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CITY COUNCIL REPORT



Dena Meek
City Council Member

I am honored to serve each of you on the Oak Point City Council. We are all blessed to live in such a beautiful place.

I've only been a member of the City Council for three months, and I love the opportunity to serve you.

As a member of the City Council, I am using my business skills from my professional background in Finance and Real Estate to find ways to benefit our City.

Please consider joining me in volunteering and being involved in City activities. There are opportunities to volunteer at the community festivals and celebrations, through the Ladies of Oak Point women's group, and the frequent meetings that are held at Oak Point City Hall.

One of the best ways to find out what is happening in Oak Point is to come to a City Council meeting, introduce yourself and talk to us about your hopes and concerns for our city. Our City Council Members bring their talents and individual skill sets to address the City's needs that are brought to our attention at each meeting.

The City Council meetings are scheduled on the third Monday of each month. If you are not available to come to the City meetings, please send me your email address, and I will ask that you be added to the email list that Scott Dufford is using to keep citizens informed on what is happening at the City meetings.

Are you an Oak Point military veteran? If you are or know a military veteran in Oak Point, please have them get in contact with me. I am starting a group for Veterans in our community where we can show them support, possibly have get togethers, and maybe get involved in community service work.

I look forward to meeting all of our Oak Point neighbors. One of my goals is to meet an Oak Point citizen every week so that I can be available to you and listen to your hopes and concerns. You may reach me at dmeek@oakpointtexas.com.

May God Bless Oak Point with his Peace, Protection, and Prosperity!

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



Luke Olson
City Manager

What's Happening in Oak Point

The City of Oak Point staff and City Council have been busy this year with development projects, the upcoming budget, capital improvement projects with the passing of the bond, and the update to the comprehensive plan. There have been numerous development projects moving forward, including additional phases of Wildridge, Prairie Oaks, Shahan Lakeview and Woodridge Estates. Commercial development is knocking on Oak Point's door as well with the expansion of FM 720 being completed recently to Martop Road. With the passing of the bond for roads, we will be starting a number of road projects in the coming months and will keep residents informed of any traffic delays or detours as projects are started.

It has been very encouraging seeing more and more citizens coming to the City Council and Board and Commission meetings. Citizen involvement is a key to success and staff is available for questions, concerns or just general information about what is happening within the community.

Capital Improvements Committee

After the May 2018 Bond Election, City Council appointed several citizens to the Capital Improvement Committee to work on an updated Capital Improvements Plan that focused on road projects that will be funded by the bond and current CIP fund. Over the last several months the committee met and created a prioritized list of projects that were presented to the City Council at the August 20th City Council meeting. The CIP fund will have approximately \$5.1 million dollars with the sale of the bond in September that will help fund the projects on the CIP list. Road projects are very expensive and the City would love to be able to complete all roads, however, with limited funding, the CIP Committee and City Council will focus on the projects that need the most attention. The City also collects a street maintenance tax through sales tax collections that provides the City with additional funding for spot maintenance projects and can also be used as additional funding to complete smaller road projects that are less costly.

Comprehensive Plan Update

At a previous City Council meeting the City Council approved an agreement with Freese and Nichols, Inc. to facilitate the update to the Comprehensive Plan. The last update to the Comp Plan was in 2006 and it is recommended that the plan be updated at least every 6 years. The review of the Comprehensive Plan will begin in September after the members of the committee are appointed. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Planning & Zoning Commission will head the P&Z subcommittee and will be responsible for creating the list of members. The Comp Plan will include, but is not limited to, review of the Vision and Goals, Land Use, Transportation, Economic Development, Community Facilities, Water/Wastewater and Drainage. The Comp Plan is the City's guide to development and growth and is a fluid document that requires review to stay up to date with the needs of the community. The Plan is a summary of the goals, objectives, policies, strategies, programs, and projects that will enable the City to achieve its mission of focusing on the future, working together to build strong neighborhoods, develop a sound economy, and provide a safe community.

FM 720 Expansion North

TXDoT has started the expansion project from Martop Road to US 380. The north phase of the project is anticipated to be completed in approximately 425 days. The City will keep citizens informed of traffic delays or changes in traffic patterns as they are provided.

