



City of Pine Forest July 2022

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A CITY WITH ROOM FOR GROWTH

A Message from Our Mayor

Hello Pine Forest,

Happy Independence Day! I hope everyone is doing well and keeping cool. This July 4th, we need to be reminded of our freedoms. This is a time in history when so many of the things we have taken for granted all our lives seem to be at stake. I want to continue to live in a country where we still have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. God can heal our land, but we must do our part. 2nd Chronicles 7:14 says "If my people who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will forgive their sin and I will heal their land. It is a promise with a condition. Roe vs. Wade was overturned because millions of Christians prayed. This is a huge accomplishment for our country. This July 4th, please commit to pray for our country and city daily and for the politicians who are trying to make a positive difference. Also, we must pray for God to remove the ones who persist in trying to take away the rights and privileges we enjoy in the United States of America. God Bless you all and God bless the U.S.A!



Cathy Nagel

Save the Date:

July 4- Office Closed in observance of Independence Day

July 11- City Council Meeting 6 p.m.

August 8- Council Meeting 6 p.m.

August 10- Back to School

September 5- Office Closed for Labor Day

September 12- City Council Meeting 6 p.m.

October 10- Office Closed in Observance of Columbus Day

October 11- City Council Meeting 6 p.m.

October 31- Halloween



Hours of Operation

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

Next City Council Meeting will be held on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 6:00 PM.



Keep our Community Clean & Safe

City Dumpster Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Every 3rd 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 July 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

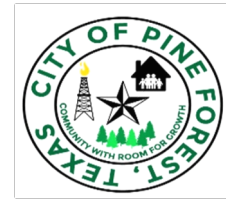
Council Meetings are held at 6 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at City Hall, located at 305 Nagel Street, unless a Holiday falls on that date, the meeting moves to the next business day.

- Visit our website to view a copy of the agenda.
www.cityofpineforest.com
- 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.

Happy 4th of July!!! This is America's Day! It was on July 4th, 1776 that The United States became an independent nation. From that day forward, July 4th has been known as Independence Day.



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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"We're blessed with the opportunity to stand for something, for liberty and fairness. And these are things worth fighting for, worth devoting our lives to."

- President Ronald Reagan

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

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.

Independence Day Facts and History

- ... dates back to the American Revolution 1775 - 1783.
- ... is the anniversary of the publication of the Declaration of Independence.
- ... the Declaration of Independence was formally declared July 2, 1776, Congress approved the final text of the Declaration July 4, 1776, and it was signed August 2, 1776.
- ... John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both signed the Declaration of Independence; each later became President; and they died within hours of each other July 4, 1826.
- ... Congress passed a law making it a federal holiday June 28, 1870.

Hurricane Season 2022

BE PREPARED, STAY PREPARED

Know Your Risk - Sign up for your community's emergency warning system. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.

Gather Supplies - Keep in mind each person's needs, gathering supplies for at least three days. Stock up on items such as food and water, non-perishable foods, first-aid supplies, prescriptions, pet supplies, flashlights and batteries. Don't forget to charge electronics you may need.

Personal Safety - In your "go kit" include items like hand sanitizer, face masks, wipes, and liquid soap.

Secure Documents - Remember to secure copies of important personal documents. Filing for government assistance requires documentation. Be sure to keep documents in a secure location and take them with you if you need to evacuate.

Protect Your Property - Shutter your home as needed, review your flood insurance policy (or sign up for one) and declutter drains and gutters. Most homeowner and renter insurance policies do not cover flood damage. A flood insurance policy generally does not take effect until 30 days after purchase, so be sure to maintain your policy.

Make Your Evacuation Plan - Be familiar with the route and shelter locations. Discuss and practice drills for your evacuation plan with your family each year.

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

Please stay up to date with us on our city website 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.



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

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