

City Manager's Report

City of College Station

What's Going On?

Update on the Veterans Park Athletic Complex Phase I

In November 2001, the City Council awarded a contract, in the amount of \$2,936,800, for the Phase I development, which includes the construction of six (6) adult soccer fields (two (2) of which are lighted), restrooms, two (2) lighted adult softball fields, a small maintenance building, park entrance, roads, parking areas, and landscaping. Substantial completion of the park was reached in September 2002. The turf is well established, but will require further growth before play can begin. Use of the athletic

fields will begin in late spring or early summer of 2003. The Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial is nearing comple-



Special points of interest:

- City Council Approves Annexation
- City Employees "Kiss a Pig"
- Update on the Lower Trails Project at Wolf Pen Creek

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City Council Approves Annexation

The City Council approved annexation of six new areas at the October 24 meeting. The annexation process included two public hearings, held on September 26 and October 2. Area #1 is located generally at the intersection of Harvey Mitchell Parkway and Wellborn Road and contains 644

Acres. Area #2 consists of 1,077 acres and is generally south of Greens Prairie Road and north of Arrington Road. Area #3 consists of 40 acres and is located in the Nantucket Subdivision. Area #4 consists of 655 acres and is generally located east of Rock Prairie Road and north of

Carter Lake Subdivision. Area #5 consists of 1,340 acres is also east of Rock Prairie Road, but south of Carter Lake Subdivision. The final annexed area consists of 455 acres and is located generally along the extension of Greens Prairie Road east from Carter Creek to State Highway 30. The annexed areas will become a part of the City on November 1, 2002.

Fire Department Holds its Annual HAZMAT Training

The College Station Fire Department conducted its annual Hazardous Materials Response Team training on October 2 at the former Northrup-Grumman Facility. The training session began with a response to a simulated incident involving weapons of mass destruction.

"Victims" of this incident were portrayed by students

from A&M Consolidated High School, the Hammond Oliver School for Health Sciences and the Blinn College Emergency Medicine Program. Patients were evaluated, decontaminated and treated at the scene, then transported to the College Station Medical Center, St. Joseph Regional Health

Center and the Physicians' Center, where they assisted these facilities in fulfilling some of their own "mass casualties" training requirements.

Members of the 6th Civil Support Team, stationed in Austin, participated in the training as evaluators and provided instructions to local team members on the support team's capabilities and equipment.

Where There's Smoke, There's....Sewer Problems?

Residents in the Southside area of College Station, bound by George Bush Drive, Harvey Mitchell Parkway, Texas Avenue and Wellborn Road, probably noticed some strange things happening with their sewer system this summer. The City of College Station and the RJN Group, Inc., an engineering firm from Dallas, performed smoke testing on the Southside area of College Station's wastewater collection system in August and September.

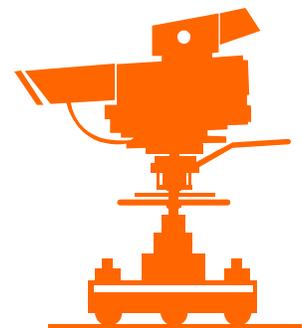
The purpose of smoke testing is to find areas of the sewer collection system that may need rehabilitation. Smoke testing is conducted through the main sewer lines by plugging one end of the line, then sending smoke through the line to see where it exits, which helps pinpoint areas that may need rehabilitation. Some of the problems technicians look for during

smoke testing are storm sewers or rain gutters connected to the sanitary sewer system, smoke coming up through the ground, cracked manhole covers, and other defects in the sanitary sewer system. The smoke testing is part of an overall sewer maintenance and rehabilitation program that will address capacity and maintenance issues to maintain the physical integrity of the City's sewer system.

"Lights!" "Camera!" "Action!"

The first televised City Council meeting premiered on October 24. As a part of the 2002-2003 Strategic Plan, the City Council designated "Providing effective communications, interdepartmentally and to the public" as a core service. Within this core service, televising City

Council meetings was designated as a top priority. City Council Meetings will be rebroadcast on Channel 19 on Fridays and Saturdays at 1 p.m. and again on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.



City Employees "Kiss a Pig" for the United Way

The "winners" in the "Kiss A Pig" contest, part of the City of College Station's United Way fundraising efforts, were College Station employees Olivia Burnside, OTIS Director, John Woody, Director of College Station Utilities, and Mike Patterson, Assistant Police Chief. City employees donated money to a piggy bank

of the person of their choice, and the three banks with the most money in them "won" All proceeds from the contest go to United Way. Olivia Burnside raised \$134.54 in her piggy bank, while John Woody and Mike Patterson raised \$116.84 and \$41.45 in their respective banks.

Over \$441 was raised in the contest. The "winners" each kissed a pig from A&M Consolidated on Wednesday, October 23, at 9:00 a.m. on the front steps of the College Station City Hall.



Update on the UDO

In November, another joint meeting between the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council will be held to discuss the input received from the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) forums held over the past few months, and to discuss the public draft that was released on October 7. The meet-

ing will provide further policy direction for the formulation of the final document. The UDO project is a review and re-writing of all the City's zoning, subdivision and related land development codes. Several drafts of the UDO have been provided to Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission

over the last year and joint meetings have been held to review those drafts. The next joint workshop will be held on November 15 and the public is invited to attend. It is anticipated the UDO will be adopted during the Spring of 2002.



