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I, Benny Martinez, am honored to write this message due to Mayor Riley's running for reelection in May. A lot has happened in the years I have been on City Council. I got involved in city politics during Mayor Meffert community development program. She had a several week training on Saturday having each department inform us what they do. This was followed up with a bus ride showing the different neighborhoods. Did you know Leon Valley has a cemetery? Did you know we have a grave site in the natural area? I was active in opposing a 16-foot Hike & Bike trail through the middle of our Natural Area. Next summer we will start construction of phase2 of the Hike & bike trail. The trail will follow the power lines behind the houses on the edge of the natural area. I believe this will be a much better solution.

Leon Valley Birthday

The City of Leon Valley was

"Happy Birthday to My Favorite City"

Benny Martinez

Leon Valley City Council - Place 1

incorporated on March 31, 1952, when the local residents became aware that the City of San Antonio was preparing to annex the area. We beat San Antonio from annexing Leon Valley by 30 minutes.

Leon Valley will be 72 years Old.

<u>Update on</u> <u>Hike & Bile Trail - Phase 2</u>

There have been several delays in getting the hike & bike trail from Bandera to Evers.

The trail will start at the Huebner bridge on Bandera and continue down the electrical easement behind the houses then meet up with the walking trail in the park and continue to Evers. Hopefully, in the future, the city of San Antonio will continue the Hike & Bile trail across Evers and continue to the medical center.

Construction is to begin sometime in the summer of 2025.

Economic Development

Leon Valley is grateful to have Roque Salinas as our Director of Economic Development. He has been very aggressive in bringing new business to Leon Valley.

The City of Leon Valley and Workforce Solutions Alamo is thrilled to announce our upcoming Job Fair, happening at the Leon Valley Conference Center located at 6427 Evers Road, on April 23, 2024, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

If you are an employer or know of one who wants to participate, feel free to complete the form online.

https://www.leonvalleytexas. gov/economicdevelopment/page/ job-fair

Swimming Pool

City Council has voted to close the Community pool this summer and only open the Forest Oaks pool.

At the March 5th City Council meeting the council considered increasing the non-resident adult season pass from \$60.00 to 100.00. and non-resident child season pass from \$40.00 to \$60.00. Also, council considered increasing the non-residential family rate to \$400.00. These changes will be finalized during the March.

Upcoming events

Coffee with the Mayor & City Council, Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, at the Leon Valley Conference Center.

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM, at the Leon Valley Fire Department.

This event is only for Leon Valley residents - address verification required.

City Election - Election Day, Saturday May 04, 2024, polls open from 7:00AM to 7:00 PM.

Annual City-Wide Garage Sale, Saturday, May 25, 2024, from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM





LEON VALLEY COMMUNIT **JOB FAIR**







Join us for a day of job opportunities and career growth as we connect job seekers with top employers in the area.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM **6427 Evers Road** Leon Valley, TX 78238





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Swimming Pool - 2024 Schedule

Open Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend

The city will only be operating the Forest Oaks Community Pool this coming season. The Leon Valley Forest Oaks Pool facility is located at 6620 Evers Rd. (entrance on Forest Grove).

The city has advertised Requests for Proposals for pool management companies, so the schedule is tentative as of February of 2023. Other changes include increasing the fees for non-Leon Valley residents.

Forest Oaks Pool - 6620 Evers Rd.

HOURS:

Monday – 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday – 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday - Closed

Thursday – 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Friday – 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday – 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday – 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Season passes are not available at this time, but will be as of May 1^{st.}

Pool passes may be purchased at the pool or online. You can also stop by City Hall located at 6400 El Verde Rd. and purchase your passes anytime from the self-service computer kiosk located in the lobby foyer.





DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!

If you are new to the City of Leon Valley..... Welcome!

Whether you have moved from a neighboring city or from another state, you must be a registered voter in the City of Leon Valley (Precinct Numbers 2061, 2112, 2143, 3002 and 3003) in order to vote in the City of Leon Valley's May 04, 2024 General Election.

The deadline to register is Thursday, April 04, 2024.

It is very easy to register.

All you need to do is go to the Bexar County Elections Department's website at http://www.bexar.org/1702/Register-to-Vote or stop by the city secretary's office (210-684-1391 ext. 216) and we will be happy to assist you.



