

Arroyo City Newsletter

August 2017



Dog Days of Summer

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The origin of the phrase, "Dog days of summer" didn't really get its name from referring to the hottest days in the Valley when it is too hot to do anything but lay around like dogs. We actually have to go way back to the ancient Romans who noticed the brightest star in the sky, called Sirius or The Dog Star, happened to rise and fall right with the sun during the hottest time of the year. They believed Sirius was responsible for the extra heat which made those particular days hotter than all of the others.

Sirius is brightest star of the constellation Canis Major (The Big Dog). So, as you can imagine, those days quickly became known as The Dog Days. The Romans called it "Caniculares Dies" (The Days of the Dog). In Mexico, the hottest days of summer are referred to as "La Canicula."

Traditionally, **The Dog Days of Summer are the 40 days from July 3rd to August 11th.** Generally speaking, however, the period from early July to early September is often referred to as the Dog Days.

Calendar of Events

The ACVFD Auxiliary has several events scheduled.

- Ice Cream Social: Labor Day Weekend, Saturday, September 2, 11-2pm. Call Eve Johnson to Volunteer or to make a donation at (956)245-1295.
- ACVFD Open House: Saturday, September 30, 5:30pm-7:30pm Hot dogs, door prizes, live fire fighting demonstrations.
- Rummage Sale: Thursday and Friday, October 12, and 13, 8:00-3pm and Saturday, October 14, 8:00 to noon. Half price off before Salvation Army comes to pick up what's left over. Call Bobbie Scaife if you have any donations at (956)873-1413.
- Bake Sale: Saturday, November 18, 11am-2pm. Stop by for a baked treat and coffee. Cabbage Patch Photo booth, cookware will also be available. Buy a pie or two, sweet breads, cakes, or cookies. Brochure for orders will be available in October. Call Diane Sheehy to volunteer, donate, or for more information (512)586-5934.

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In the Spotlight:



Meet Terri Overstreet, owner/operator of Arroyo City's newest business, River's Edge Therapeutic Massage. Terri is certificated in 10 different massage techniques: Swedish, prenatal, deep issue, neuromuscular, craniosacral, Ancient Thai, hot stones, aroma therapy, reflexology, and trigger points.

She has lived in several states in the South and Midwest before moving to Arroyo City with her mom, to take care of her father who passed away recently. Long-time residents may remember LeRoy Overstreet, caretaker of Green Island for the Audubon Society. He took care of any predators bothering the birds.

Terri has been busy with the remodel of their home, complete with massage studio.

Her studio is located in Arroyo City at 36747 Marshall Hutts Road. Contact Terri at (636)234-4945 or email at htoverstreet@yahoo.com

Arroyo City Volunteer Fire Department

Chief John Whelan reports that the fire department is within \$2300 of reaching its \$10,000 goal. Proceeds from annual fundraisers are going toward the purchase and erection of the garage expansion. According to the ISO, all fire department vehicles must be housed inside before receiving a rating that will qualify for a reduction in insurance premiums for Arroyo City residents. The ISO representative has approved the 911 program. He has checked and approved water flow rate on gallons per minute on 3 hydrants and 4 stand pipes. The fire department is working diligently to see that we qualify so that the savings can be passed along to our Arroyo City residents.

The fire department also reports that three community members have stepped forward and applied for membership as volunteer fire fighters. Welcome to Brian Bellar, Ernesto Estrada, and Ryan Peck.

Chief Whelan reported incident calls for June 11, car fire; July 16, car rollover. In addition, he stated that the fire department is in need of a command vehicle, such as a Suburban, Expedition, or other SUV models so that calls for medical emergencies can be met without the need of driving one of the pumper trucks which are sometimes too large to up a driveway. A pumper requires a 20ft clearance plus room to turn around. Winter Texans start arriving in October. Last year, there were 25 ambulance calls. And this year, there have already been 8 calls.

The Public Information Officer can be contacted if you have a vehicle that you would like to donate, call (956) 245-6028.

Bits and Pieces

- If you are a new Resident to Arroyo City, please call Yvonne Peck at (956)256-6028 for information about Arroyo City activities
- Arroyo City Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary are looking for new members. Stop by during a meeting or call Turk Johnson at (956)202-3612 for the Fire Department and Yvonne Peck at (956)245-6028 for the Auxiliary.
- Chili Willie's is offering Karaoke on Friday Nights 7pm-9:30pm with Joe Ray as your host.
- The Road to Recycling event continues to round 3. For residents who have not yet gotten rid of the tires around the yard, you will have a chance to take them to the Cameron County Maintenance yard located at **26945 SAN JOSE RANCH ROAD, Saturday, August 26**. You will need to show a driver's license or a utility bill to show that you are a resident of precinct 2 in Cameron County. The recycling event has collected over 17,000 tires to date.
- Constable's office reports three alarms and one theft on Rio Loop Road. Please call if you see suspicious activity. (956)554-6700

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Information:

Adolph Thomae Jr. County Park 748-2044

Burn Permit 330-7574

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
247-3599

Republic Waste Services 423-7316

Texas Parks and Wildlife: 800-792-1112

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

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Arroyo City VFD Auxiliary
No meeting in August

Arroyo City Volunteer Fire Department
August 8, 6:30pm

Church on the Arroyo
Service is held each Sunday, at 10:30 am.
Bible Study at 9 before Service, and Wednesday at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall.

All are welcome!