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MAYOR'S MESSAGE SPRING 2015

Greetings and Happy Spring!

What will happen if we all turned things up just one degree?

The common theme, as is always the case when a new year begins is RESOLUTIONS! Please bear with me as I incorporate this into what that means for you here in Cibolo. While getting healthy, losing weight or becoming financially fit hits home for many of us, The City of Cibolo has made commitments to you to Turn Up The Heat.

Council jump started the New Year with an annual retreat highlighting goals for the coming year. At the retreat last month, our City Manager, Robert T. Herrera shared a video called *212° The Extra Degree*. It was also shared with staff earlier in the month. If you have not heard about the book or video, I highly encourage you to read or view. I was impressed with this mindset and the challenge our staff was given. What this means to you, again, is commitment. Customer Service from staff is a high priority and they are working diligently to meet the needs of our growing city. I applaud them all for work accomplished over this last year+ and look forward to seeing how the rest of 2015 unfolds.

Your council is here to address your concerns, ideas and listen to what makes Cibolo "The City of Choice". I can't stress enough how important your participation is. To make it a bit easier for you to view council meetings we have made the recordings available on You Tube. Past meetings will be uploaded as time permits.

Jay Hogue, District 5 Councilman has also accepted the position of Mayor Pro Tem and is getting acclimated in that role.

Finally, we have a few city events coming up that you will hear about inside this issue. I hope to see you out there as the weather begins to warm up for us!

Until Next Time,

Lisa M. Jackson
Mayor

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- **Citizens' Police Academy offered**
- **Platinum Leadership Circle Award for the City**
- **Spring Cleanup Event running March 28th - April 5th**

CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

2015 has many positive happenings in store for the City of Cibolo and its citizens:

- √ In early January, RVK Architects presented their preliminary designs for the improvements to the new community event center. Located at 201 Loop 539, the 32,120 square foot structure will be a multi-use building designed to meet the growing recreational and social needs of the community. Some of the amenities include: basketball/volleyball courts, gym/weight/exercise rooms, locker rooms, banquet space, community meeting rooms, catering kitchen, outdoor amphitheater, splash pad, and office space. Additional site plans are available to view under the news section of the City website at www.cibolotx.gov.
- √ In late January, McCall & Associates met with the City staff to present their first renditions of architectural design concepts for the renovation and expansion of Fire Station #1 which is located at Loop 539 and Meek Street in downtown Cibolo. The Fire Station #1 Project was approved in the November 2013 Bond Election. The new fire station will include office areas for fire administration and the fire marshal, a more comfortable living arrangement, create more space for the firefighters, additional firefighting equipment, and accommodate the opportunity for growth.
- √ The Green Valley Road Project is scheduled for completion by August 2015. This project consists of reconstructing and realigning Green Valley Road, west of FM 1103, for approximately 2,800 linear feet. Included in the project are significant drainage and water distribution improvements, new sidewalks, the addition of traffic signalization at F.M. 1103, and all new utilities. This project will significantly enhance traffic flow in this area in support of the new 155,000 square foot Cibolo Valley Elementary School being constructed by the Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City School District.



The City has now acquired property to develop a youth sports complex (soccer/baseball/softball fields) at South Main Street and Schaeffer Road. Design concepts will be forthcoming and available to view on the City website at a future date.

Our City Administration is looking forward to the progression of these projects in the year ahead.

Thank you,

Robert T. Horvath

City Manager

Platinum Leadership Circle Award

The City of Cibolo has earned a Platinum Leadership Circle Award for our efforts at financial transparency. In 2014, the Texas Comptroller enhanced their Leadership Circle program by adding criteria specific to an entity's debt and thereby added the platinum award level designation. The Texas Transparency website recognizes entities that are participating in this program.



Texas Comptroller
Leadership Circle
Platinum Member

GREEN VALLEY ROAD WORK

Blanton Developments (Turning Stone), working in conjunction with the City of Cibolo and the Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City I.S.D. will be undertaking a major road project on Green Valley Road, at F.M. 1103. This project is expected to be started by March 2015.

This project includes the re-alignment of Green Valley Road where it intersects F.M. 1103. Green Valley Road will be widened to a 5 lane road (4 travelling lanes and one center turn lane), will become a fully signalized (traffic signal) intersection at F.M. 1103, and will have underground drainage and sidewalks on both sides of the street. This project is critical to the new elementary school (Cibolo Valley Elementary School) under construction on Green Valley Road, which is scheduled to open August 2015.

