



City of Lavon

"The City in the Country"
Monthly Newsletter, June 2009

Steve Parker Day

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, June 27th, 2 p.m. to attend the dedication of the Stephen L. Parker Emergency Services Center ceremony to honor former Mayor Stephen L. Parker.

Welcome

The Lavon Police Department welcomes our newest officer, Jennifer LaRue, who is an experienced patrol officer. Please introduce yourself when you see her out and about in your neighborhood.

We have a new face at the helm of the Public Works Department. Kevin Dudley has joined the City of Lavon team as the new Director of Public Works. Kevin brings a fresh approach and renewed enthusiasm to the position. Please join us in welcoming Kevin to our fine City. Remember you can always email you thoughts or concerns to publicworks@cityoflavon.org.



A Message from Mayor Martin

Hey K I D S – Yeah! School is out! I remember those days – sleeping and swimming and playing all day! Those things are important. But, I have a challenge for each of you. Why not spend some time this summer becoming better citizens. I'd like for each of you to think about how 'you' impact your community. Every Lavon citizen, even *you*, can influence your community. Are you polite to others? Do you greet others with a smile? Do you ever help your neighbors? These things all matter. Even a smile given to someone who might seem to be having a bad day, rolling the neighbor's trash container back up their drive-way after it is emptied or putting the neighbor's newspaper on their front porch is being a good citizen. Spend some time thinking about this. Make a list of what you can do to help others this summer – and do those things. It can be fun! Try some new stuff! Send me an e-mail or a letter about what you've done to be a better citizen. I can't wait to hear from you!

Seasonal laborer position – The City of Lavon is hiring a seasonal laborer for the Department of Public Works. The work includes mowing, weeding, heavy lifting and general labor. The position is seasonal and on an "as needed basis." Contact Director of Public Works Kevin Dudley. Open until filled.

New Businesses in Lavon

The City of Lavon would like to welcome:

Lavon Floor Covering Dr. Maul's Family Practice

If you have a new business in Lavon and would like to be listed please contact City Hall with your information.

Good Neighbor Corner

Tips, suggestions and wisdom on how to be a good neighbor.

Good neighbors clean up after their animals when they do their business on a neighbor's lawn.

"Be a Super Trooper and use your Pooper Scooper"





April Showers bring...



We have all heard the saying that April showers bring May flowers, but it also causes the grass and weeds to grow that can result in drainage problems. Some of our new residents may not realize that the area that you are responsible for mowing goes all the way up to the street that runs in front of or beside your property. Some residents share a drainage ditch with your neighbor to the side or behind your home. Your property line runs right down the middle of that ditch, so half of that drainage easement belongs to you. It is up to you to keep it maintained. Keeping your property mowed is more than making the city look good. Tall grass and weeds, as well as piles of brush and limbs, provides a place for mice and rats to nest. These pests carry diseases and are not shy about coming into your house to check out what you've got in the pantry. Snakes feed on the mice and will follow them wherever they go, including into your cabinets! Tall vegetation or brush piles can become a fire hazard later this summer when things dry out. This same unkempt vegetation in a drainage ditch interferes with the normal flow of the water down the ditch and could cause flooding on your property or your neighbors. Tall grass beside a roadway can prevent drivers from being able to see oncoming traffic and could lead to accidents. High grass under trailers, boat's, RV's, along the fence line and beside the house in flower beds is just as unsightly and just as much of a health and safety issue as anywhere else on your property.

By working together, we can keep our city beautiful, healthy and safe of us all to enjoy.

Septic Maintenance & 911 Addressing

120 School Rd.

The City would like to remind you that if you have an aerobic septic system, it is required to have a maintenance contract. New laws allow the home owner to be their own maintenance provider **ONLY** if they are certified to do so. Please make sure that your maintenance contracts are up to date, and if they are not, please contact a provider for further information. The City of Lavon currently has the following septic maintenance contractors registered with the city.

AAA Septic: 972-843-0135; Fortner & Sons: 972-752-5644; Septic Solutions: 214-733-8883; White Eagle Water Systems: 903-527-3730; William P. Scott: 972-635-252

Per city ordinance no. 90-8, all homes and business within the city limits are required to erect and maintain address numbers for identification by emergency personnel. Please make sure that your home or business has the address clearly visible from the street.

HOT!  **HOT!**

The heat of summer has arrived so it is a good time to review some safety and crime prevention tips.

- Take a moment to check on neighbors during extreme heat.
- Make sure outside pets have adequate shade and water.
- Hot weather can bring an increase in the number of thefts and burglaries. Residents become more vulnerable to such crimes when they leave windows and doors open at night to cool their homes.
- Open garage doors are an invitation to thieves.



For your protection during summer vacations, remember that the Lavon PD has a Vacation Home Watch form on the City website at www.cityoflavon.org. If you are going to be out of town, please fill out one of the forms and drop it by the Police Department so we can put your house on extra patrol.



Have a Happy and Safe 4th of July



We would like to remind residents that our City Ordinance prohibits the possession, transport, sale or discharge of fireworks of any kind within the City limits. Please enjoy the professional fireworks displays offered throughout the Metroplex.