

THE ROCK

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Did you know?

If you do not have working smoke detectors in your home, you may request some from the Fire Department. Call the non-emergency # 830-596-8110. Your local first responders know the value of these devices. Don't be shy to request a detector and let us know if you would like help to install it. We want you to be SAFE!

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GRANITE FEST is COMING April 27, 2019—Saturday 10 AM-10 PM

The City Celebration for Granite Shoals Community has been named. It will be called 'Granite Fest!'. The motto for the festival is 'Get A Load Of This!'

Granite Fest will be a day full of fun for the whole family. There will be lots of food, including a BBQ cook off. There will be vendors of all kinds. There will be activities for the younger set, namely activities for the kids and their pet rocks. If your child doesn't already have a pet rock, there will be some available for adoption to good homes. There will be ample opportunity to show off cars, motorcycles and even souped up golf carts. There will be music throughout the day including the King David Band. The King David Band will be the headliner band and will play from

6PM from 10 PM . There will be a group that sings in the style of Patsy Cline for the country music fans. There will be a Tejano band as well to keep everything lively.

Mark your calendars now to attend Granite Fest with your family and bring your neighbors. This is a celebration of our community.

Opportunities exist now to sponsor a band or event.

Booth rentals are also available. Contact City Hall to discuss how you and your group can participate!



Go on a Hot Air Balloon Ride

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!

March 30, 2019 is City Wide Clean Up Day

Saturday, March 30, 2019 will be the next City Wide Clean Up Day for Granite Shoals residents. Please bring your water bill and your id. You can bring brush, junk, broken furniture, tires (for a small fee) scrap metal, mattresses

or other items lying around. City Wide Clean up Day is NOT for hazardous materials, construction debris, tube/box style TVs or any appliance that might contain Freon. Only residents can partic-

ipate. No contractors are allowed.

Doors open at 8 AM and secure paper shredding will happen until 11 AM, the dumpsters will be open until 12 noon. See you there!

Communicating with Council

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

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Drop us a note.



Ron Munos is the City Council Member Elect for Place #1. Mr. Munos will take the seat being vacated by Anita Hisey. Council Member Hisey has served three consecutive terms in Place #1 and the city's term limits rendered her ineligible to run again.

Council Member Munos will not take the Oath of Office until May.

Auctions! Auctions! Auctions!

One way that the City of Granite Shoals stretches our tax dollars is by buying and selling on auction sites whenever practical.

When the City has a vehicle or piece of equipment that no longer serves a purpose, or is beyond repair, it is placed for auction on-line. If you would like to see what surplus items the City currently has to sell, visit www.publicsurplus.com

and look for City of Granite Shoals.

At the other end of the budget, our Public Safety departments have made many purchases of equipment, or gotten loans of equipment, from auctions or similar sites. Recently, the GSPD was awarded a tactical vehicle from the Department of Defense surplus. This vehicle will remain

with the City as long as it is needed, then go back to the military. In 2017, Fire Chief Stanphill purchased a second hand Fire Truck from an emergency services district in Travis County. This purchase provided our city with a very fine 1999 vehicle to replace the 1985 Fire Truck that had been in use for many, many years.



Word from Mayor Brugger:

At our last council meeting, the City Council held a public hearing on proposed ordinance 752-A, which allowed for RV's to be used under certain circumstances for building a new home on a residential construction site. Council chambers were full, with citizens supporting RV use during a construction period, but most of the citizens spoke about two other uses that were not in the proposed ordinance, use by visitors using their own RV

and storage and use by resident owners storing their RV's on their own property. Everyone who wished to speak to the council spoke before the council. Your council expresses its gratitude to those who spoke and wants citizens to know that we are listening.

Council decided to take the following actions; 1) Delay making a decision on #752-A until the March 12 council meeting. 2) Request a written report from the Planning and Zoning Com-

mission to better understand their decisions in proposing #752-A without including the other two RV uses. 3) Hold a public hearing and consider a new ordinance that includes the other RV uses. A date for this meeting has not been set, but will likely occur in April after Council receives requested comments from Planning and Zoning.

Again, Council thanks everyone who spoke to the council, along with those other who came to listen and learn what occurs at council meetings.

At the Council Meeting

At the City Council meeting on February 26, 2019, Council canceled the May 4, 2019 City General Officers Election. There were no opposed races to warrant holding the election. The city budget had appropriated \$2,000 for the election, which can now be saved.

Council adopted Ordinance 750, which will allow property owners who are adjacent to the Granite Shoals Airport, to build a 'Hanger Home'. This type of home will accommodate an airplane, as well as provide an apartment space for the property owner to use as a dwelling. If you are a property owner at the airport interested in building a Hangar Home, please contact City Hall to begin the process of getting your permits now.

City Council also heard a presentation on invasive Zebra Mussels. This was an informative presentation from Mr. Paul Dorman. The City asks residents to direct any contractor that is working on your dock or in the lake to please come to city hall and register. We want them to have the information on proper techniques to avoid spreading these invasive creatures.

