

BRANCH OUT

City of Hudson Oaks Community News No. 1

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Hello everyone and Happy New Year!!

Well, 2020 is over, but it certainly left long-lasting memories for us to ponder well into the future. Our country endured a global pandemic, civil unrest, political turmoil, and a losing season for the Dallas Cowboys!

While 2020 was a year full of challenges, we saw our community come together, support one another, and try to make “the best” of the situation. In the Spring, our local merchants and restaurants got hit with restrictions on how they conducted their operations. The “Branch Out and Takeout” program allowed the City of Hudson Oaks to partner with our residents and support our businesses by offering \$20 vouchers to citizens for purchases at our restaurants. In July, we celebrated our nation’s birthday while spread out all over the City and watching live music online. Craft and Cork was held at several different locations throughout the City to allow the popular, annual, craft beer and wine festival

to carry on. The mayors of Parker County, conducted a food drive in October to assist families who had lost their jobs or saw a reduction in income due to the pandemic. On Halloween, we saw a wildly successful “drive-thru” trunk or treat event at Gene Voyles Park. Lastly, in December, COHOHO’s electric light shows still drew hundreds of families to the downsized outdoor event.

As your mayor, I want to personally thank each of you for the fortitude and perseverance that you showed through the hardships of 2020. We will inevitably face more adversity in 2021 however, I firmly believe that we will continue to rise to the challenge, and we will overcome them together.

In closing, I want to introduce this new form of communication from the City of Hudson Oaks to you, our residents. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you updated on what is happening in our City, which will include topics like staff spotlights, event calendars, Planning and Zoning activities, and a message from our City Administrator, Sterling Naron, as well as yours truly on occasion.

May God bless you and keep you safe in this New Year. Please reach out to me, or our city staff, if we may be of any assistance to you.

Mayor Marc Povero

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

City Council @ City Hall | January 28, 2021 @ 7 pm
Planning & Zoning @ City Hall | February 9, 2021 @ 7 pm

CITY HALL CLOSED FOR THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

MLK Jr. Day | January 18, 2021
President’s Day | February 15, 2021
Good Friday | April 2, 2021
Memorial Day | May 31, 2021
Independence Day (observed) | July 5, 2021
Labor Day | September 6, 2021
Veteran’s Day | November 11, 2021
Thanksgiving Day | November 25, 2021
Day After Thanksgiving | November 26, 2021

YOUR GUIDE TO HUDSON OAKS

City Information Line | (682) 229-2400
Inspection Line | (817) 335-8111
Republic Services | (817) 332-7301
Oncor | (888) 313-6862
Tri County Electric | (682) 229-2400
Non-Emergency Police | (682) 229-2454

REACH OUT

Let us know if there is anything we can do to make our city better!
info@hudsonoaks.com

BRANCH OUT FAMILY

While 2020 had its challenges, Hudson Oaks’ diverse economy remained resilient due, in large part, to this community’s support of our family of businesses. We were able to not only support our existing businesses, but we were also able to grow the family of businesses throughout 2020 and are continuing that growth in 2021.

We saw milestones with H-E-B celebrating their one-year anniversary, R&K Cafe moving to a new location within the city, Creekside at Hudson Oaks having their first resident, and Nextlink Internet expanding into a new office building adjacent to their current offices.

We were also able to witness new openings such as Urban Air Adventure

Park, Superior Livestock, Pathfinder Brewery, The Grove at Pathfinder Brewery, Mama’s Pizza, Nothing Bundt Cake, and Hooker’s Grill in David’s Stove Shop.

There is more growth to come in 2021. Currently, Home Zone Furniture is building their new location south of the City Lights Cinema and AutoZone has been approved to begin construction next to Schrick’s Liquor.

We look forward to the many successes of our current and future businesses in 2021. I know they are all very appreciative of the community’s support.

Sterling Naron
 City Administrator

WELCOME TO HUDSON OAKS!



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BRANCH OUT TEAM SPOTLIGHT



Meet Michael Flores!

Michael is a Water Operator in the Hudson Oaks Public Works Department and has been a member of the Hudson Oaks team since 2011. This past year, Michael received the City Administrator's Shining Star award. The Shining Star award goes to the Hudson Oaks employee of the year and is nominated by their peers for their exemplary service to the Hudson Oaks community. Michael, along with the entire Public Works Department, is responsible for making sure water customers have consistent, clean drinking water. Michael always has a smile on his face and takes pride in providing high quality and responsive service to all Hudson Oaks water customers. Michael, if you weren't a Water Operator what would you be? "If I was not working as Water Operator I would want to be a Chemist who works in a lab with different chemicals". Make sure you say hi if you see him around the community!

FORT WORTH WATER LINE PROJECT UPDATE

When we hear the phrase "liquid gold", most people think of petroleum, right? Well, it's safe to say that in Texas, another vital natural resource deserves the same nickname: potable water.

In November of 2018, the City of Hudson Oaks entered into an interlocal agreement with the City of Willow Park to initiate the beginning of a major regional construction project - to build a water supply line from Fort Worth to service the two East Parker County cities.

This project is getting funded by a loan through the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). After Texas experienced the worst period of drought in the state's history, the state legislature created the TWDB in 1957. The mission of the TWDB is to "lead the state's efforts in ensuring a secure water future for Texas and its citizens".

This project, dubbed the "Fort Worth Water Line", was featured last year at the Texas Water Conference as a premier example of regionalism

in the state. After the completion of the line, Hudson Oaks and Willow Park will become wholesale customers of the City of Fort Worth for surface water sourced from Benbrook Lake. So, what does this mean for Hudson Oaks residents?

The switch from dependence on groundwater to surface water means the water will be treated differently, which will result in the water being less "hard". But, since we will continue to supplement with groundwater, staff still recommends all water customers install a water softener.

Construction of the supply line is slated to begin by Spring 2021. There will be no gap in water service, and staff will push out more information as we get closer to the service switch date - which is estimated to be late Fall of 2021.

It is an exciting time to be in the City of Hudson Oaks. This project will secure a sufficient water supply for both residents and the growing business community for the foreseeable future.

FRAUD ALERT

The Hudson Oaks Police have received several complaints of scammers who say the person owes the IRS, or that someone has kidnapped a family member, or that a family member is in jail and each time the scammers are asking the person to go to a certain location and buy specific gift cards and give the scammer the number from that card.

the scammers will keep you on the line so you do not call the police. When these people call, hang up immediately. You may report these occurrences to the local jurisdiction law enforcement agency.

Never pay anything with a pre-paid gift card unless you know who exactly the money is going to. For more information, please see:

If any legitimate sounding company, or government agency asks for pre-paid gift cards, they are scammers. Often times

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/paying-scammers-gift-cards>

2020 EVENTS



BOOMIN 4TH 2020



CRAFT & CORK 2020



"DRIVE THRU" TRUNK OR TREAT 2020



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COHOHO 2020