other commercial centers. One of Cibolo's primary goals is to continue to seek diversification by promoting itself to retail commercial centers.

The City is comprised of 27.2 square miles with annual recurring budgets approaching \$23M. The City's credit rating is "AA" as established last year by Standard and Poor's rating agency. The City currently has budgeted for 125 full-time and 10 part-time employees. Cibolo is located in Guadalupe County and enjoys a positive working relationship with County officials as well as officials from the SCUCISD.

As an organization, our administrative team believes in planning, transparency and fiscal responsibility. Please look at the City's website www.cibolotx.gov on a regular basis to read about the efforts the City is taking to maintain and improve the quality of life for its taxpayers.

Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable holiday season,

Thank you,

Robert T. Herrera

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City Manager

Check out the City website for more information on Bond Project Updates



City of Cibolo Tree Lighting Ceremony



December 3, 2015 - 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Santa will drop in for a visit during the Tree Lighting Ceremony at City Hall. If you miss him at the Tree Lighting Ceremony, Santa will be stopping by at Cibolo Fire Station 2 on December 17, 2015 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Come on by and say hello!

Winter Sewer Averaging

Every winter, the City of Cibolo takes your water average consumption to create your sewer charge for the following year. The consumption in the months of December, January, and February are used to create the average. The winter months are used because most homes use less water during this season. All water that goes through your meter is used to create this average; even if it is not going into the sewer. (i.e. water a yard, or washing a car)

What if I have a leak? Once you have had the leak repaired, bring in a copy of the receipt from the plumber or hardware store where supplies were purchased and we can attempt to adjust the average based on your historical usage. Please bring this information to City Hall, no later than **March 1** for consideration.

Some of our residents receive water service from GVSUD; your consumption will be sent to the City throughout the season to create your sewer average.

What if I just moved? Any resident who moves in after the start read for winter averaging will pay the City Sewer Average for the following year. Currently the charge is \$25.18 for an average 5200 gallons; this is based on a city wide average of all our residents' consumption.

FINANCIAL AWARD

(Chicago) The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to City of Cibolo by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to the individual(s), department or agency designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR. This has been presented to Anna Miranda, Finance Director.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.



2nd Annual Holiday Parade

Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 10:00 am

Parade starts at Every Day Christian Church and ends at Cibolo City Hall.
To participate in the Parade, contact Peggy Cimics at 210-566-6111 (pcimics@cibolotx.gov)