Council continued to discuss a possible amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to add an allowed use for Recreational Vehicles in the City limits under certain conditions. This amendment was postponed. Mayor Brugger composed his article for this issue of the newsletter on the RV issue. Please see page 2.

The Council approved the purchase of an informational sign to be installed at City Hall property. This sign will be a digital sign with changing pictures and words. It is well-known that a banner speaks a thousand words in Granite Shoals, we hope this high-tech 'banner' will be able to convey information about events, news, and upcoming meetings and items of interest.

The road reconstruction project on Phillips Ranch Road has been delayed due to weather. The temperatures are just not optimum for the type of road work needing to be done. We need a steady ground temperature of over 52°F for the materials to properly be applied. Although we have had some warm days, the night temperature have been lower. The contractor was able to get in and do patches in the center of the road as this area of road held the ground temperature better than the sides of the road. Work on the intersections tends to involve more 'hand' controlled work rather than being able to use machines and needs better temperatures for the materials to lay better and provide a better job. The City is waiting for the temperatures to get better to ensure a good job. The best estimate is April, but weather is unpredictable this time of year. We feel we need about 10 days of warm days and nights to complete the job.



Saturday March 23, 2019, the Hill Country Humane Society is offering low cost rabies vaccinations, low cost micro-chipping, and other low cost services. The GSPD strongly encourages you to take advantage of this and have your pet micro-chipped!



Trash Pick Ups, Bulk Pick Ups and the regular City Wide Clean Ups

For your weekly trash/recycling pick up, please put out the trash and recycling before 7:00 AM on your scheduled pick up day. Although putting out the trash the night before is allowed, please don't put it out earlier than the evening before pickup. If you wish to know the day of the week for your trash and recycle pick up, just look at your city bill and find your account number. The first two digits of the account number will tell you. If it is #01— your day of the week is Tuesday, #02—your day of the week is Monday and #04 or #05—your day of the week is Wednesday. If you have questions about your trash service, call City Hall and ask for Emily.

For Bulk Pick up Fridays (every two weeks) the most important thing is correct placement of the items. They must be placed at the area where normally the trash is collected. Never place bulk items on an empty lot, the trash truck drivers will not service any lot where there is not an active water account. Remember that on bulk day, the items can be large, but not so large that it cannot be lifted by two employees. No appliances with Freon will be collected.

On the bi-annual City Wide Clean Up Day most items are allowed except hazardous materials and construction debris.



Why House Numbers??

make sure that the numbers on your home are bold and easy to see from the road. If they become faded, please be sure to replace them promptly. The numbers on your home give life-and-death information to the First Responders when they come to your aid. Please make sure that they can find the numbers easily, to the right side of the front door, if possible.

Ordinance #628 passed in 2013 requires that all dwellings have house numbers. Please

From City Manager

Jeff Looney :

I want to thank everyone for cooperating with the City during the lowering of lake LBJ. Our staff did a good job trying to take care of things during the lake draw down. We repaired the city park boat ramps so that they can last a lot longer and boaters won't misjudge the end of the ramps, be cautious using the ramps the first time after the lake has refilled. I must tell you that I hope everyone will be very safe out on the lake, it is still very, very dangerous due to underwater objects. Please be careful, fun is only fun until someone gets hurt.

Please know that I understand your concerns about the condition of our side streets; we have a lot of issues to address. Some of the issues are drainage, mowing and cutting tree limbs, base material and "scraping" the grass off the sides of the streets. We are working on ways to get this done. Manpower is another big issue here especially with spring coming; we have a small crew that takes care of streets and the parks. I'm proud of the work they get done with such a small crew.

During my meetings with staff, I'm pleased to report that they are truly working for you and trying to do the best that they can. Many of you have come to personally know the staff over the years, hope you get the opportunity to tell them you appreciate what they do, it will mean a lot to them. May you all have a good week!

NOTE: Please check the back of your monthly utility bill. There is information there related to upcoming events, special notices and other date-sensitive information.

There are still many, many hazards which are just below the surface of the water. Please be very careful when boating, jet skiing or participating in other water sports. The flood took many structures completely or partially into the water and many of these items are only barely submerged.

The City of Granite Shoals, in cooperation with Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) will begin to replace the buoys which were lost in the floods in October. It is vital that everyone obey 'No Wake' zones. Safety is everyone's responsibility.

Phone numbers you should know:

- ♦ **Animal Control:** Please phone animal control when your pet is missing, when you find a pet you think may be missing from its home, or if you are confronted by a domesticated animal that appears dangerous or has bitten a person or other pet. The number is 830-693-3611 to speak with Animal Control for a non-emergency report.
- ♦ **The Fire Department** to get a burn permit: Unless Burnet County has a Burn Ban in effect, it is allowed to burn trash in the city limits if you have a burn permit. These permits are free. A firefighter will come to your property and assess the location for your proposed burn pile, and will explain the requirements for monitoring an active burn pile. The number is Fire Dept. Burn Permit 830-596-3338.
- ♦ **After hours Water Issues:** On-Call Water Dept. Cell 830-598-6129 for suspected breaks.



Please exercise caution on Lake LBJ