

# THE CITY OF PRAIRIE VIEW Newsletter 2018

**APRIL IS** 

Alcohol Awareness Month

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April 2018



PVAMU SPIT Knowledge: Phylicia Rashad & Key To City of Prairie View

Economic Development Director, Wendy Williams, EDC Pres., Marie Herndon & Mayor Allen with 100 Black Men of Houston members discussing development opportunities in Prairie View



If You SEE Something, SAY Something! Help us keep Prairie View SAFE!

# Suspicious Drug or Criminal Activity?

911 or www.prairieviewtexas.gov Chief Solomon #936-857-3521 Mayor Allen 281-901-9049 (your name not needed)

Heavy Trash pickup day, the 3rd Monday of each month & scheduled by calling 979-277-1160.

### Message from Mayor David Allen



Dear Residents of beautiful Prairie View: MY ADMINI-STRATION'S 22 -MONTH RE-PORT Prairie View Cricket Complex opens first game April 22



### Promises kept:

- Less crime, a new Police Chief, 4 new officers, 3 new police cars, new equipment, training and community policing:
- ➤ \$430,000.00 in unpaid water bills by former customers was discovered. A Law Firm has been contracted to start collecting numerous violations of City Ordinances.
- ➤ A Grand Jury indicted missing funds that was investigated by the Texas Rangers Investigation.
- ➤ LED street lights have been added, citywide and more are coming
- Improvements in street maintenance; ie., cutting trees, elimination of bus and garbage pick-up complaints.
- 2. Clean City/Enforce City Ordi- church property (Jobs)
  nances: ➤ Prairie View Cric
- > Over 100 Citations have been

issued and Officer White has been assigned as the new Certified Code Enforcement.

- ➤ In the Public Works department two (2) new trucks, two (2) new technicians and \$200,000 was saved over the last 15 months by doing repairs/other work in-house.
- 3. More Non-Tax Revenue the goal is to ease the tax burden on residents; the plan is to start age 65+ property tax exemption like county and surrounding cities.

There are four (4) new Student Housing projects with 2,200+ beds with 1,400 ready by Fall 2018.

- > New stores, 5 acres by Chevron (Jobs)
- ➤ New Harvest Market Grocery Store, old Newman Center & church property (Jobs)
  - Prairie View Cricket Complex (Cont'd on Page 2)



Scientists sharing soil rejuvenation discovery used in 22 countries with Dean of Agriculture, Dean of Arts & Sciences, VP of Research, Mayor Allen and others with PVAMU



Mayor Allen, Judge Alexander, USW Utility & FEMA Reps touring to review city damages for refund claims



<b>Municipal Court Report</b>	Ordinances	Other violations	Cases Total
June, 2016 — March, 2018	138	1,506	1,644

Alcohol Awareness month focus is on 'Changing Attitudes." Since 1987, April has been designated as Alcohol Awareness Month by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence. Designed to increase public awareness and understanding, reduce stigma and encourage local communities to focus on alcoholism and alcohol-related issues, this year's theme is *Changing Attitudes: It's not a 'rite of passage*.



### The City of Prairie View

### CITY COUNCIL

## MAYOR David Allen

Position #1 Brian Rowland
Position #2 Jonathon Randle
Position #3 Kendrick Jones
Position #4 Wendy Williams
Position #5

Paulette Matthews Barnett



### Words of Encouragement! 17 For in the gospel the

1/ For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness

that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith." **Romans 1:17(NIV)** 

Primary Early Voting
PV City Hall, 44500 Bus. 290
Monday, April 23, 8am—5pm
Tuesday, April 24, 7am—7pm
Wednesday, April 25, 8am—5pm
Thursday, April 26, 8am—5pm
Friday, April 27, 8am—5pm
Monday, April 30, 8am—5pm
Tuesday, May 1, 7am—7pm
Election Day May 5, 7am—7pm



**Important Numbers** PV City Hall 936-857-3711 PV Police 936-857-3521 PV Fire 936-857-9522 Nonemergency # 979-826-8033 Waller Cty Sheriff 979-826-8282 PV A & M Univ. 936-261-3311 San Bernard Elec. 936-372-9176 City of PV Water 936-857-3711 City of Waller Gas 936-372-3880 Republic Services 979-277-1160 Municipal Court 936-857-5327 Juvenile Court 979-826-7691 Waller ISD 936-931-3685 Hempstead ISD 979-826-3304

