



# Buffalo *chronicle*

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE FALL 2017

Family and Friends of Cibolo,

October is here and school is in full swing in Cibolo! It isn't just our schools that are busy this year though. The reconstruction of Borgfeld Road continues to move forward and the segment in front of Dobie Jr. High is now open. The remainder of the road will be opening in the next several weeks weather permitting.

Speaking of weather, Hurricane Harvey wrought devastation along the Texas Coast from Rockport to Houston. Let us remember to keep our fellow Texans in our thoughts. I would also like to thank our City Staff, particularly our Public Works, Fire, and Police personnel who worked around the clock during the storm to make sure that Cibolo was protected and our citizens stayed safe. Our City Staff did an excellent job of preparing for the storm and coordinating with the Guadalupe County Emergency Management Department and our sister cities.

We are at the end of budget season and I am happy to report that we are not changing our property tax rates. Sound fiscal policy has been a key hallmark of our city and Cibolo has been recognized for many years for its strong fiscal policy and management. That fiscal management, coupled with the strong growth of our commercial sector, has recently saved our city from loss of tax revenue created by the bankruptcy of Sanjel and a downturn in production at Kalmar. The growth of our commercial sector last year generated enough tax revenue to offset over half of those lost revenues. This highlights the importance of continuing to diversify our city's tax base and the need to shift away from our overreliance on property taxes to generate revenues for the city.

On a lighter note, CiboloFest is coming up soon! CiboloFest will be held on October 14, 2017 from 10 am to 10 pm in the downtown area. There will be plenty of family fun to be had with carnival and pony rides, a petting zoo, and car show. There will also be plenty of food and entertainment with live music and performances. I hope to see you there!

Very Respectfully,  
Allen Dunn  
Mayor

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Communications Survey
- Tree Trimming



## City Manager's Message

### Fall 2017

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The City organization is pleased to report on a couple of important projects that are nearing completion at this time.

Together, the City and the YMCA of Greater San Antonio will host a grand opening event for the Cibolo Sports Complex located at 338 South Main Street on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m.. There will be plenty of festivities for everyone to enjoy. We hope the community will come out to tour the facility and join us in celebrating this special occasion.



Also happening this Fall, the City anticipates the completion of renovations at Fire Station #1 located at 204 Loop 539. The structure was originally built in 1956 and is in the process of being transformed into a modernized and comfortable new home for our Cibolo Fire Department personnel.

On behalf of the City administration and our Mayor and City Council, we would like to thank the voters of Cibolo for helping to bring these much-needed amenities to our community.

Sincerely,

*Robert T. Herrera*

Robert T. Herrera  
City Manager





# CIBOLOFEST 2017

**JOIN US ON OCTOBER 14, 2017 FROM 10AM - 10PM FOR A DAY FILLED WITH FAMILY FUN, CARNIVAL RIDES, PONY RIDES, A PETTING ZOO, CAR SHOW, LIVE MUSIC, PERFORMANCES AND MORE THAN 100 FOOD & CRAFT VENDORS.**



**FOOD, BEER & WINE VENDORS**



**\$3 ALL YOU CAN RIDE WRISTBANDS**



## Cibolo Shred Day

**The City of Cibolo is sponsoring "Shred Day" for residents. There will be a Shred-It Mobile Shred Unit for on-site shredding at City Hall, 200 South Main St., Cibolo, TX 9:00am - 12:00pm, October 21, 2017. Donations of non-perishable food items will be collected for the San Antonio Food Bank. Call 210-566-6111 with any questions.**



### UTILITY BILLING RATE CHANGES

Fiscal year 2018 budget, beginning October 1, 2017, includes utility rate adjustments as follows:

- A reduction in the number of gallons included in the base rate at no additional cost, from 3,000 to 1,200 for residential customers and from 3,000 to 1,000 for commercial customers.
- A 5.8% increase in Tier 1 from \$5.20 to \$5.50 per 1,000 gallons.
- A 7.7% increase in Tier 2 from \$6.50 to \$7.00 per 1,000 gallons.
- A 7-20% reduction in the middle tiers.
- A reduction in the top two tiers of 40-50%.
- A reduction in the number of tiers from 7 to 5.
- An increase in base rates for commercial customers with meter sizes larger than 3/4".

