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# City of Ferris

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### From the Mayor's Desk

**Richard Barrett**



Well, summer arrived on time, but, with early hot temperatures already upon us, it looks like the next several months are going to present some unique challenges for all of us. This is a great time of year to be involved in outdoor activities, family reunions, vacations, and taking life easy. Remember to take care of yourself and your outdoor pets during the heat of the day.

In my last article, I mentioned that 2010 would be an exciting year with the planning and implementation of several projects. I'm excited to say that the City Council recently authorized the purchase and installation of new lighting for the ball fields. This is a much needed improvement which will be noticeable during the next baseball season. Also, the City Council is still hopeful in finding the funding to begin work on the new public library and other improvements to the existing ball fields.

Don't forget that July 4<sup>th</sup> is just around the corner. This is a time to reflect on the freedoms we enjoy as Americans. It is also a time to remember the men and women who defend this great nation of ours and the sacrifices they make every day to preserve our freedom. Proudly fly your America flags and offer gratitude of thanks for the freedom you enjoy.

In closing, I would like to express my personal appreciation to all of you who continue to support this great city of ours. We have so much to be thankful for. I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer and remember to take extra caution when you're outside and drink plenty of fluids. Keep it safe and healthy.

Until next time.....God Bless the City of Ferris.

Rick Barrett  
 Mayor

FOR THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF YOUR PETS, AND TO COMPLY WITH THE THE CITY OF FERRIS' RABIES CONTROL PROGRAM, ALL PETS LIVING WITHIN CITY LIMITS MUST BE LICENSED. IT IS EASY TO GET YOUR PET LICENSED. - JUST BRING PROOF OF RABIES VACCINATION TO OUR FINANCE BUILDING (where you pay your water bill), FILL OUT A BRIEF FORM, PAY \$6, THEN YOU WILL BE GIVEN A TAG IN THE SHAPE OF OUR GREAT STATE. THIS TAG MUST BE WORN BY YOUR PET AT ALL TIMES.



**From the desk of Eric Strong –  
City Manager**



One of the things that we are going to be focused on this summer is getting the town cleaned up. We want to make sure we are doing what we can to keep our city clean and attractive.

One of the many benefits to living in Ferris is that we have free garbage pickup. This not only includes our regular trash service, but as we have large items and/or brush that needs to be picked up, it is free as well. If you have large items or brush that needs to be picked up, this needs to be arranged through a special pick-up. It cannot be simply placed on the curb with your regular trash. In order to have these bulky items picked up, you need to call City Hall and have your address added to our list. There is no charge for this - you just need to call us at either 972.544.2110 or 972.842.8571 and we gladly add you to the Friday brush pick up list.



**From the desk of Frank Mooney –  
Chief of Police**



We want everyone to remember that school is out and the summer travel season is in full swing so there will be more people out walking and more vehicle traffic. Please be more cautious in driving. § The Ferris Neighborhood Crime Watch groups are active in two areas of the city. The Shaw Creek area group is led by Darlene White, cell phone (972) 978-1728, meeting the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Lucy Mae McDonald Elementary School Library, 500 F.M. 983, Ferris. The Central Ferris area group is led by Karen Carreon, cell phone (214) 801-0159, on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Conference Center at the southwest corner of Church and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets. These groups are very successful in bringing their neighborhoods and the police closer together in fighting crime. § We are asking that anyone in other areas of town who are interested in leading a group please contact Investigator Sgt. Sam Love at 972.544.2233. § We have engravers available for loan to citizens for marking their valuables. Identifying stolen property is the biggest obstacle in recovering a victim's stolen belongings. § We congratulate our police dispatchers - Mike Atwell and Shalonda Becker for recently receiving their Basic Telecommunicator Certification from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education. Also, our two other full time dispatchers, Patsy Benner and Robbie Hobbs, currently hold the Advanced Telecommunicator Certification.

Have a fun, SAFE summer!

**Community  
Calendar**

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**July**

- 5 City offices closed (Independence Day)**
- 6 City Council Meeting**
- 19 City Council Meeting**

**August**

- 2 City Council Meeting**
- 16 City Council Meeting**
- 24 First Day of School**

**September**

- 6 Labor Day (City Offices Closed)**
- 7 City Council Meeting**
- 20 City Council Meeting**

**October**

- 2 Pioneer Day**
- 4 City Council Meeting**
- 18 City Council Meeting**

**Applications for all  
City of Ferris  
Boards and Commissions  
are available at City Hall and  
can be downloaded from  
cityofferris.org.  
Deadline for all applications  
is July 30, 2010.**

## From the desk of Doug Childers— Internal Technical Services



I am excited to introduce you to our city's new web site! It's been a long time in the making but it is now up and running with new features that will keep you up to date on all events throughout our city. We have now combined all the city web sites into one for the convenience of getting all information from one area. I listed below a summary of all the areas of our new site. You can get to our web site by going to <http://cityofferris.org>.

**Departments:** Listing of every department through-out the city along with detailed information pertaining to that department. **City Council:** Information about our Mayor and City Council. **Information Area (Links):** This area contains important links for the citizens of Ferris and also for the employees **Documents:** This area contains agendas and minutes for City Council meetings and all other committees and elected boards. **eServices:** On-line live databases under E-Services from the main menu:

- ◆ Police Activity – This is a live database from our e911CAD program located at dispatch. You can see all current and past activity of our police calls.
- ◆ Arrest – This is a live database that lists all adult arrest and charges coming through our Ferris jail.
- ◆ Fire/EMS Activity – This is a live database from our e911CAD program located at dispatch. You can see all current and past activity of our Fire/EMS calls.
- ◆ Library Live Database – You are now able to search our library database and see if we carry the book or other audio/visual materials you might be looking to check out
- ◆ Property Search - In this area you can search by address and name to see all public information on all property in the city of Ferris.

## From the desk of Eddie Duran—

**Fire Chief**



Ferris improves ISO Public Protection Classification. The Insurance Service Office evaluated the City of Ferris to establish appropriate fire insurance premiums for residential and commercial properties. The ISO is the principal provider of this information through the Public Protection Classification program.

ISO collects information on a community's public fire protection and analyzes the data using their Fire Suppression Rating Schedule. ISO then assigns a Public Protection Classification from 1 to 10. Class 1 represents the best public protection - while a 10 indicates less than minimum recognized protection. By classifying a community's ability to extinguish or control a structure fire, ISO assists communities in evaluating their public protection infrastructure. By securing lower fire insurance premiums for communities with better public protection, the PPC program provides incentives and rewards for communities that choose to improve their firefighting services.

The last evaluation was in 1992 and Ferris was assigned a Public Protection Class 6. The new Public Protection Class assigned to Ferris is a 3. Commercial Property owners within 5 road miles of a recognized fire station and 1,000 feet of a hydrant will save a possible 16% off of their insurance premiums and residential property owners within 5 road miles of a recognized fire station and 1,000 feet of a hydrant will save a possible 11%. This is contingent on maintaining the current staffing and equipment.

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## Annual Rabies Clinic



Several pets were helped at this year's Annual F.F.A. Rabies Clinic.



Many pet owners made sure their pets had their needed shots and the required City license tag.

## Ferris Library News



1st Graders from McDonald Elementary visit the Library.

Summer Reading Club started June 16, 2010 - but your child can still participate even if they were not signed up from the beginning of the program.