



THE CITY OF PRAIRIE VIEW NEWSLETTER 2019

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December 2019



PV hosts the International Cricket Tournament!

VSU Team visit to promote PV and PV Cricket Complex



The City of Prairie View is Honored to welcome its New Police Chief, Kenny Lopez!

Heavy Trash pickup day, the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month & scheduled in advance by calling 979-277-1160.

Mayor's Monthly Update



Dear Residents of Prairie View,
I want to say "Thank You for having me as your mayor."
Here is your 36 month Christmas present:

- \$34 million in new Economic Development gave us a \$441,000.00 increase in this budget over a year ago.
- City safety improved by increasing salaries, of officers, hiring new Chief of Police Kenny Lopez (Jan 3, 2020), he is interviewing for 3 more police officers and 4 new reserve officers, doubling our police department in 3 years (next goal 3 officers per shift).
- FlowChem Manufacturing's \$80 million expansion adding over 40 new jobs to current internships and hundreds of thousands of dollars to city property tax revenue next budget!
- Panther Hill Apartments is paying the majority of the \$441,000.00 in new property taxes plus 40 jobs (students & adults).
- Prairie View Cricket Complex at largest in the country has had thousands of visitors and tourist activity preparing to build a 5,000 seat stadium plus thousands of seats around it's 7 fields generating even more tax revenue.

- Prairie View Townhomes is a \$20 million project of townhomes, hotel and retail stores on FM 1098 across from Community Center.
- Campus Edge: 60 acres of mixed use development on Hwy 290, first apartments can be seen as you exit.
- FuelMaxx/Shell Convenience Store/ Gas Station and a Checkers Restaurant on Hwy 290 & University Drive opening soon!
- The Gates of Prairie View: 30 acre mixed-use development with retail stores, restaurants, mid-size hotel, townhomes for sale and in the rear student housing
- Home Development: 75 single family homes project on Business 290 behind old city hall, finalizing plans.
- \$1 million JM Parkway EDA Grant in newspapers for bid and will add water and sewer to our Eastern Border bringing in a lot of Economic Development.
- \$350,000 EDA Grant repaired all of the old clay sewer pipes in our oldest residential area of Alta Vista
- \$742,000 Hurricane Harvey Grant just approved and I met with Texas General Land Office rep last month, and will repair sewer pipes in Rosewood for residents damaged by Hurricane Harvey.
- \$4,000,000,000.00 NEW Harvey Funds coming to Texas for us to apply from 2015 & 2016 floods, more details in March 2020!
- Our city is unique and we have great

people but our location is away from the big city with it's resources and economic overflow!
You can see we are creating our own economic development, jobs and services!
- San Bernard Electric night rides led to a lot of new LED lights in every area of the city to increase safety.
- Studies are being presented to add a new city water tower and a wastewater treatment plant.
- PVAMU and City are working together with Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with the Colleges of Agriculture, Engineering, Business, Cooperative Extension, HT Jones Elementary Community Garden, Engineering helping on Boards and doing studies in the city. Thanks to Dr Akujuboi for leading the work going after a \$2 million Smart City Grant,
- Engineering Dean and I are working to have students and professors do more projects that assist the city, great since I came to PVAMU on an Engineering Scholarship in 1st ECI in '73.
- Municipal Court we had Judge plus 1, now we have Judge plus 2 new.
- Public Works had a supervisor plus 2, now USW supervising plus 5, getting a lot more done, AND we are in compliance with TCEQ, USW Licensed technicians informed us we were not in compliance in a few areas.

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Municipal Court Report	Ordinances	Other violations	Cases Total
June, 2016 — October, 2019	199	5,302	5,501



Left: PV Veterans recognize 96 year old WWII Veteran, Mr. Luther Francis with Resolution by Congressman Michael McCaul

Right: Prairie View City Council Meeting



CITY COUNCIL**MAYOR, David Allen**

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

*Save
the Date*

**City of Prairie View
 50th Anniversary
 Celebration Banquet
 on December 17,
 5:00 p.m. at MSC!**



PVAMU Women's SWAC Champions!

Vietnam business owners with PVAMU, Dr Aruna, Dr. Nguyen & Mayor Allen make plans to grow Orchids in Prairie View!



