



# CITY OF TEXARKANA TEXAS

## **Grand Opening of Kylee Sullivan PetSafe Dog Park**

Mayor Bruggeman and the Texarkana, Texas City Council will celebrate the Grand Opening of our Kylee Sullivan PetSafe Dog Park on Saturday, April 5th, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. with a ceremony and ribbon cutting. This will be the first chance for the public and their pets to use our new dog park, and promises to be a day full of celebration. Please join us!

## **KTB to host annual tree giveaway**

Local organization, Keep Texarkana Beautiful will partner with Texas A&M Forest Service New Boston Office to giveaway trees on Saturday, March 8, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at Williams Memorial United Methodist Church. Members of KTB will be on-hand to give out 1,000 bareroot seedlings of mixed species. Representatives from the Texas Forest Service will also be on hand to answer any questions the public may have. The giveaway will be on a first-come first-serve basis and the community is encouraged to participate.

## **Peace Officers Memorial**

Mayor Bob Bruggeman, the Texarkana, Texas City Council and City Manager John Whitson will host the city's 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.

## **Parks Department hosts 22nd annual Fishing Derby**

Rainy weather and frigid temperatures did not keep our Parks Department and many other organizations from hosting two days jam-packed with fun and excitement for some local students on February 27th and 28th. The City of Texarkana, Texas Parks and Recreation Department partnered with the Challenged Outdoorsmen of America to present the 22nd annual Fishing Derby for children with special needs from area schools. Over 500 participants came out to enjoy fishing, lunch, games, and special performances by Sparky the Fire Hydrant and the Kosmic Girlz. Volunteers from the City of Texarkana, Texas along with the Texarkana Challenged Outdoorsmen and the Texarkana Area Fly Fishers ensured that each child was treated to fishing and a day of enjoyment. Sponsors for this event included: Academy, Coca-Cola, Dots Rentals, Texas Parks & Wildlife, Starbucks, and The Scoreboard.

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■ Animal Control Officer Rocky Childress pauses for a photo with fishing derby participant, Angelina Murphy



### City website gets a fresh update

The city website has undergone a development project, and the new site launched on Friday, February 14th. While the address stayed the same, <http://www.ci.texarkana.tx.us/>, the site has been totally rebuilt. Each department now has control over their own pages, and can update information for the public immediately and easily. This new site will allow us to provide accurate, up-to-date and quality information for the public.



### Highland Area neighborhood gets organized

The Department of Community Redevelopment and Grants has hosted two neighborhood meetings so far with the residents of the Highland Area.

The greater Highland area includes residences from 14th Street north to Texas Boulevard and Stateline. Meetings have

had a great response early on with more than sixty interested residents participating. Meetings focus on issues of concern to those residing in the area, and are driven by participants.

For further information concerning future meetings, please contact the Department of Community Redevelopment and Grants at 903-798-3902 or [holly.wall@txkusa.org](mailto:holly.wall@txkusa.org).

### Parks Department is conducting a survey

The Texarkana, Texas Parks and Recreation Department has launched a patron survey that will help gauge interest and use of parks and recreation centers owned by the city. Please take a moment to give us your feedback by filling out this survey. The survey is less than 20 questions and will take less than 15 minutes to complete. Survey results will be used to guide planning efforts in the near future. Visit our city website or social media sites to find the survey link.

### City partners with college to reduce tire waste

The city of Texarkana, Texas has partnered with Texarkana College Environmental Science classes under direction of professor Delores McCright to study the problem of tire waste in the city. City officials have noticed a steady increase of tire waste recently, and want to educate the public about the proper way to dispose of tires and other waste. Texarkana College students researched the issue and found that other cities have launched advertising campaigns to promote recycling and educate the community about the hazards of tire burning and dumping. City officials will work with Texarkana College to create an advertising campaign and employ public service announcements in the Spring.

