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The City Celebration is coming April 27, 2019

It has been almost three years since the community had a celebration. Granite Shoals will soon remedy this by holding a big ol' bash. Free Admission. There will be vendors, a BBQ cook-off, food vendors, activities for the whole family, and a variety of musical acts playing on stage throughout the day and into the evening. How would your local business like to sponsor a band or an activity? Would your non-profit like to have a booth? Isn't it time we came together to enjoy the blessings of belonging to a community? See you there!

May I see your Peddlers Permit?

Please do not make purchases from door-to-door solicitors who will not or cannot show you their valid city Peddler Permit. Please report these unknown solicitors to the police department. If a solicitor doesn't want to subject themselves to a background check and get a permit, there is cause to be suspicious. The only exceptions are charity sales (such as Girl Scouts with cookies), candidates for elected office who are campaigning or religious missionaries who are NOT selling anything.

To communicate via email with the Mayor and Council members, citycouncil@graniteshoals.org will reach Council, City Manager Jeff Looney and the City Secretary.

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City Election – May 4, 2019 Saturday

This year the election will be held to fill vacancies For Mayor and for Council Members 1, 3 and 5.

City Wide Clean Up will be March 30, 2019 Saturday

Beginning time: 8 AM - ending time 12 Noon

We will hold the Spring 2019 City Wide Clean Up on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at the City Hall Complex. As usual, residents will present their latest water bill and ID. We will accept brush, junk, mattresses, broken furniture, scrap metal (will be recycled), tires (for a small fee based upon size and whether or not the rim is still on the tire) and we will accept boxes of paperwork that you desire to have securely shred by the shred mobile. As always, we cannot accept appliances with Freon in them, tube/box style TVs, construction debris, or household hazardous waste materials. The Shred mobile from Condor Documents will be here from 8-11 AM. Remember, No contractors are ever allowed. See you there.

WE ARE ALL HEARTS AT CITY HALL.



Local art enthusiasts Paul and Suzan Bushart have coordinated with Ms. Lust, the Art teacher at Highland Lakes Elementary School, to bring us a new art display at City Hall. Art students from 3rd grade to 5th grade created pop art hearts in the style of artist Peter Max. These are 6"x 6", oil pastel and tempera resist. These hearts are on display in the downstairs lobby and in the 2nd floor Council Chamber.

SENIORS PROGRAMMING!

EVERY TUESDAY IS SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITIES DAY AT THE GRANITE SHOALS COMMUNITY CENTER AT 1208 N. PHILLIPS RANCH RD. THIS PROGRAM IS GEARED FOR SENIORS 55 AND OLDER AND IS HELD FROM 10:00 A.M. UNTIL 2:00 P.M. WE OFFER COFFEE AND BREAKFAST PASTRIES, A DELICIOUS LUNCH, GUEST SPEAKERS, GUEST ENTERTAINMENT, AND GAMES LIKE DOMINOES, CHECKERS, CARDS AND MUCH MORE. ON MARCH 19TH, SENIOR ACTIVITIES WILL CELEBRATE 1 YEAR AS AN ONGOING EVENT. PLEASE JOIN US!

City Manager Remarks:

There are many things going on at the City that demonstrate a renewed sense of community:

The City's Charter Review Committee is doing a complete review of the charter; originally drafted in 2005. This is the foundational document for the City. Voters will be able to consider any recommended changes in November.

The number of building permits which have been recently issued is impressive. Some of this is related to the flood recovery, but some of these are new housing starts.

This year, the old Ryders Dance Hall will become a new grocery store which will carry fresh produce.

We are expecting the City Hall Trash Pile to be removed by Burnet County within the next three weeks unless something unforeseen happens. Please avoid the pile, it is flood debris and is classified as hazardous materials.

Contractors continue to work on Phase 2 of Phillips Ranch Road. Expect some delays due to construction. Overlay work will begin when the 'cut out' work is approved by the inspectors, and when the weather cooperates.

REGISTER TO VOTE!

Are you a new resident in the city or just interested in registering to vote? You will find applications at the following locations: Each library, the post office, the Granite Shoals City Hall lobby, the Burnet County tax offices at the South Annex and North Annex, the County Clerk's office at the courthouse in Burnet, the Elections office in Burnet at 106 W Washington and the DPS office on Mormon Mill in Marble Falls.

BRUSH CLEAN UP

The second (and last) round of city-assisted brush clean-up will be February 25th through March 1st. If you are taking advantage of the lake lowering to clean up your property, you may place brush (only) in front of your house at the street frontage. The city crew will pick it up for you during this period.

City Manager Jeff Looney: Update Senate Bill 2

There is conflicting information circulating about Senate Bill 2 regarding property taxes. Once again, the State of Texas is trying to impose its will on cities and counties without giving us a way to fund the services that most citizens want. Our city believes that our citizens are smart, informed and quite capable of letting us know if they want or don't want certain services. We do not need the state government getting into our local business. Once they start "meddling" they will require us to do more with less and place additional burdens on the local tax payers instead of the state paying what they should pay. Look what they have done over the years regarding school taxes and now they are trying to fix the mess they created. We all want to have lower taxes. Your City Council members strive to be the best stewards of your tax dollars that they can be. Also, appraised property values are another issue but that again is not the City's doing and is for another conversation. It is our home and our decisions. As my mamaw used to say "Don't be a meddlesome Matilde!" Meddlesome is exactly what Senator Bettencourt and Senate Bill 2 is doing to our cities and counties. Do you want the State to dictate how we govern our local elected people?



Help Pets Find their way home! The Granite Shoals Police Department and Animal Control remind all citizens to register their animals at city hall. Also, while it is not required by the Ordinance, they strongly recommend microchipping animals as this has proven very successful in reuniting lost animals with their owners. Responsible pet ownership is part of good citizenship. Thank you!