



KEEPING YOU INFORMED!

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Hello Carrizo Springs!

One question that keeps getting asked is “How’s our city doing?”

Well, that’s what this news summary is all about. It’s a brief summary on the improvements or the obstacles the City is facing or has been facing for a while. We will keep you informed! We will address these topics in every newsletter: Finances, Projects, City Beautification, and Latest News.

As many of you are aware, City Council meets the second Tuesday of every month. We extend an open invitation to all city residents and the community to attend our meetings. The City Council faces many decisions depending on the agenda items listed that affects the city and its residents. Your attendance is important to us.

Finances:

- City Staff have prepared a budget that will run from July 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017. This budget will cover the transition time between the end of the 2016-2017 Budget (June 30, 2017) and the start of the new fiscal year which runs from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. A second budget will be written for the 2017-18 fiscal year.

Utilities:

- The new utility billing system is up and running. Your utility bill has a new look and there is a new web page pay online. Visit www.cityofcarrizo.org, click on Pay Utility Bill, and follow the prompts to register. You will need the account number on your new statement and the amount of your April or May utility payment to register. If you have difficulty, just call the utility department at city hall and they will quickly help you get registered.

Projects:

- The new **wastewater treatment plant** is complete and being tested. Visit the city website and Facebook page to watch a video of water flowing and all the elements of the plant in operation. One last hurdle is to replace the old clay line that connects the main sewer line from the city to the plant. Three hundred and ninety-five (395) linear feet of twenty inch sanitary sewer line will be replaced. We expect to introduce city sewage to the new plant by July 14, 2017. We appreciate the hard work and support of USDA, Raul H. Garcia, Engineer, and Mike Cunningham Construction.
(www.cityofcarrizo.org, on Facebook @cityofcs or search for *City of Carrizo Springs*.)
- **Fourth of July Event** will be held for one day only and is scheduled for Saturday, July 1, 2017 at the Joaquin Salgado County Park on Industrial Blvd.
 - 11:00 a.m. Parade downtown
 - 12:00 noon Gates open at County Park with booths and water slides.
 - 6:00 Opening ceremony
 - 7:00-9:00 Dave Rukkus Band
 - 9:00-10:00 Fireworks!
 - 10:00-11:30 David Farias
 - 11:30-1:30 Los Envivo Kings
 - DJ Jammin J Sounds between sets

City Beautification:

- City engineer Raul Garcia is preparing a proposal to expand the **restrooms at Veteran's Park** and make them handicapped accessible.
- Crews are **removing weeds and grass** growing on curbs and sidewalks.
- Property owners are responsible for maintaining their property from the curb to the back of the property. The property near the street is a right-of-way and the resident is responsible for maintaining it.

Latest News:

- The Old Fire House has tested positive for **asbestos and lead**. The material containing asbestos will be removed by a Texas licensed Asbestos Abatement Contractor. The material containing lead will also be removed and properly disposed of in a qualified landfill. Then the Old Fire House will be one step closer to renovation.
- To protect citizens' health, any building to be demolished must have a City permit. Prior to being permitted, the property owner will be required to have the structure tested for asbestos and lead and provide a copy of the testing report. The City landfill cannot accept asbestos and lead material. They must be disposed at a qualified landfill.
- **South 19th Street at Johnson Street and Texas Hwy. 85 at FM 1556:** Training on the use of new Hydra-Stop products is underway at these two problem intersections. City crew will be trained and videotaped for future training while these lines are repaired, the holes closed and the barricades removed.