HASLET HAPPENINGS

City of Haslet Monthly Newsletter

A Message From Haslet Mayor Bob Golden (July 12, 2020)

BRIGHT SPOTS

After postponing our Spring/Summer Brush Day, we finally held it yesterday and I can report that it was well attended. Thanks to everyone that made this event a very successful endeavor. A special thank you to our Public Works Department for turning out on a very hot and humid July Saturday to assist with the unloading of our trucks and trailers. I also want to thank our Library Director, Barbara Thompson, who served as gatekeeper—checking for the proper credentials and masks.

One of the positives to come out of the pandemic was brought to my attention yesterday. When Public Works removed the swings from Gammill Park, the decrease in foot traffic allowed some pecan seedlings to pop through the surface of the park. Our staff have transplanted approximately 40 seedlings from that area to a “nursery” adjacent to the Public Works building. The plan is to nurture them for the next 18 months or so and then transplant them back in our parks. Congratulations to all involved for turning this negative (the pandemic) into a positive. Well Done!

Statistics as of today are 18 positives and 6 recoveries in Haslet, thankfully no deaths. For the United States the numbers are not so encouraging—according to the Tarrant County Health Director, in a normal flu season we experience approximately 35,000 deaths, in a bad flu season we experience approximately 70,000 and as of today, we have lost over 137,000 to COVID-19. This is not just the flu!

I want to assure everyone in Haslet that there is no assault being conducted on your civil rights. The clearest path to ridding us of COVID-19 seems to be doing the simple things—wearing a mask in public, social distancing, washing your hands frequently, avoiding groups larger than 10. Until medical research can deliver a vaccine and better treatments, it is up to each of us to do our part. For the welfare of your family and your neighbors, I am asking you to continue to follow these guidelines. We may have thought that we had finally got over the hump in this pandemic but we are not out of the woods yet. Please let me know if I can help you. Hug your family, check on your neighbors, and Stay Safe!

Bob Golden

Y’ALL WEAR A MASK TO HELP KEEP HASLET & TARRANT COUNTY OPEN!

COVID-19 is spreading fast, which is why everyone is REQUIRED to wear a mask when visiting a business or going out in public anywhere in Tarrant County. Wearing a mask is no big thing. All it takes is a face covering that completely covers your nose and mouth. It will help save lives!

By wearing a mask, we’re looking out for one another and trying to slow the spread of a disease that can kill or cause long-lasting health problems. If we all do this now, we can help keep Haslet and Tarrant County open by avoiding more extreme measures that may be required in the future.
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This calendar is provided as a convenience. While every attempt is made to provide current and accurate information, please confirm meetings accordingly.

**TAKE THE 2020 CENSUS TODAY**

Take the 2020 Census today at www.2020census.gov or 1-844-330-2020 to avoid a visit from a census taker who will be visiting households that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census beginning in August. Census workers will wear masks and follow social distancing protocols. If no one is home when they visit, they will leave a notice about how to respond online, by phone or by mail.

If you have questions about a census taker being legitimate, call the Dallas Regional Census Center at 972-510-1800. Census workers sometimes follow up with households over the phone to ask questions about your responses to the 2020 Census. A census caller will only ask questions about your responses, never for financial information or Social Security numbers. If you receive a call and are asked for such information, do not provide it and report the call to the Census Bureau. More information online at WWW.2020CENSUS.GOV.

**Why Do We Call Them the “Dog Days” of Summer?**

It doesn’t have to do with dogs laying around in the heat—the phrase comes from ancient Greek beliefs about the stars. The dog days referred to the dog star, Sirius, and its position in the heavens—when Sirius appeared to rise before the sun in late July—marking the start of the hottest time of the year.