

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## CITY OF PILOT POINT, TEXAS

102 East Main Street – Pilot Point, Texas

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FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2010 (Volume 2, Issue 1)



## PILOT POINT BEARCATS CLASS 2A – DIVISION I

### STATE CHAMPS!!!

Your Pilot Point Bearcats “ran” to the Class 2A Division I State Championship on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> by beating a strong Kirbyville team at Bobcat Stadium on the campus of Texas State in San Marcos. Our Bearcats end their undefeated dream season at 15 - 0 and it marks our first return as State Champs since the Bearcats captured the coveted title in 1980 and 1981.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

**WE ARE PROUD OF WHAT YOU HAVE  
ACCOMPLISHED!**

### SHEA PATTERSON NAMED NEW COUNCIL MEMBER FOR PLACE 6

In accordance with the new City Charter that was approved by local voters on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the City Council voted to name Shea Patterson as the council member to fill the newly created position on the City Council. Under the new City Charter,

the City Council now consists of six (6) council members and a mayor, instead of five (5) council members and a mayor. Shea Patterson shall serve in the new Place 6 position until the council elections in May 2010.

Ms. Patterson has an extremely strong business background in the local cabinet industry, volunteers for many non-profit endeavors in and around Pilot Point, and brings her history as a long time resident to the table. Please join us in congratulating Shea Patterson on her recent appointment.

### CELL PHONE USE IN SCHOOL ZONES IS PROHIBITED

The City of Pilot Point and the Texas Department of Transportation will soon begin installing the signage required to allow enforcement of a new state law prohibiting the improper use of cell phones in school zones and school crosswalks. This is a safety issue for school children in our Pilot Point school zones, so a strict no tolerance enforcement policy shall begin immediately upon installation of the signs, which carries a possible fine up to \$500 per offense.

If you have any non-emergency questions regarding this new state law and our local enforcement, please contact the Pilot Point Police Department at:

**940-686-2969**

**Police non-emergency number**

**CITY LOGO AND SLOGAN CONTEST**  
**ANNOUNCED BY CITY COUNCIL**

The City Council is developing a new city logo and slogan and has decided to openly solicit entries through an art contest, with the winning entry receiving a \$500 cash prize. If there is a separate entry chosen for the logo and slogan, then the individuals will receive \$250 each.

The Logo/Slogan Contest Committee is chaired by Bruce Thomas and co-chaired by Dick Bullwinkle, will soon formally announce the list of local judges and a who's who list of celebrity judges and publicize the contest rules for a scheduled kickoff of the contest on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The contest will also have its own logo/slogan website for access and logo/slogan submittals, which can be accessed online beginning January 5<sup>th</sup> at:

<http://www.pilotpointlogocontest.com/>

In addition to the contest web page, a detailed set of contest rules and guidelines will also be available beginning January 5<sup>th</sup> at City Hall, the City Public Library, and online at our city web page, at:

[www.cityofpilotpoint.org](http://www.cityofpilotpoint.org)

or

call 940-686-2165

This contest will be open to young or old, professionals or amateurs, any and everyone is welcome to enter and multiple entries are allowed.

Tentative contest schedule:

Contest Kickoff – January 5, 2010

- Press Release – Contest Website Launch
- “Call for Entries”

Contest Deadline – February 19, 2010

- Entry Deadline

Announce Winner – February 26, 2010

- Press Release
- Recognition Award Dinner (location to be announced)

**PRESERVE AMERICA TEAM**  
**VISITS PILOT POINT MAIN STREET**

A team of experts in the Main Street revitalization process visited Pilot Point on December 8 and 9 to help Pilot Point and our Main Street Program with continuing efforts to enhance our community history and our unique historic places. During the visit, guidance was provided for enhancing local downtown revitalization efforts and historic preservation activities.

The visit, which included several opportunities for public input, is the result of an assessment grant provided to the Texas Main Street Program (TMSP) by Preserve America, a federal initiative that supports community efforts to preserve cultural and natural heritage. Pilot Point received one of these assessments because it holds designations as both an official Texas Main Street program and a Preserve America community. Since the program's inception in 2003, the First Lady of the United States has served as the Honorary Chair of Preserve America. More information can be found at:

[www.preserveamerica.gov](http://www.preserveamerica.gov)

For more information about our downtown program and/or if you would like to complete the Preserve America assessment survey form, please contact the Pilot Point Main Street Office at:

