

COMMUNITY UPDATE

CITY OF PILOT POINT, TEXAS

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IT'S OFFICIAL – NEW CITY LOGO



Pilot Point's City Council voted and adopted the winning logo for official use at their Council Meeting held March 22, 2010.

Our contest was a rousing success as evidenced by the following:

- 225 entries from 112 different contestants, ages ranged from 12 - 80
- The majority of the entries came from Pilot Point
- From Texas, we received entries from all over the state including Plano, Dallas and a surprising number from San Angelo. (Thanks to the enthusiasm of students from Angelo State)
- From around the U.S., we received entries from Florida, Illinois and Pennsylvania, just to name a few states
- From around the world, we received entries from London, The Philippines and India

Our judging panel was deeply impressed with the quantity and the quality of the entries. The effort that was put into each and every entry was evident. There were so many entries that we could have used as a symbol of our town. The task of the judges was a tough one. We would like to extend a special thanks to our judging panel: Bob Phillips, Clarice Tinsley, Donna Howell-Sickles, Don Schol & Pam Burnley-Schol, Larry Mahan, Walt Garrison, Janet Groff, Wes Miller, Susan Svane, Amanda Watson and Chris True.

Our winner comes from the Black Sea resort city of Verna, Bulgaria. His name is Kamen Atanassov. Kamen is a native of Bulgaria. He is 31 years old and has his own one-man design firm. He lives with his sister ever since his mother passed away in 2000 and his father just last year.

As you can see, Kamen utilizes the stars and colors of the Texas and U.S. flags. The horse head with flowing mane symbolizing Horse Country U.S.A., sweeps around to become a wave on Lake Ray Roberts with a sailboat tacking into the wind. The slogan celebrates Pilot Point's value as a strategic point on the Texas landscape even before the town was established. It also speaks to our dynamic present as well as our exciting future. Congratulations to Kamen and a heartfelt thanks to each and every participant!

We hope you are as pleased and excited about our new symbol as we are. We are confident that Pilot Point will be "Pointing The Way" well into the future.

Join the Bonnie & Clyde Gang

At the last City Council Meeting, the City Council agreed to support a festival to be held in Pilot Point on October 8 – 9 called **Bonnie & Clyde Days**. To view a copy of the proposed schedule of events please go to: www.cityofpilotpoint.org.

This festival is more than just an event in Pilot Point. It's a chance to get involved, to contribute - A chance to have fun!

Bonnie & Clyde Days are looking for people to join our gang. The Town of Pilot Point will stage a festival which will turn our town square into a piece of living history. To do that, we need your help. There are eleven different activities that you can join. Be a part of the fun. *Join the gang!*

1. **Parade of Vintage Cars from Lantana to Town Square** – The official kick-off of Saturday's events will be the parade of 1930's era vintage cars from the Dallas Model A Ford Club.
2. **Re-enactment of 1967 Filming of Bonnie & Clyde** – Using student film crews from the University of North Texas, actors from UNT's drama department, extras from Pilot Point ISD and Dallas Model A Car Club classic cars, filming of the bank robbery of the Farmers & Merchants Bank will be reenacted.

3. **Farmer's Market in Pilot Point Town Square** – In keeping with the theme, *Bonnie & Clyde Days*, a Farmers' Market will feature items which could have been featured in a Farmers Market in the 1930's.
4. **Cotton & Peanuts Growing** – Vacant lots around the town square will be planted with cotton and peanuts.
5. **Lectures by Experts** – Experts on Bonnie and Clyde, the Great Depression and local residents will give lectures and lead discussions about life and legend in North Texas during the 30's.
6. **Movie Screenings** - Movies and classic short subjects will run throughout the day, taking guests back to the days when movies were a great escape from the tough times of the 30's.
7. **"Hooverville" Replica** - A Depression Era expert will supervise volunteers who register to build a shanty. The volunteers will make historically authentic shanties, will agree to appropriate dress, an appropriate code of conduct (including acquiring the ability to answer questions of visitors about their "lives" before and during" their stay in Hooverville).
8. **Classic Car Show** – To complement the Model A parade and to provide a complete day for visitors, Pilot Point will conduct a classic car show for cars 1985 and older.
9. **Opera House Singers Present Songs of the Era** – In spite of the gloomy times, some of our most fun and inspiring music came out of the Depression.
10. **Soup Kitchen** – A Depression Era Soup Kitchen will be created. But we doubt if soup ever tasted like this in the 30's. Gourmet soup will be served along with bread and salad that will fill every hungry stomach.
11. **Local Currency** – To be historically accurate and to make *Bonnie & Clyde Days* as realistic as possible, local currency will be printed.

In addition to activities, there are four organizing committees you can join that support our effort.

