

Buffalo *chronicle*

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE SUMMER 2015

Greetings!

Here we are heading into Summer.....where did the last 6 months go, or for that matter the last 18 months? It is amazing to me to see just how far our City has traveled. We have watched our landscape changing, new faces step forward to assist us, and new business knocking on our door to enter *The City of Choice*.

Inside you will see what we as Council and Staff have been up to. You will also see where we are going! And, if you didn't already know, The City of Cibolo is celebrating its 50th Anniversary! We are excited to cross this milestone and hope you will celebrate with us later this year!

So, what will the next 50 years look like? Many times we worry about next month, next season, or maybe just next year....but we need to be focused on our future farther down the road. What will we leave behind for our future generations? We are on the cusp of leaving quite a legacy, on how a sleepy little town became the fastest growing city in Guadalupe County, and quite possibly the State of Texas!

These are the things that keep me awake at night. How did we get here, and where are we going? Embarking on challenges that Staff and Council face daily, we continue to work hard at bringing to you what you have been asking for. Strategic planning with the growth in mind.

I hope you will visit with us at an upcoming Council or Committee meeting. I am always hearing from citizens that attend who have not been before how much they learn and also did not realize went on. The calendar of meetings is on the final page of this newsletter. Cibolo needs you and welcomes your input and participation. (If your schedule just won't allow that, you can also log on to the city's website and go to the agenda center to view the meetings on You Tube.)

Enjoy your summer, please be safe and I hope to visit with you soon!

"My interest is in the future because I am going to spend the rest of my life there" *Charles Kettering*

Until Next Time,
Lisa M. Jackson
Mayor

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- **Fireworks Safety**
- **Cibolo ranked 13th safest City in Texas**
- **Cibolofest 2015 - 50th Anniversary Celebration**

CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE - SUMMER 2015

The City of Cibolo continues to move forward in a positive and proactive manner. Many new public roads, drainage improvements, and recreational amenities are just around the corner. In the months ahead, several city initiated projects designed to enhance our community will become more visible. As follows:



- a. Town Creek Road parking lot to accommodate parking for the south end of Schlather Park and to help with overflow parking for Schlather Park and soccer practice fields adjacent to Everyday Christian Church. Anticipated completion is late July 2015.
- b. The renovation and expansion of Fire Station #1 which was originally built and placed into operation in the 1950's. Thank you volunteers for leading the way. Construction is projected to begin late Summer of 2015.
- c. Road improvements along Green Valley Road, for approximately 2.5 miles, from Landmark Pointe subdivision (KB Homes) to Cibolo Valley Drive. This project came about as a result of the private sector working with the public sector (Cibolo, Guadalupe County Commissioners Wolverton and Cope, and SCUCISD) working together to achieve a common goal. Our estimated completion date is late Fall 2015.
- d. The construction of a community multi-event center which will include a recreation and wellness center, multi-use gymnasiums for basketball and volleyball activities, classroom space, and a water recreation feature. This facility will be located along Loop 539, just to the west of City Hall, across from Fire Station #1. Construction is currently estimated to start Fall 2015.
- e. The enhancement of drainage improvements along the Town Creek watershed, south of the Union Pacific railroad tracks, and partial road improvements to Haeckerville Road from S.H. 78 to south of the Town Creek low water crossing. Construction anticipated to begin Spring of 2016
- f. The design and construction of a 60-acre multipurpose youth ball field complex south of S.H. 78 and east of South Main Street. Tentative opening is Spring 2016.

We are also seeing retail development occurring at or near the intersection of FM 1103 and Main Street. New store openings include Walmart, CVS Pharmacy, AutoZone, Cibolo Market Place which includes Dutch Boy Cleaners, and the Shops at Cibolo Bend which includes a new Wells Fargo Bank.

Thank you,

Robert T. Herrera

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City Manager

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Cibolo Fest 2015



We will be celebrating the City of Cibolo's 50th Anniversary!

Saturday, October 10, 2015, from 10:00 am to 10:00pm at City Hall, 200 S Main St.

Come join us for a day of fun, good food, and lots of community spirit.



Safewise

Based on an analysis of the most recent FBI crime data, Cibolo was ranked **13th safest city in Texas**, by Safewise. Cibolo is made of people who embrace solid family values and strong work ethics. Part of Cibolo's secret to safety success is a police department that uses a community-oriented approach that focuses on creating partnerships with community organizations and local residents.



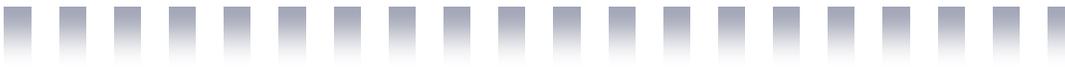
Wastewater System

You may have read in the news that "flushable" wipes put into the sewer system cause problems. Instead of dissolving like toilet paper, these wipes clump together with grease, forming long, mop-like clumps that clog sewer pipes and damage equipment.

Remember, only three things are truly flushable: human waste, toilet paper and water.

Wipes and grease being introduced into the system leads to more costly maintenance to clear the lines, and this cost is ultimately passed along to the consumer.

MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON CCMA'S WEBSITE: www.ccmatrix.org



SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS TEAM TRAINING

On May 13, 2015, Guadalupe County S.W.A.T. Team conducted a demonstration and training in Cibolo. The team was welcomed by Cibolo Mayor Lisa M. Jackson, City Manager Robert T. Herrera, Councilman Garrett, Mayor Pro-Tem Hogue, Councilman Dunn, Chief of Police Gary Cox, City Staff, HEB Partners and Cibolo Police Explorers. The team is composed of Police Officers from Cibolo, Seguin and Guadalupe County Sheriff's Office (GCSO). Lt. Jimenez, of GCSO, explained how the team responds to high risk calls in Guadalupe and adjoining counties. Some of these calls include search and arrest warrants, barricaded subject and hostage situations.

