



City of  
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## A CITY WITH ROOM FOR GROWTH

### A Message from Our Mayor

Hello Pine Forest,

I trust everyone had a nice Memorial Day weekend. Let us never forget the men and women who fought to keep our country free and didn't make it home to their families.

We should thank God for their service and sacrifice.

It's that time of the year again. Hurricane season officially begins June 1st. The season actually started a few days early this year. We've already had the first hurricane make landfall on the Pacific coast of Mexico and could become Hurricane Alex, the first Atlantic storm. As I write this mayor's corner, I am in San Antonio at an emergency management conference. I am attending every session that I think will benefit our city. While we pray we are spared another disaster this season, we must still be prepared. Please do all the practical things to prepare. Get important papers in order, fill prescriptions, stock up on water and things to eat that won't require electricity, make preparations for your pets and livestock, keep your tanks filled and have a plan in place for evacuation. Best case scenario, you won't have to implement these plans; worst case you will be ready. Watch Pine Forest Talk, I will post any information that I get from the National Weather Service. Be safe.

*Cathy Nagel*

### Save the Date:

June 13- City Council Meeting 6 p.m.

June 20- Office Closed in observance of Juneteenth

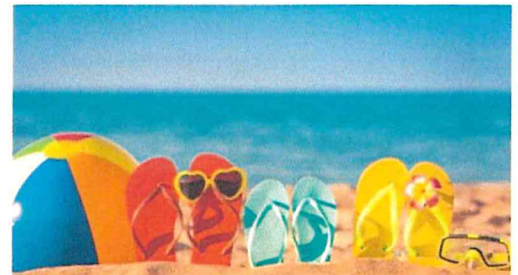
July 4- Office Closed in observance of Independence Day

July 11- City Council Meeting 6 p.m.

August 8- Council Meeting 6 p.m.

September 5- Office Closed for Labor Day

September 12- City Council Meeting 6 p.m.



### Hours of Operation

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

Next City Council Meeting will be held on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 6:00 PM.



### Keep our Community Clean & Safe

City Dumpster Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 June 18, 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](http://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.

Did you know? June is the month with the longest daylight hours of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, and conversely, June has the shortest daylight hours of the year in the Southern Hemisphere.



## 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 9:00-11:00 am 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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*"Summer! When the days get longer, the stars shine brighter, your hair gets lighter, the water gets warmer, the music gets louder and life gets better."*

*-Unknown*

# 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.

**Summer Safety Tips**

- Apply sunscreen, even on cloudy days. Reapply every two hours or after being in the water or sweating.
- Dress young children in light-colored clothing. Cover their heads to reduce heat exposure.
- Take precautions to avoid heat and sun overexposure between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Never leave your child alone in a car for any amount of time.
- Offer water every 20 minutes during outdoor playtime even if your child says they are not thirsty. Avoid sugary drinks.
- Have children take frequent breaks in the shade.
- Put bug repellent on your child's face by spraying it first in your hand and then rubbing it on their face, avoiding their eyes and mouth.
- Closely watch your child in or near any water. Children can drown in as little as 2 inches of water.
- Make sure your child is wearing appropriate protective gear when riding a bike.
- Check all play equipment for sharp edges or pinching risks. Make sure metal slides are cool before allowing your child to slide.

To support early care and education providers in child safety, check out the Maryland State Department of Education's Division of Early Childhood's [Safety Resources](#).

Source: [Safe Kids Worldwide](#), [KidsHealth.org](#)

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# City Hall Renovations Complete

Our city hall renovations are finally complete from Hurricane Harvey. We are so very excited. It has been a long time coming.

Vidor Chamber of Commerce, along with many others joined us on May 26, 2022 for our ribbon cutting ceremony to dedicate the new & improved Pine Forest City Hall. Thank you to all who joined us and made the night such a success.



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

Please stay up to date with us on our city website [www.cityofpineforest.com](http://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](http://www.thestan.com)

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