



ROBINSON CITY NEWS

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CALENDAR

May 3 - Planning & Zoning 6:15 p.m.

May 5 - Festival Planning 6 p.m.

May 7 - Chipper - Shredder Day - bulky trash accepted for disposal 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

May 7 - Court Office open 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

May 10 - City Council 6 p.m.

May 21 - Court Office open 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

May 26 - Comprehensive Plan 6 p.m.

MISS ROBINSON FESTIVAL PAGEANT

The Miss Robinson Festival Pageant will be held Friday, June 17, 2011 at the Robinson Junior High School Cafetorium at 6 p.m. The winners will be introduced the following day at the First Annual Robinson Festival.

The pageant will have two age categories: Teen (14-18) and Miss (19-25). The categories in which the contestants will be judged are sportswear, evening wear and on-stage interview.

The winner of each category will receive various prizes, including a cash scholarship. This is a great opportunity to represent and serve the City of Robinson. Not to mention an opportunity for contestants to meet new friends and gain pageant experience.

The entry fee is \$50. Contestants can pick up an application at Robinson City Hall.

THE ROBINSON FESTIVAL

The Robinson Festival will be on Friday, June 17 and Saturday, June 18, 2011. The Miss Robinson Festival Pageant will be the main event on Friday. The festival will start Saturday at 8:30 a.m. with the 5K Robinson Road Run sponsored by the Robinson Women's Alliance. The festival will also feature vendors, food, a bake off and a Time Warner Cable movie in the park.

To be a vendor or bake-off contestant, please fill out an application at Robinson City Hall.

TRASH CONTAINER ORDINANCE REMINDER

Sec. 16-33. - Lids, covers to remain securely fastened.

The lids or covers of all garbage and trash containers shall at all times be kept secure and fastened so that flies and other insects may not have access to the contents thereof. Such lids or covers shall only be removed while the containers or receptacles are being filled or emptied, as the case may be.

Sec. 16-34. - Placing containers for collection.

No container shall be placed either for storage or collection at a point nearer the street than the front of each principal building, house, dwelling unit or structure concerned. If it is not practical to place the containers for collection as above specified, the director of public works and/or the mayor shall determine the location of the containers.

Sec. 16-35. - Collection of trash not in containers.

If trash is of such a nature that it cannot be put in the regulation containers, it shall be placed in disposable containers or in neat and orderly piles, and placed adjacent to the alley or on the edge of the alley, in order that it may be removed conveniently. It shall be unlawful for any person to place trash in an alley or street so as to obstruct or hamper vehicular or pedestrian traffic.



COMMUNITY VISIONS 2031

The Comprehensive Plan workshop meetings began Monday, April 4. The meetings will be held **Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 p.m.** in the Robinson City Hall Council Chambers

If unable to make the meetings, please feel free to comment online at the City website.

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

If you live in Texas long enough there are two things you will realize: It gets awfully hot in the summer and more times than not the amount of rainfall is limited. So far in 2011, Central Texas along with most of the state is experiencing an extremely dry start to the year. The City of Robinson's Water Utilities Department would like to remind everyone to do their part to make sure they are not wasting water. Stay alert to leaks in and around your home. Even the smallest leak can add up quickly when left unrepaired. Here are a few ways we can all do our part:

1. If your toilet was installed before 1992, add a toilet dam to reduce the amount of water flowing out of it by 35 percent and still leave it functioning properly. (Never use a brick to displace water in the tank, because it can deteriorate and clog your pipes.)
2. If possible, replace your old toilet with a modern low-flush one. While using only about half the water of old-style toilets, most newer models are now highly efficient.
3. Install a low-flow showerhead to reduce your shower water use by 20 to 60 percent.
4. Put aerators on all your faucets. They reduce the amount of water but add air bubbles to the flow remains lively. This way you can reduce your household water flow by two gallons a minute.
5. Check your pipes and water equipment for leaks, which can waste thousands of gallons of water a year.
6. Purchase water-saving appliances, such as front-loading washing machine and low-water-use dishwasher, and wash only full loads.
7. Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth. Fill the basin for washing or shaving.
8. Wash fruits and vegetables in a bowl, and fill your sink to wash and rinse dishes, instead of running the water.
9. Landscape your property using native plants appropriate to your climate, so that they won't require excessive watering and will retain soil moisture.
10. Use a rain barrel to collect water from your roof's downspout to irrigate your garden.
11. Sweep, rather than spraying down, your driveway and sidewalk.

The City of Robinson has an established Drought Contingency Plan. The plan was designed to provide for the safety of our water customers. The Water Utilities Department continuously monitors our water system to determine if implementation of our plan needs to begin. Although numerous conditions can occur to cause water shortages, the most common is heavy water usage during dry conditions.



ROBINSON WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

The next Robinson Women's Alliance meeting will be held Sunday, May 15, 2011 at 4 p.m. at Robinson City Hall. The Robinson Festival 5K Road Run will be benefiting the Robinson Women's Alliance to help build a better community. For more information regarding joining The Robinson Women's Alliance, please contact Jana Henderson, President, at janafaucett189@msn.com. For more information regarding the 5K Road Run, please contact Jeanie Johnson at kjdt1@yahoo.com

MEMORIAL DAY & INDEPENDENCE DAY WASTE SCHEDULE

Service routes will run one day late for both the week of May 30 and the week of July 4.

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COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

Please call 254-662-1415