**940-686-2165**

or online on our City web page – Main Street

**CITY ANNOUNCES HOLIDAY**  
**CLOSING SCHEDULE**

Christmas: Thursday and Friday – December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

New Years: Friday – January 1<sup>st</sup>

\*Water and Waste Water emergencies (after hours)

**Call 940-368-0985**

\*Ambulance, Fire, or Police emergencies

**Call 911**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**OLD CITY LAUNDRY**  
**BUILDING FOR SALE**

The City of Pilot Point is offering the Old City Laundry Building "For Sale" to parties interested in locating a business in the downtown Commercial Historic District. The building is described as:

**OT Pilot Point, Block 18, Lot 1, (part)**  
**201 South Jefferson, an approximate 2,160 sq. ft.**  
**historic commercial building built around 1901.**

Contact: For detailed information, questions, or to gain access to the building, contact:

J. C. Hughes, City Manager  
[jchughes@cityofpilotpoint.org](mailto:jchughes@cityofpilotpoint.org)  
**940-395-1898**

**MONTHLY \$\$ CASH \$\$ DRAWING ON**  
**THE SQUARE**

In addition to the Chamber of Commerce program asking residents to spend at least \$20 on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month in Pilot Point to help support the local economy, the Chamber previously announced the recent return of the Merchant Gift Drawing on the Square on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month.

**The next drawing will be held Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, at 4 pm on the Square. Live music provided in the Opera House at 8 pm.**

As a reminder, you must visit and qualify at participating stores in town each month. For detailed rules on how to qualify, and a list of the participating business locations, please call the Chamber at **940-686-5385** or by emailing [chamber.ofcommerce@cebridge.net](mailto:chamber.ofcommerce@cebridge.net)

**YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!**

**PLEASE SUPPORT PILOT POINT AND**  
**HELP KEEP YOUR SALES TAX**  
**DOLLARS LOCAL**

**\* SHOP PILOT POINT FIRST \***

**ANIMAL CONTROL CORNER**

102 East Main St.  
Pilot Point, Texas 76258

**\*PET SAFETY\***

**DID YOU KNOW?** - That the Pilot Point Animal Shelter with help from Denton County Humane Society adopts about 80 dogs a year.

City Ordinance 5-3-5 states that all dogs and cats inside the City Limits of Pilot Point must be registered with the City. To register your pet, the owner should bring proof of rabies vaccination for each pet to City Hall to obtain a Registration Tag. Cost for each pet is \$5.00. (Credit cards not accepted).

**PETS – COLD WEATHER PET SAFETY TIPS**

Unless your pet has adequate shelter and is under your supervision, living outdoors can be hazardous for your pet. Your pet is always safer and happier when it is indoors with you.

Cats should always be kept indoors so that they are not exposed to all of the dangers that exist outside, such as cars, other animals, and harsh weather.

If your dog must be outdoors, then you will need to provide them with a dry, elevated shelter. The shelter should be small enough to keep your dog warm by trapping the dog's body heat, but large enough for the dog to stand up and turn around in. The shelter should have insulation, carpeting, and a door flap and it should be faced away from the wind so that your dog will be protected against the cold. When the temperature is below 20 degrees Fahrenheit, it is best to keep all pets indoors. Regularly check your pet's water to make sure it is not frozen.

If you let your cat outdoors –**BEWARE**-- in their search to keep warm they may crawl into a warm car engine area. To alert an animal that may be in your vehicle, slap the hood or honk the horn before starting your car. Another danger that lurks outside is antifreeze, which tastes sweet to your pets, but is poisonous for them to consume or if they step in any antifreeze or chemicals; if your pet ingests any

amount of antifreeze, you will need to contact your veterinarian immediately. When your pet comes in from the cold, use a damp towel to wipe off his feet and underside.

**Call 940-686-2165**  
**Email: [lrose@cityofpilotpoint.org](mailto:lrose@cityofpilotpoint.org)**

*\* Please be kind to pets and animals!*

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### **CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER**

102 East Main St.  
Pilot Point, Texas 76258

#### **“We Need Your Help!”**

Maintaining livable neighborhoods is a joint enforcement effort between city government and our residents. The city code ordinances are intended to improve the quality of life and protect property values, but we need your assistance in spotting violations.

