

COMMUNITY UPDATE

CITY OF PILOT POINT, TEXAS

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TOM ADAMS NAMED THE NEW PILOT POINT CITY MANAGER

We are very proud to announce the appointment of Tom Adams, as the City's new Manager, effective May 10, 2010.

Mr. Adams enjoys cycling, hiking and classical guitar. His career goal is to work and serve as a city manager and contribute to the quality of life where he lives.

Feel free to stop by City Hall to meet Tom and welcome him to our community.

MAIN STREET

A Farmers Market for Pilot Point Which came first?

When I first took the job of Main Street Director in January, I went to a meeting of the Texas Historical Commission in Denton. During a break a man came up to me and asked me, "Why doesn't Pilot Point have a Farmers Market?" I responded, "I don't know."

That wasn't much of an answer to the question, but I was busy learning a new job, meeting people and trying to formulate a strategy to revitalize our town square. It was something we would get to. Well, that time has come thanks to one of your neighbors, Wayne Gooden.

Wayne asked himself that same question but came up with a better answer – "Why not?" Wayne walked into my office a couple of weeks ago and told me he was going to start a farmers market. I realized it was an idea whose time had come. Our town square was a major mercantile center for this area since it was laid out in 1854. Old pictures show the vitality of the square with horse driven wagons delivering fresh food and regionally produced products. Since 1994 the number of farmers markets in the U.S. has tripled to over 5,000. Isn't it time the farmers market came *back* to Pilot Point?

City Hall agreed to cooperate with the effort. The first scheduled market will be on **Saturday, June 12 from 8 am to noon on the square.**

Now, when starting a farmers market a version of the old farming question arises --- "Which came first, the chicken or the egg?" In order to be successful a farmers market needs two things: sellers and buyers. If you gather a lot of vendors and no one shows, you won't be successful. Conversely, if you have a big crowd and there is nothing to buy, you'll have the same result. So, which comes first, the farmers or the customers? The answer is, "Yes." We need both, together, now.

Here are nine things you can do to make Pilot Point's Farmers Market come to life:

1. If you want to learn more, go to the web site Wayne has produced - <http://pilotpointfarmersmarket.org/>.
2. If you live in Pilot Point, pass the word along. Tell your friends, neighbors and relatives.
3. If you know someone who is planting right now, tell them about the market and the web site.
4. If you are a Facebook person, pass the word along to your friends <http://facebook.com/pilotpointfarmersmarket>.
5. If you have retail business, hang a poster in your window - <http://pilotpointfarmersmarket.org/posters-done/>.
6. If you can distribute posters, ask for some - <http://pilotpointfarmersmarket.org/posters-done/>.
7. If you like T-Shirts, drop by Lowbrow's and buy a collector's item – the first Pilot Point Farmers Market T-Shirt, and become a walking billboard.
8. If you don't think a Farmers Market can help the economy of our town our size, read what it has done for Hardwick, Vermont a town of 3,000 - <http://www.nytimes.com/2008/10/08/dining/08verm.html>
9. Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 12 and show up!

LIBRARY

324 South Washington St.

Tuesday – Friday 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Closed on Sundays and Mondays

Summer Programs

If you are 4 years old or older, “*Catch the Reading Express*” at the Pilot Point Community Library this summer at these awesome children’s programs:

- Tuesday June 8th @ 10:00 A.M.: Dazzling Express Bubble Show
- Tuesday June 15th @ 10:00 A.M.: Whirled On a String/Spinning Arts
- Tuesday June 22nd @ 11:00 A.M.: Miki the Performing Monkey Show
- Tuesday June 29th @ 10:00 A.M.: Magic Reading Railroad with Brett Roberts
- Wednesday July 7th @ 11:00 A.M.: Magician Gerald Edmundson

Pick up your coupons and reading logs at the circulation desk beginning June 1st to attend these amazing FREE performances and earn cool rewards. Readers ages 5 to 17 can exchange a completed reading log for a prize for every 300 minutes of reading all summer long. Program attendance is not required to earn prizes.

Also beginning June 1st, young teens and older tweens ages 12 through 17 are invited to attend *Creative Teens on Tuesday* every Tuesday afternoon from 2:00 until 3:30 pm for the entire month of June and design lots of fun stuff using recycled materials. Although programs are free, space and materials are limited, so sign-up soon (and bring your own appropriate music on CDs).

Story time for ages 3 and up will continue all summer every Wednesday morning from 11:00 to 11:25.

For more information on library programs or to find out how to get a free library card, call the library at 686-5004 or visit us at www.pilotpointlibrary.org.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Home Inventory

If someone broke into your home or vehicle and stole your valuables, would you be able to provide the police with a descriptive list of items taken, including serial numbers and approximate values? For many people, the answer is no. If you are able to provide this information to officers, information about these items can be entered into a database that allows other police departments to find out if property they have recovered was stolen.