Everyone on location was able to view the armored vehicle and equipment used by the S.W.A.T. Team. The demonstration continued to a simulated S.W.A.T. Team call out.

The SWAT Team could not have had this opportunity to demonstrate and train without a partner like HEB. This opportunity makes Officers better which in turn creates a safer community.



Mosquito Control

It's summer time in Cibolo and in addition to swimming pools and family fun, we are reminded that we need to share our outside space with nature. But that doesn't mean we have to embrace a mosquito problem in our neighborhoods. With the exceptional rains that have occurred this year, mosquitos will be a significant issue. The City places mosquito control briquettes in standing water and drainage ways of City owned and maintained properties. Individuals are responsible for their own private property and can purchase briquettes at a variety of home improvement centers and other supercenters.

When it comes to prevention, remember the 3D's:

- **Drain** - Problems are likely to come from water filled containers. All mosquitos require water to breed. Be sure to drain standing water around your house.
- **Dress** - Wear light colors, loose-fitting clothing, and when possible long sleeves and pants.
- **Defend** - Choose a repellent that has been registered with the EPA. These have been reviewed, approved and pose minimal risk for humans when used as directed.



PROJECT UPDATES

Green Valley Road Reconstruction. A portion of Green Valley Road will be widened to a 5 lane road, will become fully signalized at FM 1103 and will have underground drainage, curbs 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, scheduled to be open August 2015. This project is jointly funded by Cibolo, SCUCISD and Blanton Developments, with the majority of the funding being provided by Blanton Developments.

Borgfeld Road Reconstruction. This project is being completed as part of the City's agreement with Wal-Mart. This roadway will become a 5 lane road, with a dedicated center turning lane that includes landscaping. The intersection at Cibolo Valley Drive will become a signalized intersection with crosswalks. There will be all new sidewalks and underground drainage as well as a dedicated right turn lane onto Borgfeld for southbound traffic on Cibolo Valley Drive. This project is also scheduled to be completed by late August, just in time for the new school year.

Schlather Park. The Schlather Park West Parking Area, located at the east end of Borgfeld Road, is now under construction and is expected to be completed in summer 2015. This parking area will add a much needed additional 24 parking spots to this very popular park. As part of the project, the City will be installing additional connection walking trails and two additional picnic bench areas with barbeque grills. All of these improvements are expected to be completed by late Fall 2015.

CITY OF CIBOLO SHRED DAY - A SUCCESS!



On April 25, 2015, the City of Cibolo hosted its second Shred Day for residents of Cibolo. The vendor, Iron Mountain, was at City Hall with two MSU's (Mobile Shredding Units) and shredded confidential paperwork on site. The City of Cibolo plans to have Shred Day twice a year for our residents, one in the spring, and the second one in the fall.

Thank you to the Cibolo City Council, Cibolo Youth Council, Cibolo Youth Council Leaders, and City Staff for making this city event successful!



Notice the updated city logo in honor of Cibolo's 50th Anniversary!



Fireworks Prohibited

With the summer holidays approaching, especially the July 4th celebration, Cibolo Police and Fire Departments want to remind our citizens that the possession, manufacture, sell and/or use of fireworks are prohibited in the City of Cibolo. The fines can range from \$500 to \$2000 for the possession or use of fireworks within the city limits. Warnings are no longer used because of the seriousness of the firework laws. If a minor is caught with fireworks, the parent or guardian will receive the fine even if they were unaware of the minor's possession and/or usage.

Even though it is legal to buy, possess, and use consumer fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Guadalupe County, there are some places you cannot use fireworks even in the unincorporated county, such as near churches, hospitals and asylums, a licensed child care center, or a public or private primary or secondary school or institution of higher education.

We would also remind citizens that although fireworks and celebrations go together, they can be dangerous when used improperly; causing serious burn and eye injuries.

We would encourage our citizens to seek out the various public fireworks displays in the greater San Antonio area as part of your celebration.

Please visit https://www.municode.com/library/tx/cibolo/codes/code_of_ordinances for additional information or the city website at www.cibolotx.gov.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

The City of Cibolo Economic Development Corporation remains busy in 2015. Several projects are currently underway throughout the city and further growth is expected in the future. Construction of the Wal-Mart Super Center is expected to be completed by the end of September 2015, just in time for the holiday season.

We continue to see activity in that area. The Shops at Cibolo Bend have confirmed Wells Fargo Bank at that location, in addi-

tion to Petco and Dollar Tree.

In addition, My Madea's restaurant as well as Cibolo City Ballet have located at the shopping center at the intersection of Green Valley Road and Cibolo Valley Drive.

In the industrial area, we are pleased to announce Casa Mechanical Contractors have established themselves in Schneider Industrial Park adding new employment opportunities to Cibolo.



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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, 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM Farmer's Market, Grange Hall

Friday, July 3, 2015 - City offices closed in observance of the Independence Day
Monday, August 10, 2015 - Special Council meeting - Budget workshop Time: TBD
Wednesday, August 12, 2015 - Special Council meeting - Budget workshop Time: TBD
Saturday, August 29, 2015 - Kickball Tournament, Food Truck Round-up - Niemietz Park
Monday, September 7, 2015 - City offices closed in observance of Labor Day