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

The City of Oak Point recently appointed new members to the Boards and Commissions at the July 2018 City Council Meeting. The following is a list of members and when the current terms expire:

Board of Adjustment

Thomas Tremblay	Term Expires July 2019	Alternate: Nancy Tremblay July 2020
Lee Ann Keener	Term Expires July 2020	
Suzanne Glorioso	Term Expires July 2020	
Leslie Maynard	Term Expires July 2019	
Jerod Adams	Term Expires July 2020	

Economic Development Corporation (EDC)

Rennie Dickson	Term Expires July 2020	Alternate: Suzanne Glorioso July 2020
James Hankins	Term Expires July 2019	
David Rush	Term Expires July 2020	
Dagny Boaz	Term Expires July 2019	
Deborah Armstrong	Term Expires July 2019	
Don Lindemann	Term Expires July 2020	Council Liaison
Keith Palmer	Term Expires July 2019	Council Liaison

Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC)

Lee Ann Keener	Term Expires July 2020	Alternate: Wes Bracamontes Jr. July 2019
Leslie Maynard	Term Expires July 2019	Alternate: Marcia Dickson July 2020
Marilyn Berry	Term Expires July 2019	
Jerod Adams	Term Expires July 2020	
Glen "Skip" Cox	Term Expires July 2020	

Planning & Zoning Commission (P&Z)

Helen Buttermark	Term Expires July 2019	Alternate: Barney Carrington July 2020
Scott Dufford	Term Expires July 2020	Alternate: Brent Coleman July 2020
William Gusick	Term Expires July 2020	
Robert Burke	Term Expires July 2019	
Jeff Stafford	Term Expires July 2020	
David McBeth	Term Expires July 2020	
Neil Collins	Term Expires July 2019	

The City Council appoints all Board and Commission Members in July of each year. If anyone is interested in serving on Boards and Commissions, application dates and deadlines will be posted on the City's website and announced in the Spring edition of the Country Place Bulletin. For questions or more information please contact Amy Bockes at (972)294-2312 or abockes@oakpointtexas.com.

Thank you to outgoing members for your service on the boards and commissions.

BULK/BRUSH PICK-UP

Republic Services is proud to partner with the City of Oak Point. To help clarify some recent inquiries, Republic Services would like to share information about bulk and brush services provided to the citizens of Oak Point. The agreement between the City of Oak Point and Republic Services states the following definitions:

2.03-Brush: Tree, shrubs and brush trimmings securely tied together forming an easily handled bundle, not to exceed four feet in length, six inches in diameter, or 40 pounds in weight.

2.04-Bulky Waste, stoves, water tanks, washing machines, furniture and other waste materials other than construction debris, deceased animals, hazardous waste or stable matter with weights greater than those allowed for bins or containers as the case may be.

Bulk services occur every other week. There is a calendar located on the City's website, www.oakpointtexas.com, which indicates the appropriate weeks to place these materials out for collection. Brush and bulk services are limited to 1.5 yards per collection. This is the equivalent of an item measuring 4 feet in length, 4 feet in width and 3 feet high.

To schedule additional services (fees associated), citizens may utilize the My Resource app which can be downloaded to your phone or tablet. Citizens may also call the customer service department at 972-422-2341 to arrange for additional bulk pick-ups. Customer service will arrange for a supervisor to look at the bulk pile and give citizens a quote.

A formula of length x width x height divided by 27 is used to estimate the number of yards and how the time required is calculated for the additional service. A rate of \$110 per hour will be charged for all collection and disposal time associated with the extra service.

Republic Services would like to remind citizens that major tree service, completed by contractors, should include the collection and disposal of the bush related items done by that contractor. This is a more cost effective approach and can be scheduled based on the Citizens time needs.

Republic Services hopes that this information clarifies questions about the bulk and brush pick-ups and thanks the Citizens' for their continued business.

For more information or to schedule a pick-up visit <https://www.republicservices.com/>

AEROBIC SEPTIC SYSTEMS

Citizens who have Aerobic Septic Systems are required to have an annual maintenance agreement and must provide inspections on the system three times per year. Please make sure septic maintenance contracts are up-to-date with the City.