Prairie View Chapter Top Teens Veterans Day Presentation at Prairie View City Hall



City of PV signs MOU for Agriculture, student and professor exchange with President Franco of University of Cauca, Popayan, Colombia!

City of Prairie View
 44500 U. S. Business 290
 P. O. Box 817
 Prairie View, TX. 77446-0817

**Morehouse, Prairie View A&M, Spellman
 Receive Million-Dollar Faculty Support
 Grants**



\$80 million FlowChem expansion: contractors, engineers, inspectors meeting at 1876 Bistro. Jobs, Internships and Revenue for more city services and to help reduce taxes.



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-Police Dept, has had almost total turnover except 1, new Chief with 7 Officers, hiring 3 Officers and 4 unpaid Reserves..
 -Administration after Texas Rangers investigation terminated 2 staff, was mayor and volunteers, now mayor and 5 staff.
 Not only are we growing, but unlike never in over 140 years!
 My promise was to clean up the city, lower us from having highest property taxes in Waller County and start giving 65+ senior property tax discount. We will have funds to start implementing some of these by next budget, October 1, 2020! Thanks to the above Economic Development and more being discussed, Promises Kept!

**God is blessing Prairie View,
 Mayor David Allen**

**houston
 foodbank**

**Kraft Houston Food Bank Distribution
 December 19, 2019, 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
 The distribution location is at St. Francis
 Assisi Episcopal Church, 204 Dooley Street.**

**December 1-21: Eagle Scout Project African
 American Book Drive
 Contact Camelia Cain@ 281-615-7798**

**The City of PV Newsletter Editors
 Veronica C. Hargest Weatherspoon,
 Ed. D., Editor in Chief
 & Lorna Doore, Co-Editor**

**Prairie View Volunteer Fire Fighting Association
 ANNUAL FOOD & TOY DRIVE
 NOVEMBER 4 – DECEMBER 19, 2019
 Drop off Schedule: MONDAYS – FRIDAYS
 (7AM – 6PM) & WEDNESDAYS (7PM-9PM)
 Leave a message at (936) 857-9522 or (936) 857-5550**

**Scouts Schedule: Contact: Boy Scouts—Jason Bullard
 @troop1906pv@gmail.com; Cub Scouts—Elaine Jackson
 @mejacksontx@prodigy.net or
 Tim Perkin @713-594-6768
 Join PV Fire Department—meetings every Wednesday, 7 p.m.**

Thanks to Andrea Bell Miller & Matthew Miller for preparing food for two families who recently lost homes to fire. PVPD donated turkeys and Mayor Allen donated side dishes.



**CHURCHES IN PRAIRIE VIEW
 (Church Announcements)**

Church of Christ at Prairie View, 110 Bledsoe Street
 Sunday Bible Study, 9 a.m., Worship @10:00 a.m.

First United Methodist Church, 35615 Owens Rd
 Sunday School, 10a.m. and Worship Service @ 11a.m.
 ** Every 3rd Sunday—BAG Sunday (Bring A Guest)

Henderson Chapel off Echols Street
 Sunday mornings, Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Immanuel Church @ PV, P. O. Box 507
 * Thursdays – Corporate Prayer, 7:30 p.m. followed by Bible Study & Friday mornings, Up w/The Son, 7:00 a.m., PV Student Park

Prairie View COGIC, 24776 Richards Road

St. Francis Assisi Episcopal Church, 204 Dooley
 12/1—Collegiate Night Out @6:30pm; 12/8—Alpha Phi Alpha Founder's Day Observance (Dr. Lucius Wyatt, Speaker) @4pm; 12/21—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Attorney Carroll Robinson, Speaker) @8:30am

Temple of Refuge Ministries, 45372 Old HWY 290
 Sunday morning live broadcast services beginning at 10:15 by dialing 605-562-0444 (T-Mobile users: 605-562-0440). ID code is 46492.

All Faiths Chapel, PVAMU Campus
 Sunday Morning Service, 10a.m.

Victorious Believers Church, 21131 Pine Island Rd.
 www.victoriousbc.org; Christian Education, 10am, Morning Worship, 11a.m.

Wyatt Chapel BC, 36903 Wyatt Chapel Rd. Sunday
 Morning Service, 11 a.m.

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.