1. **Executive Steering Committee** – A group of prominent individuals who can provide information, resources, advice, prestige and connections to maximize the potential of this event. The group meets "virtually" through emails and blogging. No face-to-face meeting is necessary.
2. **Events Committee** – Oversees and monitors the events including registration, staging, and execution and disassembling of events.
3. **Promotion Committee** – Responsible for all publicity, promotion, social media, paid advertising and signage.
4. **Volunteer Committee** – Recruits and manages volunteers including determining the number of volunteers needed, their responsibility and supervising execution.

What's your passion? Do you love Classic Cars? Are you a natural born chef? Do you have a green thumb? Do you have

a knack for organization? What ever you love doing you can do for Bonnie & Clyde Days and, in the process, make an important contribution to your town square and your city.

Just email Bruce Thomas at bthomas@cityofpilotpoint.org or call 940-293-7434 or drop by City Hall. Tell us what you would like to do and we will make you part of the Bonnie & Clyde Days Gang.

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

School is almost out and that means tons of SUMMER FUN AT THE LIBRARY for everyone! Programs for ages 3 through 14 begin Tuesday June 8th and will run through mid-July. Free weekly performances will kick off with an awesome bubble show that you won't want to miss. Young readers can also earn prizes all summer long. Stop by the library and pick up a flyer or call us at 940-686-5004 for dates, times and details.

Library shelves are brimming with the newest and hottest best selling books as well as new DVD releases that include *Precious*, *The Twilight Saga: New Moon*, *Blind Side*, *The Princess and the Frog* and *Where the Wild Things Are*. And best of all – they are all free to enjoy!

For more information about the library or to find out how to get a free library card, visit us at www.pilotpointlibrary.org or call 940-686-5004.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

WHAT IS PARKING IN THE YARD?

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.

The purpose of Ordinance No. 266-96 (17) (B) is to regulate uncontrolled residential off street parking, specifically in residential front yards, which is considered a public nuisance. This subsection of the ordinance is to provide for the regulation of residential off-street parking and to specify the requirements for residential off-street parking as they pertain to the appearance and the health, safety and welfare of the city.

"It shall be illegal for any person to park or to allow to be parked on any property under his control any automobile, bus, truck, motorcycle, motor home, camper, trailer, boat or any vehicle on any portion of a front yard or side yard of any area which is zoned under the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance."

The term "vehicle" as used herein, shall mean every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is, or may be transported or drawn upon a street or highway, except devices moved exclusively by human power.

You can avoid a violation by one of the following methods:

- Installing a hard surfaced driveway or parking area. The term "hard surfaced" as used here may include cement, asphalt, brick and other commonly accepted pavement, which may be approved by the building official
- Installing a gravel driveway bordered by cement curbing or similar permanent border. Just throwing gravel down isn't enough. The area must be bordered in order to contain the gravel. Also, the gravel should be maintained so that it may be easily seen. In other words, don't let grass or weeds grow up and obscure the gravel or allow the area to become mostly dirt.
- If where you park is part of a side yard, you may enclose the area by installing a screening fence at least six (6) feet in height and so constructed that no person can see through into the area surrounded by the fence

If you are aware of a violation of this ordinance, any other unsightly/unhealthy location, accumulation of debris, high grass, or if you have any question please contact the Code Enforcement Officer at 940-686-2165 extension 25 or email kromero@cityofpilotpoint.org.

ANIMAL CONTROL

TOP 10 WAYS TO PREVENT WILDLIFE PROBLEMS

- Don't leave cat or dog food outside at night.
- Don't leave birdseed in feeders or on the ground overnight.
- Don't put unsecured garbage outside at night.
- If you have a pet door, securely close it at night.
- Trim overhanging branches that provide easy access to your roof for squirrels and other wildlife.
- If you have a chimney, make sure that it has a secure cap. Chimneys without caps are open invitation to birds and raccoons looking for a "hollow tree" in which to raise their young.
- Thoroughly inspect your roof, eaves and siding for signs of damage. Cover attic vents and other roof openings with heavy-gauge, rustproof mesh.
- Cover foundation vents with heavy-gauge, rust proof wire mesh.
- If you have a deck, install an L-shaped barrier to prevent animals from digging underneath it.
- Share this information with your neighbors.

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Help Deter Check Fraud

This innovative program is intended to deter check fraud by obtaining a **Thumbprint Signature**, along with valid government identification when cashing checks. Texas retailers and bankers using the program include major discount chains, convenience stores, grocery stores, liquor stores, jewelry stores and check cashing stores are among the participants.

