

Mayor's Message

By Mayor Chris Riley

TOWN HALL MEETING

January 27, 2018

The 8th Annual Town Hall Meeting was held on Saturday, January 27th, 2018. The meeting was attended by citizens, city council and staff and was facilitated by UTSA professor, Dr. Francine Romero. Approximately 100 Leon Valley citizens turned out to express their views on the issues presented.

We began the meeting by summarizing what was discussed and achieved after the 2017 Town Hall: we passed a home rule charter, completed the city's Master Plan, and implemented a red light camera system primarily along Bandera Road. At the January, 2017 meeting, we also discussed use of the 1/8 cent sales tax for economic and community development projects, and the planned Hike and Bike trail route from Shadow Mist (Crystal Hills Park) under the bridge to the Huebner -Onion Homestead.

Following this review, presentations were made on the new solid waste contract, the City's On-It program and how it works (online or phone in to report code and other citizen concerns), and the benefits of Home Rule status.

Next, the citizens discussed and

voted on the following topics to give direction to council/staff on how to proceed.

Topic 1: 2018 Leon Valley Swimming Season. Raymond Diaz, Chairman of the Pool Advisory Committee, presented recommendations on management of the two city-owned pools at Forest Oaks and Peachtree/Poss. Last year, a private company, Sela Aquatics, operated the two pools. After hearing evidence, citizens were polled on whether they favored continuing with Sela (64% yes; 36% -no); and more food concession options (80% - yes; 20% - no). Increasing advertising and signage about the two city pools was also stressed to increase participation from the community and to support additional programs at the pools (91% - yes, 9% - no). It was recommended that in light of citizen comments, the Pool Advisory Committee revise their recommendations and bring them back to council for action.

Topic 2: Potential uses of the Peachtree/Poss vacant lot. In 2017, the Park Commission recommended and council approved the building of a pavilion at this site, adjacent to the city pool. Nearby residents then expressed their strong opposition. A De-



ember, 2017 workshop was held, and the consensus was to bring this issue to the town hall meeting. Choices presented at the town hall meeting, besides a pavilion, included remodeling the existing pool facility, beautification of the site, a community garden, and "Other". "Other" was rated highest at 49% when polled by the participants. Another recommendation was to accommodate food booths, bounce houses, and artwork, on holidays or other high-use times. The Park Commission will consider all the options and make recommendations to city council. The council will also consider in March whether to withdraw the option of putting a pavilion on the lot, due to citizen opposition to the pavilion.

Topic 3: Bandera Road Options. Representatives from UTSA Center for Urban and Regional

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Planning presented a "Visual and Economic Analysis of Alternatives for Bandera Road". They presented the idea of a "boulevard" as an alternative to an elevated roadway. (The latter is TXDOT's current long term proposal). The projected economic impact of an elevated roadway would create a significant reduction in property values according to the UTSA representatives. A visual citizen preference poll was taken and the results were: *Do Nothing (0%); Elevated freeway with two additional lands at ground level (7%); Boulevard/multi-modal access (88%); and None of the Above (5%)*. Some participants were concerned that the choices given were too restrictive and wanted more options. Others asked to develop a timeline for decision-making, and for more public meetings where this dialogue can continue. One of the recommendations was that the Mayor and City Manager continue to collaborate with TXDOT, the City of San Antonio, State Representative Justin Rodriguez' office, and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (on which I sit) to determine whether this boulevard option can work within the parameters of the corridor. UTSA's boulevard concept is a start, but engineering and funding must be obtained if this is the preferred way forward.

Our final topic: Updating the City's Strategic Goals from 2014.

The input from citizens on eight goals will be discussed at the Coffee with the Mayor and Council on Saturday, April 28, 2018, 9 – 11 a.m. at the Conference Center.

The complete Town Hall report from Dr. Romero can be found online at www.leonvalleytexas.gov. Thank you to all who participated, as well as council and staff's hard work in preparation of this annual event.

CELEBRATE SAN ANTONIO 300 – SAVE THE DATES!

