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Vacation Watch Program

As travel plans increase during the holiday season, don't forget the Pantego Police Department offers a Vacation Watch program free to residents. This program allows residents to feel confident in knowing their home is being monitored by a Pantego Police Officer. Upon return, the officer issues the resident a report detailing any unknown vehicles at the home and when officers stopped by. Visit: www.townofpantego.com/programs to fill out the form online and the Vacation Watch request will be sent directly to the Pantego Police Department.



I'm a
**CLEAN WATER
ACTION HERO**

As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and can transport these pollutants to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water. By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants like fertilizers, pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, litter and automotive fluids off the ground

and out of stormwater and be a **CLEAN WATER ACTION HERO!**

The Public Safety Department hosted its second Block Party on October 7, 2014 on Whispering Trail. There was a great turn out of residents, over 50 people. The next Block Party will be in the Spring of 2015. Watch the newsletter for details.

The Town Council will review and discuss the new zoning ordinance on 10/28, 11/11 and 11/25. These meetings will start at 6:30pm and are open to the public.

Save the Date: Candy Train & Christmas Tree Lighting!

Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 29th at Bicentennial Park from 3pm-8pm. The Candy Train will wind through town starting at 3pm & Lighting of the Tree around 6:30pm at Bicentennial Park. Santa will be available for pictures. Please bring an unwrapped toy to donate to Cook's Children's Hospital. Toy donations will be accepted along the Candy Train route, at Bicentennial Park, & the Fire Department. Don't forget to bring your camera!



Upcoming Meetings:

(Check website for times, locations & agendas)

Planning & Zoning Board—November 3rd
Community Relations Board—November 4th
Town Council—November 10th & 24th
Economic Development Corp—November 12th & 26th
Pantego Youth Leadership Council—November 18th

The Pantego Fire Department is developing a list of people within the Town that may require additional assistance in the event of an emergency, such as an electrical power outage. A form will be sent out requesting this information. Please fill this form out and return to the Town.

Town Hall offices will be closed for Thanksgiving, November 27th & 28th. From all of us here at Pantego, have a safe & happy Thanksgiving!



Blackboard Connect is a free service to residents utilized by the Town of Pantego that allows authorized Pantego staff to create and rapidly disseminate time-sensitive or emergency information to every telephone number and email stored in the notification database. Your information will never be sold or used for any other purpose.

How does the service work? Authorized officials compose and record a message that is then delivered to individuals via their telephones, cell phones, text-receiving devices or emails within the notification database.



What types of messages will be sent using the service? Any message regarding the safety or welfare of our community. Examples include severe weather warnings and updates, hazardous traffic or road conditions inside the town, or affecting local routes, and any other situation that could impact the safety, property, or welfare of our citizens.

Does the Blackboard Connect service replace other systems that have been used to provide time sensitive information

to residents? This system is a significant enhancement to existing means of communication and is supplemental to, not a replacement for, the systems we have used in the past. Also, our town web site and Facebook account will continue to broadcast important announcements. For more information and to sign up, please visit:

www.townofpantego.com/blackboardconnect

Budget & Tax Rate

The Town Council passed the Budget on September 22, 2014 and the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 on September 8, 2014. The Town Council also passed ordinances on Vendors and Solicitors outlining new regulations, Animal Control to match the contract with Fort Worth, a Special Use Permit for the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption at Dr. Jeckyll's Beer Lab, a Special Use Permit for Annie's Freeze to remain in her location, and a Budget Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget. The information for all the ordinances is located on the Town's website.

