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Greetings Pantego!

As I enter the home stretch of serving as an elected official, I want to thank you all for the great honor and opportunity to serve you these past nine years first as a Councilmember, and then as your Mayor since 2010. Serving as Mayor is very personal in that it's first and foremost a privilege, and the responsibilities are not abstract, but rather direct and specific. Each voice and opinion is important and critical to success.

I've had the opportunity to hear from you - your letters, emails, phone calls, at Council meetings and community events, in the grocery store, or walking down the street or through the park. Over the years, I've gotten to know your joys and appreciation for living in a community such as ours, as well as your well-founded concerns relating to countless issues from how our tax dollars are spent to health and safety, maintenance of our park system, streets, and infrastructure, how we approach economic development, and various policies and procedures established through ordinance.

Together, with Council and Staff, we have strived to be thoughtful and intentional in our actions to safeguard our financial stability, maintain a safe environment, and provide the highest quality of services to one and all by a top-notch staff of well-educated professionals. I've also had the honor of working with a tremendous group of volunteers who routinely go above and beyond to ensure our community is well served throughout the year and our lives are enriched. I'd like to encourage everyone to volunteer, whether as a board member or for an individual event, as so much of what we do relies on volunteers. I applaud and appreciate each of you who have taken the time to serve - Thank You!

I want to recognize and thank our students for their participation in Pantego's Youth Leadership Council. PYLC was created to engage and mentor our leaders of tomorrow, and teach them about local government and serving the community. Their willingness to learn and ability to grasp ideas and principles beyond their years has been impressive, and witnessing their growth in leadership has been extraordinary.

There's great pride in living in Pantego, and there's tremendous honor in serving as a volunteer and elected official. It has been a pleasure, and my greatest honor and privilege to serve as your Mayor.

Best regards -- Melody Paradise, Mayor

Elections Are Coming Soon!

The 2017 Pantego Municipal Election will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017 in the Council Chamber at Town Hall and will be for Mayor and Council Places 4 and 5. The election applications have been submitted and are as follows: Mayor: Doug Davis; Council Place 4: Russell Brewster; Council Place 5: Charlie Price and Don Surratt. Also on the ballot will be a measure to re-authorize the street maintenance sales tax. Should you have any questions please call the City Secretary at 817-617-3700.



The Town has begun trapping mosquitoes for testing. There have been no results returned as of this printing. The Town will once again begin spraying on the 4th Thursday evening of every month. This first one is scheduled for Thursday, April 27th between 9:30 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. It is recommended that residents and pets remain indoors.



It's Movie Time!!! **May 13th, 2017** is the date for the first Movie Night of the season. Come out and enjoy the evening with your family and friends. Bring your dog! Bring a blanket or chairs! There will be popcorn and drinks provided by the Lion's Club. The show begins at dusk. See you there!!



Upcoming Meetings: Town Hall will be closed Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

Planning & Zoning Board: May 1st

Community Relations Board: May 2nd

Town Council: May 8th & 22nd

Economic Development: May 10th & 24th

Youth Leadership Council: May 16th

Did you know?

The Blackboard Emergency Notification System, which notifies residents via phone, text or e-mail, has been updated. [Please visit our website to confirm and update your information.](#)



PCA Gives Back!!! On Wednesday, April 5th approximately 80 students, parents and staff members from Pantego Christian Academy converged on Bicentennial Park and Town Hall to help with numerous projects. They put out sand, gravel and mulch, trimmed trees, repainted handicap entrances and the brick patio, cleaned the Gazebo, replaced and repaired a wooden fence, removed exposed rocks and the list goes on. The Town would like to thank them all for the dedication and leadership shown at this annual event.



Memorial Day Essay Contest

The Community Relations Board is sponsoring a essay writing contest for all 7th & 8th grade students. The topic is "Why Is Memorial Day Important to Our Country Now? Essays must be typed in 12 font Times New Roman, be double spaced and be 1 to 1-1/2 pages in length. Submit your essay to Town Hall between 8am and 5pm, Monday through Friday or drop it in the night drop box in the Town Hall parking lot. The deadline is Monday, May 1st. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be notified by May 15th and will receive a monetary award. They will also be asked to read their essay at the Memorial Day event on May 29th.

The Community Relations Board would like to thank all who volunteered at the Easter Event on April 15th. There were volunteers from PYLC, Crossroads Church, Councilmember Fred Adair and Mayor Pro-Tem Don Surratt. *Petco* also attended and handed out candy and coupons. Additionally, *Hank & Ellie's* (on Park Row) graciously helped out with the prizes. And, of course our very own Pantego Fire, Police and Public Works Departments were on hand. A special thanks goes to the lovely residents at the *Waterford at Pantego* for stuffing 2400 plastic eggs for the egg hunt. They are truly amazing!

The Town Council, Planning and Zoning Commission, and staff have conducted a complete revision of the Zoning Code (Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances). The revised Code can be found on the Town's website. Prior to adoption, the Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on May 1, 2017 and the Town Council's public hearing will be May 8, 2017. Comments from residents, business owners, and other interested parties are critical to this process. Please either attend these meetings, or submit them by e-mail or in writing to the City Secretary, so that your opinion may be heard.