This project is funded partially by Cibolo, partially by the school district, with the majority of the funding being supplied by Blanton Developments. Additionally, the City, working with Guadalupe County Road and Bridge, will be resurfacing Green Valley Road from the west end of the major project westward towards Dean Road.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES LOADING AND UNLOADING

The Cibolo Police Department has been working closely with the Schertz Cibolo Universal City School District Transportation Department to help bring awareness and increase safety associated with the operation of school buses in our community.



By engaging the community, we have found that many motorists are not familiar with Texas law requiring motorists to stop for school buses loading and unloading. State law requires motorists traveling in either direction to stop for school buses unless they are on a divided highway.

Texas School Bus Law

- ⇒ Stop for flashing red lights on a school bus, regardless of which direction you're headed.
- ⇒ Continue your trip once the bus has moved, the flashing lights stop flashing or the bus driver signals it's okay to pass.
- ⇒ Violations can lead to a \$1,000 fine.

Please contact the Cibolo Police Department if you have a traffic safety concern or visit the City of Cibolo website for valuable safety tips or to report a traffic complaint.

Please visit our website for additional safety tips for motorists and students.



Garbage Cart Pick Up

The City of Cibolo contracts with Bexar Waste for garbage service within the city. That contract authorizes each resident one (1) 95 gallon trash cart and one (1) recycle bin (18 gallon bin or 96 gallon cart) to be provided under the contract. Bexar Waste has initiated collection of additional carts held by residents. If a resident desires an additional cart, they may request one at an additional monthly fee. Resident-owned carts will still be emptied and you may leave up to an additional 12 bags at curbside for pick up as well. If you have any questions, please call the Utilities department at 210-658-9900, option 1.



Marion Community Library

The Marion Library has some upcoming events - such as a children's activity day and a domino tournament geared toward senior citizens. Anyone residing in Guadalupe County is welcome to utilize the library services. Visit the library at 500 Bulldog Lane, P.O. Box 619, Marion, TX 78124 (830) 914-2371 or go online for more information:

<http://mcla36.wix.com/marioncommunitylib>

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Cibolo Ranked as # 7 Safest City in Texas

On February 3, 2015 an internet based consumer group released a study identifying the safest cities in Texas based upon information contained in FBI Uniform Crime Reports. The City of Cibolo ranked #7 in the state of mid-sized cities with populations between 20,000 and 50,000 and #15 overall out of 210 cities ranked. Cibolo was the only city in the San Antonio Metropolitan Area to rank in the top 50 safest cities. For more information visit our website.

Citizens' Police Academy

Have you ever wondered what it is like to be a Cibolo Police Officer? Please join us for the Cibolo Citizens' Police Academy slated to start on April 8, 2015. The class meets every Wednesday for 10 weeks from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. at the Cibolo Police Department. The CPA is an exciting program that offers citizens an opportunity to learn more about the operations of the Police Department as well as assist in helping to make Cibolo a safer place to live. For applications or for more information, please visit us at www.cibolotx.gov or in person at the Cibolo Police Department.

OFFICER ROCKY

The Cibolo Police Department welcomes its newest officer, K-9 "Rocky", thanks to a grant from K9s4Cops. The grant not only allowed the department to obtain an additional K-9 to help protect our community, but also allowed both the handler and K-9 to attend a 5 week training academy at AMK9 Academy in Anniston, Alabama. Upon completion of the academy both the K-9 and handler received numerous certifications to include the NAPWDA Narcotics Certification.

Rocky is trained in narcotics detection and is a veteran working dog who served in Afghanistan from 2012 to 2014 in direct support of combat operations. The City of Cibolo would like to thank K9s4Cops for their generous grant to our organization.

Rocky's handler, Officer Angel Leos, has served with the Cibolo Police De-

partment since May of 2011 and previously served in the United States Marine Corps. Cibolo will now have two veterans, working together to protect our citizens. Officer Leos said "I am happy to work with another veteran that is driven and has determination." Leos expressed his appreciation and said he feels lucky to have been selected for this position so that he can continue to serve the citizens of Cibolo in his new capacity.



K-9 Rocky with Officer Angel Leos

JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY

The Cibolo Police Department will host the 2nd Annual Junior Police Academy. The Junior Police Academy is open to boys and girls ages 10-13 years.

Two sessions have been planned for June 15-19 and June 22-26. Camps will run Monday-Friday from 8a-12p. The academy gives children a chance to interact with officers of the Cibolo Police Department and engage with positive role models.

For applications or for more information, please visit us at www.cibolotx.gov or in person at the Cibolo Police Department.

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ANIMAL SERVICES

Did you know? The City of Cibolo has an animal shelter. The shelter is located at 108 Cibolo Drive directly behind the Cibolo Post Office off of FM 1103.

