

Arroyo City Newsletter

January 2018



Sun's Fireworks over the Arroyo Colorado.

Happy New Year!

Take Me Fishing First Catch Center Event

Join up for the inauguration of a Take Me Fishing™ First Catch Center. A Family Fish Camp is being held at one of the largest wetlands restoration projects in America – Bahia Grande. The Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) has selected the U.S. Fish & Wildlife's Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge as an ideal location to host First Catch Center events to kick off the 2018 season. RBFF has teamed up with Fishing's Future, who will be running a Family Fish Camp at this location on January 13th and 27th, 2018. Bring your family and spend a day learning about fishing in saltwater. Equipment and bait will be provided but you may bring your own if you desire. **Space is limited and registration is required.** Parents and kids will work together to learn fishing knots, TPWD Fishing Rules and Regulations., fish ID, local habitat, angler ethics, proper fish handling techniques, water and boat safety, different types of fishing equipment, environmental stewardship, tackle box basics and some of the local tips, tricks and techniques used to catch fish. Hotdogs, chips and water will be provided but you are encouraged to bring a water bottle, bug spray, a hat, sunglasses, chairs and wear comfortable clothes and shoes that will probably get wet and dirty.

This Family Fish Camp will start at 9:00 AM and the first part of the day will involve rotating through 5 skill stations where individual skills are learned. This generally takes around 2.5 hrs. Then lunch will be served and preparations to fish will begin. Around noon, everyone will be allowed to try their new skills and hopefully the fish will cooperate. Depending on fishing conditions, we may fish for 30 minutes or 1.5 hours, and then wrap things up with the presentation of certificate.

Interested families can call the refuge at 956-748-3607 for more information and register online at www.fishingsfuture.org.

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Santa visits

Arroyo City

Twenty-eight children and their parents enjoyed an afternoon with Santa at the Arroyo City Fire Station December 9. Constable Adrian Gonzalez of Precinct 3 escorted Santa to the station. Cameron County Judge Eddie Trevino welcomed residents, while his staff served up pizza, cupcakes, cookies and punch. Santa presented each child with a gift.

Coordinator of the event, Minnie Martinez thanked everyone for coming and recognized Cameron County Clerk, Sylvia Perez, former Secretary of State Carlos Cascos, and Candidate for the 197th District Court, Carlos Masso for their generous donations.

End the Year Reports:

Totals for Precinct 3 this year include 716 citations and warnings; Court generated civil paperwork 1,204; Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program referrals 373; Mental Health transports 1,052; Community events/contacts on patrol/ funerals 5,375 for a grand total of 8,720. Arroyo City generated a monthly

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Entrance Fee and Construction at Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge

Effective January 1, 2018, the daily entrance fee of \$3 per vehicle to visit the Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge will be re-implemented. The entrance fee was waived for most of 2017 during construction of FM106, the primary road leading to the refuge. FM106 has been reopened to traffic from FM1847 to Buena Vista Road. In addition, Cameron County has improved Buena Vista Rd adjacent to the refuge until the planned reconstruction of the northern section of Buena Vista Rd begins, which is scheduled for the spring of 2018. Visitors should be aware that Buena Vista Rd between Veteran's Airport Drive and FM106 is currently closed due to construction and should follow detour signs for Buena Vista Road to get to the refuge from the FM510.

Call the refuge for more information or directions at 956-748-3607 x 111, or 956-244-2019. Information is also available on the refuge's website www.fws.gov/refuge/Laguna_Atascosa

Advisory Committee Concerns Answered

Illegal parking on sidewalks. Parking is illegal on sidewalks or on right of ways. Constables can be notified to speak with owners or to place a warning sticker on the windshield. According to Code Enforcement, vehicles are not allowed to obstruct side-walks or be junked or non-drivable for 30 days in street parking Ordinance 46-211; make reports to (956)247-3599.

Obstructing the sidewalks with green waste trash, trash cans. Obstructing sidewalks with green waste trash or trash cans is a violation. Cans and green waste are to be placed so as not to obstruct passage ways. Report violators to Code Enforcement for investigation at (956)247-3599.

Recycling option availability. (Currently, the closest recycling is done by the City of Harlingen who recycles cardboard, newspapers, paper, aluminum drink cans, steels cans, wire hangers, refrigerators, AC unites, washers, plastic 2 & 2, plastic grocery and newspaper bags, plastic foam packing peanuts, automotive batteries, white Styrofoam, computers & TVs. Target stores recycle glass, plastic bottles, aluminum cans. O'Reilly's Automotive and AutoZone recycle oil, and car batteries. To be continued in February Newsletter

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average of 25 citations and warnings.

Arroyo City Volunteer Fire Department reported there were no 911 Dispatch calls for December. The year-end total saw 9 total fires and 14 medical assists for 2017. The ACVFD are not currently trained medical first responders. They are dispatched by Cameron County to fires or medical assists requiring entry into a building or extraction from buildings or vehicles. ACVFD has requested help from the county in acquiring training towards becoming medical first responders as it currently takes about 40 minutes for an ambulance to be dispatched from Harlingen.

Information:

Adolph Thomaer 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	247-3599
	247-3690
Republic Waste Services	423-7316
Texas Parks and Wildlife:	800-792-1112
Sheriff	
8am-5pm	554-6700
24 hr.	544-0806

Meetings:

ACVFD Auxiliary meeting will be Tuesday, January 2 at 5:30pm.

ACVFD meeting will be Tuesday, January 9, at 6:30pm

Church on the Arroyo

Sunday Bible Study 9am-10am. Wednesday Bible Study 5pm-6pm.

Choir practice 6pm.

Sunday Service is at 10:30am.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud..."

-1 Corinthians 13:4