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From the Desk of Mayor Alma Leonhardt



As you're well aware, we've received a lot of water these past two weeks. In fact, we received more water in a 24 hour period than ever recorded: between 4 and 4.25 inches. This is a great start for our 2005 water year. We hope it keeps coming.

Four new bus stop shelters are coming to Providence, made possible by a much-appreciated gift from the Providence City Veteran Monument fund. These bus shelters will be placed at approximate locations of 14 South Main and the Old Rock Church, 245 North and 300 West (across from Providence Place), 520 West and 100 North, and 200 West and 100 North near the Veteran Monument. Providence will be one of the first cities to have shelters installed in the transit district.

Remember that on Veteran's Day, November 11, at 10:00 a.m., there will be a short memorial service at the Veterans Memorial site on 200 West and 100 North. Come and show your respect for veterans and those men and women now serving our country in another time of war.

I would also like to thank all of you who have volunteered your time and effort to our city this past year. You're the ones that make our city a better place to live. From the City Council, the City Staff, and myself, thank you.

Winter Parking Hours

Effective November 1, 2004 through April 1, 2005, on-street parking is not permitted from 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m. This will assist snowplow drivers in getting snow cleared from the streets. This includes all vehicles, trailers, and equipment.

Courtesy in Snow Removal

During the snow removal season, Providence City is asking for your cooperation as people clear snow from driveways and sidewalks. Please do not push snow or ice onto the street or sidewalk. Under City Code, it is unlawful to place snow or ice on the street or sidewalk. We realize it is frustrating to have snowplows push snow and ice on driveways and sidewalks, but there is no way for the snowplow drivers to direct where the snow

lands. Their responsibility is to clear the snow off the streets for safety. Pushing snow into the street creates potential for accidents for snowplow drivers, private property, and residents. Place the snow from driveways and sidewalks into landscaped areas or parkway strips.

Memorial Service to Honor Veterans

A flag ceremony will be held to honor the Veterans who have served our country so faithfully. The ceremony will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Nov. 11 at the Veteran Memorial site on 200 West and 100 North. The public is invited to attend.

National Hospice Month

November is National Hospice month. Wear a burgundy Ribbon of Hope to honor, respect, and educate on behalf of those who are seriously ill. To get your free burgundy ribbon to wear or a large bow to hang on your tree, call VistaCare Hospice at 755-4443 or toll free at 866 276-4443.

CALENDAR

November 11, Closed for Veterans Day.

November 25-26, Closed for Thanksgiving.

Leaf Maintenance Program for Providence City Residents

The Providence City Leaf Maintenance Program is underway. During the month of November, leaves that have been placed in garbage bags and are placed on the parkway strip will be picked up by the Public Works Department. Garbage bags may be picked up at the City Offices free of charge. The Public Works Department is asking for your cooperation in the following ways:

1. This is leaf cleanup only. The City will not be picking up branches or other debris.
2. Park off the street as much as possible to allow room for City trucks to pick up garbage bags.
3. **Do not** rake leaves or other debris into the gutters, streets, or canals. This causes blocked culverts during wet weather.
4. If you do not want to wait for City trucks to pick up garbage bags, there is a green-waste recycling container on the south side of the Public Works building at 350 East Center. However, **do not** throw the garbage bags in the green-waste recycling container. Just dump the leaves into it. **Do not** deposit the material on the ground.
5. If you wish to take materials to the landfill, make sure they are properly contained. All loads need to be securely tied down and covered or may be subject to a \$10 cover charge.

2005 Dog Licenses Available

The 2005 Providence City dog licenses are now available at the City Office. The fee for an unaltered dog is \$20.00, and for a spayed or neutered dog, \$10.00. To avoid any late fees, purchase your dog license at the City Office during regular office hours before February 1, 2005.

All dogs over the age of two months are required to be licensed. If you have a new dog, or if your dog's rabies shot has expired, you will need to bring proof of rabies certificate to receive a 2005 license.

Basement Finishes

We appreciate those who have applied for building permits for basement finishes this year. Building permits for basements are relatively inexpensive and help provide safety. Dan Coster, a resident of Foxridge Subdivision, recently submitted plans for a 1,308 square foot basement finish. His total permit cost was \$69.25.

