

COMMUNITY UPDATE

CITY OF PILOT POINT, TEXAS

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TEXAS AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER TODD STAPLES – KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT ANNUAL CHAMBER BANQUET

Monday – February 22, 2010
Pilot Point High School Cafeteria at 7:00 PM

The City of Pilot Point is extremely excited to welcome Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples to our community when he serves as the featured speaker during the 2010 Annual Chamber Banquet on February 22nd.

Having such a high ranking state official such as Commissioner Staples visiting our own historic community which is so rich with agricultural related businesses and highlighted by the horsing and equine industry, turf and tree farms, and our course our huge cabinet industry - is major news. Please make plans to attend this year's Annual Chamber Banquet because it promises to be one the best ever as Commissioner Staples talks about the agricultural business in rural Texas and the opportunities and promises it brings!

Seating is limited so be sure to make your reservations today!

For ticket information contact the Chamber of Commerce at 940-686-5385 or email chamber.commerce@cebridg.net

BRUCE THOMAS NAMED THE NEW PILOT POINT MAIN STREET MANAGER

We are very proud to announce the appointment of local resident, Bruce Thomas, as the City's new Main Street Director, effective January 1st, 2010. Three years ago, he and his wife relocated to Pilot Point from Connecticut to be closer to his children and grandchildren who live in the Ft Worth area.

Mr. Thomas brings a wealth of experience in business management and especially in the area of marketing, which is a major part of his role in improving the Historic Downtown District. In his role of Main Street Director, Mr. Thomas shall be responsible in facilitating the revitalization of downtown into a vibrant and economically viable Main Street District and Downtown Historic District through the use of the Texas Main Street 4-Point Approach - Design, Economic Restructuring, Organization/Marketing, and Promotions/Festivals and shall serve on the City Economic Development Board and provide operational liaison and administrative assistance to the City Economic Development Consultant as required.

Mr. Thomas will also be involved with the City Main Street Advisory Board, the Historic Review Board, the Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee, and many other civic and community boards or organizations that are tied to the Pilot Point Main Street Program.

On the immediate horizon, he will also be responsible for overseeing the Downtown Sidewalk Renovation Project, which includes replacement of the sidewalks on the east and north side of the Square under a grant from the Texas Historical Commission through the Texas Department of Agriculture.

**Contact Bruce @ 940-395-2165
or email bthomas@cityofpilotpoint.org**

CITY LAUNCHES LOGO AND SLOGAN CONTEST JANUARY 11, 2010

The City Council is developing a new city logo and slogan and is openly soliciting entries through an art contest, with the winning entry receiving a \$500 cash prize. If there is a separate entry chosen for the logo and slogan, then the individuals will receive \$250 each.

The Logo/Slogan Contest is chaired by Bruce Thomas and co-chaired by Dick Bullwinkle. The contest has its own logo/slogan website for access and logo/slogan submittals and can be accessed online at:

<http://www.pilotpointlogocontest.com/>

The judges panel includes well known local, area, regional, and even nationally known celebrities:

- Bob Phillips - known for his Texas Country Reporter program on TV.
- Clarice Tinsley - known by millions of TV news viewers in the DFW area on FOX 4.
- Donna Howell-Sickles - nationally recognized for her western art; her works are prominently featured in exhibits at the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame in Ft Worth.
- Don Schol & Pam Burnley-Schol - both are professional artists and professors of art at the University of North Texas, College of Visual Arts & Design.
- Larry Mahan - one of the all time greats in professional rodeo and one of its first mainstream media stars.
- Walt Garrison - retired as one of the greatest fullbacks who ever played for the Dallas Cowboys and now an area rancher.

Town Leaders

- Janet Groff - Mayor of Pilot Point.
- Wes Miller - owns the Farmer's & Merchant's Bank building in Pilot Point and known for his historic renovations.
- Susan Svane - well known teacher in the Pilot Point school system.
- Amanda Watson - well known teacher in the Pilot Point school system.
- Chris True - Park Superintendent at the Ray Roberts Lake State Park Complex.

