



**CITY OF LEON VALLEY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

DATE: April 17, 2015
TO: Mayor Chris Riley and City Council Members
FROM: Manuel Longoria Jr., City Manager
SUBJECT: Weekly Update

Evers Road Transparency: Comments were made that City Staff had not communicated adequately to the City Council and community regarding the Evers Road Rehabilitation Project. Following is an excerpt (in blue font) of the City Manager’s Weekly Update of January 23, 2015 notifying the City Council of the planned schedule for this project:

Public Works 2015 Projects: Here is a listing and report of projects that our Public Works Department is working on.

STREETS/SIDEWALKS PROJECTS

- Street Maintenance Tax Program Budget - \$1,393,000
- Streets scheduled for repair/mill & overlay:
 - Evers Rd. \$750,000
 - Linkview @ Linkcrest \$118,000
 - Forest Timber \$93,000
 - El Verde \$339,000
 - **Total Cost \$1,300,000**
 - **Status of Bid Advertisement – February Target, award in March**

Citizen Concerns on M. Vidrio Soccer Complex: On Tuesday, Wednesday 4/15/15 staff met with Shadow Mist HOA President Donna Charles, to address the community concerns with the new M. Vidrio Soccer complex. The community concerns were as followed:

- Light pollution pouring into the neighborhood: *Staff informed Ms. Charles according to the SUP issued by City Council May 2011 that the lights must be hooded and directed downward away from the residents and turned off by 9:30p.m.*
- Noise pollution pouring into the neighborhood: *Staff informed Ms. Charles according to the SUP issued by City Council the lights would have to be turned off at 9:30 p.m. and therefore, the activity on the property should be minimal.*
- Unknown individuals parking in their neighborhood: *Staff informed Ms. Charles there is on-site parking included in the plans. City Staff also agreed to place “Soccer Complex Parking*

Prohibited” signs in the neighborhood: The Police Chief agreed to have police staff present to direct traffic away from the neighborhood on Grand Opening day and other special activity days

- *The obstruction of the emergency entrance at the El Verde gate: The City will still have access to exit and enter through the el Verde gate with no obstruction.*

Response to Citizen concerns from City Council Meeting 4/13/15:

- **Sidewalk repair along Canterfield and Britania:** Public Works is doing an assessment of the portions of the sidewalks that need immediate attention and will be addressing those sections.
- **The Trees overgrown along Bandera Road next to the Huebner Onion House:** Public Works have already trimmed the trees.
- **The Bus shelter in front of What-A-Burger:** the issue has been reported to VIA.
- **Mayor requested cost estimates for the Hike and Bike Trail:** This was sent by Melinda.
- **Brush not being picked up:** Several residents have more than 8 cu yards in front of their homes. Our contract with Waste Management (WM) specifies they (WM) pickup only up to 8 cu yards. Melinda is researching how much the cost is to pick up the remainder of the Brush.
 - 7307 Crownpiece had a 20 YD brush pile and the driver picked up 8 YD’s
 - 7319 Withers – 12 YD brush pile
 - 7331 Withers – 12-15 YD brush pile
 - 7350 Withers – 2, 6, and 10 YD brush pile – we will pick up the 2 and 6 YD piles
 - 7203 Horse Whip Ln – 6, 8, and 15 YD brush pile as well as a 2 YD bulk pile – we will pick up the 6 YD brush pile and 2 YD bulk pile
 - 7226 Forest Meadow – 15 YD brush pile
 - 6706 Forest Haven – 25-30 YD brush pile
 - 6723 Forest Grove – Multiple furniture items throughout the yard which are too far away from the road to service (and eviction notice is on the front door as well)

Drones Flying Over Leon Valley – In response to complaints from Lyn Joseph and Vickie Jamvold:

Staff did some research and contacted other cities and it was determined that no other city in South Texas has adopted an ordinance or resolution banning or providing guidelines for the use of drones in their municipalities. Other cities such as Berkeley, California, Charlottesville, Virginia, Deer Trail, Colorado, Evanston, Illinois, St. Bonifacius, Minnesota have adopted a resolution or an ordinance restricting or limiting the use of drones in their air space.

If City Council sees that this is a need in our community, staff would be happy to put something together for the next City Council meeting, just let us know.

Vacant Positions: The City of Leon Valley received 56 Patrol Officer applications. We will be testing 45 applicants at the Conference Center on Thursday, April 23, 2014.

After interviewing this week, we have narrowed the search for the Code Enforcement and Animal Control position. We are currently conducting an extensive background investigation and if all goes well we should be hiring someone next week.

Happy Tele-Communicators Week: City staff (especially the Fire Department) took extra steps this week to thank our Dispatchers and learn more about their role in providing communication services to the community.

Fire Break Maintenance Coming Next Week: Pending weather conditions, Firefighters will be out next week trimming up the fire break at Rimkus Park.

Code/Animal Control Activity:

- Office “B” – High Weeds/Grass = 9 (**3 Pending**)
Bandit Signs = 0 (**0 Pending**)
Animal Issues = 12 (**1 Pending**)
Environmental/Graffiti = 12 (**4 Pending**)
Trash/Debris = 1 (**0 Pending**)
Permit Inquiry = 2 (**0 Pending**)
Total Violations addressed: 36/ 8 Pending

Upcoming Events:

- Informational Meetings on the Home Rule Charter
 - Saturday, April 25, 2015 2015 at the LV Conference Center from 9:00a.m.-11:00a.m.
- City Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 5, 2015 @ 6400 El Verde Rd.
- City Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 19, 2015 @ 6400 El Verde Rd
- Coffee with the Mayor & City Council: Saturday, May 23, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.