If you notice a violation of the high grass and weeds ordinance, or any unsightly location, accumulation of debris, or any unhealthy condition, you are strongly encouraged to contact the City Code Enforcement Office at:

**Call 940-686-2165**  
**Email: [lrose@cityofpilotpoint.org](mailto:lrose@cityofpilotpoint.org)**

*\* Please do your part to clean up Pilot Point!*

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### **LIBRARY LINKS**

324 South Washington St.  
Pilot Point, TX 76258  
Tuesday – Friday 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM  
Saturday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**‘Tis the season to enjoy festive books, crafts and games at the Pilot Point Community Library!**

- School-aged children are invited to join us for an hour of fun on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11 am to play holiday games and make Christmas crafts. Pre-school children are invited to a special

Little Listener’s Storytime at 11 a.m. on Wednesday December 23<sup>rd</sup> for 25 minutes of jolly stories and fun. Both events are free to all local residents and sign-up is not required.

- Congratulations to Emily Hicks who won the DVD edition of *Up* that was given away in our children’s Thanksgiving Programs drawing held November 24, 2009.
- In December, the library will begin offering monthly opinion surveys to find out what Pilot Point citizens think. Subjects will vary from month to month with the first survey asking customers about their favorite Christmas movies. Monthly results will be posted in the lobby area.
- Holiday Closings: The library will be closed Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**\*For more information about our other library services or securing a library card, please call:**

**940 686-5004**

**or visit our new Library website at:**

**[www.pilotpointlibrary.org](http://www.pilotpointlibrary.org)**

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### **FIRE/EMS/AMBULANCE:**

110 W. Division St  
P.O. Box 457  
Pilot Point, TX. 76258  
**Call 911 for Emergencies**

#### **A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF**

#### **Carbon Monoxide or (CO) – the Odorless Killer**

Winter and the holiday season are upon us and the Pilot Point Fire Department is dedicated to helping you make this season a safe and happy one. In this month’s newsletter we have some helpful hints that will hopefully make this season one of your best. Some useful information on Carbon Monoxide emergencies and a friendly reminder on Christmas Tree safety for the holidays.

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless and toxic gas. Because it is impossible to see, taste or smell the toxic fumes, CO can kill you before you are aware it is in your home. At lower levels of

exposure, CO causes mild effects that are often mistaken for the flu. These symptoms include headaches, dizziness, disorientation, nausea and fatigue. The effects of CO exposure can vary greatly from person to person depending on age, overall health and the concentration and length of exposure.

**If you believe you have Carbon Monoxide in your home or your detector is sounding, exit your home immediately and Call 911. Remember that CO is invisible, and has no odor or taste. If you do not have a CO Detector – please get one.**

### **Christmas Tree Safety Tips**

This is the Holiday Season and decorations greatly add to the beauty of the season; they can also be a danger if not properly cared for.

Real trees must have water in the stand to keep fresh. If the needles start falling off, this is a sign the tree has dried out and has become an immense fire hazard. The resin in the tree acts like gasoline to a flame if the two come in contact with each other.

Also, make sure all of your Christmas lighting is in good condition with no frayed wires. Discard any wires that are frayed or have cracked insulation or the plugs are loose or discolored. When a Christmas tree ignites, it burns very fast and very hot, creating a great deal of thick smoke and tends to ignite the surroundings, chairs, sofas, curtains, other furnishings, and ultimately the home itself. In as little as 60 seconds, a burning Christmas tree can create a fire in a normal living room that will have everything in the room on fire; so, please make sure to keep all flames such as candles away from your Christmas tree. It is also a good idea to keep them as far away as possible from fireplaces and space heaters, gas or electric.

For non-emergency information or about Carbon Monoxide or Christmas Tree and Lighting safety questions:

**call 940-686-5038**

or email the fire department at: [admin@ppfd.org](mailto:admin@ppfd.org)

**Have a happy and safe holiday!**

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

102 East Main St.

Pilot Point, Texas 76258

**Call 911 for Emergencies**

**\*NEW STOP SIGNS ADDED\***



### **PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE NEW STOP SIGNS ADDED AT EAST LIBERTY (FM-1192) AND HARRISON!**

As a result of numerous complaints and requests to improve safety at the double 90 degree intersection of Harrison Street and East Liberty (FM-1192), the City of Pilot Point asked the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to review the intersection for traffic safety enhancements, since FM-1192 is a state highway.

TxDOT researched the double intersection that was causing many confusion and many several near misses - because many times it was not clear who actually had the right of way; TxDOT determined the best solution was to install two three-way stop intersections.

