

PARK GAZETTE



September 2007

From the Mayor's Desk...

A Summer Recap

This has been a busy summer for the City of Olmos Park. In May, the City Council welcomed two new Council Members. Councilman Sean McNelis was elected by the citizens of Olmos Park, and Councilman Jeff Judson was appointed to serve former Councilman Ron Herrmann's remaining term. Incumbents Joe Izbrand and Harriet Oppenheimer were also re-elected to serve another term. We express our thanks to Ron Herrmann and Bob Price who served as loyal and dedicated Council Members for seven and ten years respectively. Also in

May, we held a Town Hall Forum. Nearly 100 people joined us to discuss the purchase of the property at 200 Primera, as well as a brief status update of the infrastructure.

The month of June found the City Council making tough decisions regarding the purchase of the Primera property. The option agreement expired on June 30, and the Council decided to move forward with the purchase. The City Council also voted to test a pilot program in recycling services. The same City crew that takes care of your trash and brush pick up is now handling your recycling.

July was a fun month, full of celebration as the 4th of July event was carried on, despite the poor weather. It was certainly a success, with a huge turnout and lots of resi-

dents having a great time! Also in July, Resident Reporting Forms were sent out to each home and placed on our Web site. These forms are intended to assist the City staff and engineers in compiling a punch list for completion of the infrastructure project. Once construction is complete, the staff will be going through the city with the contractors, street by street, in order to address unresolved issues that may or may not have been caused by the infrastructure work.

A top priority for all of us is the curb repairs. You may recall that the city deferred maintenance on many of the curbs immediately before and during the infrastructure project. Once we complete

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Streets and Sanitation

As you may be aware, the City is in the midst of its pilot program with in-house recycling. In an effort to provide our citizens with a higher standard of service and to reduce our costs, the City's own Streets and Sanitation workers have stepped up to the challenge of collecting your recyclables. The City worked diligently to keep the transition of services as seamless as possible. Please note the following points:

- Please have your recyclables at the curb by 7:00 A.M. It is important for us to stay on a timely schedule so that other tasks handled by the Streets and Sanitation workers are completed in a prompt manner.
- The following items are now considered acceptable in your recycling



Recycling in Olmos Park

bin:

- Glass (clear, colored)
- Paper (including magazines)
- Cardboard
- Plastics (Types 1-6)
- Please: no wire coat hangars!

Interested in participating in our newly revamped program? Please call City Hall to request a recycling bin or for further information, 824-3281.

Olmos Park Night Out

- Olmos Park Night Out will be held Tuesday, September 25, with a rain date of Tuesday, October 2. Please join us at Alameda Circle from 5:30-7:00 P.M. for this great event celebrating the community relationship with the Olmos Park Police Department!



- There will be games, demonstrations, and information from the City of Olmos Park's Fire, Police, and Sanitation Departments.
- For more information or to RSVP, please call 824-3281.

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News from the Building Department

If you have walked in to Chief Medbury's office within the last two months, then you have seen a new face sharing office space with him. That new face would be that of Jim Raby, your new building official/inspector. Jim assumed the reigns as of June 11 and has been under the



Jim Raby, new building official/inspector

expert tutelage of Jim Shipley who, as most of you know, has been the party responsible for these duties for quite some time. Mr. Raby will also be serving as the City's code compliance officer, patrolling the City, tracking high grass and weeds, and other nuisance complaints. The following is a note from Jim:

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Infrastructure Street Repairs

the project, the contractors will be responsible for the curbs that they damaged, and the city will devise a plan to begin their portion of the maintenance work.

August finds us in the midst of budget season. As always, we are striving to give you the best value for your tax dollar. We are committed to providing you with excellent customer service and public safety throughout the next fiscal year. There will be no new fees for service. Garbage and recycling will continue

"I am currently in the process of several projects, including archiving the inventory of plans for finished projects and closed out permits, and learning the ropes.

"Please note the new office hours for the Permit/Building Department. Permits can be obtained from 8:30 A.M.–12:00 P.M. (noon) Monday through Friday, and the office is open from 8:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M. (noon) Monday through Friday. Re-

quests for inspections can be made via voicemail after noon, as well, and will be noted for scheduling the next day.

"I am looking forward to my new 'mission' and look forward to meeting and working with each one of you in the near future!"

to be covered under our ad valorem tax, and not through the fee structure so commonly found in other municipalities. Our Fire and Police Departments will continue to train and update their skills so that they are ready to provide emergency services for you at a moment's notice. Our Streets and Sanitation Department is ready for their new challenge of collecting your recycling, and all of our City staff are here to serve you.



Participants in our July 4th Parade

Water Usage

It's that time of year again—time to watch out for water wasters. Usually, we are encouraging rationing at this time of year due to water restrictions and dry conditions. This year, it's not dry conditions with which we are concerned, but running our sprinkler systems during the heavy rains. Please monitor your systems and adjust them accordingly for this year's unusual weather patterns.