Household Hazardous Waste Event

Recycle Responsibly



Sponsored by:

San Antonio River Authority

Saturday, April 27 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Leon Valley Fire Station 6300 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, TX 78238

This event is FREE and open only to Leon Valley residents.

- Proof of Leon Valley residency is required.
- No commercial vehicles are allowed.
- Designated staff will unload waste from vehicles.
- Containers may not be returned.

Acceptable Items

- Auto waste Anti-Freeze, motor/gear oils
- Batteries Lead-Acid, Alkaline, NICAD
- Cleaners Water Based, Ammonia Based, Packed Cleaners, Loosepack
- Corrosives Liquid, Solid
- Flammables Liquid, Solids
- Lights Fluorescent, Ballasts
- Oxidizers
- Paint
- Pesticides
- Electronics
- Toxic Liquids/Solids/Aerosols

🚫 Restricted Items

- Tires
- Ammunition
- Explosives
- Radioactive Materials
- Business Waste
- Biohazardous Waste
- Pharmaceutical Waste

Services provided by:



For more information, please contact the Community Relations Director at 210-684-1391 x228.

Park Etiquette - Please Do Your Part!

Leon Valley's Raymond Rimkus Park is the place to be on the weekend, especially in the spring and summer months. There is a bustle of activities including soccer, softball, volleyball, barbeques in the pavilions, children playing on the playground and much more. The new neighborhood parks also have a lot of amenities for residents to enjoy.

As everyone is enjoying our parks, it is important to remember to be respectful of others and not block the walking paths with shade structures, chairs, coolers, bikes, vehicles, or other miscellaneous items.

Additionally, all pets must be kept on a leash at all times while visiting the parks and pet waste must be removed and disposed of properly. One of the most common complaints we receive is about dog owners not picking up after their pets. Dog waste stations have been installed at most locations for your convenience. Dogs are not allowed in the Huebner-Onion Natural Area Park, as they can and do disturb the deer and other wildlife. Also not allowed in the Huebner-Onion Natural Area Park is smoking of any kind. The natural environment in the park can easily catch fire, as the grass becomes dry and flammable during the heat of summer and in the winter when the grass and other vegetation is dead.

Finally, please remember to be good stewards of the environment/park and pick up after your-self and others if necessary. Recycle your plastic water bottles and soda cans and throw away any non-recyclable trash.

For more park information, please visit our website at www.leonvalleytexas.gov.



The City of Leon Valley has Openings on the Following Committees:

Board of Adjustments

Citizens Police Advisory Committee

Economic & Community Development Advisory Committee

Library Advisory Board

Park Commission

Planning & Zoning Commission

If you are willing to share your time and talents with your community, we would be interested in hearing from you.

Committees help execute the mission and vision of the City. Whether you have an abundance of time or a little time to offer, we have a spot for you!

If you want to know more about a specific committee like when they meet, what they do, what vacancies do they have ... contact the city secretary at 210-684-1391 extension 216.

Applications are available on the City's Website

Applications may be e-mailed to s.pass@leonvalleytexas.gov or dropped off or mailed to 6400 EI Verde Road, Leon Valley, TX 78238.

All applications will be submitted to City Council for appointment consideration which will be held on June 04, 2024.



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CITY MEETINGS

All meetings at City Hall unless otherwise specified. All meetings subject to change due to Covid-19

City Council

1st & 3rd Tuesday - 6:30 p.m.

Board Of Adjustment

Meets as required

Citizens Police Advisory Committee

Quarterly, 3rd Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.

Coffee with the Mayor

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

Earthwise Living Committee

2nd Wednesday -5:30 p.m. City Hall

Economic and Community Development Advisory Committee

Meets as needed

Library Board

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

Park Commission

2nd Thursday - 6:30 p.m. -

Conference Center

Planning & Zoning Commission 4th Tuesday - 6:30 p.m.

CITY NUMBERS

Keep these numbers handy

Emergency Number for POLICE, FIRE and EMS 911 **City Web Site Address**

www.leonvalleytexas.gov

210-684-1391

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City Hall

Animal Control &

Code Compliance 210-684-6557 **Non-Emergency** 210-684-8897

210-684-3219 Fire 210-684-3215 **Police**

Dead Animal

Human Resources

210-684-6557 **Pickup Public Works** 210-681-1232 Library 210-684-0720

Tiger Sanitation 210 333-4287

Community Center

Rental 210-684-1391 ext. 228

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.

