



Buffalo *chronicle*

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE FALL 2015

Greetings!

With summer nearly over and kids back to school, it's always exciting to be looking towards Fall weather, football games, and preparations for the upcoming holidays!

Having just left our 2nd annual Food Truck Event held at Niemietz Park, put on by our Parks and Recreation Committee and many of our staff, I am in awe of the turnout, the organization of the event and how much fun was had by all! This is truly what a great sense of community feels like and should be! If you were there, you undoubtedly experienced the fun had by all. The food, the bands, the kickball tournament, and all of you made this event of the season! Thank you to Parks and Rec for your hard work....HUGE SUCCESS!

As you most likely are aware, we have another very special celebration coming up on October 10th! CIBOLOFEST 2015! Cibolo is turning "50" this year and we are excited about this milestone. I hope you will join us this year to celebrate! (see more inside).

Last newsletter I talked about looking ahead at where we are going....through continued dialog from citizens, Cibolo continues to shine alongside many growing communities in NE San Antonio. Our legacy will be how we accomplished so much, so quickly and with limited capabilities. As you turn the page and learn more about what lies ahead, please reflect on the last 2 years. If you are just now settling into *The City of Choice*....Welcome! For those of you who have stuck with us as we have grown, Thank You!

Please also note we have 2 newly appointed council members: District 3: Marchell Camp-Gebhardt and District 7: Glenn Weber, Jr. Their contact information is to the left of this message. I look forward to serving with them, in the coming months and I hope you will take a moment to thank them when you can for their service!

In closing, I want to let you know how deeply honored I am to have served our City as your Mayor. We are on the cusp of elections and there are many individuals who have decided to campaign. While stepping aside from this role is on the horizon, I look forward to taking a position alongside many of you in *Moving Cibolo Forward!* I also thank you for your support, your kind words and your graciousness to me and my family.

I'm excited for what lies ahead for our city! And you should be too! #CiboloTX #CityofChoice #GrowCiboloGrow!

Until Next Time,
Lisa M. Jackson
Mayor

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CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE - FALL 2015

One of the City's primary goals is to diversify its tax base in order to keep property tax rates at a responsible level and to increase sales tax dollars within our city to help pay for public amenities and programs to service the community.

In the months ahead, we anticipate several retail developments to progress and open.

Recent store openings include Insight Eye Care, AT&T, Little Caesars, K Nail & Spa, Super Cuts, Marbella Dentistry, and Dutch Boy Cleaners located in the Cibolo Market Place at the intersection of Main & FM 1103. Other developments include:



- Cibolo Valley Elementary, on Green Valley Road in the Turning Stone Subdivision, opened August 24, 2015, on schedule for the first day of the new school year.
- CVS Pharmacy, at the northeast corner of FM 1103 & North Main Street, just opened on September 5, 2015.
- Wells Fargo Bank, in the Shops at Cibolo Bend along Cibolo Valley Drive, is scheduled to open September 15, 2015.
- AutoZone has a pending building permit for a store located along FM 1103 across from the future HEB site.
- A Pic-n-Pac convenience store, at the intersection of Green Valley Road and FM 1103, is under design.
- Walmart is expected to open January 2016. Their originally anticipated opening date of September 2015 was delayed due to a decision to modify the internal design of the store.

In addition to shopping, social, and employment opportunities, the sales tax generated by these businesses offers the City greater opportunities to do more with its revenue base; thereby, potentially bringing additional infrastructure and public services to the community.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert T. Herrera". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert T. Herrera
City Manager

The City of Cibolo is about to embark on a 12-month process to update our Comprehensive Plan.

There will be a series of listening sessions ("focus groups"), facilitated by the planning consultant team, Half Associates, Inc., to address the growth and enhancement of our community over the next 20 years and beyond.

No specific qualifications are necessary to participate, just your awareness of our community's major assets and challenges. If you or someone you know may be interested in mobility, livability, the downtown or economic development within the City, please feel free to contact the Planning & Engineering Department at (210) 658-9900 for further information.

Come Join the Fun!

Cibolofest 2015
October 10th, 2015 – Saturday
From 10:00 am to 10:00 pm

There will be carnival rides, petting zoo,
 pony/horse rides, carnival games,
 Car Show, Silent Auction and entertainment
 throughout the day!
All we are missing is you!

\$10.00 Booth/Spaces for Vendors. Please contact
 Peggy Cimics at 210-566-6111 or
pcimics@cibolotx.gov

FAIR FOOD **CARNIVAL**

UTILITY BILLING RATE CHANGES

Beginning October 1, 2015, the fiscal year 2016 budget includes utility rate adjustments as follows:

- An increase in base rates for residential and commercial customers;
- 10% water rate adjustment on the first 4 tiers; and,
- An increase of \$2 per account on the water acquisition fee.