4th of July Parade and Celebration

Special thanks to the Committee members:

Jean and John King III
Lynn and Derek Dickinson
Sabrina and Raul Rios
Sig and Joseph Izbrand

Thank you to all of the dedicated volunteers who helped make this parade a huge success:

Kelli Weedon, Sara Metersky, Anastasia McKenna, Joanie Wyatt, Kristin and Michael Pratt, John and Chris Sylvester, Yvonne McDaniels, Mary Ellen Livingston, and the City of Olmos Park Staff

Also, thank you to the following business and family sponsors for their generous support of this wonderful event:

Arthur S. and Iris G. McFee
James K. Lowery Jr. and Sylvia O. Lowry
George Wilkins
Zoila O. Miller

Wayne and Ivanka Bull
William E. and Linda H. Dreyer
David A. and Rebecca V. Schenk
William G. Montgomery
RRD Investments, L.L.C.
(d.b.a. Specialized Services)
Peggy Joy Harmon

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News from the Police Department

Pets

Over the past several months, we have had a significant increase in the number of animals at large. The City is asking that everyone please do their part to keep their pets secured on their premises.

Make sure that your pet has some form of identification in the event it should become lost. This will aid our staff in identification and a safe return home for your beloved pet.



As a reminder, the City requires all pet owners to register their cats and dogs. This helps to ensure the health and safety of all citizens and pets of Olmos Park. The registration fee for pets is \$1.25 per pet, and is valid for one year.

It is also important to note that there have been five cases of rabies

reported within Bexar County in 2007. These cases involved three bats and two skunks. It is important to keep your animals current with their vaccinations. No rabies cases have been reported for our immediate area.

Welcome, Officer Reed!

We would like to welcome Olmos Park Police Department's newest member, Anthony Reed. Officer Reed comes to us after a 15-year career with the Texas Department of Corrections as a corrections officer. Officer Reed graduated from the Alamo Area Council of Governments Law Enforcement Academy in 2005 and has proven to be a valuable member to the Olmos Park Police Department.



Officer Anthony Reed

in serious injury or death. Contact a reputable tree company should you choose to have the work performed by others.

Mowing and caring for your yard
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Randa Vision, Inc.
(d.b.a. X-Cel Hair Salon)
Mrs. W.D. McDavid
Rudy's Custom Upholstery
& Design, Inc.
Cowboy Kennels, Pamela Kirlin
Eagle Veterinary Hospital,
Dr. Kenneth D. Kirlin
Mind Science Foundation
Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Price
James E. and Sally Boyd Sullivan
El Prado HOA
(c/o REOC Partners, Ltd.)

Reminder: School Is Back in Session!

We hope all of you have had an enjoyable and safe summer. This is just a reminder that children have returned to school, so please use caution when approaching school bus loading areas throughout the City. Remember not to pass a school bus when it is stopped with the red lights flashing. Passing a school bus could result in a \$400 fine. Let's all do our part to keep the children in our community safe this school year.

From the Chief of Police...

Unfortunately, the Police Department has seen an increase of vehicle burglaries. You can take control of your personal situation and help deter crime by taking the time to remove all items of value from your vehicle or to conceal the items from view when you park. Should you see any suspicious activity within the neighborhood, please don't hesitate to call us.

The Police Department thanks you for your vigilance and support!

News from the Fire Department

Late summer and early fall are the times of year that find many of our residents outside enjoying the benefits of the great weather. Some of our favorite outdoor activities include grilling, trimming trees, and mowing yards.

Grilling outdoors is an enjoyable experience for young and old; however, it is important to keep safety in mind. Please remember to dispose of all hot coals properly, placing them in a metal container and allowing them to cool thoroughly before properly disposing. Never dispose of hot coals in your garbage containers.

When trimming your trees, stay clear of all electrical lines. Even brief contact with these lines can result

in serious injury or death. Contact a reputable tree company should you choose to have the work performed by others.



More fun at our July 4th event

Joan N. Kelleher
Joseph H. McMahon
Margaret Ballenger Cluck
Linda and Mark Rittenhouse
Martha and Richard Taylor
Sanford Grossman
Jane Ann and Devereaux Temple
Olmos Mart
Le Cake
Entrees Catering
Olmos Park H.E.B.
Boy Scout Group 809, Hawk Patrol
Clothesline Cleaners

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OP CALENDAR

September

September 20, Thursday
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
6:30 A.M.—City Hall

September 25, Tuesday
OLMOS PARK NIGHT OUT
5:30–7:30 P.M.—Alameda Circle

October

October 13, Saturday
FALL BRUSH HAUL OFF
7:00 A.M.

October 18, Thursday
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
6:30 P.M.—City Hall

October 31, Wednesday
HALLOWEEN

November

November 4, Sunday
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

November 11, Sunday
VETERANS DAY

November 15, Thursday
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
6:30 P.M.—City Hall

November 22–23, Thursday–Friday
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS
CITY HALL CLOSED
NO TRASH PICK UP

December

December 20, Thursday
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
6:30 P.M.—City Hall

December 24–25, Monday and Tuesday
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
CITY HALL CLOSED
NO TRASH PICK UP

Mosquito Spraying

The City is still spraying for mosquitoes. The spray that is used kills the larvae and prevents new mosquitoes from hatching. We spray approximately once a week during the active season.

You can do your part to assist us in these eradication efforts by emptying your bird baths frequently, and checking your planters, ponds, and garden décor for standing water. Everyone lending a hand will assist the City's efforts in eradicating the mosquitoes just in time for the cooler fall weather!

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is high on the priority list in good weather. Remember to keep hands and feet clear of all power equipment when in use and wear safety glasses to protect your eyes.

The members of your Fire Department wish you a safe and enjoyable fall season!