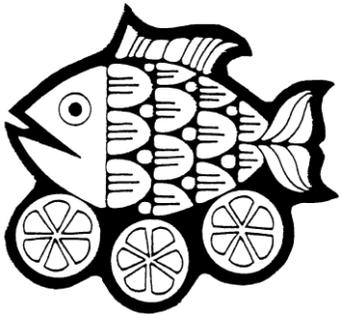


# Arroyo City Newsletter

January 2017



Happy New Year !  
Arroyo City Annual  
Fish Fry  
Benefit  
Jan 21, 11am-2pm

## Arroyo City Annual Fish Fry Benefit

The Arroyo City Fire Department and Auxiliary are hosting the annual fish fry fundraiser at the Arroyo City Fire Station. Each plate includes: fried fish, French fries, coleslaw, bread, cookies and a drink for \$8.00. Take out or eat in. Mark your calendar. All proceeds to benefit the Arroyo City Volunteer Fire Department.

Fire Chief John Whelan announced at the last meeting of the year that the goal for the 2017 year was to expand the garage extension of the fire station to house all the vehicles to provide them protection from the elements. Currently, the Arroyo City Volunteer Fire Department has two bays that house Pumper 1 and the Brush Truck. Two more bays are needed to house the tanker truck and Pumper 2. The cost of the garage extension kit is approximately \$10,000. The ACVFD Board approved the motion to dedicate fundraisers for this year to this project to protect the vehicles. Operational costs will be funded from the distribution from the Emergency Services District whose funding is provided by a percentage of property taxes collected.

The Arroyo City Auxiliary February fundraisers will be the Bake Sale and the Fishing Tournament. Dates will be posted on the sign outside the Fire Station and in the February Newsletter. Registration forms will be available at Chili Willie's, The Bait Shop, and the Arroyo City Bait stand. Mail completed forms to Arroyo City Volunteer Fire Department, 34921 FM 2925, Rio Hondo, TX 78583 or turn in to John Whelan at the Arroyo City Bait Stand, 37508 Marshall Hutts Road, Arroyo City. For more information, contact John Whelan (956) 330-7574.

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Arroyo City Fishing  
Tournament Saturday,  
February 4, 2017

The tournament will be one day, beginning at 6:30 am (Bay and Arroyo) on Saturday, February 4, 2017. Weigh hours will be from 5 pm to 6 pm. All fish will be measured and weighed only once and the decision of the Weigh-Master is final. All fish must be brought in to the station at the Church on the Arroyo parking lot in edible condition to be weighed, measured and recorded by the Weigh-Master. Individual entry, \$50. Junior, \$15.

Every angler must be a registered contestant in order for a fish to be weighed. Each angler is restricted to weighing in the single heaviest fish per eligible species in their division: Redfish, Trout and Flounder, scored at one point per pound. Trifecta awards will be based on total weight of the eligible species.

Ages 12 and under may enter stringers of no more than one each of Trout, Redfish, Flounder, Sheepshead, Gafftopsail Catfish, Piggy Perch, and Drum. Whole stringers will be weighed and scored at one point per pound.

Call John Whelan for more information: (956) 330-7574

## Meet and Greet Constable Adrian Gonzales set for February 7

Constable Gonzales takes office January 2. Precinct 3 takes in a large area extending from La Paloma and El Ranchito in the South to Arroyo City, Rio Hondo, Las Yescas, San Benito and Harlingen to the North. Ten years of law enforcement experience with the San Benito School District has convinced Constable Gonzales that community based law enforcement works. He is looking forward to meeting with the citizens of Arroyo City in February at the next Concerned Citizens' meeting at 6:30pm February 7, at the Arroyo City Fire Station.

## Winter Safety Walking and Bicycling Tips

Avoid being a statistic as you walk or ride your bike along the roads leading to Arroyo City. Several close calls have been reported regarding pedestrians who are walking before dawn, while it is still dark, without wearing reflective clothing and bicyclists who are riding without lights or reflective dress. According to the Texas Transportation Code, pedestrians should be walking on sidewalks when provided or against traffic when sidewalks are not provided.

- Consider what you are wearing and choose clothes that drivers can easily see. Light or bright colors, reflective material and flashing lights are best.
- If you have a choice about where you walk, choose a route with sidewalks or a shoulder to give yourself space away from traffic. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic.
- Important things to carry with you are water, a driver's license or ID, and a cell phone.
- Always look for cars before crossing a street or stepping off a curb.
- Be predictable. Before stepping in front of a car make eye contact with the driver. Make sure they see you, plan on stopping and have time to stop.
- You might have the right-of-way, but walk like drivers do not know the rules.

Bicyclists should ride with the traffic and to the right of the road as far as practical. They can move into the roadway to pass a slower vehicle or object in the road or when they are making a left turn. A rear reflector is required at the rear of the bike and a headlamp that can be seen 500 feet are required for night riding. In the event of an accident with an injury, those involved or witnesses are responsible to stop to render aid to anyone injured and to report the accident to the local law enforcement.

## Christmas and Candle Light Service

Over 80 people attended the Cantada at the Church on the Arroyo. Led by choir director Dena Moran, the choir lifted their voices in celebration during a beautiful musical program with solos provided by Arroyo residents, Rhonda Schuepbach "Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head, and Les McConnell "All Year Long". Join the multi-denominational congregation in worship every Sunday at 10:30am.

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## Information:

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Park 748-2044

Chili Willies 748-2444

Church on the Arroyo  
748-2251

Coastguard 364-7400

Constable 454-4608  
361-8228

Country Store 748-2442

East Rio Hondo Water  
Supply 748-3633

Fire Department 911

Magic Valley Electric  
Co-op 866-225-5683

Mosquito Abatement  
247-3685

Republic Waste Services  
423-7316

Texas Parks and Wildlife:  
800-792-1112

Sheriff  
8am-5pm 554-6700  
24 hr. 544-0806

## Calendar of Events

Arroyo City Auxiliary  
January 3, 5:30pm

Arroyo City Fire  
Department  
January 10, 6:00pm

If your mailbox mounting plate has rusted, and your mailbox is in danger of falling off the post, call TXDOT at (956) 399-5102 to make a report and they will repair/replace the mounting plate at no cost.