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Sodaville Spring

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City Council Meeting
7:00 pm March 18, 2021

City Hall Hours
Mon. – Fri. 10 am – 3 pm

CITY UPDATE

During the last city council meeting, Judy Smith officially retired as the city administrator after over a decade of tireless service. Although Judy will be impossible to replace, I look forward to continuing on with her good work and serving the residents of Sodaville. We have some pressing issues coming up, but I am certain under the leadership of Mayor McAllen and the rest of your City Council, as well as with the diligent guidance of residents, we will meet all challenges.

Further, city hall operations will now be 10am-3pm, Monday – Friday. We are still abiding by the COVID-19 precautions – face masks, social distancing, capacity limit, etc. – but stop in if needed. Also, your Public Works Director will be retiring at the end of this month. If you see him out and about please thank him for his years of service. Again, I look forward to meeting all of you and immersing myself in the history and culture of Sodaville.

William Toombs
City Administrator

PUBLIC WORKS MESSAGE

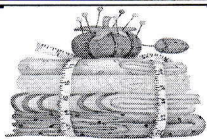
The City of Sodaville is currently looking at the possibility of replacing all current water meters with a radio read meter system. If this happens it will be possible to read all the water meters in the City in just a few minutes. The City will also be able to track water consumption and leaks through the system with just a push of a button. It will also help with customer complaints with a print out of water usage that can be shown to the customer and explain any issues during the month, day, or year of the complaint.

While I was working for the City of Turner in the early 2000's they went to the radio read system and it worked extremely well and enabled more work to be done on other items that needed to be completed.

The radio read system only reads customer leaks so the Public Works Department will still have to track water consumption daily to find leaks in the City's water mains.

The City of Sodaville is currently looking for my replacement since I am about to retire. It's been a great pleasure working for the City and its citizens for almost the last ten years. I have made a lot of friends here that I will miss. There have been some changes happen over the last ten years that I hope you will all enjoy. The new Park is used daily (weather permitting) by families bringing their kids to play. Several of the City's streets have been paved and made safer. It's my hope that progress continues on the City's infrastructure and making it a safe place to live. Thank You All!

Stan Smith, Public Works Director



Country Girl Quilting

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is located at 30785 Washington Street in Sodaville. "A safe, comfortable home where you can keep your dignity, respect and independence."

For information call: 541-570-1430

If you have any announcements, information or ads you wish to have published in the newsletter, please call before the 6th of the month and I will be happy to insert them! "The City of Sodaville is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

March (also known as Irish American Month) brings with it the promise of gardening and warm(er), sunny days, as Earth turns its frostbitten cheek to winter and springs forth from the vernal equinox. March also brings with it a calendar full of fun and interesting dates to remember, here's a few to get you started!

March 3 is National Anthem Day ... it was written by Francis Scott Key on September 14, 1814, during the Battle of Fort McHenry in the War of 1812. It was originally called "Defence of Fort McHenry". There were many patriotic songs but The Star Spangled Banner is one of them that struck at the heart of Americans, and gained popularity over the years. America did not have an official national anthem. It wasn't until over 100 years later, that The Star Spangled Banner became our national anthem. On March 3, 1931, President Herbert Hoover signed a congressional resolution officially making "The Star Spangled Banner" the national anthem of the United States of America. On this special day, proudly fly the USA flag at your home and place of business. Take this as an opportunity to sing the National Anthem, or listen to it being sung. And, look for chances to show your patriotism.

March 8 is International Women's Day... which celebrates the achievements of women and the progress made toward women's rights, but also brings attention to ongoing struggles for equality around the world.

March 14 is the start of Daylight Savings Time... which begins at 2:00 A.M. that day. Don't forget to "spring forward" and set the clocks one hour ahead, or you may find yourself an hour late to everything!

March 17 is St. Patrick's Day... we all know about green beer but did you know that Saint Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint of Ireland and its national apostle. Born in Roman Britain, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at the age of 16. He later escaped, but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people. In the centuries following Patrick's death (believed to have been on March 17, the year of 461), the mythology surrounding his life became ever more ingrained in the Irish culture. Perhaps the most well-known legend of Saint Patrick is that he explained the Holy Trinity (The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, the shamrock.

March 20 brings about the March Equinox... also called the vernal or spring equinox in the Northern Hemisphere, marking the beginning of spring. On this day, the Sun stands directly over Earth's equator.

March 29 is National Vietnam War Veterans Day... it honors the US military members who served during the Vietnam War from 1955 to 1975. During the Vietnam war, about 500,000 US troops were dispatched to Southeast Asia, about 58,000 of whom were killed. Vietnam War Veterans Day was first observed as a one-time occasion on March 29, 2012, when President Barack Obama issued a proclamation calling on "all Americans to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities." The day was then introduced as an annual event in 2017 when President Donald Trump signed the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017.

Did you know all that... uhhh, I definitely learned something new. Speaking of new, have you all met our new city administrator William Toombs?? He has been here a full month now, he's doing quite well. If you see him outside taking a break from the office, don't forget to honk and wave to welcome him here to the City of Sodaville!!

I would like to take a moment to wish my dear mother a very happy 70th birthday on the 26th of this month!! I also wish all of you celebrating March birthday's best wishes and continued good health. I hope everyone's day is filled with everything you love.

Ok my friends, until next month I will leave you with this: "May your troubles be less and your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door." Happy March Everyone!!

Mayor Lori McAllen



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Find out if you qualify for a **NO INTEREST/NO MONTHLY PAYMENTS HOME REPAIR LOAN**

- NO monthly payments
- NO interest 0% APR
- NO out of pocket fees

- You may qualify if:
- You are a **LOW** or **MODERATE** income homeowner
 - You live in Linn County (excluding the city of Albany)
 - You currently have **value/equity** in your home

Contact **YOUR** local nonprofit **Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services** at info@w-nhs.org or call (541) 752-7220 ext. 300
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Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services Home Repair Loans can be used for:

**Plumbing • Septic • Electrical • Furnace/Heating
Water Heater • Roofing/Siding • Doors/Windows
Well Drilling • Flooring • Walls • Painting
Energy Efficient Upgrades • Accessibility Improvements**

How does the Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services Home Repair loan work?

- NO interest is charged on the loan
- There are **NO** out of pocket fees
- There are **NO** monthly payments
- Loans have a 30-year term

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