Tricentennial Commemorative Week, May 1-6, 2018. The City of San Antonio and Bexar County are organizing to showcase our 300 year old culture through artistic, educational and entertaining events. On Friday, May 4th at dusk, an incredible fireworks show will take place along Mission Reach of the San Antonio River. On Saturday, May 5th, phase one of the restored San Pedro Creek will be unveiled and dedicated. For more information visit: sanantoni300.org or call (210) 207-2300.

The Tricentennial celebration continues in Leon Valley on **May 26, 2018** at the Huebner-Onion Homestead. An Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social, co-sponsored by the Leon Valley Historical Society and the City, will be held at the grounds from 10:00 am – 3:00 p.m.

This event is free to the public. Activities will include tours of the Homestead and Joseph Huebner gravesite, fun games and experiences for children, a stagecoach and demonstrations from re-enactors of what it was like on the property in the 1800's, and much more. For more information on our tricentennial activities, or if you would like to volunteer, please call the Historical Society at (210) 722-1732. Hope to see you there!

- Congratulations to the **Earth-wise Living Day Committee** for a successful 29th annual event, held on March 3, 2018. In spite of the Evers Road bridge closure (it should re-open to 4 lanes on or around June 17, 2018, weather permitting), we had a fabulous crowd wanting to learn more about sustainability. Special thanks to the committee members, staff liaison and volunteers for all the work put into the event. Interested in serving on this committee or other committees? Please call or email: (210) 618-2092 or mayorriley@leonvalleytexas.gov. Happy Spring!

Sincerely, Chris
Cell: (210) 618-2092

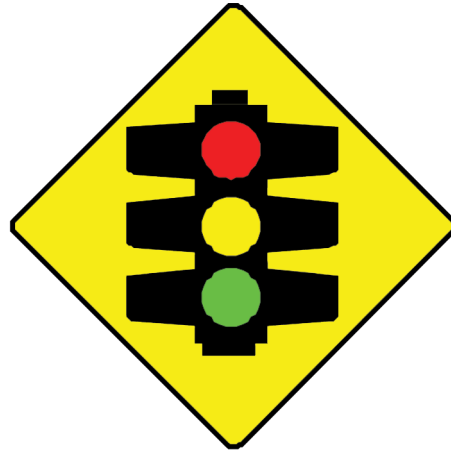


Leon Valley Photographic Traffic Control System

After much community input and citizen direction throughout 2017, the red-light cameras are up and running in Leon Valley. The warning citation period started on January 20th and the citations with fines attached began on February 21st.

The fine amounts are set by the Texas Legislature at \$75 per incident, and a \$25 late fee if not paid on time. Our staff continues to remain open and transparent with the community, giving a multitude of interviews and press releases on social media over the last few months. The reason is because it is important for everyone to know they are there so that improper driver behavior decreases and our goal of a safer commute through Leon Valley is met.

We want a safer Leon Valley for drivers, pedestrians, mass transit and bicyclists. These cameras are about changing poor driving habits that result in numerous accidents and injuries each day. Approximately 93% of vehicle accidents don't involve Leon Valley residents, meaning that resident's taxpayer dollars are going to pay for the poor driving habits of those outside of this community. Continually working traffic accidents along Bandera Road inhibits our ability to respond to citizen's complaints or focus on neighborhoods that need more frequent patrol. With that said, let's try and dispel some of the fear of red-light cameras:



- **If someone gets a citation in my car, do I have to pay the fine?**

No, but you will be required to provide an affidavit stating the name of the person who was driving.

- **If I sell the car, and someone gets a ticket, will have to pay the fine?**

No, but you will be required to provide documentation as to the sale of the vehicle.

- **Citations will be given if you just inch over the line at the intersection?**

No, we have established parameters as to what constitutes a violation and stopping just past the line is not a violation that a ticket will be issued for at this time.

- **If this is a civil fine, then I don't have to pay it, right?**

Not true either. If the driver doesn't pay the fee, they will be restricted from getting their license and registration.

- **For more frequently asked questions, please visit www.redlightcameras.com**

The goal of the City of Leon Valley with regards to red-light cameras is the safety of our residents and all persons who traverse the streets of Leon Valley. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and this community.

