

City Newsletter

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Public Works

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The Public Works Department of your City has been extremely busy this spring. As many of you affected by their work know, Public Works has undertaken one of the largest street repair and renovation projects in recent memory for the City of Springtown. Presently there is over 8800 linear feet of road under construction. The affected roads include: Westover, Sage Trail, a portion of Lake, Cedar north of W. 5th St., and S. Ave. A south of Optimist. The majority of these roads have had 6 inches of new road base put down and will be chip sealed by Parker County Precinct #1 the first two weeks of June.



In addition to these streets the parking lot for Springtown Park located off of Walnut Creek has received new road base and will be chip sealed as well. There is a section of Sage Trail that is being reclaimed. That section is between the intersections of Sage/199 and Sage/Springfield. When finished it will have a 2 inch asphalt coat on it and will look similar to N. Ash Street.

While these projects have been going on, a contract was let to Saber Construction for the installation of a new 16 inch raw water line leading from our pump station located on the shore of Eagle Mountain Lake to the water treatment plant. At the time of this writing, the project is approximately two thirds of the way completed. It should be finished in mid-summer. This will be the first project completed of those placed under the 2007 Certificate of Obligation program.



Contracts were let to MELA Contracting earlier this spring for the two remaining projects under this program. Those projects are modifications and improvements to the waste water plant and the construction of a new water treatment facility. Both projects will be done at the present locations for these facilities. The waste water facility was expanded a couple of years ago to accommodate additional equipment. The new treatment plant will not increase our overall water production capacity but will improve efficiencies in purifying our water. The new water plant is expected to be functional in February 2010 and the waste water plant in March of the same year.

All of the above projects are being paid through both normal budget processes and debt issuances. Plans are being put in place to continue these improvements to our street and utility systems. Please watch for announcements regarding public meetings on these topics this summer.

Dates to remember:

- Flag Day—June 14th
- City Council Meeting June 25th, 6:30 PM
- City Hall Closed—July 3rd
- Independence Day—July 4th
- City Council Meeting July 23rd, 6:30 PM
- City Council Meeting August 27th, 6:30 PM

Crime Prevention Story

One day Sue and Steve headed off on a normal day to work and to run errands. Sue has to take the kids to a soccer game and Steve is working late. At the soccer field Sue meets up with the other moms and they go to the bleachers, as usual she leaves her car unlocked in the parking lot. You know just in case the kids need to run and get something that they have forgotten.

Sadly the person that gets into the car today is NOT one of the kids. It's a thief. So, now Sue has lost her wallet, cell phone and garage door opener. The thief now leaves the field after a short days work with property from 4 vehicles which he has found unlocked. It has been a good day for him and is getting better.

He goes by the ATM to get out some cash, of course not from his account. He uses the cell phone to text Steve (who is listed as (Hubby) to get the PIN number. Steve thinks as he types in the number, "silly, she is so forgetful". The thief cleans out their account. Remember, he has 3 more accounts to hit before his day is done.

The home burglaries can wait since he has the openers and addresses. The victims may not know for days that there accounts or homes are at risk. Oh, he knows the addresses because he also took the GPS and when he typed in "home" it took him to the front door.

Times have changed, things are tough for lots of us and as the city grows so do the chances of becoming a statistic.

The Springtown Police Department wants you and yours to be as safe as possible, so please be aware and safeguard yourself and family.

TIPS:

Lock your vehicles

Take items out of vehicles.. GPS, Phones, packages, purses, I Pods, etc.

Place item's in the trunk if you can't take them with you

Change "pet names" on Phones or GPS...id: Hubby, Home, Mom, Baby, Sweetie, etc...

Watch your text messages...if there is a question at all...CALL TO VERIFY



Junk and Debris

Old junk, trash, appliances, tires, rubbish, furniture or anything else stored outside can be dangerous and hazardous. It just doesn't look good, either.

Clean it up, throw it away or store it properly. Otherwise, you might find yourself with a fine.

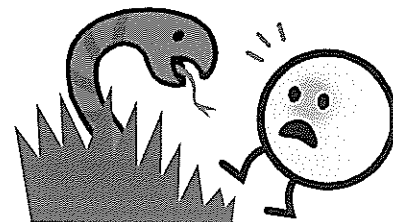
High Grass and Weeds

Any property that has grass or weeds taller than an average of 10 inches is declared a nuisance. High grass and weeds give unwanted critters a place to hide and multiply and also are a fire hazard.

Residents are responsible for

the upkeep of their grass to the road surface.