Basement finishes usually only require two inspections. A building permit ensures building safety and assists with insurance coverage for the entire house. Contact the City with any building code questions at 752-9441.

Water Shares Wanted

Providence City is interested in purchasing water shares from the Providence Blacksmith Fork Irrigation Company and the Spring Creek Irrigation Company. If you're interested in selling your shares, please contact Vern Keeslar at the City Office at 752-9441.

Information on Piano Needed

We are looking for any information on who donated the piano located in the Providence City Council Chambers. If you have any information, please call the City Office at 752-9441.

Holiday Lighting Contest

The holidays are approaching and the City will once again be judging the annual holiday lighting contest. **If you would like your house to be considered in the judging, please register with the City by calling 752-9441 before December 15th.**

First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded. Winners of the contest will be notified before December 24th.

Library News

The Library will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26 for Thanksgiving.

Preschool story time will be held Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and at 2:00 p.m.

A few music CDs are still available for sale. Selection is limited.

Providence City Considering New Logo

Providence City is considering making its current logo the official City Seal and developing a new logo. It is proposed that we use the current logo (below, top) as the city seal and replace the logo with a new design. Below is a design created by a graphic artist (bottom). This is just one proposed logo. If you have a creative idea for a new logo, please submit your design on an 8 ½ by 11 sheet of paper, with a brief description of what it means, to the City Office by Friday, December 3rd. (No written ideas, please.)



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Who's Who in Soccer

We have heard of several different soccer programs – Providence Soccer, Competitive Soccer, District 7, Recreational Soccer – but who is really running what? This article should help clear up that confusion and help you get your child signed up for the program you are looking for.

Providence City

This past fall, the City started its own recreation soccer program. In the City recreational soccer program, teams are smaller and they play on smaller fields. This is a great experience for those who just want to get out and have some fun playing soccer. The kids playing Providence City soccer wear blue and gray reversible jerseys. Kids can start playing the fall they enter Kindergarten. This was the first time the City has ever run its own recreation program and it was a great success. They plan on doing it each year during the fall! Providence City also hires its own referees and volunteer coaches for the City soccer program. The City staff members perform the role of scheduling games, fields and referees. If you have any questions about the City recreation soccer program, please call the City.

District 7

District 7 is the name of the soccer organization that runs most of the soccer programs in the valley. There are two facets of soccer with District 7 – competitive and recreation. District 7 runs recreational soccer in the spring and competitive soccer in the fall and spring.

Most kids who have played soccer in Providence have played under District 7's recreational soccer program. They are the ones who wear the blue and yellow reversible jerseys, blue shorts, and yellow and blue socks. Kids can start playing with District 7 after they enter Kindergarten. Through District 7's recreational soccer program, kids have the opportunity to play on the big fields as well as play against other teams throughout the valley. Playing is just for fun and there are no team awards at the end of the season.

Competitive soccer is just that – competitive. Kids have to try-out and are “selected” to play on competitive soccer teams. Trophies are given to the top place teams in the valley. Competitive soccer is good for those who have that inner drive to win and who are not quite satisfied with just playing. Uniforms for competitive soccer are purchased as a team, so anything goes. When you see kids playing in cool-looking uniforms, which can be in just about any color (even bright green), you know those kids are playing for a competitive team. District 7 hires their own referees and coaches work on a volunteer basis.

District 7 Volunteer Needed

For so long citizens have called the City asking questions about soccer games - whether they are being played, whether they are cancelled, where they were relocated to, etc. Other than the City's fall recreation program, the City is not in charge of soccer and does not have much to do with it. They don't have the answers to the questions posed. District 7 usually runs the show. Everything (game schedules, clinics, coaches, team selection) for Providence goes through the Providence Area Leader.

Currently, no one has volunteered to be the area leader for Providence. If a Providence Area Leader does volunteer up before December, then District 7 will not be able to provide recreational soccer for Providence in the Spring. The City recreational soccer program only runs in the fall, so there will be NO SPRING RECREATIONAL SOCCER in Providence unless an Area Leader volunteers.