As you look around your home, you may be a little overwhelmed at the idea of cataloging your belongings. There are several computer programs available for free to help you, including *Know Your Stuff*, available from the Insurance Information Institute online at www.knowyourstuff.org, and the *What You Own Home Inventory*, online at www.whatyouown.org. Programs like these will help you inventory your valuables one room at a time. Many provide ways to include photographs and receipts as well. You may choose to start by inventorying your more valuable items, such as electronics and jewelry and adding on from there.

Remember that this information will also be useful when filing insurance claims, not only for theft, but also in case of fire or water damage.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Garage Sale/Yard Sale Signs

“They say that one man’s junk is another mans treasure....and sometimes, one man’s junk is just junk.”

“**Kim & Jason**” by Jason W. Kotecki 2005

The purpose of Code Enforcement is to assist city residents in improving and maintaining the neighborhoods in which they live. We need your help in achieving this goal.

Ordinance No. 421-04 spells out the requirements and restrictions for garage/yard sales and the signs for such sales. Although there are more requirements and restrictions in the actual ordinance, here are the things you should be aware of:

1. No new merchandise or merchandise acquired for the purpose of resale, shall be sold,
2. Personal property shall be sold only on the premises of a residential dwelling unit by the owner or lessee of such dwelling unit,
3. You can have two (2) sales a year, not to exceed three (3) days long for each sale.
4. One (1) sale sign is permitted, not to exceed three (3) square feet, upon the property where the sale is taking place,
5. Two (2) directional signs at a remote location, not to exceed three (3) square feet, shall be permitted,
6. Signs placed at a remote location are to be removed within three (3) days after the sale by the person(s) holding the sale. **Such directional signs shall be freestanding, not attached to utility poles or city signposts.**
7. All signs must be located on private property and should not be placed in a drainage ditch or easement. It is strongly suggested you obtain permission from the property owner prior to putting your sign on their property.
8. Any other signs at any location remote from such said property are prohibited.
9. Sales conducted by official private nonprofit organizations shall be exempt from these requirements and restrictions.

If you are aware of a violation of this ordinance, any inoperable vehicles, parking in the yard, or high grass, or if you have any question please contact the Code Enforcement Officer at 940-686-2165 extension 25.

ANIMAL CONTROL

As of June 1st, 2010, the City of Pilot Point will be picking up cats. Due to the number of traps and kennels, ACO Rose will be very limited to the number of cats that can be picked up. The city ordinance states:

At large means:

- (a) Off Premises. Any animal which is not restrained by means of a leash of sufficient strength and not more than six (6) feet in length to control the actions of such animal while off the owner's property.
- (b) On premises. Any animal not confined on premises of owner by substantial fence of sufficient strength and height to prevent the animal from escaping there from.

Dog and Cat permits and tags:

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep or harbor any dog or cat, within the city, unless a current registration tag has been issued for such animal.

City Tags are **\$5.00** per pet and can be picked up at City Hall during normal business hours. Cats and dogs must be registered with the City of Pilot Point. **Documentation of a current rabies vaccination is required at the time of registration.** Avoid a fine – register your pet(s) today!

FIRE/EMS/AMBULANCE

Summer Heat Safety

When the weather is hot, your body works overtime trying to stay cool. Excess heat escapes through sweating, exhalation of air and increased blood flow to the skin. Hot weather can overwhelm those mechanisms, leading to uncomfortable and oftentimes harmful symptoms. Heat problems are preventable with the proper precautions. Be aware and enjoy the summer.

Symptoms of Heat-Induced Ailments:

- Dehydration – thirst, less frequent urination
- Prickly heat bumps - irritating skin rash
- Cramps or painful muscle contractions
- Edema – swelling of hands and feet
- Exhaustion / Fatigue – characterized by clammy skin, paleness, dizziness, nausea, fever, and headache

Seek immediate medical help if you or someone else develops the following symptoms that may be a **Heat Stroke** – the most severe of heat illness which is a life threatening situation:

- Lethargy, sluggishness
- Rapid heart rate and breathing

- Confusion, disorientation, agitation, irritability
- High body temperature
- Intense muscle aches, fever, diarrhea or nausea
- Convulsion, fainting, seizure, loss of consciousness

Support for a Heat Stroke Victim: while you are waiting for help to arrive you can assist the person by doing the following:

- Get the person out of the heat to a cooler environment – take indoors if possible;
- Fan the person with a newspaper or towel – to cool the body;
- Loosen or remove clothing and sprinkle the skin lightly with water;
- Elevate feet to direct blood flow back towards the head;
- If available: apply icepacks to the groin area or armpits.

