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# A CITY WITH ROOM FOR GROWTH

## A Message from Our Mayor

Hello Pine Forest,

I hope this finds everyone healthy and rested up after the holidays. Archaeological digs for the drainage project on Briar and Clarence, will begin soon. Hopefully when those are complete the work can begin. It might be an inconvenience to those living on those streets but, we are hoping that once completed there will be better drainage for all the addresses in that area. Please call the office with any questions. Enjoy your winter break and have a Happy Valentine's Day.

*Cathy Nagel*

## Save the Date:

- February 13-City Council Meeting 6 p.m.
- February 14- Happy Valentine's Day
- February 20- Closed in Observance of Presidents Day
- March 12- Daylight Savings Time begins
- March 13- City Council Meeting 6 p.m.
- April 7- Closed in Observance of Good Friday
- April 9- Happy Easter
- April 10- 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, February 13, 2023 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 Feb. 18, 2023.** 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.

February comes from the Latin word *februa*, which means "to cleanse." The month was named after the Roman *Februalia*, which was a month-long festival of purification and atonement that took place this time of year.



## 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 9:00-4:00 pm 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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- Place 1 Council Member Jesse Santana  
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**"All you need is love, but a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt."**  
-Charles M. Schulz

# 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 180 days.

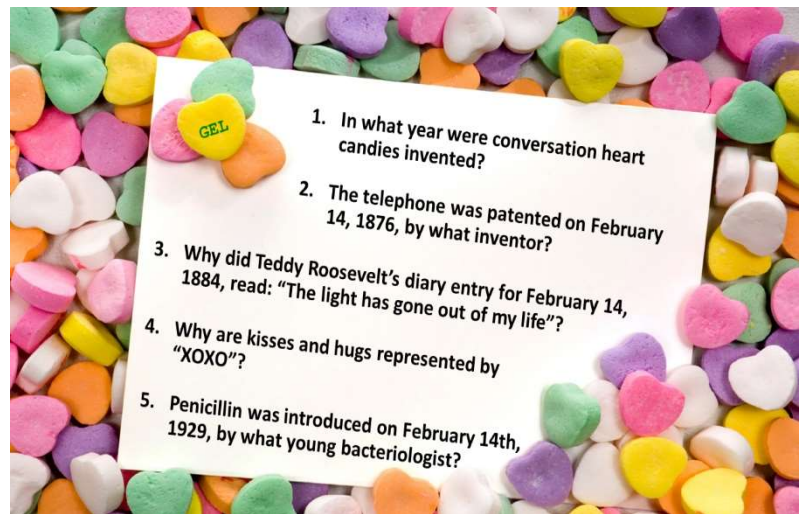
## Some examples that require a Permit are:

- 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

# Please Slow Down!

The City of Pine Forest continues to encourage drivers to slow down. Especially during High Traffic. The posted speed limit is 30 MPH on Lakeview Cutoff and 20MPH down most City Streets. Please make this a safe place to live for our residents and our Children at play.

As a Reminder, please slow down. Not only does driving fast put you at risk, but those around you, such as other drivers and pedestrians.



Answers to Valentine's Day Trivia:

- 1.1866. Sweethearts first began making their candy hearts in 1866. The candy was then taken over by Necco in 1901 and has since become one of the most popular Valentine's Day candies
2. Alexander Graham Bell
- 3.Sadly, his mother and wife both passed away within hours of each other on that day.
- 4.Looking back through the history of Valentine's Day, it's believed that people who were unable to write their names during medieval times would sign their name with an X, then kiss it to show their sincerity.
- 5.Alexander Fleming

## New Business in the City Pine Forest Donuts

3665 N. Main Suite C

409-790-4180

Open Monday-Sunday 5am-12pm

Stop By and Grab you some Coffee & Breakfast!



## Pine Forest Residents we need your help!!

We are working with our grant consultants to secure funding for improvements to City infrastructure. There are many upcoming opportunities that would enable us to make important additions to our current capabilities and provide means to develop recreational areas/parks and other facilities that would otherwise be unaffordable and/or unattainable. These projects are in the earliest stages of consideration, and we will of course seek additional input from the community as we move forward.

In the meantime, to make this possible we desperately need your prompt response to the attached survey. To pursue these opportunities, we must show that at least 51% of households in Pine Forest are considered low-to-moderate income by TDA's standards.

The survey questionnaire is self-certifying, requests information based on your income only, and does not consider assets. The forms will not be used for any purpose other than grant applications. Please note that there is no identifying information other than your address that is required on the form. Once completed, they will be counted by our grant consultant and included in the project file. Only the totals of low-to-moderate income households vs. non-low-to-moderate income households and basic demographic data (male, female, etc.) will appear in the grant applications.

The first grant application we would like to pursue for which these survey forms are needed is due by February. We will therefore need to have the completed forms to our grant consultant on or before February 1st. Please complete one form per household and return to City Hall ASAP.

On a related note, you may recall having recently heard Vidor completed the same type of household income survey. Due to their success in gathering these forms, they have been awarded over \$20 Million in drainage projects this past year alone. We want to make sure we are doing everything we can to help bring funds to our community as well. These survey forms are vital to the future of our community, and we hope you are willing to take just a few minutes of your time to complete the survey form and return to City Hall.



Love our Newsletter?? We'd Love your feedback!

Please stay up to date with us on our city website [www.cityofpineforest.com](http://www.cityofpineforest.com) and Pine Forest Talk on Facebook. Our city newsletter will mail out monthly. If you no longer wish to receive our Monthly Newsletter by US mail, please call us at 409-786-4100 to be removed. Thanks.

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