For more information please contact Vicki Russell at (972)294-2312 ext. 2 or vrussell@oakpointtexas.com.



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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

It's that time to start thinking about nominations for the Oak Point Citizen of the Year award. Nominees must reside within the City of Oak Point and should meet the following criteria:

- Significant accomplishments within the community, whether past or present;
- Amount of time and energy devoted to the community beyond the scope of normal citizen responsibilities;
- Quality, scale, and duration of the benefit to the community;
- Nature of the challenges faced and overcome by this individual;
- Nomination should relate mainly to outstanding service undertaken by the individual for the benefit of the community, normally on a voluntary basis, especially selfless service to a voluntary body or the community or service which brings distinction and quality to everyday life in Oak Point.

Nomination materials should address these specific areas. Supporting information is encouraged. Anyone may nominate an individual.

Past Citizens of the Year include Chris Sweet (2017), Polly Netherland/Diana Russell (2016), Dena Meek (2015), Paul Fleischman (2013), LeeAnn Keener (2012), Leslie Maynard (2011), Midge Bahl (2010), Jim Wohletz (2009), Curtis Lacey (2008), and Duane Olson (2007).

All nominations should be submitted to Amy Bockes, at City Hall or by email at abockes@oakpointtexas.com by October 26, 2018.



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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR APPLICATION

The City of Oak Point is currently accepting nominations for Citizen of the Year. Nominees must reside within the City of Oak Point and meet specific criteria, as outlined below.

Please type or print:

Nominee's Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Please attach a narrative that addresses how the nominee meets each of the following criteria:

- Significant accomplishments within the community, whether past or present
- Amount of time and energy devoted to the community beyond the scope of normal citizen responsibilities
- Quality, scale, and duration of the benefit to the community
- Nature of the challenges faced and overcome by this individual
- Nomination should relate mainly to outstanding service undertaken by the individual for the benefit of the community, normally on a voluntary basis, especially selfless service to a voluntary body or the community or service which brings distinction and quality to everyday life in Oak Point

Nomination materials should address these specific areas. Supporting information is encouraged. Anyone may nominate an individual, and more than one nomination for an individual is welcome.

All nominations must be received by the City no later than October 26, 2018. The Selection Committee will review all nominations and select a winner. The winner will be recognized and receive their award at the regular City Council meeting to be held in November.

Please Mail Completed Application to:
City of Oak Point
Attn: Citizen of the Year Selection Committee
100 Naylor Road
Oak Point, TX 75068

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BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The City Manager is required by ordinance to prepare the City's annual budget and submit the budget to the City Council. After receiving input from the City Council at two budget workshops, the City Manager filed the proposed budget for the City's 2018-2019 fiscal year with the City Secretary on Friday, July 27 to provide the public with an opportunity to review the budget prior to the required public hearing on the budget held on Monday, August 20.

The budget is based on a property tax rate of .52 cents per \$100 of taxable assessed value, which is a 0.2 cent reduction from last year. Property tax values for the City, certified by the Denton County Appraisal District in late July, increased 18.82% to \$456.1 million. The increase in property tax revenue will allow the City to maintain similar levels of service from the previous year while attempting to work towards achieving some of the goals and strategies contained in the City's Strategic Plan.

The proposed FY2018-2019 budget includes dedicated reserves of \$928,253 equal to 25% of the proposed operating expenses. The reserve amount is based on three months or 25% of annual operating expenses, an amount that exceeds the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) fund balance recommendations. The GFOA, the national professional association of government finance officers, recommends that general-purpose governments, regardless of size, maintain an unrestricted fund balance in their general fund of no less than two months or 17% of annual operating expenditures to mitigate current and future risks such as revenue shortfalls and unanticipated expenditures and to ensure stable tax rates.

The City Council held a public hearing regarding the proposed budget and tax rate on Monday, August 20 at 6:00 p.m. at 100 Naylor Road in Oak Point. An additional public hearing regarding the proposed tax rate was held on Tuesday, August 28 at 5:30 p.m. The City Council is scheduled to take final action on the City's budget and tax rate on Monday, September 17 at 6:00 p.m. The proposed budget may be viewed by accessing the Finance page of the City's website at www.oakpointtexas.com or by visiting City Hall.