Winter Sewer Averaging for Leon Valley Water Customers

Sewer charges for residential customers are based on a winter sewer average. The average water consumption used during the winter months of November 15 - February 15 each year determines your monthly sewer charge for the next twelve months. The new winter average goes into effect on the March billing each year. Should you have a water leak during this period, you may request a Sewer Adjustment Form from the Utility Billing office. Forms must be received no later than May 1st for consideration.

May 05, 2018 General Election – Voting Calendar

Early Voting will be held at the Leon Valley Conference Center

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	April 23 rd 8 am – 6 pm	April 24 th 8 am – 6 pm	April 25 th 8 am – 6 pm	April 26 th 8 am – 6 pm	April 27 th 8 am – 6 pm	April 28 th 10am – 6 pm
April 29 th No voting	April 30 th 8 am – 8 pm	May 1 st 8 am – 8 pm	May 2 nd No voting	May 3 rd No voting	May 4 th No voting	May 5 th ELECTION DAY 7 am – 7 pm

*For a complete list of poll sites please visit Bexar County Elections Department at <http://elections.bexar.org/index.html>

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED IN LEON VALLEY TO VOTE IN THIS ELECTION

Please be reminded that April 5, 2018 is the last day for unregistered applicants to submit a federal postcard application.

You are welcome to contact the City Secretary (210) 684-1391 extension 216 for assistance with voter registration or any other questions you may have.

Voting by mail has been available to elderly voters and voters with physical disabilities in Texas for decades. **Applications for a ballot by mail must be submitted to the Bexar County Elections Department no earlier than 2 months before Election Day and no later than 9 days before.**

You may vote by mail if you are:

- Going to be away from your county on Election Day and during early voting
- Sick or disabled
- 65 years of age or older on Election Day
- Confined in jail, but eligible to vote

Please complete and return your application between 60 days and 9 days prior to the election for which a ballot is requested. Applications are available at City Hall or for further information, please call (210) 335-0362.

Bexar County Elections Department must receive your marked ballot by **7 p.m. on Election Day.**

CITY OF LEON VALLEY, TEXAS
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GENERAL ELECTION
ELECCIÓN GENERAL

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018
SÁBADO 5 DE MAYO DE 2018

OFFICIAL BALLOT
BOLETA OFICIAL DE VOTACIÓN

Mayor, Council Place No. 2 and Council Place No. 4
Para la oficina de la Alcaldesa, Lugar Nro. 2 en el Consejo,
Lugar Nro. 4 en el Consejo

Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name.

Vote por el candidato de su elección en cada contienda colocando una "X" en la casilla junto al nombre del candidato.

For Mayor

Para la oficina de la Alcaldesa

- Marianna Sanchez
- Chris Riley

For Council Place No. 2

Para el Lugar Nro. 2 en el Consejo

- Byron J. Woodworth
- Catherine R. Rodriguez

For Council Place No. 4

Para el Lugar Nro. 4 en el Consejo

- Tom Garza
- Oscar Valdez
- Benny Martinez



From the Office of the City Secretary...

The City of Leon Valley City Council adopted the following ordinances. To view these ordinances, go to the City's website at www.leonvalleytexas.gov, or you may obtain a copy from the City Secretary at s.pass@leonvalleytexas.gov. Thank you.

ORDINANCE No. 2017-75, an ordinance amending the City of Leon Valley Code Of Ordinances , Chapter 1, Article 1.06, §1.06.004 providing staggered terms for the Leon Valley Library Board of Trustees. *Adopted by City Council on December 19, 2017*

ORDINANCE No. 2018-1, an ordinance of the City of Leon Valley, Texas, authorizing the establishment and implementation of a program to charge mitigation rates for the deployment of emergency and non-emergency services by for the Leon Valley Fire Department; and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with Fire Recovery USA, LLC for billing and collection services. *Adopted by City Council on February 06, 2018*

ORDINANCE No. 2018-2, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 08.008 and the City of Leon Valley Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8 Offenses and Nuisances, Article 8.08 Junked Vehicles, Section 8.08.001 Definitions, Section 8.08.02 Declaration of Nuisance, 8.08.003 Abatement Order, and Section 8.08.004 Removal by City; Disposal of Removed Vehicles. *Adopted by City Council on February 06, 2018*

