

July 31, 2020

Dear Community,

We at the city have been busy. We have had several meetings. Our city's newest employee, Olivia Hutchison, who will be working with the EDC and CDC boards and helping the Area Chamber of Commerce has been getting acquainted with the position. We are so excited to welcome her to our team. Great Big Shout Out, Welcome!

This week I heard about two particular people I want to recognize. I am so thankful for the Jeanie Coleman who is on our Library Board and shares her artwork and talents with our citizens. If you have not seen the artwork on the window beside the Library, check it out, it is amazing. This week she made some characters out of wooden spoons that go along with stories. Wow, they look amazing what a special treat for our most precious citizens and the future of Whitewright. Great Big Shout Out and thank you!!

Brian from our Public Works assisted a resident with their car. I am proud to see that kindness from our employees. Thank you. I am proud to know that I see this in so many areas and departments. Our Fire, Police and Public Works giving special birthdays. Thank you.

This week it was good to see a baseball team of from our town practicing and all the coaches and parents cheering them on. That is a great American past time and it's just wonderful to have got to see such a wonderful sport being played. I hope to see all sports open back up.

We will be opening the lobby back up for customers on Monday, August 3rd. Be mindful of the mask requirements and social distancing. Also, there will be only one person or one family at a time allowed in the lobby for additional caution. Thanks for having respect for all in our community. We want to protect all our citizens.

The library will be open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. beginning August 3rd. No late Thursday nights at this time. The library has recently received digital copies of the school annual, The Bell, and are in the process of adding those to their online collection. The library is still missing some years of The Bell and are especially interested in acquiring copies from 1952, 1959, 1967, 1972, and 1974. If you don't want to part with your copy, the library can have it scanned and return it to you.

From Chief Scott's desk, this week - They worked on patrol and case follow up investigations. They are working on the final steps of our new officer coming on board. They are also working on some more training to help enhance the department.

Tips for citizens:

If it's too good to be true, it is. We all want to have financial security and garner a nest-egg for our future. But be wary of anyone who tells you have won a prize, and wants you to give them money before they can send your prize to you. There are many such scams like this out there. Also, be aware the IRS and Social Security Administration will not contact you by phone. If someone tells you that you have a warrant for your arrest, try turning yourself in to the Grayson County Jail. Don't send anyone money by purchasing gift cards.

Municipal Court scheduled for 08/28/2020, 4:00 P.M.

From our EMS Captain Jeff, these past few months have been busy with Paramedic certification completion. The team has been really busy this week with assisting many in our community. We are still looking for PRNs. If interested please come by and apply.

COVID-19: As Texas continues opening up for business, businesses should follow simple guidelines to ensure a safe and clean environment for employees as well as customers. Suggestions include: All surfaces used in the preparation, delivery, serving and consuming of food should be disinfected frequently and immediately following any of the above processes. Any items delivered to a business should be disinfected immediately upon delivery.

Our Public Works Team started this Monday on fire hydrant and street repairs. They kicked off Tuesday to fix a leak on Gardner street and worked on equipment. Wednesday they mowed wells. Thursday, they worked on work orders and burned bush pile and cut trees out of roadway. Friday after a good rain they checked manholes and our sewer plant due to rain and checked the area for tree damage and drainage.

Dear Lord, I pray for our community its needs mentioned and not mentioned. Lord, I ask and kneel before you as your servant and ask for your forgiveness for our nation, state, our county, community, I pray that we will humble ourselves before you, we graciously thank you for all your mercies and protection on our nation, we ask you to be with us guide us with all your leadership and wisdom, I pray over all the farmers, ranchers, and fisherman that have worked so hard to feed our nation. I pray for our Police, EMS, Fire, Game Wardens protecting us, State park staff for providing safe clean areas to relax, I pray for the oil drillers, road construction crews, those building our nation, military men and women and also those who fought and died for our nation, pray for teachers and staff and their leadership, pray for our magistrates lawyers prosecutors and district of attorneys being always challenged or questioned on morals and ethics and values, pray for our churches and pastors and Sunday school leaders and all those attending, pray for those that have lost loved ones through this COVID virus, I pray for healing and courage, I pray for all those that have been sick or in the hospital for various surgery's and needing healing, I pray for healing from suicide ideations or those who lost from it, drug or alcohol addictions child abuse, foster families, child protective services, I Pray for Israel and all their daily battles and for protection, I pray for those being martyred for you daily, I pray for the children being sold into bondage around the world, I pray for those being trafficked, I pray for the guardian angels that go and rescue abducted children and adults around the world, I thank you Lord for our many blessing we have received in the past and current, pray for those preying on children and those abusing women, I pray for our upcoming elections for our nation state and county and town, I pray that they serve you with a penitent heart, I pray for the safety and wellbeing of our city employees and families, Pray for all the missionaries and nations who don't have your peace in Your mighty name Jesus we pray, Amen.

Serving you respectfully,

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"Dream to Keep the Down-Home Feeling"
"House Divided Cannot Stand" The Bible and Abraham Lincoln