CULVERTS AND BAR DITCHES-WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IS IT???

Culverts are important in protecting and preserving road beds, ditches, banks, pathways, and embankments by collecting and channeling excess water. Strategically placed culverts help alleviate flooding, reduce erosion and helps distribute run off water to larger filtering areas. Culverts, therefore, have an important role to play and require regular maintenance to ensure they are working efficiently.

Section 3.09.005 of the Code of Ordinances requires that the owner or occupant of the property on which the culvert or drainage ditch is constructed shall keep the culvert free from silt, trash, vegetation over 12 inches tall or other debris so as to allow for the proper flow of water through the culvert. The owner or occupant shall maintain the culvert or drainage ditch at the capacity, depth, width, and length at which it was constructed. Ordinances can be located on the City's website under Code of Ordinances.

Maintenance would include: Removing all sediment, debris and vegetation that would impede the flow. Repairing pipe crushed ends/dents that affect more than 25% of the flow and repairing cracks in the headwalls. This maintenance would also include the ditch along your entire property; not just your culvert pipe. Replacement of damaged culverts/driveways would require a permit.

If you have any questions regarding culverts/driveways, please contact Martin Almaraz, Public Works Superintendent at 972-294-2312 ext. 112 or operations@oakpointtexas.com.

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FREEDOM FEST 2018



CITY OF OAK POINT CONTACT NUMBERS

City Hall	(972)294-2312 Fax: (972)294-1619
Police/Fire	(972)294-0000 Fax: (972)294-3333
Non-Emergency Dispatch	(940)349-1600 Option 9
Emergency	911

Website: www.oakpointtexas.com

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HISTORY OF JAKE'S PLACE PARK

In 1993, Properties of the Southwest, the developer of Emerald Sound, dedicated 8.4 acres of property to the City for a public park and recreational purposes. In 1994, Jake Mazur and his father, a former City Council member, were fishing on Lake Fork when a storm unexpectedly arose. Before being able to return to shore, Jake was struck and killed by lightning. Following this unfortunate accident, Mayor Harold Bowden and the City Council named the aforementioned park property as "Jake's Place" to honor and remember Jake.

Jake's Place has subsequently been improved to include two baseball fields, a soccer field, a basketball court, picnic benches and grills, the Duane Olson Pavilion, and playground equipment. During the spring and fall, the baseball and soccer fields may be reserved for organized practices by returning a completed Reservation Form and Liability Release Forms to City Hall. Jake's Place Park and the Pavilion serve as home to the City's seasonal events -- SpringFest, FreedomFest, and WinterFest.

At their meeting on Monday, June 17, 2013 the City Council approved a resolution naming the pavilion at Jake's Place Park as the Duane Olson Pavilion. Mr. Olson served as mayor of the City of Oak Point from 2015-2017 and previously served from 2003-2007 and 2008-2011. His tenure as mayor makes him the longest serving mayor since Oak Point was incorporated in 1976. As mayor of Oak Point, Mr. Olson was driven to develop Jake's Place Park into a first-class City park with sports fields, playgrounds, and a pavilion. Mayor Olson's leadership and persistence combined with the support of the City Council and Parks and Recreation Commission resulted in many of the above listed improvements being made to the park.

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

Do you have a business you would like to advertise? The City of Oak Point has limited space available for a business card sized advertisement in the Country Place Bulletin quarterly newsletter. All advertisement will be on a first come first serve basis. The rate is \$200 per year which includes 4 quarterly newsletters.

Advertising is subject to City approval and shall not consist of illegal activity, sexually oriented businesses, negative advertising, and/or political advertising.

For more information on advertising please contact Amy Bockes at abockes@oakpointtexas.com or (972)294-2312.



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HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



To help ensure adults and children have a safe holiday, the American Academy of Pediatrics has compiled a list of Halloween Safety Tips, including do's and don'ts:

- A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you
- Agree on a specific time children should return home
- Teach your children to never enter a stranger's home or car
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends
- Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home
- All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant
- Avoid masks, which can obstruct vision
- If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags, or give them glow sticks
- When buying Halloween makeup, make sure it is nontoxic and always test it in a small area first
Remove all makeup before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation

Safety Tips for Motorists

Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs

Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully

At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing

Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween

These safety tips were provided by the National Safety Council at:

<https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/autumn/halloween>



KEEP OAK POINT CLEAN!!!