ORDINANCE No. 2018-3, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2017-19 Impound Lot Adopted May 16, 2017 and the City of Leon Valley Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12 Traffic and Vehicles, Article 12.06 Impound Lot, Section 12.06.002 Authority to Impound Vehicles, Section 12.06.004 Sale of Vehicle, Section 12.06.005 Release of Towed Vehicle, and Section 12.06.006 Auction Procedures for Vehicles Sold from Impound Lot. *Adopted by City Council on February 06, 2018*

ORDINANCE No. 2018-4, an ordinance amending the City of Leon Valley Code of Ordinances, Chapter 4, Business Regulations, adding Article 4.10, Fortune Teller Establishments; Amending Appendix A; Fee Schedule Article A17.000 Miscellaneous Fees, Section A17.005, Permitting Fee. *Adopted by City Council on February 06, 2018*

ORDINANCE No. 2018-5, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 04-007 Graffiti Adopted April 6, 2004 and the City of Leon Valley Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8 Offenses and Nuisances, Article 8.03 Graffiti, Section 08.03.074 Removal Required, 08.03.075 Notice to Remove, 08.03.076 Hearing, and 08.03.077 Abatement by City; Collection of City's Expenses. *Adopted by City Council on February 06, 2018*

ORDINANCE No. 2018-6, an ordinance amending the City of Leon Valley Code of Ordinances, Chapter 4, Business Regulations by adding Article 4.09, Massage Establishments, and adding to Appendix A; Fee Schedule Article A17.000 Miscellaneous Fees, Section A17.005, Permitting Fee. *Adopted by City Council on February 06, 2018*

ORDINANCE No. 2018-7, an ordinance amending the Leon Valley Code of Ordinances Chapter 14 Utilities, Article 14.02 Solid Waste, Division 2. Collection Section 14.02.036 Containers and Section 14.02.037 Placement of Waste for Collection to Update Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Standards. *Adopted by City Council on January 23, 2018*

ORDINANCE No. 2018-8, an ordinance amending the City of Leon Valley Comprehensive Master Plan. *Adopted by City Council on January 23, 2018*

ORDINANCE No. 2018-9, an ordinance of the City of Leon Valley City Council approving the City of Leon Valley Hike & Bike Trail Grading Plan and Trail Alignment. *Adopted by City Council on February 20, 2018*

ORDINANCE No. 2018-10, an ordinance declaring a public nuisance and issuing an order, in accordance with Article 3.12 Substandard Buildings of Chapter 3 Building Regulations of the City Code of Ordinances, for the Property Located at 6643 Grist Mill, Leon Valley, Texas. *Adopted by City Council on February 20, 2018*

ORDINANCE No. 2018-13, an ordinance of the City of Leon Valley City Council authorizing the continued closure of Evers Road during the majority of the construction of the Evers Road Multi-Culvert Crossing Project. *Adopted by City Council on February 20, 2018*

ORDINANCE No. 2018-17, an ordinance repealing and replacing the City of Leon Valley's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8 "Offenses And Nuisances" Article 8.02 "Minors", Division 2 "Curfew" to revise the times during which the curfew will be in effect. *Adopted by City Council on February 20, 2018*

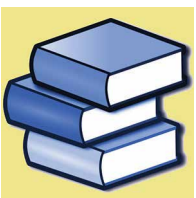


Updated Neighborhood Officer List

The below listed officers will be assigned to the listed neighborhoods, and should be contacted for any non-emergency issues or neighborhood meetings that should arise. These officers will work problems directly, or touch base with whoever has the expertise to resolve the issue. As you pass this information along to your neighbors, please be reminded that the officers might not be working the shift when you email an issue, might work overnight, or might have days off other than weekends. We separated the neighborhoods by shifts that we felt could best deal with the issues we are presently seeing in your neighborhood. Please be patient with the officer in allowing them enough time to respond to your non-emergency issue.

