

LETTER FROM MAYOR CHRIS RILEY
06/18/2021

CELEBRATING 4TH OF JULY – “NORMALLY”

After a 15 month ordeal in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic with wearing masks, no hugging, and primarily working from home, your city council voted to host a parade and fireworks show on Sunday, July 4th, 2021, after cancelling last year’s event. Great feeling to return to some normalcy!

Here is the lineup of the day’s events:

7:30 a.m. – PIONEER FIRECRACKER 5 K – FUN RUN/WALK –

sponsored by the Leon Valley Historical Society beginning and ending at the Northwest Little League. It is a stroller and dog friendly route. Check in is at 6:30 – 7:15 a.m. with NO LATE STARTS. Cost of run is \$25 early bird registration through 6/27 and \$30 until race day. Children 12 and under are \$10, but FREE if accompanied by a paid adult. Proceeds benefit the Leon Valley Historical Society, which is raising funds to restore the Huebner-Onion Homestead and Stagecoach Stop on Bandera Road. Call (210) 595-8099 or email info@lvhistoricalsociety.org.

6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. – FOOD TRUCKS will be in Raymond Rimkus Park for anyone wishing to eat before the parade begins or during the fireworks

show. Confirmed food trucks as of today are: Kona Ice, P&M Concessions (Chicken on a stick, Funnel cakes, Burgers, Corn in a cup, Tacos), Just Smash'Em (Fresh Lemonades, Aguas Frescas, Kettle Korn & Popcorn) and Rick's Outing (Burgers, Chicken salad and Chicken wings).

7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – LEON VALLEY NIGHT PARADE – Route starts at the DPS Center at Evers roads, taking a left on Evers and a right on Poss Road where the parade will end at Cherryleaf/Poss. Parade participants who need to go back to the DPS Center, will turn right on Cherryleaf and zigzag their way back to Evers/Huebner. Please remember no candy or objects will be thrown by riding parade participants, but may be handed out to children and other spectators by walkers. Let's hope for a cool breeze that evening!

9:15 p.m. – FIREWORKS SHOW - Fireworks will go off to music at the Rimkus Park baseball field, with a perimeter safety zone established around this area.

The City of Leon Valley and Tiger Sanitation helped make this a *free* event for all participants. Thank you to our dedicated staff in ALL Departments, and Maribel Mendoza, special events coordinator, for their help with this event

You can bring your chairs, blankets and ice chests to the park. There will be a stage and a D.J. playing music (we were too late in securing a live band – next year!), ATM machines and of course port-a-potties! We ask that you please clean up your space as you leave the park grounds (trash and recycling containers will be available). Thanks for your cooperation!

BE PREPARED FOR POSSIBLE ELECTRIC OUTAGES

CPS Energy is encouraging all residential and business customers to reduce their electricity use during the peak hours of 2-7 pm, to help prevent electricity emergencies or the need for rotating outages which may be implemented to protect the statewide electric grid.

The following are some suggested measures customers can make at home to help with conservation:

- From 2-7 pm daily, set your manual or programmable thermostat 2-3 degrees higher, if you are not home. The recommended energy saving temperature when you are home is 78 degrees.
- Large appliances like ovens and washing machines should be used outside of the peak hours of 2-7 pm.
- Using fans can make you feel 4 to 6 degrees cooler by moving air across the skin. Fans should be turned off in empty rooms.
- Turn off and unplug all non-essential appliances and lights.

- Close shades and blinds on windows exposed to sunlight.
- Charge electric vehicles after 9 pm.
- Shut pool pumps from 4 – 6 p.m. and set them to run in early morning or overnight.

To report or check outages in the area, visit

<https://outagemap.cpsenergy.com>. To track statewide electricity demand view at: <http://www.ercot.com>.

Bexar County Office of Emergency Management has activated eight cooling centers for citizens in suburban cities and unincorporated Bexar County from 8 am to 6 pm until further notice. Animals are also welcomed and bottle water and ice will be available. VIA will transport citizens to these sites. To access a list of the cooling centers, please visit <https://www.bexar.org/coolingcenters>. The nearest center is District 8, Station 182 at 20825 Babcock Road, San Antonio, TX. 78223

VOTE FOR #53 – LEON VALLEY’S GRANT APPLICATION TO THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE HUEBNER CREEK HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL

Please submit your comments in support of this project to

<https://www.alamoareampo.org/yourmove/>. It is critical to let the MPO policy board know how important this project is to our community since it

connects Rimkus Park with the first trail from Crystal Hills Park to Bandera Road. **The public comments will be taken through June 27th.**

Our next city council meeting is *Wednesday, July 7th beginning at 5:30* p.m. at city hall. The FY 2022 budget will be presented. Please also welcome our new City Manager Gilbert Perales, to his first meeting. Lastly, if anyone would like to be a volunteer at any of the 4th of July events, please call /email me.

Happy Juneteenth!

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