

Happy February Rhome!

February will be a busy month in Rhome. We will have our two regularly scheduled Council meetings and one additional meeting to discuss the Capital Planning needs of the community. We also have a Planning & Zoning meeting set for the second Monday evening of the month.

This month also brings President's Day, Valentine's Day, Super Bowl Sunday, Black History Month, Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday, and it is a leap year – so we get one additional day!

We wish you a month filled with fun events and a little extra time on the 29th of February.

What is a Capital Planning workshop and why does it matter to me?

The Council team will meet with Staff for an all-day discussion on Saturday, the 10th of February to review the needs of Rhome as it relates to:

1. **Water Wells** - available sources for water and the possibility of re-drilling our existing groundwater wells. We need additional water capacity to provide for community use. You may recall that we were on Stage 3 water restrictions for several months last year due to systems issues with Walnut Creek Special Utility District.
2. **West Wastewater (sewer) Treatment Plant** – our west plant has several issues that need to be addressed, which may require us to replace the plant with a new version. The plant was originally built in 1998 and hasn't had any upgrades since the installation. It has also received violation notices from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the overflow of sewer.
3. **Replacement of Old Clay Pipes** – we need to address the old pipes that were likely installed 70 years ago that are in our Old Town area of Rhome. Old Town is generally the homes and business areas along BC Rhome and Main Street. We need to replace these with new line.

Council has been discussing these, and other capital projects for the past several months and have received updates from Staff on the overall status of the water/wastewater systems during recent meetings. Addressing these projects is important to our current residents as we want to ensure that faucets work, toilets flush, and sewer is treated according to state standards.

The meeting is open to the public if you would like to attend. It will start at 8:00 a.m. at the Community Center (by the Fire Station). You can also review the agenda on our website www.cityofrhome.com if you would like to read the full list of topics.

Planning for Today and Tomorrow!

Rhome Record

February – 2024

FEBRUARY	2024	2024
29	366	LEAP
LEAP DAY	DAYS	YEAR

Citizens Police Academy

We are proud to announce the inaugural Rhome Citizens Police Academy beginning February 20, 2024. Have you ever wondered what the day-to-day activity is like for the police officers serving your community? Well, here is your chance to learn what your public servants do to help keep us all safe. Learn about DWI Enforcement, Crime Prevention, Narcotics/K9, Criminal Investigations, Patrol work, and other law enforcement topics including a night on the shooting range. You will also learn from our firefighters what they do on their calls dealing with fires, car crashes, and medical emergencies. The Citizens Police Academy will be held on Tuesday nights from 6:30pm - 9:30pm for nine consecutive weeks.

If you are interested in applying for this opportunity, to be a founding member of our citizens police academy, please email Officer Kris Garrett at kgarrett@cityofrhome.com.

Important Dates to Remember:

- ✓ Bulk Trash Pick-up, Tuesday, February 6th
- ✓ Last Day to File for Place on the Ballot – February 16th
- ✓ City Offices Closed – Monday, February 19th to observe President's Day

Meetings at the Marie Moore Educational Center (Community Center next to the Fire Dept.)

- ✓ Planning & Zoning – February 12th at 6:00 p.m.
- ✓ Council Meeting(s) – February 8th, and 22nd at 6:00 p.m.
- ✓ Council Capital Planning Meeting – February 10th at 8:00 a.m.

Elections for City Council

Local elections are in full swing in Wise County! In Rhome, we have the positions of Mayor, Council Member Place #4, and Council member Place #5 open for those who are interested in serving the community. Being a Council Member can be a rewarding and enjoyable experience. If you are interested, we would encourage you to go to the city's website www.cityofrhome.com and look under the "Government" and then "Elections" tab for complete information.

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