

SEPTEMBER 2017

Mayor's Minute

There are many charitable organizations in Hondo that provide vital and needed services to our citizens. You should be proud that your City Council monetarily supports many of these organizations. At a recent Council Budget Workshop, ten of these non-profit entities presented their performance summaries to the council

from Medina, Uvalde and Frio counties.

Hondo Garden Club, Inc. These giving Hondo club members donate much more to the community than is given to them. Derived from profits from sales from their very important community thrift center, this group during the last year donated nearly sixty thousand dollars to other local non-profit organizations. The garden club is extremely important to the quality of life in our city.

"Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success."

~Henry Ford

members and were granted monetary or other support. These agencies are as follows:

Bluebonnet Children's Advocacy Center. This is a 501 © (3) organization serving Medina County and Hondo which provides child advocacy for abused and neglected children. Its volunteers help guide these children towards safe, loving permanent families.

Hondo Art League. Also a 501 © (3) charitable entity that serves our citizens who want to improve their art skills and annually sponsor a Children's Art Camp workshop, a scholarship program for budding young artists and other worthwhile activities.

Medina Senior Center (Meals on Wheels). This agency provides daily nutritious meals to over two hundred senior and other citizens with both home delivery and a congregate center.

Southwest Family Life Center, Inc. This center provides management and living facilities at an abused women and children's shelter located on the

Medina County Food Pantry. Though established as the county's food pantry, this agency largely accommodates the food needs of the low income people of Hondo. These volunteers presently have an ongoing fundraising drive to replace their aging and non-serviceable facility.

The following agencies are funded partially by the hotel-motel taxes collated in our city:

Hondo Area Chamber of Commerce. This agency is the prime arm for attracting tourists, economic development and promoting our retail businesses. During the past year the chamber's management and very capable Board of Directors had tremendous successes in events like Christmas in God's Country, the Hondo airport's Diamond Jubilee Celebration, the July 4th's Red, White and Boom event, Hunt Hondo 2017 and organized and sponsored a much needed weekly "Local Sprout" ensuring the availability to our citizens of fresh vegetables and fruit, jams and jellies along with other products.

Upcoming Events

City Council Meetings

September 11th at 6:00PM

September 25th at 6:00PM

Boards & Commissions

Animal Care Services Meeting
September 12th at 6:00pm

Library Advisory Board
September 26th at 5:30pm

Planning & Zoning Meeting
September 13th at 6:00pm
(Joint City Council Meeting)
September 18th at 6:00pm

Board of Adjustment Meeting
September 19th at 6:00pm

Parks/Rec Advisory Board
September 27th at 6:00pm

Economic Development Meeting
September 20th at 4:00pm

City Customer Reminders

15th of each month
Bill due (without penalty)

25th of each month
Bill due (with 10% penalty)

26th of each month
Disconnect Day (disconnect fees added)

Only 2 extensions per account allowed
(per calendar year: January – December)
MUST BE done from 16th – 25th



Medina County Fair Association, Inc. This group of volunteers organizes a county fair in September of each year in Hondo and also promotes and sponsors many other worthwhile activities for our agricultural community and our youth.

Three more community giving organizations that primarily sponsor events commemorating and honoring our veterans, American Legion Posts 128 and 524 and VFW Post 3891 are planning 9/11 and MIA/POW events in September. A 9/11 remembrance event will be held at Hondo High School on Monday, September 11th at 9:30A.M. and a MIA/POW remembrance day will be held Friday, September 15th in Hondo's Memorial Park at 9:00A.M.
 ~Mayor James W. Danner, Sr.



Stage 1 Water Restrictions in Effect

Although summer is coming to an end and we had some much needed rain in August; the City of Hondo is currently under Stage 1 water restrictions (Chapter 13, Article 13.09, Section 13.03.012). Help conserve our most precious resource by watering on the appropriate days and times.

Daytime Savings Period with hose-end sprinkler or in-ground irrigation system.

Watering Times are as follows:

12:00 AM – 10:00 AM/8:00 PM – Midnight

Residents 65 year & older: 3:00 AM – 10:00 AM/5:00 PM to Midnight

Odd Street Address:

Last number ending in 1,3,5,7 or 9/Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday

Even Street Address

Last number ending in 0,2,4,6 or 8/Monday Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday.

Landscape irrigation with soaker hose, handheld hose, drip irrigation system or five (5) gallon bucket is allowed any time on any day.

Help make a difference within the community and let's achieve compliance through the spirit of cooperation and education.

Code Compliance/Building Inspection Division at 830-426-4737.

UPCOMING EVENTS!!!

9/11 Remembrance Event
Hondo High School Sept. 11th
9:30a.m.

MIA/POW Remembrance Event
Hondo Memorial Park Sept 15th
9:00a.m.



From the Desk of the City Manager

The State of Texas took quite a blow last month from Hurricane Harvey. Unlike many of our neighboring cities, we are blessed to have had minimal impact. In times like these though, it is always important to take a moment first to be thankful for escaping the brunt of the storm and keeping those who weren't so fortunate in your thoughts. But then, it is time to make sure that if an event such as Hurricane Harvey were to impact Hondo, we are ready. The City of Hondo has an emergency management plan that we have spent a great deal of time reviewing and striving to improve upon. We have hosted emergency management exercises to continue to prepare for when the need arises. Our emergency management coordinator, Chief Brian Valenzuela, spent countless hours before and during the hurricane on statewide emergency management calls and in contact with our Medina County Emergency Management Coordinator. While we continue to look for areas that we can improve our readiness and preparedness, I encourage you to do the same for you and your family. The State has great resources for making sure you are prepared for any type of emergency and let's face it, Texas weather has been known to change at the drop of a hat. You may find some of these resources at http://dshs.texas.gov/preparedness/e-prep_public.shtm. There are checklists and guides that will come in handy – everything from having a family meeting place to a supply checklist. I cannot stress enough that another great way to keep informed about emergencies and even day-to-day closures or outages is to sign-up for the City emergency alert system, I-Info. You can find the link to sign up at <https://r.i-info.com/rc/arc>. Should you need any assistance with registration for I-Info updates, visit the Hondo Public Library. Everyone has a role to play in emergency management and preparedness.

~Kim Davis