Taking pride in the City of Oak Point also means keeping it clean. Everyone can do their part in making sure Oak Point is clean by picking up trash when seen; making sure trash and debris around their residence is cleaned up; and also making sure yards are free of high grass and weeds. Parks are also an important part of what makes Oak Point a Country Place so work to keep all parks, whether City owned or in individual neighborhoods, clean of trash and graffiti. The boat ramp is another place where trash and debris collect, if residents are at the boat ramp and see trash, please notify City Hall or remove the trash and debris. Residents play a key role in keeping our City safe and clean by being vigilant. Please keep our roadways and ditches clean by not throwing trash out the window or dumping where not allowed. If residents see anything out of the ordinary please contact the non-emergency dispatch number at (940)349-1600 option 9 to contact an on-duty Oak Point police officer. Thank you!!!!

WINTER FEST 2018

Mark your calendars for the City's annual WinterFest celebration. This year's event will be held on Friday, November 30th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Jake's Place Park located at 100 Naylor Road. Festivities will include the annual tree lighting, visits with Santa, children's activities, and music. For further details, volunteer or donation opportunities, please contact City Hall at (972) 294-2312.

In recognition of the following holidays, City offices will be closed on:

Monday, September 3

Labor Day

Monday, December 24

Tuesday, December 25

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Thursday, November 22

Friday, November 23

Thanksgiving Day & Friday After

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

New Years Day

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Upcoming City Council Meetings

Mon, September 17 at 6:00pm	City Council
Mon, October 15 at 6:00pm	City Council
Mon, November 19 at 6:00pm	City Council
Mon, December 17 at 6:00 pm	City Council

Tentative Meetings for Other Boards and Commissions

Tues, Oct. 2 at 6:00 pm	Planning & Zoning Commission
Tues, Oct. 9 at 6:15 pm	Economic Development Corp
Tues, Nov. 6 at 6:00pm	Planning & Zoning Commission
Tues, Nov. 13 at 6:15pm	Economic Development Corp
Tues December 4 at 6:00pm	Planning & Zoning Commission
Tues, December 11 at 6:15pm	Economic Development Corp

All dates are subject to change. Please check the City's website at www.oakpointtexas.com or contact the City Secretary at (972) 294-2312 to verify meeting dates and times.

FM 720 SPEED LIMIT



With the FM 720 expansion project being completed from El Dorado Parkway north to Martop Road, the Texas Department of Transportation completed a speed study to set the speed limit for the new roadway. At the July 9th City Council meeting, the City Council approved an ordinance setting the speed limit recommended by the speed study at 50 mph. The Texas Department of Transportation has ordered the speed limit signs and will post them along with the signs for the Little Elm portion of FM 720. Fine amounts set for speeding range from \$1 (one dollar) up to \$200 (two-hundred dollars).

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LADIES OF OAK POINT

The Ladies of Oak Point is a group of women with the purpose of supporting each other in informing, encouraging, and building friendships between ladies living in Oak Point. We are focused on community service projects in and near Oak Point.

We communicate with a Facebook group page called Ladies of Oak Point. It is a designated secret group (only members can view and members are not listed) for privacy for the members. Anyone that is a member can add another member. You may also contact Dena Meek to add you to the group.

The Ladies of Oak Point has one to two socials each year. Any member may host and plan a social.

The next social will be the Ladies of Oak Point Tea Party on Saturday, October 13th at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Dena and David Meek at 560 Diamond Point. We will be planning for the Halloween Trunk or Treat at City Hall on Halloween evening, the Thanksgiving Feast for Oak Point police officers and firefighters, and Christmas cookies for every member of the Oak Point City office staff, police officers and firefighters. We will also accept donations to the Little Elm Food Bank.

Any member may suggest and organize a community service project.

The Ladies of Oak Point group is a wonderful way to be involved in the community and make friends. For more information, contact Dena Meek at meek.dena@yahoo.com.

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