Update on the Lick Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion

The Lick Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) began operations as a 0.5 million gallons per day (MGD) "package plant" in 1987. At that time it served mainly the Pebble Creek development and customers south of Greens Prairie Road. In the years since several new housing developments and a

business park have been built in the area. On April 1, 2001, construction began on the expansion of the Lick Creek WWTP to 2.0 MGD capacity. The project reached substantial completion in September and was 56 days ahead of schedule. The cost of this project is \$10.7 million and final

completion is expected in mid-November. Once completed, the expanded plant will serve the areas including Castlegate, Pebble Creek, Alexandria and Shenandoah subdivisions. In order to accommodate future growth, the Lick Creek WWTP can be easily expanded from 2.0 MGD to 4.0 MGD capacity with no disruption in the treatment process.

Update on the Lower Trails Project at Wolf Pen Creek

The Wolf Pen Creek Lower Trails project is currently underway. The project will include a number of concrete pedestrian trails, an 8 x 90 foot pedestrian bridge, landscaping, an irrigation system, decorative trail lighting, emergency telephones, a kiosk and trail rest areas (including benches, bicycle racks and trash cans).

The City Council awarded construction of this project on May 9 in the amount of \$1,161,584. The project is funded through the Wolf Pen Creek TIF Fund. Completion of the project is expected by the end of February 2003.



College Station Utilities Celebrates Public Power Week

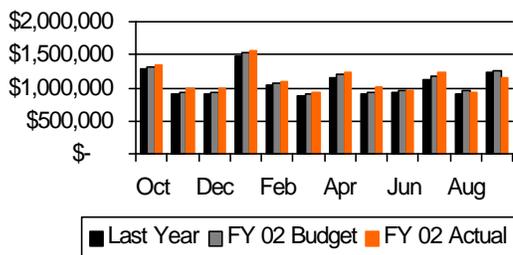
College Station Utilities celebrated Public Power Week on October 12 by hosting a community celebration at the Albertson's grocery store in College Station. Citizens were invited to join in the festivities that included live music by the Blues Trio. Attendees were served free hot dogs, cold drinks and popcorn. Also provided were free compact fluorescent lights and College Station Utility T-shirts. Rides in the utility's electric line bucket trucks were provided for all ages.

Other events included drawings for a free Husqvarna Auto Mower, a customized Fisher Price Power Wheels Silverado Pickup Truck, CD players, cameras, Hit Clip mini ear CD players and gift certificates to Schlotzsky's Sandwiches. Hazard Hamlet, an electrical safety demonstration for children, and electrical arcing demonstrations expounded the potential

hazards of electricity. Utility employees also took the opportunity to show off their Hybrid gas/electric car.



FY 2002 MONTHLY SALES TAX REVENUE



September Sales Tax Receipts

The City collected \$1,151,510.59 in sales tax for the month of September, which is 6.43% below the same month last year. The September receipts are for sales that occurred in August. Sales tax collections for FY 02 YTD are \$13,407,548.32 or

5.29% above FY 01 collections. Sales tax revenues for the month were lower than this time last year. The total receipts for FY 02 have exceeded the estimate by 1.82%. The budget office will continue to monitor national, state, and local economic trends to determine what impact those trends may

have on sales tax receipts.



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Shining Moments

- **Recreation Superintendent Peter Lamont received a "Thank You" card from the Memory Walk Committee of the Alzheimer's Association for letting them use Wolf Pen Creek for their 2002 charity walk.**
- **David Gerling was recognized at the 2002 Texas Amateur Athletic Federation's annual meeting for his "10 Years of Outstanding Service."**
- **Mayor Ron Silvia received a letter recently thanking Officer Kevin Roby, Dispatchers Kendra Watson, Adrienne Noah, and Lea Ann Roman for their efforts in assisting an out-of town family who were traveling through College Station and required roadside assistance.**
- **Ken Fogle (Development Services), Cindy Giedraitis (Fire), and Judy Downs (Public Works) received a job well done recognition from our City Manager and City Councilmember, James Massey, for their work on the WALK OUR LITTLE TEXANS TO SCHOOL PROJECT.**
- **Congratulations to Scott Hooks from the Parks and Recreation Department for being named the 2002 Employee of the Year**

Fire Prevention Week Held this Month

Fire Prevention Week was October 6-12. The College Station Fire Department (CSFD) joined forces with the National Fire Protection Association to spread the word about this year's campaign titled "Team Up for Fire Safety." This campaign encourages children and families to recognize the role they play in keeping their homes fire-safe by focusing on three messages. First, the installation and testing of smoke alarms; second, practicing the home escape plans; and finally, the hunt for home hazards.

CSFD visited all five CSISD Elementary Schools to provide children with information on fire prevention week by utilizing the Firefighter Frank Puppet Show and the Fire Science Jeopardy Game. In addition, the College Station, Bryan and Brazos County Fire Departments hosted the 7th Annual Fire Safety Expo at Lowe's. Included at the expo were fire trucks and ambulances, SPARKY the Fire Dog, the Bryan Fire Safety House, Patches and Pumper the Fire Robot, and

the Hazardous House. The Search Dog Network was there along with a Bucket Brigade activity for children.