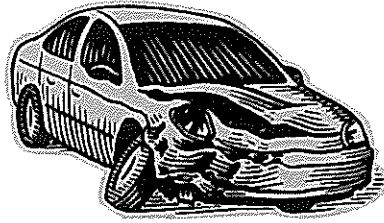
Keep your yard trimmed, or you could face a fine, as well as a mowing bill from the City.



Junk Vehicles and Vehicle Parts

A vehicle that does not run is illegal if it is visible to the public and does not have current license and inspection and is either wrecked or dismantled or has been inoperable and has remained inoperable for more than 72 hours if the vehicle is on public property or 30 consecutive days if the vehicle is on private property.

Junk vehicles can be towed by the City—never to be returned—and earn you a fine.

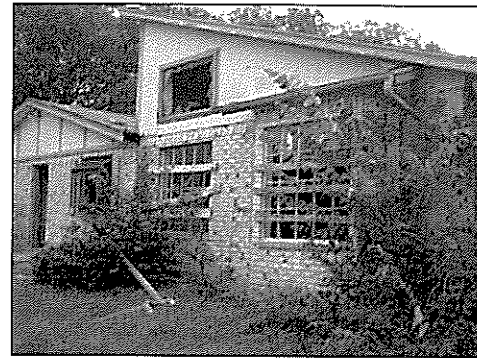


Substandard Structures

In the City limits, houses and other buildings must meet certain standards as set by the minimum building standards. Buildings that are falling apart are dangerous.

Any building or home that is open and vacant is a violation of City code. If you own property that is unoccupied, be sure to keep it closed and secure.

Keep buildings up to code or you could be fined.



Springtown Public Library

Welcome to YOUR libraries!

The Springtown Library is now a member of the Parker County Library Association (PCLA). The PCLA consists of the Azle Memorial Library, East Parker County Library (Aledo), Springtown Public Library and Weatherford Public Library. Our library catalog is online at <http://www.mypcla.com>. You can search all the libraries at this one online catalog. If Springtown does not have a book you need, the catalog searches all libraries in the PCLA. If one of the libraries has it, you can place a hold online or go to your nearest library and the staff will put the book on hold for you. We have a weekly courier who delivers books every Wednesday. If you have a book from another library, you can even take it to any PCLA library and it will be delivered back to its original library. You only need one library card for any of the libraries. If you need to access your library account online, login using your barcode number found on the back of your library card and use the last 4 digits of your phone number as your password. You may change your password at any time after you log in. Each library in the PCLA still maintains its own checkout policies so be sure to call for information if you need help. Requested items are held for three days at the pickup library and then returned to the library that owns the item. You will receive notification of your request either through an automated phone call or email, so please keep your email address and telephone number up to date so you will receive your notifications on time.

The Springtown Library also has its own website at www.springtownlibrary.com

Library Summer Reading Programs

June 12th 12:00 – 3:00 pm “Summer Safety” - Springtown Police Department

June 18th 12:30 pm Book by Margaret Clauder with “Bucky the Cowgirl”

June 24th 1:00 pm Book by Tharpo the Clown

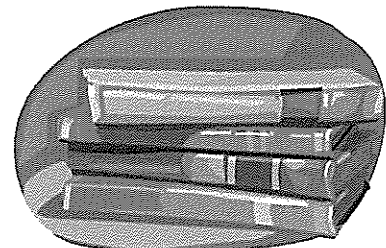
July 2nd 2:00 pm Book by Valerie Oliver and yo yo tricks

July 8th 1:00 pm Book by Debbie Day “Texas – not just for cowboys”

July 15th 1:00 pm Book by Gerald Edmonson’s magic show

July 29th 1:00 pm Book by Critterman with Texas critters

August 5th 1:00 pm Sandy Shroul and her puppets



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Upcoming Meetings

June Meetings

- June 1st—Park Board, 6:30 City Hall
- June 4th—Planning & Zoning Commission, 6:30 City Hall
- June 16th— Springtown War Memorial Association, 6:30 City Hall
- June 25th— City Council Meeting, 6:30 City Hall

July Meetings

- July 2nd—Planning & Zoning Commission, 6:30 City Hall
- July 6th—Park Board, 6:30 City Hall
- July 21st— Springtown War Memorial Association, 6:30 City Hall
- July 23rd— City Council Meeting, 6:30 City Hall

August Meetings

- August 3rd—Park Board, 6:30 City Hall
- August 6th—Planning & Zoning Commission, 6:30 City Hall
- August 18th— Springtown War Memorial Association, 6:30 City Hall
- August 27th— City Council Meeting, 6:30 City Hall

For Agenda information please check our website.

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