



City of  
Pine Forest  
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HAPPY EASTER BLESSINGS!

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# A CITY WITH ROOM FOR GROWTH

## A Message from Our Mayor

Hi Pine Forest residents,

I hope everyone is enjoying this spring-like weather. I want to wish everyone a blessed Easter season as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Be safe and take care.

*Cathy Nagel*

## Save the Date:

- April 11- City Council Meeting 6 p.m.
- April 15- Office Closed in observance of Good Friday
- April 17- Happy Easter
- May 9- City Council Meeting 6 p.m.
- May 20- Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day
- June 13- City Council Meeting 6 p.m.
- July 11- City Council Meeting 6 p.m.



## Hours of Operation

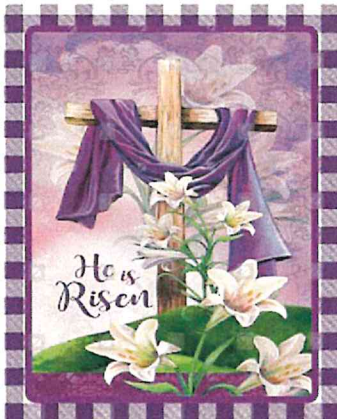
Business is open Monday through Friday 8:00 AM- 4:00 PM. Our City Council Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at 6:00 PM.

Next City Council Meeting will be held on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.



## Keep our Community Clean & Safe

City Dumpster Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month the Dumpster will be open to Pine Forest Residents ONLY. You must make an appointment prior to your visit by calling us at 409-786-4100. Next Available Saturday is April 16, 2022. Please keep our city safe. The city has received several reports of dogs running loose causing Postal Services and Utility providers unable to deliver. Please be a good neighbor and a responsible Pet Owner and keep your dogs on your property.



# Monthly Meetings

Council Meetings are held at 6 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at City Hall, located at 305 Nagel Street, unless a Holiday falls on that date, the meeting moves to the next business day.

- Visit our website to view a copy of the agenda.  
[www.cityofpineforest.com](http://www.cityofpineforest.com)
- Special Meetings are called as needed and are posted on the website and at City Hall 72 hours prior to the meeting date and time.
- Citizens may speak to the council during the Citizens Communication portion. It is recommended that you show up 15 minutes prior to the meeting to sign in. Speeches are limited to 3 minutes.



PLEASE CONTACT US AT 409-786-4100 WITH ANY QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS.

Did you know? The name for the month of April originally came from Aprills which means "to open".



## Where can I get a Covid-19 test?

If you think you have COVID-19 and need a test, The City of Pine Forest has just received FREE In-Home Covid Test that are available for our Residents to pick up Monday through Friday during the hours of 9:00-11:00 am ONLY at Pine Forest City Hall. Please bring a photo ID with proof of address. 1 Test per Family Member will be issued. Supplies are limited.

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***"We may Encounter many defeats, but we must not be defeated."***

***-Maya Angelou***

# City Permitting

Pine Forest requires that a Permit be issued for any Modification to your property, building constructed or moved onto a property or for any improvement to your property, home or building. Permits can be obtained by filling out a Permit Application and these permits are valid for (1) year.

## Some examples that require a Permit are:

- Construction of a new building or home
- Additions to existing buildings
- Substantially improving existing buildings
- Placing of manufactured (mobile) homes on a property
- Temporary building for both residential and commercial
- Agriculture buildings
- Concrete, Fill, grading, excavations, mining and dredging

## Why do I need to obtain a Development Permit?

Section 60.3(a)(1)CFR(Code of Federal Regulations) states that communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) shall require permits for all proposed construction or other development in the community, including the placement of manufactured homes, so that it may determine whether such construction or other development is proposed within the flood-prone areas.

For the purposes of this requirement, the NFIP definition of "development" found in Section 59.1 CFR 44 means any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to, buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving excavation, drilling operations or storage of equipment and material. Thus, under the NFIP a community is responsible for requiring Permits for all development, not just structures.



# ARE YOU PREPARED?

**STAN, the Southeast Texas Alerting Network**, is a messaging and notification system that keeps the communities of Southeast Texas informed about emergencies and other important events in the area. Through STAN, industrial companies and emergency management officials can quickly notify you about emergencies, industry or weather events occurring in Southeast Texas.



**Local Emergency Management encourages you to sign up to receive alerts on your cell phone.**

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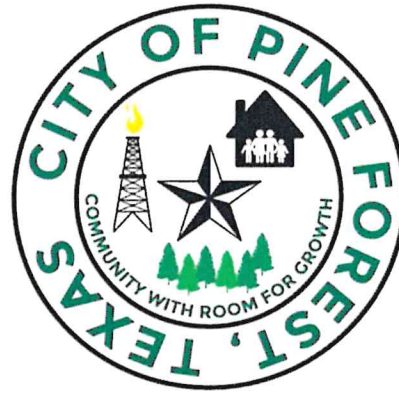
**Visit the STAN website at [www.thestan.com](http://www.thestan.com)**

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# City Hall Under Reconstruction

Our city hall renovations are nearing completion from Hurricane Harvey. We are so very excited. It has been a long time coming.

Hurricane Harvey was a devastating Category 4 Hurricane that made landfall in August of 2017. Hurricane Harvey completely devastated our little City which has taken many of us years to restore the damages left behind. After years of operating in a temporary building next to our City Hall, we are excited to announce that we have finally moved back into our original City Hall building. We have made so much progress, so we are very excited to see it come to fruition. The City Hall reconstruction Bid went out for procurement in August of 2021 and the contract was awarded by the City Council to BASCO, INC. It has been great working with them during this reconstruction process. The City Hall will remain operational during this time to assist you. Please Call the Office if you have any questions.



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