A schedule of current water rates and new rates are shown below (only changes in rates are reflected):

Residential Rates		Current Rate	New Rate	
≤ 1,200 gallons	Base rate	\$12.50	\$12.50	Special base rate
1,200 to 3,000	Base rate	\$25.00	\$25.00	Base Rate
1,201 to 7,000	additional	\$5.20	\$5.50	Per 1,000 gallons
7,001 to 12,000	additional	\$6.50	\$7.00	Per 1,000 gallons
12,001 to 15,000	additional	\$7.80	\$7.00	Per 1,000 gallons
15,000 to 20,000	additional	\$9.10	\$8.50	Per 1,000 gallons
20,001 to 30,000	additional	\$10.50	\$8.50	Per 1,000 gallons
30,001 to 50,000	additional	\$17.75	\$10.00	Per 1,000 gallons
> 50,000	additional	\$26.00	\$12.50	Per 1,000 gallons
Commercial Rates				
First 1,000 gallons	Base rate	\$30.00	**	
1,001 to 7,000	additional	\$5.20	\$5.50	Per 1,000 gallons
7,001 to 12,000	additional	\$6.50	\$7.00	Per 1,000 gallons
12,001 to 15,000	additional	\$7.80	\$7.00	Per 1,000 gallons
15,000 to 20,000	additional	\$9.10	\$8.50	Per 1,000 gallons
20,001 to 30,000	additional	\$10.50	\$8.50	Per 1,000 gallons
30,001 to 50,000	additional	\$17.75	\$10.00	Per 1,000 gallons
> 50,000	additional	\$26.00	\$12.50	Per 1,000 gallons

\*\* Based on meter size

Meter Size	\$	Meter Size	\$
3/4"	30	3"	320
1"	50	4"	500
1.5"	100	6"	1,000
2"	160	10"	2,300

## Upcoming Christmas Events

**Christmas Tree Lighting**  
**12/4/17, 6:00p at City**  
**Hall. Entertainment,**  
**Refreshments & a Visit**  
**from Santa Claus!**

**Holiday Parade**  
**12/09/17 at 10:00am**  
**Beginning at Borgfeld**  
**& Cibolo Valley Dr.**  
**Ending at City Hall**

**Call (210) 566-6111 for more information**



The Cibolo Communication and Technology Advisory Committee is requesting your participation in this short survey to assist developing an effective communication strategy for the City of Cibolo. The survey contains eight multiple choice questions, with a section to provide comments. Your answers are completely anonymous. Please respond by October 27, 2017.

Please go to the following link to take the survey online.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cibolonewsletter>



You may also fill out the following form and mail it to Cibolo City Hall.

**1. How do you find information about the City of Cibolo events, programs, services, changes policies, and/or future plans? Select your top five choices.**

- |                                                             |                                                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Signs/Marquees                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Social Media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends/Neighbors                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Flyers in Businesses  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cibolo Website                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Cibolo Newsletter     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Official Cibolo Social Media Sites | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Newspaper       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council Members                    | <input type="checkbox"/> HOA Newsletter        |
|                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Bill            |

**2. Where would you like to see more information about the City of Cibolo events, programs, services, changes in policies, and/or future plans? Select your top five choices.**

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|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Signs/Marquees                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Social Media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends/Neighbors                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Flyers in Businesses  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cibolo Website                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Cibolo Newsletter     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Official Cibolo Social Media Sites | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Newspaper       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council Members                    | <input type="checkbox"/> HOA Newsletter        |
|                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Bill            |

**3. Please Rate the Following Statements by choosing one of the following choices:**

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
The City of Cibolo effectively engages the public on matters of importance.					
The City of Cibolo effectively uses official social media sites to communicate with citizens.					
The information on each of Cibolo’s official communication venues (Website, newsletter, Facebook, etc.) is consistently delivered and the information is uniform on each site.					

