



# ROBINSON CITY NEWS

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## **TIRE COLLECTION DAY RESCHEDULED**

The Used Tire Collection Day sponsored by Keep McLennan County Beautiful has been rescheduled for Saturday Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> at Paul Tyson Field in Waco. The event was postponed due to the approach of Hurricane Ike.

County residents may dispose of up to 8 tires up to 34 inches in diameter at no cost. More tires, or tires larger than 34" but less than 50", will be subject to a nominal fee.

Paul Tyson Field is located on Lake Air Drive behind Waco High School. The event will begin at 8 AM and run until 12 noon or until the trailers are full.

## **SILENT HERO AWARD**

Robinson Police Department Telecommunicator Jessica Dumesnil has been awarded a Certificate of Recognition for the 2008 Silent Hero Awards. This award is presented to an individual telecommunicator in recognition of exceptional

professionalism in the field of emergency communications.

Honorees are selected on the basis of a positive attitude, willingness to be a team player, professionalism and pride in work, ability to earn and maintain the respect of co-workers, flexibility in assignments and job performance above and beyond the call of duty.

## **LONG TERM POWER CONTRACT**

Cities Aggregation Power Project (CAPP), a non-profit organization that makes bulk electricity purchases on behalf of its member cities, has signed an unprecedented 24-year agreement to purchase power from Luminant and its affiliates at highly competitive, long-term rates, potentially saving Texas communities like Robinson millions of dollars.

Under the agreement the cities can insulate municipal budgets from potential price spikes due to natural gas commodity price volatility. These reduced rates are achieved by prepaying the fixed cost portion of the contract. CAPP will issue bonds to finance the prepayment on behalf of participating cities. Cities choosing to take part in the contract will sign a contract

with CAPP agreeing to pay for their annual share of the prepayment cost of the long-term purchase of electric power. Under the contract, cities will obtain almost two-thirds of their annual power requirements at set rates, allowing local governments to better budget this important component of their operations.

Robinson has saved thousands of dollars each year by purchasing its electric power and energy through the aggregation group. By participating in the long term contract, even greater savings should be realized. Luminant is the generating division that was spun off from the former TXU Corporation when electric deregulation was implemented.

## **BUSINESS APPRECIATION EVENT**

The second in a series of Business Appreciation Dinners was held by the City of Robinson and the Robinson Economic Development Committee at the new Quality Brickworks building on Robinson Drive.

Businesses along the

Highway 77 corridor from Peplow south to the city limits were invited. An earlier event was held for businesses along the northern part of Highway 77. Future events will include the business community on Interstate 35 and Loop 340.

Businesses represented at the event included Quality Brickworks, Dairy Queen, Robinson Church of Christ, Robinson Medical Center, Fidelity Bank of Texas, Pizza Inn, Don's Hardware, Fit for Life, Centroplex Service Co., Hair Flair, Blue Bell Creameries, Durham School Services, Johnson Roofing and Stonewood Dental Clinic.

Members of the City Council and the Economic Development Committee were also present to serve as hosts.

*Have information on criminal activity or a tip for police?*

**Crimestoppers Tip Line**  
753-HELP (753-4357)

You do not have to identify yourself

<http://www.renebates.com>

**STREET LIGHT OUT?**  
Report online  
[www.oncorgroup.com](http://www.oncorgroup.com)

## **RODENTIA MURIDAE & CRICETIDAE**

Rodents are now

officially "persona non grata" in Robinson. As defined in a new ordinance, "Rodent means rats and mice in the order *Rodentia*. This shall include, but is not limited to, rats and mice belonging to the family *Muridae* (which includes the Norway rat, roof rat, and house mouse) and belonging to the family *Cricetidae* (which includes the deer mouse, the white footed mouse and the cotton rat)."

In general, the ordinance provides that "all premises within the City of Robinson shall be free of rodents and maintained in a rodent-free condition. Rodent harborages shall be eliminated, buildings shall be maintained in a rodent-proof condition, food and foodstuffs shall be stored and handled so as to be inaccessible to rodents and, where rodent infestation is evident, effective measures of rodent eradication shall be instigated by the occupant of the premises or in the absence of an occupant, by the owner."

The new ordinance has public health considerations and is a model ordinance recommended by the Waco/McLennan County Board of Health for all area cities.

Visit the City of Robinson website:  
[www.robinsontexas.org](http://www.robinsontexas.org)

## **FISCAL YEAR BRINGS NEW FEES, RATES**

The City of Robinson operates on a fiscal year that begins on October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. With the new year come a few changes in the utility rate structure:

*Sewer Rates:* increasing \$2 per month to \$24.50 residential base rate plus 35 cents per thousand on average winter water use.

*Solid Waste Collection:* no change in rates but a fuel cost adjustment is being added.

*Chipper Day:* \$10 fee per trip to site.

Other rates and fees are unchanged.

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## **EARLY VOTING**

One of the few Early Voting boxes for McLennan County will again be open in Robinson beginning Monday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. Any voter registered in McLennan County can use any of the

early voting boxes.

Ballots may be cast at the Robinson Police Department Training Room from 8A - 5P Mon. Oct. 20 through Fri. Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>; from 7 A - 7 P on Sat. Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>; from 1 P - 6 P on Sun. Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>; and from 7 A -7 P Mon. Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> through Fri. Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.

Unlike the old absentee voting, it is not necessary to certify that one will be out of town on election day in order to Early Vote.

## CALENDAR

**Nov. 1** - Chipper-Shredder Day - Bulky trash accepted for disposal 8:30 AM -1 PM-\$10 fee per trip

**Nov. 7** - Siren Test 10 AM

**Nov. 11** - City Council 7 PM

**Nov. 22** - Tire Collection Day-Paul Tyson Field- 8 A - 12 N

**Nov. 27-28** - Thanksgiving - City Offices Closed

**Dec. 6** - Chipper-Shredder Day - Bulky trash accepted for disposal 8:30 AM -1 PM -\$10 fee per trip

## SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

The Texas Department of Public Safety is now providing information on the place of employment in addition to the standard data that has long been available on the Sex Offender Registry website.

Anyone can access the Sex Offender Registry and search for sex offenders by name, by a 1, 2 or 3 mile radius of a certain address, by zip code, by county (McLennan County has

over 400) or by college name.

The Sex Offender Registry information is free and does not require the user to sign in. There are other DPS online services available for a fee that do require registration. To check the registry, log on to [www.txdps.state.tx](http://www.txdps.state.tx) and follow the links to Sex Offender Registry.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out on the vacant lot adjacent to the Robinson Police Department was well attended this year. The event was moved to October from late summer to obtain more comfortable outdoor weather.

Fire, police and ambulance personnel had equipment on display and a number of fun activities were also available.