City of Prairie View 44500 U. S. Business 290 P. O. Box 817 Prairie View, TX. 77446-0817 (Cont'd from page 1)
on 290 between Richards Road & Liendo
Parkway

- ➤ Pizza Hut, KFC restaurants coming soon @290 & Liendo Parkway (Jobs)
- Checkers Restaurant, gas station @ University Drive, 290 (Tx DOT final approval) (Jobs)
- > \$350,000 CDBG Grant to upgrade Alta Vista sewer pipes and lift-station (Jobs)
- >> \$1 million EDA Grant to add water & sewer all of James Muse Parkway to HT Jones Elementary, looping will improve all city water quality (Jobs)
- ➤ PVAMU & City of PV: \$100,000 Smart City Research Grant, we applied for the grant and our city was represented on the panel about City of Prairie View's Smart City project and collaboration with PVAMU.

  ➤ \$625,000 saved on city loan debt by idea to refinance it (Jobs/Services)

### 4. Supplemental:

The city's credit rating increased from "A" to "A+.". The monthly support from the Prairie View Volunteer Fire Department increased from \$750 to \$1,000.

### **COMING SOON:**

84 acres with 13-14 fields making our New Prairie View Cricket Sports Complex on 290 and Richard's Road to Liendo Parkway, the largest in the US!!! The 1st game is April 22, 2018!!! The owner purchased 10 acres for a KFC Restaurant, Pizza Hut and gas station; services will generate revenue to city and add jobs!! Also, \$15 million, 1,400 beds student housing complex, gated, swimming pool, basketball court, gym, bbg pits, and 5 acres of retail stores next door. creating more revenue for police officers, and more jobs! \$3 million, 486 bed student housing on Owen's Road next to Jones Elementary (14 of his 40 acres, phase 1); \$10 million Creekside Apartments expansion, adding 325 student beds. Fifteen (15) new Faculty/Staff homes located behind Dollar General, as well as, a 150 Affordable Housing project with Cezar Chavez Foundations support are being discussed.

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# INDUSTRY DAY

Register Now! FREE! Learn How you Can Partner with Prairie View A&M University on Industry Day, April 12, 2018, 8:30am-3pm,

PVAMU's Agriculture Business Building. Register with kbcotton@pvamu.edu

### Phylicia Rashad & Mayor Allen



Prairie View Scouts; Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays.
Pack 338 5:30-6:30, PV Fire Station; Troop 1906 7-8:30,
PV City Hall & Girls 6:30—7:30 PV City Hall

### CHURCHES IN PRAIRIE VIEW

First United Methodist Church, 35615 Owens Rd

\*\*\* PV Senior Citizens Weekly Exercise Classes; Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:30—11:30am; The Wesley Foundation along with Pastor Dwayne Thompson (FUMC) will host its 3rd Annual Golf Classic, Monday, April 30, Cypress Lakes Course, 12:00 Noon, Cypress. For more Info, contact Rev Dwayne Thompson @832687-6278. Reg. deadline, 4/23.

<u>Henderson Chapel</u> off Echols Street, Sunday mornings, Sunday School at 9:30am

Immanuel Church @PV, P. O. Box 507, April 15—Annual Church Picnic @PV Student Park, 11am; April 28— Priscilla Shirer Simulcast @Gateway Church,8:30am-3:30pm; Waller Pregnancy Care Center Fundraiser Banquet, April 26, 6:30-8:30pm @Gateway Fellowship Church

Prairie View COGIC, 24776 Richards Road

Wednesday Bible Study, 6pm; Friday Night Bible Study, 7pm; Sunday School, 9:45am & Morning Service, 11am

St. Francis Assisi Episcopal Church, 204 Dooley St.

\* Men's Prayer Breakfast, April 21 @8:30am; Houston
Food Bank Distribution, May 9, 10:30—12:30; Bring your
own BAGS!

Temple of Refuge COGIC Ministries. 45372 Old HWY 290; Sunday Worship Service @10:00am[ listen to service on Community Radio Station 87.9FM or dial 605477-5066

Wyatt Chapel BC, 36903 Wyatt Chapel Rd.

On behalf of the PV City Council & Mayor Allen, we want to express our appreciation to city staff, volunteers and community residents for your efforts, hard work & participation in helping to make great things happen in our city.