Bandera Pass	Andy Griego	a.griego@leonvalleytexas.gov
Canterfield	Jorge Breton	j.breton@leonvalleytexas.gov
Castle Estates	Carlos Carrillo	c.carrillo@leonvalleytexas.gov
El Verde	Ed Bell	e.bell@leonvalleytexas.gov
Forest Oaks	Jay Espinoza	j.espinoza@leonvalleytexas.gov
Forest Oaks Estates	Rick Guerra	r.guerra@leonvalleytexas.gov
Grass Valley	Chad Mandry	c.mandry@leonvalleytexas.gov
Hodges/Althea	Clarence Yarbrough	c.yarbrough@leonvalleytexas.gov
Leon Valley Ranches	Andy Griego	a.griego@leonvalleytexas.gov
Linkwood	Rigoberto Parra	r.parra@leonvalleytexas.gov
Monte Robles	Joe Baiza	j.baiza@leonvalleytexas.gov
Old Mill	Brandon Evans	b.evans@leonvalleytexas.gov
Pavona Place	Johnny Vasquez	j.vasquez@leonvalleytexas.gov
Seneca I/Estates	Rubie Flores	r.flores@leonvalleytexas.gov
Seneca II/West	Uziel Hernandez	u.hernandez@leonvalleytexas.gov
Shadow Mist	Ed Bell	e.bell@leonvalleytexas.gov
Sun Valley	Carlos Carrillo	c.carrillo@leonvalleytexas.gov
The Ridge at Leon Valley	Joann Azar	j.azar@leonvalleytexas.gov

Lines from the Library



Have you been in the library lately? Though the road is closed to through traffic, WE ARE STILL OPEN! Come on by and check out the new signage outside the library, especially the rooftop signage outside the children's wing. Can't miss us now!

We've been busy expanding our Spanish Language collection to include offerings for children of all ages. We would love suggestions of books to add, so please help us spread the word! The collection now includes fiction and nonfiction for adults and young adults, as well as fiction, non-fiction, and graphic novels for children of all ages.

Summer reading is on its way, this year's theme being LIBRARIES ROCK! If you or someone you know has a talent they'd like to share, we would love to chat with you about programming. It could be anything from a presentation to hands on craft or interactive programs. We already have some of our programming lined up; plan NOW to attend our annual summer reading program activities! We will have reading programs for all ages to encourage reading. Hope you plan on joining us!

Come CHECK US OUT, your Leon Valley Public Library.



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CITY MEETINGS

All meetings at City Hall unless otherwise specified.

City Council

1st & 3rd Tuesday - 6:00 p.m.

Board Of Adjustment

Meets as required

Citizens Police Advisory Committee

3rd Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.

Coffee with the Mayor

Quarterly, 4th Saturday - 9 -11 a.m.

Community Events Committee

Meets as needed

Earthwise Living Committee

2nd Wednesday -
5:30 p.m. Public Works

Economic and Community

Development Advisory Committee

Meets as needed

Library Board

2nd Tuesday - 5:30 p.m. - Library

Park Commission

2nd Thursday - 7:00 p.m. -
Conference Center

Stormwater Committee

Quarterly, 1st Monday - 7:00 p.m. -
Public Works

Tree Advisory Board

2nd Monday - 6:00 p.m.

Zoning Commission

4th Tuesday - 6:30 p.m.

Beautification Committee

3rd Wednesday - 4:15 p.m. Fire
Department

CITY NUMBERS

Keep these numbers handy

**Emergency Number for POLICE,
FIRE and EMS** 911

City Web Site Address

www.leonvalleytexas.gov

City Hall 684-1391
**Animal Control &
Code Compliance** 251-1797
Non-Emergency 684-8897
Fire 684-3219
Police 684-3215
CAT 684-ONIT (6648)
Human Resources 684-1391
**Dead Animal
Pickup** (210) 333-4287
Public Works 681-1232
Library 684-0720
Tiger Sanitation (210) 333-4287
**Community Center
Rental** 684-1391 ext. 231
Senior Citizen's Club 522-9966

City Hall, non-emergency Police and Fire operations may be contacted at the above numbers Monday - Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed weekends and holidays.

Public Works Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.