Some people are at greater risk than others to suffer heat-related illness:

- Infants and young children;
- People aged 65 and older;
- People with mental illness;
- Those persons who are physically ill, or have heart disease or high blood pressure;
- Those persons who must work in / wear protective equipment: helmets, respirators, heavy clothing.

How to Beat the Heat – some prevention tips:

- Drink more fluids such as water or electrolyte drinks (sports drinks) to prevent dehydration.
- Wear loose fitting, lightweight, light colored clothing.
- Avoid drinking liquids that contain caffeine, alcohol or large amounts of sugary sodas – these can cause a loss in body fluids.
- Stay indoors (if possible) in an air-conditioned place. If you do not have air conditioning go to a shopping mall, public library, or other indoor facilities - a few hours spent in these environments can help your body stay cooler.
- Electric fans may provide comfort, but when temperatures soar in the 90s, fans do little to prevent heat-related illness.
- NEVER leave the elderly, children or pets in a closed, parked vehicle.
- Medications – consult your health care provider or pharmacist to see which medicines are affected by heat conditions.
- Limit exercise to moderate activity. Do not exert yourself. Try to exercise during cooler periods of the day such as early morning or late evening hours.
- Rest – whenever necessary.

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Library Survey – Let’s hear from you

The Pilot Point Community Library is updating the long-range plan that will guide future development of the library. In order for the plan to reflect your ideas and interests, we need your help by completing a short survey. The survey is available online by going to: www.cityofpilotpoint.org (*click Take the Survey on front page*), or you can pick up a survey at the Library or City Hall. Again, your input is very important – we appreciate your time in providing us with your feedback.

13th Annual Chamber Golf Tournament

This year’s Golf Tournament will take place June 5, 2010, at Bridges Golf Club - 2400 Fred Couples Drive Gunter, Texas 75058. Shotgun start at 8:00 am, registration begins at 7:15 am. Format is 4-Person Basic Scramble. Entry Fee is \$400 per team or \$100 per person and includes green fees, carts, donuts, coffee, lunch, beverages throughout the day, and an entry in the raffle and goody bags for all players. Additional raffle tickets will be available for purchase for that day. Mulligans will be available for \$5.00 each at registration, limit 4 per person. For questions, please contact Deke Alexander (940-686-7049), Jerry Alford (940-391-8797) or Karen Walterscheid (940-686-5385).

Tribute to the Armed Forces

The Opera House Singers of Pilot Point will give tribute to the Armed Forces on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at 7:30 pm at the Pilot Point Community Opera House. Admission is free. For questions, please call 940-686-2454.

Pilot Point ISD Summer Food Program

The Pilot Point Summer Food Program will be serving Breakfast and Lunch starting June 9th through 30th at Pilot Point Elementary located at 829 S. Jefferson Street. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 to 9:00 am. and lunch will be served from 12:00 to 1:00 pm Monday through Friday.

The Texas Department of Agriculture Summer Nutrition Program is offered statewide by local sponsors who operate sites where children up to 18 years-old can get meals at no charge. The service is open to all children, regardless of income.

Community Update

Non-Profit Organizations are encouraged to list their upcoming events in our Community Newsletter. Please call Karen Schoonover at **940-686-2165 ext. 19** or email kschoonover@cityofpilotpoint.org to list your community activities.

Would you like to receive the newsletter via email? Subscribe now – it’s quick & easy. Just go to: www.cityofpilotpoint.org – click on **Join e-list updates**.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

May 20, 2010	Thursday	11:30 am
Chamber Luncheon Point Bank Community		
May 22, 2010	Saturday	8:00 pm
Jason Elmore CD Release		
May 31, 2010	Monday	
City Hall Closed – Memorial Day		
June 5, 2010	Saturday	8:00 am
Chamber Golf Tournament Bridges Golf Club, Gunter TX		
June 12	Saturday	8 – 12 noon
Farmer’s Market Town Square		
June 12	Saturday	4:00 pm
Drawing on the Square		
June 12	Saturday	7:30 pm
Tribute to the Armed Forces Pilot Point Opera House		
June 14	Monday	
Flag Day		
June 17	Thursday	11:30 am
Chamber Luncheon Lantana Resort & Marina		
June 20	Sunday	
Father’s Day		
June 21	Monday	
Summer Begins		



Homemade Lemonade

Juice of 3 large lemons
Juice of 1 orange
1 cup of sugar
2 quarts of water

Mix until sugar is dissolved. Chill and enjoy! Or try it by substituting sugar with Splenda.