



# THE CITY OF PRAIRIE VIEW NEWSLETTER



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November 2016

## Monthly Events

**2nd Monday, Waller ISD  
Admin Bldg., Waller ISD  
School Board Mtgs., 5 pm**

**3rd Saturday, St. Francis  
Episcopal, Men's Prayer  
Breakfast, 8:30 am**

**3rd Sunday, PV Alumni Bldg  
PV Athletic Council, 7 pm**

**4th Monday, PV City Hall  
Prairie View City Council, 6pm**

**4th Wednesday, St.  
Francis Episcopal  
PV Retired Teachers, 1 pm**

**4th Thursday, PV Alumni  
Chamber of Commerce, 6 pm**



**Ass't Chief  
Anthony Solo-  
mon, from Bel-  
meade Police  
Department and**

**Retired Captain Tomball PD  
will be joining us on November 9  
as the New Prairie View Chief of  
Police via Community Policing.**

## ROBO CALL

**Stay Informed!  
Residents may  
receive  
information  
calls from PV  
City Hall!**



**Call 936-857-3711 to be  
added to the LIST**

**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: Homecoming was VERY busy and extremely crowded; but we got through it SAFELY. God is Good!

We are actively working to continue to improve our city and services to you. City Ordinances continue to be enforced, some are being reviewed and updated and new ones will be added as needed. Call city hall, we invite you to join the Ordinance Committee.

City Council approved Mayor's hiring of two new utility men and the purchasing of a backhoe (both have water & repair, one has machine operator experience). Our repair bills were very high due to outsourcing; this will improve response time for your service requests and repairs beginning in November.

In pursuing a grant I recently drove around the city with an expert in lighting from Austin to discuss ways to brighten up our city by simply replacing most, if not all, of our outdated

street lights with new LED lights and saving 60% on the city's utility bill. Please drive by the Chevron Gas Station on Business 290 to see examples of new lights.

The City of Prairie View Zip Code was added to list of concerns at the recent Houston-Galveston Area Council's Waller County Strategic Planning meeting on October 27 at City Hall. City of Prairie View's zip code is now listed as a major concern in the strategic plan.

Update on \$1 Million Grant (James Muse Parkway): we had to meet in Austin and it went very well, city received approval to restructure our application without the original employee requirements. The EDA grant is to help improve water and sewer in the city.

Meetings with residents, business owners and developers continue to take place. The goals are to improve services to residents, increase the tax base and revenue that will help improve our infrastructure (water/sewer), law enforcement and other services.

In an effort to save city funds/taxpayer

dollars, I researched and found our city is eligible to save almost \$1 Million on the bond debts we currently owe by simply refinancing at a lower interest rate. City Council approved the new bond firm and the final report is coming soon. Let us pray it goes through.

What does the New Panama' Super Canal, Port of Houston, Port of Los Angeles and Port of Freeport have in common? All roads and waterways are leading to the City of Prairie View at 290, via the Highway 36A project and plans to increase the amount of goods flowing into Texas and other parts of the U.S. from the supertankers traversing the New Panama' Super Canal.

Do Not Miss: The Historic Black Towns and Settlements Alliance, World Conference of Mayors and Panama' Consulate General (former Ambassador) sharing our rich history and connections, November 17, PVAMU MSC.

[www.blacktownsandsettlements.org](http://www.blacktownsandsettlements.org)

Communi-Versity is alive and well; the city and university are working together more and more. The future looks much brighter; TOGETHER! May God continue to bless Prairie View ...

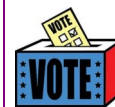
**David Allen, Mayor**

On November 17, the Historic Black Towns and Settlements Alliance (HBTSA) along with the World Conference of Mayors will converge on the campus of PVAMU for one day during their November 16-19, 2016 Conference in Houston. All are invited to attend to hear the history and fellowship shared by individuals from all over the country and world. Plan among HBCU's and Black Settlements will collaborate for the greater good. Learn more and register at [www.blacktownsandsettlements.org](http://www.blacktownsandsettlements.org).

