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Pantego enjoys a long-standing relationship with the City of Arlington



Since March 6, 1990, Arlington and Pantego have had an Automatic Aid Agreement covering Fire/Emergency Medical Services. Under the Automatic Aid Agreement, both communities support one another when the need or timeliness of services dictates the response of the other jurisdiction. Pantego is integrated into Arlington's 911 dispatch system and on-scene operational procedures. Depending upon availability of resources, either city may be automatically dispatched to assist a resident regardless of the city in which they live. That is in contrast to mutual aid agreements that require an official request before emergency response assistance can be sent to the city in need.

Pantego's citizens benefit from this long-standing relationship by enjoying an average response time of less than 3 minutes and the resources of a much larger city should the need arise. The Town benefits in many significant ways, including our ISO rating, securing grant resources that may otherwise be unavailable, and on-the-job training for firefighters that assists in recruitment and retention of quality staff members.

Town Council approves a water infrastructure rate increase

At the January 9th Town Council meeting, a proposal was presented to Council requesting an increase in water rates to pay for 19 infrastructure projects, totaling more than \$4.35 million over the next 20 years. The Citizens Ad-Hoc Water Committee was formed several years ago to identify the infrastructure improvement needed as was used as the basis for the proposal submitted to Council. The residents were given an opportunity to speak on the subject during the Public Hearing.

The Council voted and approved the First Reading on January 23rd and approved the Second and Final Reading on February 13th. The new rate will take effect on March 1st and will be reflected in your April bill. The proposed increase for accounts using an average of 8,000 gallons of water or less per month is \$18.25, \$24.25 for accounts using between 8,001-24,000 gallons, \$36.25 for accounts using 24,001-40,000 gallons and \$48.25 for accounts using more than 40,001 gallons on average. To help offset this increase and more accurately charge customers for sewer service, the Town will also incorporate winter averaging for all residential accounts which will reduce sewer charges on an average of \$4.85.



To obtain a better estimation of how this will effect your bill, please contact Town Hall at 817-274-1381.

Pantego Electronic Recycling Event

On Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 8 am-1 pm at Town Hall, the Town of Pantego will be offering a free event to residents to drop off any unwanted or obsolete electronics for safe recycling. DFW Reclaimers is a company specializing in recycling electronic equipment safely and legally. They take the electronics they collect back to their facility where the equipment is dismantled and recycled on-site for the purposes of e-waste recycling per E.P.A government guidelines and in the manner authorized by the laws governing the State of Texas for the Disposal of Electronic Waste and/or other applicable laws and regulations. Services included in this process are the complete destruction of all hard drives whether requested or not. The company utilizes the degaussing process on hard drives which meets the government compliance standards for HIPAA, GLBA (Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act), Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard, NIST Guidelines for Media Sanitation, and PIPEDA (Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act).

The Town is pleased to be able to offer its citizens this service at no cost with the exception of television sets. Their fee for this is \$1.00 per inch, so a 19 inch television would be \$19.00 to recycle.

Items Accepted

- Computers • Telecommunication Equipment • Laptops • Wiring/Cabling/Peripherals • Servers • Medical Electronic Equipment • Storage Cabinets • Batteries (Includes household, vehicle, laptop, and UPS) • Network Cabinets • Cell Phones • Scanners • Video Game Consoles • CRT and LCD Monitors • Audio/Visual Equipment • Power Supplies and UPS

Texas Warrant Round Up



The Town of Pantego is joining with other North Texas law enforcement agencies in the 6th Annual Great

Texas Warrant Roundup that begins February 25, 2012 and runs through March 3, 2012. Although, Pantego Police Officers serve warrants year-round, this statewide effort allows individuals to come in voluntarily to take care of overdue tickets before someone comes knocking at their door.

Please contact the Warrant Division at 817-548-4631 or 817-548-4630 to take care of any warrants and avoid public arrest.

Gateway Arch Celebration

On Saturday, March 3rd, the Town of Pantego will celebrate the completion of the Gateway Arch on Park Row Drive. Mayor Paradise and Town Council, Pantego Economic Development Corporation Directors and Town staff will be at Braum's starting at 8:00 to commemorate the project. Pictures of the event will be taken at 9 a.m. by Southern Flair Photography.

Braum's will be offering a free coffee from 8:00-10:00 a.m. as well as a free single scoop of ice cream with any combo purchase from 10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. to celebrate the Gateway Arch.

Bring your family to Braum's on Saturday, March 3rd as the Town of Pantego celebrates this momentous occasion!

