



CITY OF

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Fire cookout a success

A large crowd of community members, Texarkana College board members, city staff and fire personell gathered at the fire training facility on Tuesday, June 17th for a training demonstration, tour, and cook out. The audience learned about the Texarkana College Fire Academy that will begin classes in September of 2014 and were able to discuss program potential with fire administration.



Building our social media audience

The City of Texarkana, Texas continues to expand our social media presence. We have recently added a YouTube Channel and a Google+ account. Soon, you'll see window decals going up in all of the city buildings to remind our citizens that we'd like to connect with them. 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
- <https://twitter.com/citytxktx>
- <https://www.flickr.com/photos/109152798@N08/>
- <http://www.pinterest.com/texarkanatexas/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKlffMCiYTNibow1ZL3lc0g>
- <https://plus.google.com/u/0/100403323847035961174/posts>

Connect with us!



Farmers' Market in full swing

The Texarkana, Texas Farmers' Market is in full swing and this year's market is packed with family-friendly activities each Saturday. Check out the remainder of the exciting schedule, and a few photos of all the action so far:

Main Street Texarkana Market Day - Saturday, July 5th
Join us for more information on supporting your local downtown businesses along with free giveaways!

Farm Fresh Cooking Series - Saturday, July 12th
Join Flour Child Fine Foods' Executive Chef Amanda Horton as she prepares seasonal dishes with fresh foods from the market. Bluegrass gospel band The Simple Truth will play as well!



4th Annual Best Salsa Contest – Saturday, July 19th
 Don't miss the fun at the market season's most popular event!
 Featuring the Small Potatoes Band at 9:30am.
 Sponsored by BWI Companies.

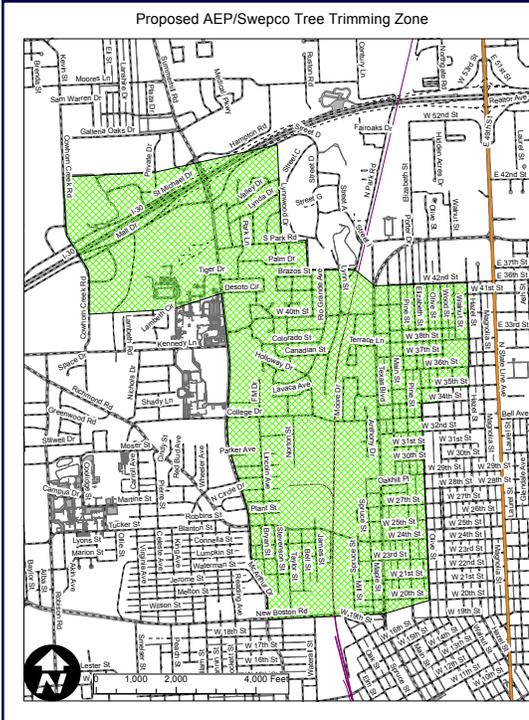
Thank you to our 2014 market sponsors!

Farm Fresh Cooking Series - Saturday, July 26th
 Join Public Health Educator Rebecca Sanford, RN as she discusses using healthy local produce to prevent diabetes.



Texarkana Talk to hit Government Access Channel in July

The Public Information Office is working with Texarkana ISD's TigerVision to create a talk show which will be featured on Texarkana's Government Access Channel, cable channel 18. The show will host city council members and city staff to discuss issues, projects and events that are relevant to the public. The first show will be taped on July 1st featuring Mayor Bob Bruggeman and will air shortly thereafter. Stay tuned for more developments on the city's government access channel!



AEP to begin tree trimming in Texarkana

AEP Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO)'s subcontractor Wright Tree Services will begin tree trimming in Texarkana, Texas on July 2nd and will continue throughout the summer and into the fall, finishing in mid- November. The tree trimming process will include a customer notification, 48 to 72 hours of notice before work is conducted, and a chance for customers to meet with trimmers about their property and preferences. Once the work is completed, the brush will be chipped or chopped, and the waste will be hauled away. If the customer cannot be reached within the time frame allotted, permission will be assumed and trimming will be completed.

Bringle Lake East and West parks preparing to open in July

Work on the new park at Bringle Lake is near completion, and according to Parks and Recreation Director Robby Robertson, a grand opening celebration is slated for August 1, 2014. A big

“thank you” to the hard-working Parks and Recreation team, Kyle Dooley and Mashell Daniel in the Engineering Department, and many others who have made Bringle Lake East and West Parks a true destination for the residents of Texarkana. The park will feature a 1200 feet boardwalk, connectivity between the two spaces, ten new/expanded pavilions, playgrounds, new park roads, security lighting, bathroom facilities, (cont.)

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exercise equipment, volleyball courts, sidewalks, a boat ramp, floating fish docks, expanded parking, drainage improvements, sidewalks, and walking trails. In total, the parks cover approximately 15 acres, and cost \$2.7 million to build, which was appropriated through TIRZ funding and the 2009 bond.

In the next few months, Texas A&M University, in partnership with the City of Texarkana, Texas and Partnership for Pathways, will construct 8400 feet of wilderness trail improvement which will tie into Bringle Lake Park East. The grant totals \$199,500 received from Texas Parks & Wildlife, in addition to a \$50,000 matching grant from Partnership for the Pathway.



Coffee with a Cop

Thanks to the hard work of Officer Cody Harris, Texarkana Texas Police

Department hosted the first of a series of events called "Coffee with a Cop" in June. The event, sponsored by McDonald's owner Jason Sadowski, had a great response from the community. Local residents were invited to have casual conversation with police officers, enjoy a cup of coffee courtesy of McDonald's, and discuss any issue or concern with TTPD neighborhood area coordinators. The next Coffee with a Cop event will be held Saturday, July 19th, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at McDonald's on Richmond Road.



Babies! Babies! Bundles of Blessings!

The Texarkana, Texas family has welcomed several new additions over the past few weeks. Please help us celebrate these adorable faces!



Mack Everett

Born to:
Sara Thomas
8 lbs. 3 oz.
21 inches long
10:38 a.m.
5-7-14



Jason Cole

Born to:
Sarah Chadwick
7 lbs. 5 oz.
20 inches long
5:33 a.m.
5-24-14



Ellison Clark

Born to: David Orr
8 lbs. 5 oz.
6-30-14



Hollis Rhett

Born to:
Lane and Kristin
Peeples
7 lbs. 12 oz.
20.25 inches long
2:47 a.m.
7-1-14