For non-emergency information or questions,

**call 940-686-2969**

**Plan Ahead and Be Safe!**

### **VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR CITY BOARDS**

The City of Pilot Point needs volunteers on numerous Advisory Boards. We have positions available immediately for appointment by the City Council for the following boards:

- **Planning and Zoning Commission** (Dec 31<sup>st</sup>)
- **Board of Adjustment and Appeals**
- **Main Street Advisory Board** (Dec, 31<sup>st</sup>)
- **Historic Review Board**

For application forms and instructions visit:

<http://www.cityofpilotpoint.org>

Search the “City Government - Volunteer Opportunity” section or call Lisa Henderson @ **940-686-2165**.

## CITY OF PILOT POINT ANNOUNCES

facebook

FACEBOOK



TWITTER

In addition to our current Email Subscription list program, we are pleased to announce the addition to communication access to the City of Pilot Point through Facebook and Twitter. As a reminder, our Email Subscription Program may be accessed at E-News on our city web page. The use of additional communication techniques and tools within our community is one of the stated goals of the Pilot Point City Council and we believe these two new additions will help residents “stay connected” with City Hall and the City Council. For access or questions:

[www.cityofpilotpoint.org](http://www.cityofpilotpoint.org)  
or call 940-686-2165

### SOLID WASTE BULK & RECYCLING - F Y I

IESI Customer Service: **903-564-9252**  
IESI webpage: [www.iesinorthtexas.com](http://www.iesinorthtexas.com)

**BLUE carts – RECYCLING – every THURSDAY**

**GREEN carts – TRASH ONLY**

MONDAY – (Main Street and all areas North)

TUESDAY – (All areas South of Main Street)

**BULK SERVICE – 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAYS**

For bulk service guidelines - please call Customer Service @ **903-564-9252** or email [iesipilotpoint@iesi.com](mailto:iesipilotpoint@iesi.com) **24 hours in advance.**

Guidelines also available on the City of Pilot Point webpage under the “New Residents” section: [www.cityofpilotpoint.org](http://www.cityofpilotpoint.org)  
or call **940-686-2165**

### **\*Dec - Jan - Residential Service Schedule:**

Dec 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 – Recycling (citywide)  
Dec 5 and Dec 19 – Bulk Service (citywide)  
Dec 7, 14, 21, 28 – Solid Waste (city north half)  
Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – Solid Waste (city south half)  
Jan 7, 14, 21, 28 – Recycling (citywide)  
Jan 2 and Jan 16 – Bulk Service (citywide)  
Jan 4, 11, 18, 25 – Solid Waste (city north half)

Jan 5, 12, 19, 26 – Solid Waste (city south half)

\*Additional carts are available for just \$4.50 a month, plus tax – contact City Hall if you are interested in obtaining an extra cart.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

### DECEMBER 28th-(Monday)

**Pilot Point City Council Meeting – City Hall**  
Cancelled due to Holiday Season

### JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 (Friday)

**New Years Day – City Hall Closed**

### DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)

**Drawing on the Square - Downtown**  
Drawing at 4 pm; music at 8 pm

### JANUARY 11<sup>th</sup> (Monday)

**Pilot Point EDC Board Meeting – City Hall**  
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm  
**Pilot Point City Council Meeting – City Hall**  
Starts at 6:30 pm

### JANUARY 18<sup>th</sup> (Monday)

**Martin Luther King Day – City Hall Closed**

### JANUARY 21<sup>st</sup> (Thursday) @ 11:30 am

**Monthly Chamber Luncheon**  
Hot Grill Steakhouse – Hwy 377

### JANUARY 25<sup>th</sup> (Monday)

**Pilot Point City Council Meeting – City Hall**  
Starts at 6:30 pm

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pilot Point Band Boosters** - Help support your award-winning Pilot Point Bearcat Band. For information regarding their specific needs and scholarship funding: Contact Shannon Slater at **940-597-3533** or [shannon@dwslaterco.com](mailto:shannon@dwslaterco.com)

**Pilot Point Opera House Singers**  
Meets every Thursday at 7:00 pm for rehearsal.  
If interested in joining call **940-686-2454**.

**Pilot Point Opera House**  
**XCW Wrestling**  
Proceeds to benefit restoration of the Historic Opera House Building at 110 South Washington.  
Call **940-891-3283** for more information.

\*Non-Profit Organizations are encouraged to list their upcoming events in our Community Newsletter. Please call City Hall at **940-686-2165** or email [jchughes@cityofpilotpoint.org](mailto:jchughes@cityofpilotpoint.org) to list our community activities. Visit our website for updates!