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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:

- March 12- Daylight Savings Time begins
- March 13- City Council Meeting 6 p.m.
- March 17- Happy Saint Patrick's Day
- 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 2nd Monday of every month at 6:00 PM.

Next City Council Meeting will be held on Monday, March 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 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 March 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
- 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.

March is the time of year when animals start waking up from hibernation. The name for March comes from Mars, the Roman god of war. It was named as such in both the Julian and Gregorian calendars. The Vernal Equinox occurs around March 20 or 21st.



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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Mayor Pro tem/Place 2 Council Member James McCullar
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Place 3 Council Member- seat vacant
councilseat3@cityofpineforest.com

Place 4 Cynthia Worsham
councilseat4@cityofpineforest.com

Place 5 Wesley Brown
councilseat5@cityofpineforest.com

"Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn."

-Lewis Grizzard

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.

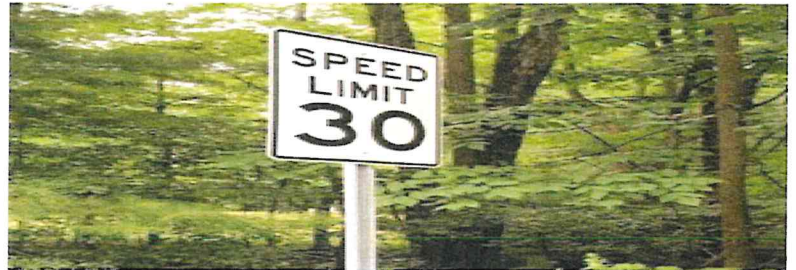
Some examples that require a Permit are:

- 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.



St. Patrick's Day Facts

As long as you celebrate safely, St. Patrick's Day can be fun for all. Here are a few facts about the Irish holiday:

- St. Patrick's Day celebrates the traditional religious feast day of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland.
- The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place not in Ireland, but the United States on March 17, 1737, in Boston.
- More than 100 St. Patrick's Day parades are held across the United States. New York City and Boston host the largest.
- There are roughly 35 million U.S. residents with Irish ancestry, more than seven times the population of Ireland itself.
- There are approximately 144,588 current U.S. residents who were born in Ireland**.
- You may hear some phrases in Gaelic/Irish on St. Patrick's Day. The most common: Erin go braugh = Ireland forever; slainte = good health/cheers.

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!



St. Patrick's Day Fun Facts

Every March 17, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated with parades, parties, and a lot of green.

The Shamrock
St. Patrick used the three-leafed shamrock to explain the Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Pinching
The tradition in America to be pinched anyone who isn't wearing green on St. Patrick's Day. Legend has it that wearing green makes you invisible to leprechauns, who pinch anyone they see.

Green was originally Blue
Wearing green has become a staple of St. Patrick's Day, but the holiday was originally associated with the color blue. It's thought that the shift to green happened because of Ireland's nickname, "The Emerald Isle." The colors on the Irish flag and the shamrock, an elusive Celtic symbol and character, were worn as early as the 17th century.

Corned Beef & Cabbage
A staple of St. Patrick's Day celebrations. In 2014, there were 407.3 billion pounds of United States beef and 2.2 billion pounds of cabbage produced in the U.S.