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## Employee Assistance Program

The City of Texarkana, Texas has launched an Employee Assistance Program through Alliance Work Partners effective May 1st, 2014. The EAP is designed to offer employees and their household



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valuable, confidential services. Benefits are designed to help manage daily responsibilities, major events, work stresses, or any issue affecting quality of life. For more information about benefits or enrollment, contact Human Resources at (903) 798-3917.

## Building our social media audience

The City of Texarkana, Texas has recently established a presence on facebook, twitter, flickr and pinterest in order to keep our residents better informed of local events and municipal matters. We need your help to build this audience! If you utilize one of these social networks, please connect with us and encourage your friends and family to do the same:

[www.facebook.com/texarkanatexas](http://www.facebook.com/texarkanatexas)

<https://twitter.com/citytxktx>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/109152798@N08/>

<http://www.pinterest.com/texarkanatexas/>

**Connect with us on Twitter,  
Facebook, Flickr and Pinterest!**



## Peace Officers Appreciation Celebration

Mayor Bob Bruggeman, the City Council and City Manager John Whitson will host the city's 6th annual Peace Officers Memorial on Wednesday, May 7th, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Sullivan Performing Arts Center and John Thomas Theater. This ceremony will honor our area police officers and the lives of our fallen Texas Peace Officers, with a special tribute to TTPD's own fallen hero, Officer Jason Sprague. There will be a reception after the ceremony, and the public is invited to attend.

## Fire Department to host cook out and open house

The Texarkana Texas Fire Department will host an open house and cookout at their training facility on Friday, May 30th, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The training facility, located at 1101 W. 21st Street, will be the site for the new Texarkana College Fire Academy training. This open house will provide an opportunity for leaders and community members to tour the facility, experience training demonstrations, and be treated to lunch prepared by fire personell. The Texarkana College Board of Directors and the Texarkana Texas City Council will learn more about the partnership that will bring the Texarkana College Fire Academy to life in the fall of 2014. Please RSVP to [lisa.thompson@txkusa.org](mailto:lisa.thompson@txkusa.org) if you plan to attend.

## Better Block Texarkana



Better Block/TXK

May 10th, 2014 will be a monumental day in downtown Texarkana. Local organizers have put together a pop-up block event in conjunction with Railfest. The pop-up block will be a day that Broad Street comes to life from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. with shops, food, bike lanes, landscaping and more, to help residents visualize what Broad Street could be. The event will feature over 40 local vendors.

Learn more at [texarkanalive.com](http://texarkanalive.com) or visit Better Block Texarkana on facebook.

## Movies in the Park- May

The Parks and Recreation Department will host Movies in the Park each Thursday in May, beginning on May 8th. The schedule is sure to bring family-oriented fun and entertainment to all who attend in Spring Lake Park. Movies will begin around 7:45 p.m. are free and open to the public.

The City of Texarkana, Texas Parks and Recreation Department presents

# MOVIES IN THE PARK

Bring a blanket and join us at  
Spring Lake Park on Thursdays in May!

May 8th  
Despicable Me 2 PG

May 15th  
Frozen PG

May 22nd  
Thor-The Dark World PG13

May 29th  
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 PG

Movies kick off around 7:45 p.m.  
Admission is FREE  
Movie schedule will resume in October

For more information call  
(903) 798-3978



Concessions will be available. Movies in the Park are held in May and October, so stay tuned for the fall schedule. For more information contact Parks and Recreation at (903) 798-3978.

## Officer Down 5K

The Officers Down 5K Foundation and The Pink Behind the Thin Blue Line will host a 5K race on Saturday, July 26th, 2014 at Grady T. Wallace Park. A portion of the proceeds raised from the race will benefit the William Jason Sprague Memorial Scholarship fund at Texarkana College. If you would like to register, visit [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com) and search "Texarkana Officers Down 5K".

## Farmer's Market season begins

The Texarkana, Texas Farmer's Market season will kick off on Saturday, May 24th, 2014 at 7:00 a.m. Each Saturday, the Farmer's Market will host fun events, including a wine day, farm fresh cooking series, fried green tomato day, a composting workshop, a tomato contest, Main Street Texarkana market day, the 4th annual best salsa competition,

live entertainment, and guest chefs. Check out the calendar of events on the City of Texarkana, Texas homepage at [www.ci.texarkana.tx.us](http://www.ci.texarkana.tx.us). The Farmer's Market will be open May 24th through July 26th each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Sales begin at 7:00 a.m. and continue until sold out. The Farmer's Market is located at 305 Texas Boulevard. The Farmer's Market is sponsored by BWI, Grand Solutions Storage Solutions, and in part by Main Street Texarkana.

## 2014 Sustainability Guide

The City of Texarkana, Texas, in cooperation with the City of Texarkana, Arkansas has updated the sustainability guide which makes recycling and responsible disposal as convenient as possible for residents. The guide, which is a one stop shop for recycling information, can be found at <http://www.ci.texarkana.tx.us/191/Sustainability>.