Logo / Slogon Contest Schedule:

Contest Kickoff – January 11, 2010

Contest Entry Deadline – February 19, 2010

Announce Winner – February 26, 2010

- Recognition Award Dinner (location to be announced)

PUBLIC NOTICE **CELL PHONE USE IN** **SCHOOL ZONES IS PROHIBITED**

The City of Pilot Point and the Texas Department of Transportation are currently installing the signage required to allow enforcement of a new state law prohibiting the improper use of cell phones in school zones and school crosswalks. This is a safety issue for school children in our Pilot Point school zones, so a strict no tolerance enforcement policy shall begin immediately upon

installation of the signs, which carries a possible fine up to \$500 per offense.

If you have any non-emergency questions regarding this new state law and our local enforcement, please contact the Pilot Point Police Department at:

940-686-2969

Police non-emergency number

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL SURVEY

The Pilot Point Independent School District in cooperation with the City of Pilot Point anticipates applying for a Safe Routes to School Grant in 2010 in order to construct needed sidewalks and walkways to our schools. In order to submit a complete application, we need to determine certain facts about the students in our schools. Please take a moment to complete the following short survey which will give us the necessary information to complete our Safe Route to School Plan. You can, also, go to our website and “click” on the Safe Routes to School link on our announcements or go to the following web-link <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VV8ZH6Y>. **Survey deadline will be Friday, January 29, 2010.** Thank you in advance for your participation in this survey.

MONTHLY \$\$ CASH \$\$ DRAWING ON THE SQUARE YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!

HELP SUPPORT PILOT POINT * SHOP PILOT POINT FIRST*

In addition to the Chamber of Commerce program asking residents to spend at least \$20 on the 20th of each month in Pilot Point to help support the local economy, the Chamber sponsors the Merchant Gift Drawing on the Square on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

The next drawing will be held Saturday, February 13th, at 4 pm on the Square. Live music provided in the Opera House at 8 pm.

As a reminder, you must visit and qualify at participating stores in town each month. For detailed rules on how to qualify, and a list of the participating business locations, please call the Chamber at **940-686-5385** or email chamber.ofcommerce@cebridge.net

*Non-Profit Organizations are encouraged to list their upcoming events in our Community Newsletter. Email jhughes@cityofpilotpoint.org to list your community activities. Visit our website for updates!

ANIMAL CONTROL CORNER

940-686-2165

lrose@cityofpilotpoint.org

What do you do if an animal bites you?

Rabies is a viral disease that affects warm-blooded animals (such as dogs, cats, skunks, fox raccoons, bats, etc.). The virus is spread when saliva containing rabies virus is introduced into an opening in the skin, usually by the bit (or possibly scratch) of a rabid animal. You can also get rabies if the saliva from a rabid animal contacts your mucous membranes or any open wound.

If a bite occurs, the following precautions should be taken:

- Contact the Animal Control Officer as soon as possible 940-686-2165; after hours 940-686-2444. All animal bites must be investigated by the Local Rabies Control Authority.
- Identify the animal. Most animals that have bitten a person must either be quarantined for 10 days and observed for signs of rabies or tested for rabies
- Immediately wash the wound thoroughly with soap and water, plus an antiseptic if available.
- Consult a physician as soon as possible to determine whether post exposure treatment is needed.

**** Please be kind to pets and animals!***

LIBRARY LINKS

324 South Washington St.

Tuesday – Friday 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Closed on Sundays and Mondays

Cold winter days are the perfect time to visit the library and take home a good book (or two) to cuddle up with. A few of the newest bestsellers that are currently on library shelves are *I, Alex Cross* by James Patterson, *Pirate Latitudes* by Michael Crichton, *Under the Dome* by Stephen King, *Duets* by Nora Roberts and *U is for Undertow* by Sue Grafton. The library also has copies of the newest memoirs and life stories of Patrick Swayze, Pat Tillman, George Carlin, Howie Mandell, Michael Oher (The Blind Side) and Andre Agassi.

Online users are invited to browse our new website www.pilotpointlibrary.org and visit the *EShelf & Research* link to utilize the acclaimed TexShare databases. Come by the library to get your username and password and begin using our free electronic resources from work, home or on our library computers. The subscription-only databases are exclusive to Texas library patrons and offer multitudes of authoritative, full-text articles from verifiable sources on any subject from general interest to business, history and genealogy, hobbies, health and more.