This water rate increase funds future water development as well as additional water resources secured in 2014/2015 in anticipation of future growth. A schedule of current rates and new rates are shown below:

(only changed rates are reflected)			Current Rate	New Rate	
WATER RATES					
Residential Rates					
	≤ 1,200 gallons	Base rate	\$11.00	\$12.50	Special base rate
	1,201 to 3,000	Base rate	\$22.00	\$25.00	
	3,001 to 7,000	additional	\$4.72	\$5.20	Per 1,000 gallons
	7,001 to 12,000	additional	\$5.90	\$6.50	Per 1,000 gallons
	12,001 to 15,000	additional	\$7.09	\$7.80	Per 1,000 gallons
	15,000 to 20,000	additional	\$8.27	\$9.10	Per 1,000 gallons
	20,001 to 30,000	additional	\$10.16	\$10.50	Per 1,000 gallons
	30,001 to 50,000	additional	\$17.71	\$17.75	Per 1,000 gallons
	> 50,000	additional	\$25.98	\$26.00	Per 1,000 gallons
Commercial Rates					
	First 3,000 gallons	Base rate	\$29.00	\$30.00	
	30,001 to 50,000	additional	\$17.71	\$17.75	Per 1,000 gallons
	> 50,000	additional	\$25.98	\$26.00	Per 1,000 gallons

Bulk Collection

Free bulk pickup is available once every 60 days for our residents. Collection of these items will be scheduled on your corresponding trash day. The deadline for requesting Bulk Collection is Monday by noon each week.

Brush, limbs, boxes & wood must not be more than 5ft long & in no more than 50lb. bundles. All items are limited to no more than a standard truck load. All items for bulk pickup must be placed on the curb by 7am on your corresponding trash day. Please keep in mind, hazardous materials are not permitted for this service, including items containing Freon.

We currently do not offer Bulk pick up for commercial customers.



Chipper

The City offers a chipper service for residents who have trimmed their own trees. Service is on the first Tuesday of the month for all those north of Borgfeld, or the last Tuesday of the month for those south of Borgfeld. Service will be limited to one trailer load, no longer than 14 ft., no more than 6 ft. high, and no more than 10 ft. wide per household. Limb diameter must be 6 inches or less. This service is for tree branches only, no bushes or shrubs. The deadline for submittals is 5:00pm on the Monday prior to the Tuesday service.

Residents who use tree-trimming or lawn service companies to trim their trees are not eligible for Chipper Service.

CIBOLO'S ANNUAL FALL CLEAN UP**OCTOBER 23RD-25TH & OCTOBER 30TH—NOVEMBER 1ST****Bexar Waste's temporary collection point, 2221 FM 3009 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily**

Waste disposal at this event will be free of charge to Cibolo residents as a service paid for by the City of Cibolo.

- The event is restricted to **Cibolo residents only**. A current **CITY OF CIBOLO garbage bill** (and proper identification are required at the time of disposal).
- **Household waste and yard waste only. Max of 2 Pick-up truck loads or 1 trailer load per household (Trailers are not to exceed 16' long x 4' high in size).**
- The event does not apply to commercial/rental property clean ups, large property clean up, lot or acreage clean up, or lot and property land clearing. Commercial tree trimmers are not eligible for this service. Commercial waste will not be accepted.
- Waste delivered must be sorted/separated by type of material **by the resident**.
- Bulk items such as couches, refrigerators, stoves, computer/monitors, anything except tires or hazardous material may be dropped off at any time during the event. However, appliances will be accepted for free, **ONLY** if Freon tank is removed; otherwise there will be a \$35.00 fee assessed at time of disposal.
- **HAZARDOUS ITEMS and TIRES** may be dropped off **ONLY on the dates of Oct. 24 & 25 and Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, 2015. All containers must be sealed. Tires are limited to eight (8) per household, Tires on rims, or wheels, commercial vehicle tires, tractor tires, and heavy equipment tires WILL NOT be accepted.**
- **BBQ pits CANNOT contain any hot ash.**

Hazardous waste includes but is not limited to: Insecticides, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, chemicals, cleaning and bleach products, automotive and cooking oils, filters, batteries, swimming pool cleaners and chemicals, enamel and latex paints in cans and aerosol dispensers, varnishes, stains, paint thinners and removers, acetone, etc. – **Chemicals and oils will have a combined 10 gallon limit per household.**

- Empty propane tanks up to seven (7) gallons – **VALVE MUST BE ENTIRELY REMOVED.**
- Mercury **WILL NOT** be accepted.

