

Town of Pantego

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The Community Relations Board would like to invite everyone to Bicentennial Park on Saturday, July 15th at dusk to enjoy the heartfelt story of *Finding Nemo*. This is a great way to spend some quality time with family and friends. There will be popcorn and drinks from the Lions Club and lemonade from Alex's Lemonade Stand which is a non-profit organization for children's cancer. Check out their website at



Alexslemonade.org

Rate Increases



Atmos Energy will soon be implementing a rate increase for customers across their system. For customers within a municipality, the local government can negotiate on behalf of the rate payers. As such, the Town of Pantego joined many other cities across the region in a group called the Atmos Cities Steering Committee in an effort to negotiate a lower rate. The Steering Committee recently negotiated the rate increase down more than sixteen percent (16%) from what was originally requested. A failure to reach an agreement would have required both parties to argue their positions to the Texas Railroad Commission, and rely upon them for a final determination. The increase was approved at the Town Council Meeting on June 12, 2017. The percentage of increase and the approximate monthly rate increase per customer are as follows:

Typical Residential Customer: 3.87% or \$2.04 Typical Commercial Customer : 2.37% or \$6.27



Electrical rates are dealt with in a similar manner. The Town has suspended the 7.5% rate increase recently submitted by Oncor in order to give the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor time to review the increase request. Further action to reject the request will be considered at the June 26th Town Council meeting. The next step will be for the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor to attempt to negotiate a settlement. However, the municipalities are not the last word. Oncor may appeal to the Texas Public Utility Commission if such an agreement cannot be reached.



A 2.24% increase for the Commercial, Industrial and Residential rates of solid waste collection and disposal for the Town of Pantego will be effective July 1, 2017. This increase is due to an increase in the Consumer Price index and is in accordance with the terms of the agreement between Republic Services and the Town of Pantego.

Residential:	Trash	Recycle	Total Rate
Current:	\$7.85	\$2.21	\$10.06
New:	\$8.03	\$2.26	\$10.29
Increase Amount:	\$.18	\$.05	\$.23

Commercial:	Hand Trash
Current:	\$12.82
New:	\$13.11
Increase Amount:	\$.29

Commercial: Container pick up will vary by size and frequency of pick up.

Upcoming Meetings: Town Hall will be closed Tuesday, July 4th to celebrate Independence Day

Town Council: Regular Sessions: July 10th & 24th
Budget Sessions: July 17th & 31st
Economic Development: July 12th & 26th

Did you know?

The Town will be participating the Arlington 4th of July Parade! Come out and support our Fire and Police Departments as well as our Mayor and Town Council. It begins at Mitchell & Pecan Streets at 9:00 a.m.

Mosquito Spraying

The next scheduled spraying will be **Thursday, July 27th at 9:30 p.m.**

The treatment will take approximately 2 hours and will be applied throughout the Town. It is recommended that residents stay inside during this time frame.

Mosquito Trapping

In cooperation with Tarrant County Health Department, Town staff has been setting mosquito traps since the first week in April. Tarrant County has tested a total of 1607 mosquitoes; three (3) of which tested positive in Pantego. One (1) human case of West Nile Virus has been reported in Tarrant County.

Mosquito Control

Take a personal stake in the process! Help prevent the breeding of mosquitoes by ensuring that the areas on your property have no standing water. Check your buckets, flower pots, trash containers, or other likely collection areas and dump them out on a regular basis. When going outside, especially from dusk to dawn, wear clothes that cover as much of your skin as possible and use insect repellent.

Mosquito dunks (one package per resident) are available at Town Hall to treat standing/stagnant water that cannot be emptied (i.e. ponds, fountains, etc.)



The Town Council approved Ordinance 17-798 on January 9th which changed the requirements for parking motor homes, campers, boats and trailers in residential areas. This ordinance replaces the previous version, which was enacted in 2011, and required that such vehicles be parked where they are not visible from the street. That ordinance had been suspended while the Council worked to resolve concerns about its implementation.

The new ordinance allows for the parking of motor homes, campers, boats and trailers on the side or rear of a home, including on a driveway, where they may be visible from the street. They are still prohibited from parking on a driveway in front of the home. It also requires that they be parked on an all weather surface, and not be closer than five (5) feet from the property line. The ordinance does allow such vehicles to be parked in the driveway for periods of less than seventy-two (72) hours for loading and unloading purposes. Another feature is that homeowners may apply for an exclusion if the configuration of your home does not allow for you to park your vehicle on the side or rear yards. Homeowners have until July 9th to apply. This exclusion applies for the duration of the time that you own/reside in your home.

For more information regarding the implementation of this ordinance, please do not hesitate to contact
Town Hall at (817) 617-3700.

