

COMMUNITY UPDATE

CITY OF PILOT POINT, TEXAS

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WATER CONSERVATION

Water Conservation means many different things to many different people. For some, it means water restrictions. In order to conserve water during times of drought, water use restrictions or limitations may be necessary. But water conservation is really different than water use restrictions.



One of the primary ways to conserve water is to not waste water. This simple concept, if followed, can help everyone to save water. For example, most people would not go out and turn on a sprinkler in the yard during a rain storm. And yet some people with automatic sprinkler systems may allow them to continue to operate even if it is raining. The convenience of the automated system also conveniently allows a waste of water. For this reason rain detector systems can be added to automated sprinkler systems to avoid a waste of water.

The message is not to limit water use or even eliminate the watering of a yard, but to eliminate the waste of water. Each of us can take steps to avoid the waste of water.

Even closer to home, how many of us leave the faucet running while we are brushing our teeth?

We may need water to begin brushing our teeth, and we may need water at the conclusion to rinse our mouth and our tooth brush, but running the water during the brushing time is a waste of water.

Each of us can look at the ways we use water and find methods to avoid the waste of this important resource. The City is not imposing water restrictions or limitations at this time. We do, however, encourage the conservation of water by avoiding waste.

Use water, but use it well for a good purpose. Find ways to avoid wasting this important resource. Everyone's individual effort can combine with efforts on a City wide basis to make a significant contribution towards the water conservation effort. So go ahead and use water. It is a very useful and beneficial product, one that we cannot live without. Just remember to use it well and avoid waste.

FIRE/EMS/AMBULANCE

ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO HOUSE NUMBERS

One of the difficulties that we at the Fire Department encounter is locating the addresses of the emergencies we are dispatched to. When sent to a motor vehicle



accident or fire, there are telltale signs we are in the right place, i.e., dented autos, smoke or visible flames. But sometimes when we are sent to a residence or business, locating the correct address is a challenge, especially at night. You would be surprised how many places in town do not have their mailbox or structure marked with the proper numbers. Here is the portion of the ordinance that applies:

D. Style of Numbers: The number plate placed upon any building shall be metal or wood, or the number may be painted on the front of the building, door, post, transom or other place. The number shall be at least three inches (3") in height and so as to be easily seen from the street.

E. Duty to Affix Numbers: If the owner or lessee of any building shall fail, refuse or neglect to place the number or replace it when necessary, the City Manager may cause a notice to be personally served on said owner or lessee or mailed by registered mail to his last known address, ordering him to place or replace the number. Said owner or lessee shall comply with such notice within ten (10) days from the date of service. (Ord. 83, 4-28-86) Newer homes are using cast concrete house numbers that are very visible. In either case, they should be visible from the street and able to be seen at night. Contrasting colors make this easier. Reflective numbers are even better, such as the type on many mail boxes, provided your box is in front of the address and not grouped with others remote from the location. Please help us by adhering to the ordinance which helps us help you faster.

MAIN STREET 4SQUARE VOLUNTEERS

One of the great things about **Bonnie & Clyde Days** is everyone can play a role. Part of becoming an Active 4Square Volunteer is you agree to dress up (or down!) in costumes of the 30's. 30's attire need not be complicated or expensive. *Dress Up* like Bonnie & Clyde or *Dress Down* - find some old overalls and a floppy

newsboy cap – or grab an old wide tie from your grandfather's closet, pair of baggy pants and a fedora and you're set. For ideas watch the movies *Bonnie and Clyde* or the *Grapes of Wrath*, or view ideas at one of these sites:

http://www.fashion-era.com/stylish_thirties.htm

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PnZCVkP7GIE>

<http://www.vogue.co.uk/fashion/show.aspx/catwalk-report/id,8339#>

Lend a hand, become part of the gang, have some fun and support our square all at the same time. Become a 4Square Volunteer. All together we can make Bonnie & Clyde Days a success and in the process turn community service from an obligation to a privilege.

A volunteer sheet is now available on the City's website at www.cityofpilotpoint.org - click on the 4Square logo on the right hand side and sign up today!

POLICE DEPARTMENT VACATION SAFETY TIPS

With summer already here, many people will be headed out of town for vacation. Taking a few steps before you leave and while you are on vacation will help protect yourself and your property.

Before Leaving:

- Arrange to have a neighbor or someone else you trust check on your residence while you are gone.
- Stop your mail and newspaper or have someone pick them up daily.
- For extended trips, arrange for someone to mow your lawn.
- Put your lights on timers, especially in the rooms you are normally in. If you don't have timers, they are fairly inexpensive to purchase and easily found at your **local** stores.
- Give your family or close friends a copy of your itinerary, including information for places you will be staying at in case of

emergency. Let them know when you leave and when you return home.

- Call or stop by the Pilot Point Police Department (940) 686-2969 to be put on the vacation watch list. Or simply go online and complete a Vacation Watch Form. You will be asked the dates you are planning on being gone, when you will be returning, descriptions of any vehicles that may be left in your driveway, locations of any lights you will be leaving on and the names and contact information for any key holders to your residence.

