

LETTER TO LEON VALLEY CITIZENS

From Mayor Chris Riley

January 12, 2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Just a reminder of some upcoming city council meetings - we need citizen participation to help determine the direction of the City!

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16 – CITY COUNCIL MEETING beginning at 6 pm due to an executive session at the end of the meeting (annual evaluation of City Manager Caldera and an update on a settlement of a lawsuit).

There are two important discussion items:

1. The Council will review proposals for renovation of the Forest Oaks Community Pool. At the end of 2023, after analyzing the cost of maintaining and running two pools, Council directed the city manager to bring back proposals on renovating only the Forest Oaks pool. The Council has decided to permanently close the Community Pool at Poss and Evers.
2. Discussion and direction to staff on whether to go forward with the city engineers' proposal to reduce potential flooding from Huebner Creek to protect several residential properties. In November the plan was presented to divert Huebner Creek at the Little League area into the Natural Area Park, removing over 400 trees. The Council took a field trip to the Natural Area Park see the impact of this plan in December. Options will be discussed at Tuesday's meeting.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH , 2024 - 14TH ANNUAL TOWN HALL MEETING – 8:30 a.m. at the Leon Valley Conference Center.

Citizens should have received a postcard during the Christmas holidays inviting you to this annual meeting. The agenda was finalized by council with citizen input. Besides the city manager annual update, there will be four presentations, ending with Citizens to Be Heard;

1. Presentation on the Bandera Road Redevelopment progress;

2. Presentation on a Solid Waste survey and participant responses;
3. Update on Law Enforcement from the Leon Valley Police Department;
4. Presentation and discussion on development of approximately 21 acres of city owned property (William Rancher area off of Seneca and Grass Valley);

A light breakfast will be served and this meeting will be live streamed and recorded on Facebook.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024 – DISCUSSION AND UPDATE OF CITY’S MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT – 9 a.m. at the Leon Valley City Hall. More information will be forthcoming.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

March 5th – Primary elections in the Republican and Democratic parties. Deadline to register to vote in the primary of your choice is February 5th . Applications for a mail in ballot can be requested now, but must be submitted to the elections department by February 23, 2024. Visit www.bexarcounyelections.gov or call (210) 335-2011. Your vote counts.

Special commendation to our Public Works Department for their hard work and efforts in containing a huge grease spill on January 2, 2024 at Bandera Road and 410. They coordinated with TXDOT and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to clean up the mess. Bandera Road was closed during cleanup. One of the pillars of the flyover was damaged in the truck accident, but the integrity of the structure was deemed sound.

Please stay warm and keep safe this weekend with a hard freeze with light precipitation due on Monday, January 15th through January 17th.

Sincerely, Chris
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