



From the Mayor's Desk:

Things have been moving along rather quickly since the November election. Since taking the oath of office on November 13, I have worked with the City Council on filling vacancies, and they have approved appointing a City Marshal, hiring two public works employees, hiring an interim City Administrator, appointing a Municipal Judge and a Court Clerk. These positions are very important in the daily operation of Sandy Oaks and in addressing many concerns by citizens. We are in the last stages of finalizing the Marshal's Office which requires some legal and technical issues to be coordinated with Bexar County, as well as establishing the Municipal Court's processes and procedures. These two departments will be fully operational in the coming weeks.

Recently the road that is in front of Dollar General/Valero had serious potholes patched. It is important to understand that the road is under TXDOT control, so all repairs are handled by them directly. In early February, I sent a letter to TXDOT asking for a more permanent repair be done on this road and I am happy to say that they will be doing so in the coming months. Additionally, they will be doing a traffic study to determine if 4-way stops or other means to better control traffic on that road would be beneficial.

Animal control is also being addressed by our Public Works team in conjunction with the City Marshal as needed. A committee of citizen volunteers has been created to address going forward concerns related to animal control programs and procedures. Efforts around this topic are currently underway and are being addressed as quickly as possible.

Honorable Mayor Ball

A reminder, recyclables are picked up every other Wednesday and regular trash pick up is every Thursday. Trash bins should not be left curbside throughout the week. Let's all pitch in and make our city more attractive.

Per ordinance 2016-37, Section 4.A.4., it shall be unlawful to keep any animal defined as livestock (domesticated horses, cattle, goats, sheep or swine) in any of the residential areas within the City limits.

Update on Street Lighting

Over the past months, an additional 70 city provided street lights have been installed, focusing on intersections and cul-de-sacs. The next phase will include areas along road stretches that could benefit from additional lighting. If you have an area for consideration or a light is not operational, please call City Hall at 210-607-0834.

Call Before You Dig

Building a deck? Planting a tree? Installing a fence or mailbox? 811 is the number you should call before you begin any project. Always call 811 before you start any digging project! You can help avoid injury, expense, embarrassment and a very inconvenient day without critical services like electricity, internet or phone. This service is FREE and they will place flags to identify underground utilities.

Public Works & Animal Control

The City of Sandy Oaks has two Public Works employees, one full time and one part time. Our full time worker has recently completed Animal Control Officer training and is actively working to address the stray dogs in the neighborhood. Public Works is responsible for patching pot holes, maintaining the park, working with the City Marshal on illegal dumping, animal control, general maintenance including replacing missing street signs and mowing common areas. Call City Hall at 210-607-0834 to report areas needing attention.

Ordinance on Commercial Vehicles

The City Council recently passed an ordinance prohibiting certain commercial vehicles within the city limits. "Commercial vehicle" means a vehicle, including a truck, truck tractor, semi, or trailer that meets one or more of the following, regardless of whether the vehicle is used for a commercial purpose: (1) has a gross combination weight rating of 14,000 pounds or more; (2) is 13 feet in height or more and has a gross combination axle count of three or more; or (3) is a road tractor, truck tractor, pole trailer, or semitrailer, as those terms are defined by Section 541.201 of the Texas Transportation Code. A commercial vehicle includes any commercial vehicle that is registered with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and has been granted operating authority by the FMCSA and the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT). Violation of the ordinance is a class C misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 for each day or part thereof that the violation occurs.

Who Do I Call?

Dial **911** for fire, medical, police emergencies
Bexar County Sheriff non-emergency
210-335-6000
Tiger Sanitation 210-333-4287

City Hall 210-607-0834
Animal Control 210-607-0834
SAWS 210-704-7297
CPS Energy 210-353-2222



Tuesday-Friday 11am-8pm
 Saturday 8am-8pm
 Sunday 8am-6pm

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City Marshal

The City Council has appointed Mr. Anthony Ibarra to fill the position of City Marshal. The role of the City Marshal will be to answer complaints, enforce ordinances, and keep the peace. Bexar County Sheriff's Office will continue to respond to calls within our city. All calls needing law enforcement response should be made to 9-1-1 for emergencies and 210-335-6000 for non-emergencies. For code violations and enforcement, call City Hall at 210-607-0834.

Placing trash, debris, tree limbs, or brush along the easements is a violation, and may result in a ticket and possible lien on the property. Tires must be properly disposed of and are not allowed to be placed for trash pick up.

Burning

The burning of household trash or domestic waste materials is prohibited in the City by ordinance 2018-118. The burning of brush as defined by the same ordinance is allowed by using the approved International Fire Code, 307.4.

The location for open burning shall not be less than 50 feet from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet of any structure.

Exceptions:

1. Fires in approved containers that are not less than 15 feet from a structure.
2. The minimum required distance from a structure shall be 25 feet where the pile size is 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height.

An approved container is a burn barrel or other fire containment structure with a wire mesh screen used to prevent the spread of sparks and flames.



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