**4. Are there any other communication challenges you would like to address?**

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**5. Are you a Cibolo Resident or business owner?**

- Cibolo Resident
- Cibolo Business Owner
- Both
- Neither

**6. What neighborhood do you live in?**

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**5. What is your age group?**

- Under 22
- 22-40
- 41-52
- 53-71
- 72+

If you elected to fill out this form, please mail it back to the following address:

City of Cibolo  
ATTN: Kris McDaniel  
200 S. Main St  
Cibolo, TX 78108



**Thank you!**

We appreciate your input and value your opinion. The City of Cibolo will remain the City of Choice because of citizens like you.

## Tree Ordinance

The City of Cibolo's Tree Ordinance number 1048-Appendix A states; "It shall be that duty of any person or persons owning or occupying real property bordering on any street to prune trees next to the street in such manner that they will not obstruct or shade any street lights, obstruct vision of traffic signs, or obstruct the view from any street intersection, pursuant to the city's visibility standards. The minimum clearance of any portion of a tree overhanging a public street right-of-way shall be fourteen (14) feet, and overhanging sidewalks shall be eight (8) feet."

The City of Cibolo Fire Department has currently added a new Ladder Truck to its arsenal of firefighting equipment, with the implementation of this vehicle, it will be crucial that all citizens and subdivisions are more attentive to the above listed ordinance.



## Economic Development Update

### *Entertaining times are ahead for Cibolo!*

Perhaps one of the most exciting developments ahead for Cibolo is that Santikos has committed to building a new entertainment center at the intersection of Wiederstein Rd. and IH-35 North. Further details are still to come, but the center is anticipated to include movie screens, arcade, bowling alley, sports bar, and restaurant. The EDC is proud to have such a respected and civic-minded company join the Cibolo business community. Partnerships such as this show that Cibolo is a desirable place for new businesses, and will lead to additional development for the City.

Along FM 1103, the new Pic-n-Pac/VP Racing opened its doors and has another 2,400 square feet of commercial space available for future tenants. Across the street, McGarrell Orthodontics is also open for business, and farther down FM 1103, Brighter Futures Learning Center is now ready to serve the early learning needs of Cibolo children. These three businesses all have operations in surrounding cities and have brought their newest locations to Cibolo after seeing the growth and opportunities the city has to offer. Other businesses nearing completion on FM 1103 are Tractor Supply Co. and O'Reilly Auto Parts which will both be opening soon.

In the Central Business District (Walmart area), construction on the three-story medical building is well underway. This center will provide a variety of medical services from specialists to general care practitioners, and construction is expected to be complete by the end of the year. Taco Bell and Panda Express have offered new dining options to the Central Business District, with Zaxby's also opening soon.

As part of FY 2016-2017, the EDC budgeted money to install the first phase of wayfinding signs around the City. The purpose of these signs is to direct vehicular traffic to key areas of the city such as City Hall, the Old Town District, the Youth Sports Complex, and Emergency Services. In the Old Town District, the EDC provided funding for new sidewalks to be constructed as well as for the first phase of banners on the light poles lining Main Street, giving a traditional "Old Town" vibe to the area. Additional wayfinding signs around the city and banners along Main Street will be added as funding is available.

If you don't already, be sure to follow the Cibolo Economic Development Corporation on Facebook to stay abreast of upcoming events. As always, citizens are encouraged to reach out to the EDC at (210) 658-9900 for any questions and to attend the monthly Board Meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM.



## UPCOMING EVENTS. . .

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 6:30PM City Council Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 1:30PM Municipal Court

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 6:30PM Planning & Zoning Meeting

October 14, 10:00AM-10:00PM—CiboloFest

October 21, 9:00AM-12:00PM—Shred Day

December 4, 6:00PM—Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

December 9, 10:00AM—Annual Holiday Parade

### **Office Closures:**

October 9—Columbus Day

November 10— Veterans Day

November 23 & 24—Thanksgiving

December 25 & 26—Christmas

December 29—New Year's Eve

January 1 – New Year's



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