How does it work? The program works as a natural deterrent. Persons wanting to cash a check are asked to place an impression of their thumbprint on the face of the check. A small "inkless" touch pad facilitates the process. Although the touch pad looks and operates just like a traditional inkpad, it leaves no stain or residue on users or clothing. The procedure is quick, simple and clean. Law Enforcement officials use these signatures only in cases where fraud is suspected. For additional information, contact the Pilot Point Police Department or go to www.thebankstore.com.

FIRE/EMS/AMBULANCE Barbecue Safety

BEFORE BARBECUING

- Check your grill thoroughly for leaks, cracking or brittleness before using it.
- Clean out the tubes that lead into the burner.
- Make sure the grill is at least **10** feet away from your house, garage, or trees.
- Store and use your grill on a large flat surface that cannot burn (i.e.- concrete or asphalt) and at least ten (10) feet away from the structure.
- Keep children **away** from fires and grills. It is a good idea to establish a safety zone around the grill and instruct children to remain outside the zone. A chalk line works great for this purpose.
- Have a fire extinguisher, a garden hose attached to a water supply, or at least 16-quarts of water close by in case of a fire.

DURING BARBECUING

- Don't wear loose clothing that might catch fire.
- Use long handled barbecue tools and/or flame resistant mitts.
- Never use any flammable liquid other than barbecue starter fluid to start or freshen a fire.

- Never pour or squirt starter fluid onto an open flame. The flames can easily flashback along the fluid's path to the container in your hands.
- Keep alcoholic beverages away from the grill, they are flammable!
- Never leave a grill unattended.

AFTER BARBECUING

- Always follow the manufacturer's cleaning and storing instructions that accompany the grill.
- Keep your grill clean and free of grease buildup that may lead to a fire.
- Never store liquid or pressurized fuels inside your home and/or near any possible sources of flame.

IN CASE OF A BARBECUE FIRE

- For PROPANE Grills - turn off the burners.
- For CHARCOAL Grills - close the grill lid.
- Disconnect the power to ELECTRIC Grills.
- For PROPANE Grills - if you can safely reach the tank valve, shut it off.
- If the fire involves the tank, leave it alone, evacuate the area and call the fire department (911). If there is any type of fire that either threatens your personal safety or endangers property, ALWAYS DIAL 911.
- NEVER attempt to extinguish a grease fire with water. It will only cause the flames to flare up. Use an approved portable fire extinguisher.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keep Pilot Point Beautiful – Document Shred Day

Do you have documents that you need to shred? After tax time is a perfect time to securely shred and recycle old documents. Let us help!

Keep Pilot Point Beautiful will collaborate with the Pilot Point High School “Bearcat Shredders” for a secure document shredding day on Monday, April 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the parking lot adjacent to the Pilot Point Community Opera House.

The event is free to Pilot Point residents. A jar will be available for in-kind donations.

MS Bike Ride

On Saturday, May 1, more than 3,500 cyclists will depart Frisco from Dr Pepper Ballpark and ride through North Texas (including Pilot Point) to Texas Motor Speedway. The ride is a 160-mile cycling journey to fund the care and the cure for 20,000 Texans affected by MS.

They will travel Hwy 380 to FM2931; FM2931 to Friendship Road, Friendship Road to Hwy 377 and turn left at 455 and go up through Sanger where they will stop for lunch. It is expected that the first cyclists will arrive in Pilot Point around 8:00 am; the majority of riders will come through Pilot Point between 10 am - 12 noon. Their break point is at Sam Garrett

Memorial overlook where local residents are encouraged to stop by and show their support.

If you would like more information or a detailed map, please visit: <http://www.ms150.org/>.

Drawing on the Square – BIGGER and better!

Starting May 8th, exciting new changes will take place with the drawing. You will still need to be present to win however, if your name or ticket number is drawn and you are not there to claim your prize, the prize will then be added to the following months drawing and will continue to roll over until a winner is present. Therefore, only three (3) tickets will be drawn and should all three (3) be present, then all win, if not, then all three will then be carried to the next month.

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).

COMMUNITY EVENTS

April 26, 2010	Monday	9:00 – 3:00 pm
		Document Recycling Day Pilot Point Opera House
April 26, 2010	Monday	
		Early Voting Starts for School Board
May 1, 2010	Saturday	
		Bulk Trash Pickup
May 1, 2010	Saturday	All day
		MS 150 Bike Ride
May 8, 2010	Saturday	4:00 pm
		Drawing on the Square
May 8, 2010	Saturday	7:00 - 7:00 pm
		School Board Elections <u>Pilot Point ISD Admin Building</u> 829 S. Harrison Street, Pilot Point
May 20, 2010	Thursday	11:30 am
		Chamber Luncheon
June 5, 2010	Saturday	8:00 am
		Chamber Golf Tournament Bridges Golf Club, Gunter TX