Prairie View citizens may now report non-emergencies to the police department online via the City's website, [prairieviewtexas.gov](http://prairieviewtexas.gov) from the police department menu. <http://www.prairieviewtexas.gov/departments/>

## WORDS of Inspiration!

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6



**Waller County Election Day  
Election Day is  
November 8, 2016**

## Early Voting Locations

**\*\* November 1-4**

Waller County Courthouse, 8am-8pm  
Fieldstore County Building, 11am-8pm  
Waller ISD Adm Building, 11am-8pm  
Monaville JP 3 Building, 11am-8pm  
Brookshire Waller Co. Library, 11am-8pm  
Katy Cane Island Event Center, 11am-8pm

**\*\* November 1-2**

Student Center, PVAMU, 11am-8pm

**\*\* November 3-4**

St. Francis Episcopal Church, 11am-8pm

## CITY COUNCIL

## MAYOR

David Allen

Position #1 Jonathan Miller  
 Position #2 Jonathon Randle  
 Position #3 Marie Herndon  
 Position #4 Wendy Williams  
 Position #5  
 Paulette Matthews Barnett

"Houston: Gateway to the America's  
 Conference"



November 12, 6:30pm

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Tie Scholarship Gala and Power 100 Awards,  
 PVAMU Student Center Ballroom hosted by  
 Collegiate 100. **The public is invited.**

## Important Numbers

PV City Hall 936-857-3711  
 PV Police 936-857-3521  
 PV Fire 936-857-9522  
 Nonemergency # 979-826-8033  
 Waller City 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

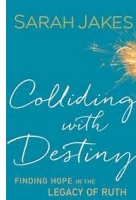
City of Prairie View  
 44500 U. S. Business 290  
 P. O. Box 817  
 Prairie View, TX. 77446-0817

**Prairie View A&M University Football Schedule**  
 Sat. November 5 Alcorn State @PVAMU  
 Sat. November 12 Southern University @PVAMU  
 Sat. November 19 Arkansas-Pine Bluff @Pine Bluff, Ark.



## Men &amp; Women's Basketball

Nov 2 Jarvis Christian—Women  
 Nov 7 Champion Christian—Men  
 Nov 11 Oregon State—Men  
 Nov 11 Rice—Women



Join the Prairie View Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Incorporated for food, fellowship, and Colliding with Destiny by Sarah Jakes Book Discussion on November 19, 2016, 12:00 noon—2:00 pm at First United Methodist Church, 35615 Owens Rd., Hempstead, Tx. RSVP by November 14 at <https://goo.gl/forms/Cbm64Qb2VSUDMt33>

## Walk For Life 2016

The 5K Walk was a Success! More than 30 people participated in the walk around PVAMU campus



**The City of PV Newsletter Editors**  
 Veronica C. Hargest Sharp, Ed.D.,  
 Editor in Chief

Denise Armstrong, Editor  
 Jacqueline Sadberry, Editor

**PV Volunteer Fire Fighting Association, Inc., Annual Food & Toy Drive**

November 3—December 19  
 Drop off by Fire Dept. on Wednesdays (7pm-9pm) or business hours

**Annual Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon**

November 24, 2016 from 12noon—3pm  
 RSPV by November 20 @936-857-3711

**Fall is in the AIR!** And with it, the Prairie View Retired Teachers & School Personnel Association will begin their 2015-2016 year with a slogan chosen at our National Conference, "**Jazz it up.**" We are a local unit of the Texas Retired Teachers Association, the largest organization of public education retirees in the nation. Formed in 1953, today, there are more than 80,000 members. The Prairie View Unit with over 60 members was established in 1968, the unit now includes other school personnel in its membership—Prairie View Retired Teachers and School Personnel Association. We meet the fourth Wednesday each month at 1:00 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church in Prairie View, Texas. We not only work for the benefit of the members but also serve the county in which we live. We invite and welcome anyone who retired from a Texas Public School System to join us in reaching our goals and completing our projects.

November 10, 7pm

**The 31<sup>st</sup> Miss Black & Gold Scholarship Pageant,**  
 Opal Smith Johnson Auditorium, hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. The public is invited.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS!

(email announcements to [cityofpvmonthly@gmail.com](mailto:cityofpvmonthly@gmail.com))

## Mt. Corinth Missionary Baptist Church

Will celebrate its 158th Church Anniversary on  
 November 13 @2:30 pm

## The Immanuel Church @PV

Thanksgiving Food Drive & Operation Shoebox Drive, go to website to find out items that can be donated to Operation Shoebox, donation deadlines, November 20

## St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church, 204 Dooley

**Houston Area Food Bank Truck**, November 14 & December 21 from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Bring your own bags. Volunteers are needed.

## The First United Methodist Church

45th Church Anniversary, November 20, 3:00pm  
 Rev. Dr. Robert Childress, Guest Speaker, Covenant Glenn UMC, Houston, Texas.

## Prairie View Senior Citizens' Corner

## Weekly Exercise Classes

Tuesdays &amp; Thursdays

10:30 am—11:30 pm

@ First United Methodist Church



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.