



# ROBINSON CITY NEWS

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## CALENDAR

**June 12** - Movie in the Park

**July 2** - Siren Test 10 a.m.

**July 5**- Independence Day Observed - City Offices Closed

**July 6** - Planning & Zoning 6:15 p.m.

**July 10** - County-Wide Cleanup & Chipper-Shredder Day - Bulky Trash accepted for disposal 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Fee for first trip waived, 1 per household. All others \$10.00

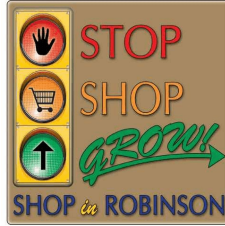
**July 13** - City Council 7 p.m.

## SMART METERS COMING TO ROBINSON

Oncor will soon be installing new smart meters in the Robinson Area. According to Oncor, the new smart meters not only benefit customers but also impact the environment and the energy future.

Prior to meter installation Oncor employees will be placing yellow notification of installation door hangers at each residence. Upon installation a red door hanger will be placed at each residence. Customers should expect a very brief power outage while the meter is being installed.

To learn more about the smart meter, visit  
[www.smarttexas.com](http://www.smarttexas.com),  
[www.facebook.com/smarttexas](https://www.facebook.com/smarttexas)  
or [www.twitter.com/smarttexas](https://www.twitter.com/smarttexas).



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## COLLECT ON WARRANTS

The Robinson Municipal Court has initiated a program to enhance collection of outstanding warrants issued on its Class C Misdemeanors.

When a violator is issued a citation and fails to pay the fine or to appear in Municipal Court by the appearance date shown on the citation, the Court gives violators a second chance to take care of the citation by allowing an additional 10 days. Defendants are notified of the additional time by letter. At the end of the additional 10 days, a warrant is issued for the arrest of the defendant and warrant fees are added to the original fine amount plus a fee for Failure to Appear. DPS is also notified of the outstanding warrant and bars renewing driver's licenses.

As a courtesy, Robinson police officers will be contacting by phone those persons having warrants (whether new or old) and give one final chance to pay the fine prior to being arrested. The Municipal Court office will be open on the first and third Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. to Noon to receive payments as well as during regular business hours M-F 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A defendant who fails to take care of the warrant after receiving a

courtesy call from the police officer should expect a knock on the door and a trip to jail.

Payment for a warrant must be cash, money order or credit card (MasterCard or Visa only). Credit card payments will be accepted over the phone.

## FOURTH ANNUAL AWARD CEREMONY

The Robinson Police Department held its Fourth Annual Awards Ceremony at the June City Council meeting Tuesday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Since 2007, the RPD has honored men and women of the department who have shown exemplary service through a police activity or event.

This year's Awards Ceremony honored Sergeant Gary Hinson and Lieutenant Jeff Lewellen. Both officers were presented with the "Life Saving Medal" representing the saving of a human life which may have been lost had there been no intervention.

Brookshire's Grocery Company was also recognized for their continued support of the Police Department. Gary Grones, Manger of Brookshire's in Robinson, accepted the "Distinguished Service Award" representing outstanding contribution and service to law enforcement.

The ceremony is a time to let citizens of Robinson know about the men and women of the Police Department who have performed an exceptional task during the past year.

The Award Ceremony, which began in 2008 under the direction of Chief Rusty Smith, has previously recognized several police employees for heroic actions and superior service in a police event.

#### PROPOSITION 1 PASSES IN ROBINSON

The local option election on May 8<sup>th</sup> approved the sale of wine in Robinson stores. Of the 718 persons who voted, 64.48% voted for the proposition and 35.52% voted against the sell of wine inside Robinson city limits. Wine sales mean more sales tax for the city which already allows the sale of beer with 5% alcohol content.

Prior to the election, City manager Robert Cervenka said allowing wine sales would be a small, extra push for the city in terms of economic development. He added that even if the proposition didn't pass, it would not slow down the economic development in the city.

Robinson is already a major growth center for McLennan County. Over the past 10 years, the city has doubled in population and only a small portion of the land area has been developed.

Obviously there are mixed emotions in allowing wine sales in Robinson. Realistically, the passing of the Proposition will generate additional revenue for Robinson rather than to the City of Waco.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

**Keep Robinson looking**

**great! Mow your grass.  
Code is regularly being  
enforced.**

Pothole, high weeds, dilapidated building? Send report to:  
[actioncenter@robinsontexas.org](mailto:actioncenter@robinsontexas.org)



#### MOVIE IN THE PARK

The City of Robinson and Time Warner Cable again present Movie in the Park. This year's movie is set for June 12<sup>th</sup>. Pre-activities will start around 6:00 p.m.. "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs" will begin around 8:45 p.m.

A band is scheduled to perform and concessions will be available.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs or blankets in order to comfortably enjoy the movie.

#### COUNTY WIDE CLEANUP

The 19<sup>th</sup> annual County Wide Cleanup event to be sponsored by Keep McLennan County Beautiful will be held in July.

Precinct One, which

includes Robinson, will have its cleanup day on the second Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> which coincides with Saturday chipper Day.

The Robinson site will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for Robinson residents to dispose of brush or bulky trash. The fee for the first trip will be waived-limit one per household. All others will be \$10.00

#### STREET LIGHT OUT

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**NO FIREWORKS  
ALLOWED ON JULY  
4TH**

There's nothing like a grand fireworks display on special holidays and occasions such as New Years and the Fourth of July. However, not everyone enjoys the loud report from firecrackers and aerial rockets.

Each year thousands of people are injured from fireworks, thousands of acres of pasture and even homes are destroyed by fireworks. The most forgotten victims of fireworks are pets that shiver in fear when fireworks explode.

The City of Robinson outlawed all fireworks within the city years ago and, in 2006, the police department committed itself to prevent losses due to fireworks. The RPD joined forces with the

Robinson Volunteer Fire Department in an effort to stem the increasing complaints and injuries caused by fireworks.

This July 4<sup>th</sup> will be no exception. The RVFD will contact as many citizens as possible who are found in any way discharging fireworks within the city limits. Anyone who fails to respect the City's fireworks ordinance will be issued citations.