While on Vacation:

- Remember to lock your vehicle doors and keep valuables out of sight, including items such as GPS's and cell phones.
- If you are traveling to a location you've never been to before, make sure to plan your route and bring maps with you. Even if you are using a GPS, it is good to bring back-up maps with you.
- Lighten your purse or wallet. If there are credit cards you will not be using on your trip, leave them at home in a secure place.

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

LINE OF SIGHT ORDINANCE

Corner Lots: On a corner lot in any district, nothing shall be erected, placed, planted, or allowed to grow in such a manner as to materially impede vision between a height of two feet (2') and ten feet (10') above the center line grades of the intersecting streets in the area bounded by the street lines of such corner lots and a line joining points along said street lines twenty five feet (25') from the point of the intersection. A tree(s) that exists on the effective date hereof, with a diameter of eight inches (8"), will be exempt from this regulation. However, if the tree(s) is removed for any reason, the exemption no longer exists and replanting will be strictly prohibited.

LIBRARY ONLINE RESOURCES

The Library would like to spread the word about a new online resource for Texas job seekers developed by *Texas Workskills Development in Libraries*. The site offers help with job searching, resume writing, basic computer skills, interviewing skills and tips plus much more. The information can be found at <http://twdl.org/> or you can find the link on the library's website: www.pilotpointlibrary.org. And don't forget, a free library card allows you to use library computers with internet access so that you may tap into this valuable resource as well as many others.

Independent readers ages 5 through 17 can still pick up reading logs, complete 300 minutes of reading and return them to the library for rewards. In addition to prizes, every completed log will be entered in a drawing in which one winner will win a \$25.00 savings account courtesy of PointBank. The last day to exchange reading logs for prizes & be eligible for the drawing is August 13, 2010.

Visit our website for more library information or call the library at 940 686-5004.

ANIMAL CONTROL

ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The City of Pilot Point is looking for citizens to serve on the Animal Advisory Committee.

The committee shall meet at least three (3) times each year and shall perform the following duties:

This committee adopts procedural rules, as it shall deem necessary to govern its meetings and work effectively to review, revise, and recommend that the appropriate animal shelter laws approved are implemented pursuant to the Texas Health and Safety Code Section 823.005.

If you are interested in applying stop by contact Lisa Rose at 940-686-2165 x 14, stop by City Hall or complete an application online.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pilot Point Bearcat Club

The Pilot Point Bearcat Club will have its Annual Fundraiser Dinner & Auction on Saturday, August 7, 2010, at Pilot Point High School starting at 5:00 pm. It will also be "Meet the Coaches Night".

Meals on Wheels – Pilot Point Senior Center

The Pilot Point Senior Center is looking for a volunteer to deliver meals on wheels on Fridays from Pilot Point to Aubrey. Food will need to be picked up from Pilot Point and delivered to Aubrey residents by 10:30 – 11:00 am. Please contact Tammy at (940) 686-2639 to find out more information or sign up as a volunteer.

Sharkarosa Ranch

Every Tuesday and Friday at the Pilot Point Sonic - when you order a meal ask for a Sharkarosa coupon with your order - you'll receive a buy 2, get one free ticket for their Open to the Public Saturdays!

Community Update

Non-Profit Organizations are encouraged to list their upcoming events in our Community Newsletter. Please call Karen at **940-686-2165 ext. 19** or email kschoonover@cityofpilotpoint.org to list your upcoming events or activities or to add your email address to the distribution list to receive an email reminder.

e-News

Would you like to receive this community update via mail? Subscribe now – it's quick & easy. Just go to: www.cityofpilotpoint.org – click on **Join e-list updates**. Individuals that are registered will receive an email with a link to the update up to two (2) weeks before you receive your water bill.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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| Sat. | July 24 (Holiday Schedule Change) | 7:00 am |
| | Bulk Trash Pickup | |
| Mon. | July 26 | 6:30 pm |
| | City Council Meeting | |
| | City Hall Council Chambers | |
| Thur. | July 29 | 5:00 pm |
| | Keep Pilot Point Beautiful Meeting | |
| Sat. | August 7 | 7:00 am |
| | Bulk Trash Pickup | |
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| | Bearcat Club Fundraiser | |
| | Pilot Point High School | |
| Mon. | August 9 | 5:30 pm |
| | EDC Meeting | |
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| | City Council Meeting | |
| Sat. | August 14 | 8:00 am – 12:00 noon |
| | Farmer's Market | |
| Sat. | August 14 | AT DUSK |
| | Movie on the Square – <i>Featuring "ET"</i> | |
| Thur. | August 26 | 12:00 pm |
| | Main Street Advisory Board Meeting | |
| Sat. | September 4 | 7:00 am |
| | Bulk Trash Pickup | |
| Mon. | September 6 | CLOSED |
| | Labor Day - City Hall Offices Closed | |
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City Council meetings are held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 102 E. Main Street. Citizens are encouraged to attend. Time is allotted for public comments at the beginning of regular meetings and during public hearing items.



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