To learn more about our library resources or to find out how to get a free library card

Call 940 686-5004

or visit us at www.pilotpointlibrary.org

FIRE/EMS/AMBULANCE:

110 W. Division St

Call 911 for Emergencies

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

As the New Year gets into full swing I would like to throw out a friendly fire prevention reminder on electrical safety. A common cause of house fires is the use and or misuse of electrical extension cords and power strips. With more and more technology we find ourselves with many electrical appliances, computers and games. We recommend that you do not use extension cords for permanent items these cords are made for temporary use. Frayed and worn cords are a fire and shock hazard and all cords need to be inspected before each use. Power strips are another commonly used item and need to be inspected regularly. When inspecting the strip look for any signs of discoloration and if the strip is hot disconnect it immediately and replace it. Before using this type of electrical adaptor be sure and check the manufacturer's recommendation and follow them closely. Until next time have a great New Year and as always feel free to call the Fire Department with any questions.

For non-emergency fire and EMS information or questions: call **940-686-5038** or email: admin@ppfd.org

Practice Fire Safety at Home!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The City of Pilot Point needs volunteers on numerous Advisory Boards. We have positions available immediately for appointment by the City Council for the following boards:

- **Planning and Zoning Commission**
- **Board of Adjustment and Appeals**
- **Main Street Advisory Board**
- **Historic Review Board**

For application forms and instructions visit:

<http://www.cityofpilotpoint.org>

Search the "City Government - Volunteer Opportunities" section or call Lisa Henderson @ **940-686-2165**.

CITY OF PILOT POINT ANNOUNCES

 **FACEBOOK**

 **TWITTER**

In addition to our current Email Subscription list program, we are pleased to announce an additional communication tool with the City of Pilot Point through Facebook and Twitter. As a reminder, our Email Subscription Program may be accessed at E-News on our city web page. The Pilot Point City Council believes these two new additions will help residents “stay connected” with City Hall and the City Council. For access or questions:

www.cityofpilotpoint.org
or call 940-686-2165

SOLID WASTE BULK & RECYCLING

BLUE carts – RECYCLING – every Thursday

GREEN carts – TRASH ONLY

Monday – (Main Street and all areas North)

Tuesday – (All areas South of Main Street)

BULK SERVICE – 1ST & 3RD Saturdays

***Jan - Feb - Residential Service Schedule:**

Jan 7, 14, 21, 28 – Recycling (citywide)

Jan 2 and Jan 16 – Bulk Service (citywide)

Jan 4, 11, 18, 25 – Solid Waste (city north half)

Jan 5, 12, 19, 26 – Solid Waste (city south half)

Feb 3, 11, 18, 25 – Recycling (citywide)

Feb 6 and Feb 20 – Bulk Service (citywide)

Feb 1, 8, 15, 22 – Solid Waste (city north half)

Feb 2, 9, 16, 23 – Solid Waste (city south half)

*Additional carts are available for just \$4.50 a month, plus tax – contact City Hall if you are interested in obtaining an extra cart.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pilot Point Band Boosters - Help support your award-winning Pilot Point Bearcat Band. For information regarding their specific needs and scholarship funding: Contact Shannon Slater at 940-597-3533 or email shannon@dwslaterco.com

Pilot Point Opera House Singers

Meets every Thursday at 7:00 pm for rehearsal.

If interested in joining call 940-686-2454.

CITY ANNOUNCES FEBRUARY CLOSING SCHEDULE

City Hall will be closed Monday, February 15th in observance of President Day.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

JANUARY 18th (Monday)

Martin Luther King Day – City Hall Closed

JANUARY 21st (Thursday) @ 11:30 am

Monthly Chamber Luncheon

Hot Grill Steakhouse – Hwy 377

JANUARY 25th (Monday)

Pilot Point City Council Meeting – City Hall

Starts at 6:30 pm

FEBRUARY 8th (Monday)

Pilot Point EDC Board Meeting – City Hall

5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Pilot Point City Council Meeting – City Hall

Starts at 6:30 pm

FEBRUARY 13th (Saturday)

Drawing on the Square - Downtown

Drawing at 4 pm; music at 8 pm

FEBRUARY 15th (Monday)

President’s Days – City Hall Closed

FEBRUARY 22nd (Monday)

Annual Chamber Banquet – Pilot Point High School Cafeteria

Starts at 7:00 pm Guest Speaker Todd Staples, State Commissioner of Agriculture

FEBRUARY 22nd (Monday)

Pilot Point City Council Meeting – City Hall

Starts at 6:30 pm * The Council may cancel or reschedule due to conflict with the Annual Chamber Banquet.

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