



City of
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A CITY WITH ROOM FOR GROWTH

A Message from Our Mayor

It's August! August means a lot of things in our part of Texas. Of course, it's still HOT. It's still hurricane season, but thankfully we haven't seen any activity and there doesn't seem to be anything developing at this time. And it's "Back to School". I hope everyone has had a great Summer and is ready to get back into the school routine. Please be mindful of the children and buses. Expect a little more traffic and plan accordingly. Be safe!

Cathy Nagel



Save the Date:

- August 1- Special Meeting 6 P.M.
- August 8- Council Meeting 6 P.M.
- August 10- Back to School
- August 15- Council Meeting 6 P.M.
- September 5- Office Closed for Labor Day
- September 12- City Council Meeting 6 p.m.
- October 10- Office Closed in Observance of Columbus Day
- October 11- City Council Meeting 6 p.m.
- October 31- Halloween



Hours of Operation

Business is open Monday through Friday 8:00 AM- 4:00 PM. Our City Council Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of every month at 6:00 PM.

Next City Council Meeting will be held on Monday, August 8, 2022 at 6:00 PM.



Keep our Community Clean & Safe

City Dumpster Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Every 3rd Saturday of the month the Dumpster will be open to Pine Forest Residents ONLY. You must make an appointment prior to your visit by calling us at 409-786-4100. **Next Available Saturday is Aug. 20, 2022.** Please keep our city safe. The city has received several reports of dogs running loose causing Postal Services and Utility providers unable to deliver. Please be a good neighbor and a responsible Pet Owner and keep your dogs on your property.

Monthly Meetings

Council Meetings are held at 6 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at City Hall, located at 305 Nagel Street, unless a Holiday falls on that date, the meeting moves to the next business day.

- Visit our website to view a copy of the agenda.
www.cityofpineforest.com
- Special Meetings are called as needed and are posted on the website and at City Hall 72 hours prior to the meeting date and time.
- Citizens may speak to the council during the Citizens Communication portion. It is recommended that you show up 15 minutes prior to the meeting to sign in. Speeches are limited to 3 minutes.



PLEASE CONTACT US AT 409-786-4100 WITH ANY QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS.



The first sandwich was made on August 6, 1762, when the Earl of Sandwich asked for a dish with meat between two pieces of bread. Legend has it that he ordered the meal in the middle of a gambling game and didn't want to interrupt it.

Where can I get a Covid-19 test?



If you think you have COVID-19 and need a test, The City of Pine Forest has just received FREE In-Home Covid Test that are available for our Residents to pick up Monday through Friday during the hours of 9:00-4:00 pm ONLY at Pine Forest City Hall. Please bring a photo ID with proof of address. 1 Test per Family Member will be issued. Supplies are limited.

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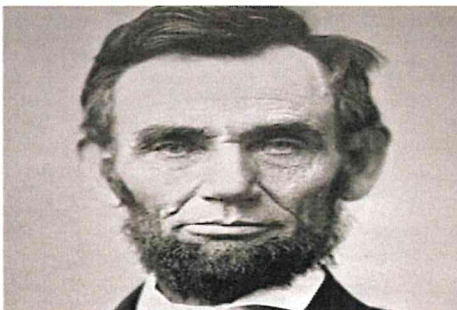
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“
Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power.”

Abraham Lincoln

BUSINESS INSIDER

City Permitting

Pine Forest requires that a Permit be issued for any Modification to your property, building constructed or moved onto a property or for any improvement to your property, home or building. Permits can be obtained by filling out a Permit Application and these permits are valid for 180 days.

Some examples that require a Permit are:

- Construction of a new building or home
- Additions to existing buildings
- Substantially improving existing buildings
- Placing of manufactured (mobile) homes on a property
- Temporary building for both residential and commercial
- Agriculture buildings
- Concrete, Fill, grading, excavations, mining, and dredging

Why do I need to obtain a Development Permit?

Section 60.3(a)(1)CFR(Code of Federal Regulations) states that communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) shall require permits for all proposed construction or other development in the community, including the placement of manufactured homes, so that it may determine whether such construction or other development is proposed within the flood-prone areas.

For the purposes of this requirement, the NFIP definition of "development" found in Section 59.1 CFR 44 means any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to, buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving excavation, drilling operations or storage of equipment and material. Thus, under the NFIP a community is responsible for requiring Permits for all development, not just structures.

PLEASE SLOW DOWN!

The City of Pine Forest continues to encourage drivers to slow down. Especially during high traffic. The posted Speed Limit is 30 MPH on Lakeview Cutoff and 20MPH down most of the City Streets. Please make this a safe place to live for our residents.

As a Reminder, please slow down. Not only does driving fast put you at Risk, but those around you, such as other drivers and pedestrians.



Hurricane Season 2022

BE PREPARED, STAY PREPARED

Know Your Risk - Sign up for your community's emergency warning system. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.

Gather Supplies - Keep in mind each person's needs, gathering supplies for at least three days. Stock up on items such as food and water, non-perishable foods, first-aid supplies, prescriptions, pet supplies, flashlights and batteries. Don't forget to charge electronics you may need.

Personal Safety - In your "go kit" include items like hand sanitizer, face masks, wipes, and liquid soap.

Secure Documents - Remember to secure copies of important personal documents. Filing for government assistance requires documentation. Be sure to keep documents in a secure location and take them with you if you need to evacuate.

Protect Your Property - Shutter your home as needed, review your flood insurance policy (or sign up for one) and declutter drains and gutters. Most homeowner and renter insurance policies do not cover flood damage. A flood insurance policy generally does not take effect until 30 days after purchase, so be sure to maintain your policy.

Make Your Evacuation Plan - Be familiar with the route and shelter locations. Discuss and practice drills for your evacuation plan with your family each year.

Love our Newsletter?? We'd Love your feedback!

Please stay up to date with us on our city website www.cityofpineforest.com and Pine Forest Talk on Facebook. Our city newsletter will mail out monthly. If you no longer wish to receive our Monthly Newsletter by US mail, please call us at 409-786-4100 to be removed. Thanks.



ARE YOU PREPARED?

STAN, the Southeast Texas Alerting Network, is a messaging and notification system that keeps the communities of Southeast Texas informed about emergencies and other important events in the area. Through STAN, industrial companies and emergency management officials can quickly notify you about emergencies, industry or weather events occurring in Southeast Texas.



Local Emergency Management encourages you to sign up to receive alerts on your cell phone.

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Visit the **STAN** website at www.thestan.com

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