

Community Easter Egg Hunt



The Kaufman Park and Recreation Board will host a community wide Easter egg hunt from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 15, 2008 at the Kaufman Sports Complex. Children 12 years and younger will be divided into four age groups to search for plastic eggs hidden through out the complex. Prizes will be offered according to age category. The Easter Bunny will be present so be sure to bring your camera. The Park Board's goal is to bring the citizens of Kaufman together and encourage community participation. Tim and Pam Thompson, members of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Athens, will assist the Board in preparing the hunt. For more information please call the City of Kaufman at 972-932-2216 Ext. 116 Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. ■

MEETING DATE CHANGED

The City Council has changed the regular monthly meeting night to the fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. effective March 2008. This will allow the Council to meet as needed for workshops prior to the regular meeting. All workshops and meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend. Meeting agendas are available on the City's website (www.kaufmantx.org) and posted on the front window at City Hall at least 72 hours before the meeting.

The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, March 24, 2008. ■

SERGEANT ED BLACK POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

The Kaufman Police Department (KPD) recognizes Sergeant Edward Black as the 2007 Officer of the Year. Sergeant Black was employed at KPD on March 1998. He has over 11 years of police experience to offer to the Kaufman community. Edward obtained his Advance Certification in 2005. He also has specialized training as a Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Practitioner and a Special

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Sergeant Edward Black was selected as 2007 Kaufman Police Officer of the Year and being congratulated by City Manager Curtis Snow.



SEWER RATES

Now is the time for residential customers to monitor their water usage. Residential sewer charges are based on the individual customer's average water consumption for the months of January, February, and March. New sewer rates based on this "winter average usage" goes into effect with the June utility billing cycle and remains in effect for twelve months. Saving a little water now will save you money on your sewer charges later.

SEWER IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULED

The Kaufman City Council awarded two sewer improvement bids Monday, February 11, 2008. The first project includes the total replacement and upgrade of two existing sewer lift stations at Alton Street and North Shannon Street. The other project is for the extension, repair and replacement of sanitary sewer lines, services and manholes. This area includes Lewis Drive from Adams Lane to an existing line by Borders Circle; North Clay Street extending along SH 243 to an existing manhole at Jefferson and SH 243; Alton Street from the existing lift station to the Old Railroad just south of SH 34; extension of sewer lines along the south side of US 175 East; extension of sewer lines along the north side of FM 1836 from Melody Circle to

Garage Sales

Garage Sale Season is rapidly approaching! Please remember that a permit is required for all garage sales. The permits can be obtained at no cost. Signs are not to be placed on public land, rights-of-way, or medians. Signs can be put out the evening before the sale starts, but need to be removed immediately after the sale is over.



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Mitchell Selected as Firefighter of the Year

Each year, the Kaufman Volunteer Fire Department selects a member as "Firefighter of the Year". The firefighter chosen goes above and beyond the call of duty. Though all firemen are an asset to the community, the firefighter of the year is a member that truly stands out and represents the highest standards of dedication.

Jason Mitchell was selected as the "2007 Firefighter of the Year" and was recognized at the Fire Department's annual awards banquet and Christmas dinner. He has served our community for eight years. We are truly fortunate to have him as part of our firefighting team. The City of Kaufman wishes to say "congratulations" and "thank you" to Jason for his devotion to our community.

DO I NEED A PERMIT?

With spring on the way, people start thinking of repairing their homes. Please keep in mind that a permit is required for any type of construction work including roofing, leveling homes, carports, swimming pools, fences, storage buildings, plumbing, electrical, mechanical work, and remodeling. Permits help safeguard the property owner by requiring that plumbing and electrical work be performed by a licensed professional. Permits also assist the property owner in meeting minimum building standards designed to protect against substandard work. The permitting process provides a record that your project was inspected should you decided to sell your home/business or have to file an insurance claim. It will help protect your financial investment and that of your neighbors.

Permits are not required for any type of decorative aspects such as painting, shutters, wall paper, carpeting and/or flooring.

If you are not sure if a permit is required, please call Joy Henderson at City Hall (972-932-2216) for assistance.

Ed Black cont.

Investigator. With over 1500 hours of training, Sergeant Black is a veteran in every sense of the word.

In his 10 years at KPD, Sergeant Black has been awarded "Officer of the Year" three times. No other officer has this distinction. The City of Kaufman would like to congratulate Sergeant Edward Black for being selected as the KPD 2007 Officer of the year. Your devotion and service to the community is appreciated.

CITY COUNCIL MAKES APPOINTMENTS

At the February City Council Meeting, citizen appointments were made to two volunteer boards. Four outgoing members of the Keep Kaufman Beautiful Board were reappointed and will serve for an additional two years. They are Lisa Parker, Elaine Marusak, Lydia Gardner, and Laura Harris. Parks and Recreation Board members also reappointed for an additional two years were Brian Nalls and Robert Williams. Information concerning these boards and other volunteer opportunities is available by calling City Hall at 972-932-2216.

STREET LIGHT OUTAGE REPORTING

Is there a streetlight in your neighborhood in need of repair? With more than 180,000 streetlights to maintain, TXU Electric Delivery appreciates your help finding lights that are malfunctioning or in need of repair. To report street light outages go to: <http://streetlights.txuelectricdelivery.com> or call TXU Electric Delivery at 1-888-313-4747.

Letter from the City Manager...

Change is a touchy thing, but inevitable. Chief Smith retired and Terry Capehart, Development Services Director, moved on for bigger challenges. They will be sorely missed. They brought something to the team and the community that was unique and difficult to replace.

Now the City has hired a new Development Services Director; Marcy Ratcliff. She brings over 12 years experience to the job, working in cities like Denton, Grapevine and Midlothian. She will be a great asset to us and I hope you welcome her to the community.

Next, we will hire a new Police Chief and I am sure he or she will be a great addition. Change is touchy but it is inevitable. We lose team members and we get new team members. All of them are here because they are committed to service or they wouldn't be hired. We are here to serve you.

Council meets fourth Monday

Planning Commission meets first Monday

Park Board meets third Thursday

KKB meets third Tuesday

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