

Arroyo City Newsletter

February 2018



ACVFD Annual Fish Fry February 24 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 Garage Annex. Each plate includes: fried fish, French fries, coleslaw, bread, cookies and a drink for \$8.00. Take out or eat in. Mark your calendar for February 24, 11-2pm. All proceeds to benefit the Arroyo City Volunteer Fire Department. Call Terri Overstreet to make a donation or sign up to work: (636) 234-4945.

Fire Chief John Whelan announced at the last meeting that the ACVFD had met its fundraising goal for 2017 and that the garage annex had been completed. Arroyo City contractor Steve Hill and crew completed the erection of the building and resident and Auxiliary member Larry Duvernell with the help of fire fighters Turk Johnson and Mark Hammond completed the installation of the electrical outlets and lights and completed the construction of the work benches in the work bay. The Garage Annex now houses Pumper II, the tanker truck, and the brush truck. Chief Whelan said, "We live in the greatest community. Great fishing, great people! We are grateful for the support we receive from our community. With their help, we are getting better at providing the services and support our community needs."

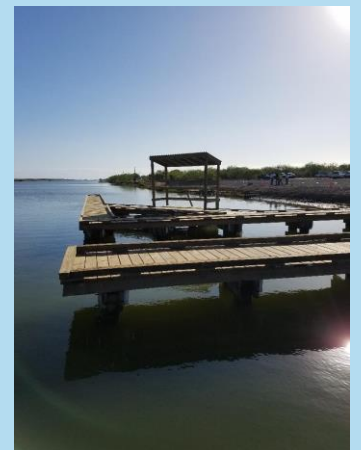
The ACVFD set the goal for 2018 as the acquisition of a brush truck. The ACVFD will be applying for a matching grant from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for a vehicle. If ACVFD qualifies for the grant, our share would be approximately \$10,000 for a vehicle valued at \$85,000. The ACVFD Board approved the motion to dedicate fundraisers for this year to this project. Fire Department operational costs will be funded by the Emergency Services District whose funding is provided by a percentage of property taxes collected.

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Adolph Thomae Jr. County Park Boat Ramps

Two new boat ramps, two fish cleaning stations, courtesy docks, state of the art, environmentally friendly, water permeable parking area, 42 additional parking spaces for boat trailers and trucks, including shoreline restoration to suppress bank erosion. Parks Director, Joe Vega states, "Our goal is to continue to making the necessary improvements to Adolph Thomae Jr. County Park in order to make the park a safer and more enjoyable place for our Cameron County residents and visitors. The addition will make it easier for visitors to launch their boats safely and reduce the bottlenecks experienced in the past."



Cameron County Emergency Communication District

Why should you get a physical address for your property? Your address is needed to assist law enforcement, fire and ambulance services in locating your residence in case of an emergency. It can also serve as your official mailing address.

Information needed:

- Name of owner
- Contact phone number
- Tax Account number from your property tax statement
- Legal description of your property from the deed

Contact the Cameron County GIS Department at (866) 286-8777. Cameron County Emergency Communication District, 501 Camelot Drive, Harlingen TX 78550

Arroyo City residents and visitors will benefit from more efficient service from 911 emergency responders.

Advisory Committee Concerns Answered

Grass not being mowed on private property, trespassing on private property to fish, and illegal dumping of green waste on private property. Direct complaints to County Code Enforcement (956)247-3599 with the address of the property. Grass in excess of 18 inches is a violation. Grass taller than 48 inches can be considered an emergency and the county can have it mowed and the owner billed; trespassing on private property is a violation. Property owners are encouraged to call the Sheriff. The property owner is responsible to secure private property to deter trespassing. The property owner can be held liable if someone is injured on a property deemed an attractive nuisance if no steps have been taken to secure the property; illegal dumping of green waste on private property is a violation and also constitutes trespassing. If possible, take photographs of the violators and their vehicle license plates and notify the Sheriff.

Access by businesses into Adolph Thomae Park. Business access into Thomae Park is the same for all park users. Businesses must pay the park usage fee. If businesses are entering to serve clients who have asked them to come to the park, the park fee should be reimbursed by the client who called the business for help. Businesses may consider purchasing a park pass to facilitate entry.

Bits and Pieces

- **Arroyo City is Section 2 for Republic waste bulk and yard waste pick up. The next scheduled pick up is supposed to occur the week of February 12.**
- **The Constable reports that 25 tickets were issued in Arroyo City for speeding for January. Speeders beware!**
- **The Fire Chief reports that for the month of January the ACVFD responded to 2 dispatch calls for downed power lines, and directing traffic for abandoned car in travel lane, and 3 medical calls.**

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	247-3599 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, February 6 at 5:30pm.

ACVFD meeting will be Tuesday, February 14, 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.

*Valentine Appreciation Luncheon Feb.3, 11:30am. Men will honor the ladies with a wonderful lunch. Bring a friend to Fellowship Hall