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# City of Pine Forest May 2022

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# A CITY WITH ROOM FOR GROWTH

### A Message from Our Mayor

Hello Pine Forest Residents,

Can't believe it's already May. School will be out in a few weeks and our children will be home during the day. Please observe the speed limit signs and watch for our young people riding their bikes and playing outside. Also, to any Class of '22 seniors in our city, I want to wish you all the best and may God bless you as you take your place in this adult world. Prayerfully consider your options and move ahead with confidence. Whether you are moving right into the work force or attending college or trade school, just know that your future is what you make it.

Have a great month and let us know if we can help you in any way.

# Cathy Nagel



### Save the Date:

May 9- City Council Meeting 6 p.m.

May 26- City Hall Dedication 6 p.m.

May 30- Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day

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.



#### 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, May 9,2022 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 May 21, 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.

Did you know? The name May is the modern-day English adaption of the Latin word Maius, which has origins going back to the time of the ancient Greeks. They named the month of May (or Maius) after the Greek goddess of growth.



# 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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"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does."

-William James

# 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.



# 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.





Visit the STAN website at www.thestan.com

# City Hall Renovations Complete

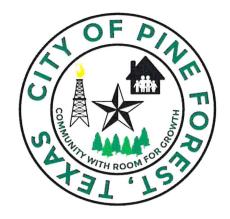
Our city hall renovations are finally complete from Hurricane Harvey. We are so very excited. It has been a long time coming.

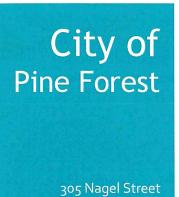
Vidor Chamber of Commerce will be joining us on May 26, 2022 at 6 p.m. for a ribbon cutting ceremony to dedicate the new & improved Pine Forest City Hall. Please stop by and join us. We will have drinks & refreshments. Stop by and say Hello, we look forward to seeing you there.



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