The City of Cibolo and Bexar Waste are NOT responsible for damage to vehicles or injury to citizens during this event. The City of Cibolo and Bexar Waste reserve the right to refuse service to anyone for not following the rules of the event. **Any items brought that are not listed/accepted or are over limits listed are subject to a fee (at Bexar Waste's discretion).**

Questions? Contact Bexar Waste 210-566-5454 or the City of Cibolo 210-658-9900 x1

BOND PROPOSITION

Cibolo City Council has placed a bond proposition on the ballot for the **November 3, 2015** regular election:



Proposition 1 - \$3.5 million for roadway improvements on and along Borgfeld Road from Crimson Tree to Dietz Road. This project will widen the road from the existing 2 lanes to 5 lanes, 4 travelling lanes plus a turning lane, traffic signalization at the intersection of Dietz Road and Borgfeld Road, curbs and enhanced drainage structures, as well as a dedicated right turn lane at Dietz Road to address school related traffic challenges. The project is actually estimated to cost \$4.5 million but the City's request for funding is reduced based on a pledge of financial assistance from SCUCISD and the availability of City impact fee funds to offset the costs for several portions of the project.

Additional details of the project and the anticipated cost of debt will be included in an election newsletter that is expected to be distributed by mail the last week of September 2015. Early voting starts October 19, 2015. Please get out and vote!

SOLICITORS, PEDDLERS, CANVASSERS, OH MY!

Recently the City has received complaints regarding the conduct of some door-to-door solicitors in our neighborhoods. While the City of Cibolo cannot forbid door-to-door Salesman, Peddlers, or Solicitors, the city has enacted an ordinance to regulate certain persons who engage in these activities.

City Ordinance 1030, which was adopted in 2012, defines *Solicit* as (a) request a donation of money or other thing of value, (b) sell or attempt to sell any item for money or other thing of value.

The ordinance makes it a violation to engage door to door soliciting under the following conditions:

- (a) It is unlawful for a person 17 years of age or older to solicit an occupant of a residential dwelling:
 - (1) Without first obtaining a permit issued by the city;
 - (2) At any time on a Sunday, New Year's Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve Day or Christmas Day;
 - (3) Before 9:00 a.m., after 6:00 p.m., or sunset, whichever is later.
 - (4) Listed on the No Solicitation Registry or has a "No Solicitors" sign posted on the residence.
 - (5) At a location other than the primary entrance to the residence.
- (b) It is unlawful for any person other than the permit holder to use or wear any permit or badge issued under the provisions of this article.

Exemptions

While the solicitation ordinance applies to many businesses, there are some industries which are regulated by state or federal law or court rulings and the City is not able to further regulate their activities and the ordinance is not applicable. Those businesses to which the provisions of the ordinance do not apply include:

- Public utility companies or others operating under franchises granted by the City.
- Insurance sales people.
- Real estate sales people.
- Others licensed by the state (including security alarm companies).
- Religious or political groups or organizations that solicit or canvass for religious, charitable or other non-commercial purposes.

No Soliciting Signs

If my neighborhood has a sign posted at the entrance to our neighborhood does this mean soliciting is prohibited?

In short, the answer is **No**. While these signs can serve as an additional deterrent, case law has established that each homeowner or resident must speak for themselves and a blanket prohibition is not enforceable.

I have a no soliciting sign posted at the entry to my home. Is this enforceable?

Yes! The City requires solicitors, who are regulated by the ordinance, to abide by no soliciting signs posted at the entry of a residence.

Additionally, the ordinance provides for a "**No Solicitation Registry**" whereby a resident may place their address on the City's no solicitation registry by completing a form available on the City website (www.cibolotx.gov). The no solicitation list will be provided to solicitors upon their receiving a permit.

Solicitor Conduct

While we would hope that persons engaged in a business would conduct themselves in a professional manner, we recognize that conflicts do occur. A solicitor who comes to your door and has been permitted by the City should have an identification card issued by the City or their licensing authority, visibly displayed for you to see. If they do not, then you should ask them to see it. If they are unable to provide an identification card you should call the Police Department at **210-619-1200** and report the activity.

You are not required to engage in a discussion with a solicitor or to answer your door if you choose not to. The ordinance prohibits a solicitor from approaching your residence from any area other than the front/primary entry.

If you do choose to speak with a solicitor and determine you are not interested, you are free to ask them to leave your property. If the solicitor refuses to leave, then you should close your door and call the Police Department at **210-619-1200**. Failure to leave after being given notice to depart could result in a trespassing violation.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding solicitors, please call the administrative offices of the Police Department at 210-659-1999 or email us at police@cibolotx.gov. For the complete text of the ordinance, please visit www.municode.com.



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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, 6:30 PM Streets & Drainage Meeting
- 3rd Thursday, 6:00 PM Economic Development Meeting
- Thursday, 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM Farmer's Market, Grange Hall

- September 7th—City offices closed in observation of Labor Day
- October 6th—National Night Out
- October 10th—Cibolofest 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
- October 12th—City offices closed in observation of Columbus Day
- October 24th—Community Shred Day 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- November 11th—City offices closed in observation of Veteran's Day
- November 26th & 27th—City offices closed in observation of Thanksgiving