The shelter is open Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm and on Saturday until noon. For general inquiries and questions contact Animal Services at 210-659-1999 or **210-659-4851** (Shelter Direct) or via email at animalservices@cibolotx.gov or visit our website at www.cibolotx.gov. For after-hours assistance or to request Animal Services please contact our Dispatch Center at 210-619-1200 (Schertz PD provides dispatch services for Cibolo).

We recognize that we have a very active community and many of our residents often jog or visit our parks accompanied by their pets. Animal services would like to remind pet owners that City ordinance requires all pets to be kept on a leash at all times. No animal can be at large at any time in the City of Cibolo.

Please visit our website and/or our Facebook for additional information on:

- Pet Adoption
- Pet Regulations
- Volunteering
- Wildlife



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The City of Cibolo Economic Development Corporation remained busy through 2014. Several projects are currently underway throughout the city and further growth is expected in the future. Construction of the new Wal-Mart Super Center began in late July of 2014 and it is expected to be completed by early fall 2015, just in time for the holiday season. Other retail development is taking place within the vicinity of Cibolo's new Wal-Mart. Cibolo Marketplace, a new 20,000 square foot retail center, broke ground in June and will host stores such as Dutch Boy Cleaners, Little Caesars Pizza, K Nails & Spa, Hair Salon and an Alamanza Family Eye Care. Others are expected to come by the end of the year.

The Shops at Cibolo Bend will be breaking ground on their 50,000 square foot retail center project next month, with stores such as Petco, Dollar Tree, a nail salon, a full service bank, and restaurants to name a few. CVS Pharmacy is also building a new store in Cibolo, at the intersection of Main at FM1103. Building plans for this new pharmacy have

been submitted, with construction expected to start within the next few months. These new retail developments, around the FM 1103 and Main Street intersection, will provide several new dining and retail options for residents.

We are also excited to announce that HEB will be building in Cibolo. They will introduce a 70,000 square foot, full service grocery store. In addition, this project will add 25,000 square feet in retail and other services. HEB is scheduled to start activity in 2016.

The Economic Development Corporation was also able to recruit new jobs to the city with growth in our industrial area. New industry includes companies such as Total Safety, an oil & gas safety equipment company, O G Supply, a manufacturing company, SeatCraft a home theater seating manufacturer, and Pack Pro of Texas, which supports custom packaging & shipping for industrial users.

Cibolo Spring Cleanup
Saturday, March 28th –
April 5th

From 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM, drop offs can be made at Bexar Waste's Collection point at 2221 FM 3009 (Near Live Oak Rd).

Spring cleanup is for Cibolo residents (no commercial) who pay for garbage service. A current Cibolo Utility Bill and proper identification are required when making a drop off. Spring clean up does NOT apply to commercial property cleanup activities, large property clean up, lot/acreage clean up, or lot/property land clearing. Residents are limited to household/yard waste only: 3 pick-up truck loads OR 2 trailer loads per household (trailers cannot exceed 16' long and/or 4' high). Residents must sort items. The City of Cibolo and Bexar Waste are not responsible for damage to vehicles or injury to citizens during the event. The City of Cibolo and Bexar Waste reserve the right to refuse service to anyone. Hazardous Waste will only be accepted March 28th-29th and April 4th-5th. Please see our flyer on our website for additional information.

The City will still provide chipping service for tree trimmings, free of charge. The day for this service depends on what part of the city you live in. North of Borgfeld Rd. will be the first Tuesday of the month. Anyone living South of Borgfeld Rd. will be the last Tuesday of the month. Call City Hall at 658-9900 to get specifications and to be put on the chipping list.

UPCOMING EVENTS. . .

1st Tuesday, 6:30 PM Youth Council Meeting
1st Wednesday, 6:00 PM Parks Meeting
2nd & 4th Tuesday, 6:30 PM City Council Meeting
2nd & 4th Wednesday, 1:30 PM Municipal Court
2nd Wednesday, 6:30 PM Planning & Zoning Meeting
2nd Thursday, 6:00 PM Animal Advisory Board Meeting
3rd Monday, 6:00 PM Streets & Drainage Meeting
3rd Thursday, 6:00 PM Economic Development Meeting
Thursday, 2:00PM - 6:00PM Farmer's Market, Grange Hall

Saturday, March 28th - Spring Cleanup runs through April 5th

Friday, April 3rd - City offices closed

Saturday, April 4th - 10:00 AM, Schlather Park – 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday May 9th - 10:00 AM, Niemietz Park – Food Truck Round-Up

Monday, May 25th - City offices closed

Monday, May 25th - 10:30 AM, Veteran's Park - Memorial Day Ceremony



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