



# The City of *Prairie View*



## Quarterly

**2015**

www.praireviewtexas.gov

April \* May \* June 2015

### Monthly Events

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

**3rd Monday, Hempstead ISD Admin Bldg.**, Hempstead ISD School Board Mtgs., 5pm

**3rd Wednesday, City Hall**  
Alta Vista HOA, 1pm

**3rd Thursday, City Hall**  
Apt. Owners, 12noon  
4B Eco. Develop., 6pm

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

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

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

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

### Prairie View. Now is our Time by Mayor Frank D. Jackson



***Prairie View is a City at the Point, on the Frontier of Change and Now is Our Time to***

***Work together, Grow together and Progress together!***

On April 12, 1969, the Citizens of Prairie View voted to incorporate themselves as a City. On April 14, 1969, the Waller County Commissioners Court approved The Articles of Incorporation for a City of 5,000 Citizens, making it the largest population in Waller County. The number was reduced in 1970 to 3,589 mainly because many of the college students did not record Prairie View as their home. Fast forward 46 years later, the official 2010 census shows the population of the City of Prairie View as 5,576 residents. Today, the unofficial estimate is over 6,000 residents with 4,000 residing on the campus of Prairie View A&M University and another estimated 1,000 living in the rental housing in the Prairie View Community, leaving an estimated 1,000 permanent residents. The apartment owners are by far the largest tax payers in the City of Prairie View, with homeowners making up the balance. So, it is clear that students indirectly contribute to the property tax base of the City. The second largest revenue for the City comes from Sales Taxes

with the University by far, the largest contributor to the sales tax revenue of the City.

As the City adds new businesses, new sales taxes will be used to offset the reliance on property taxes; i.e., the City's plan is to eventually zero out property taxes and support the City's operations with sales taxes.

***Now is our time*** to grow the number of permanent home owners in the City. We have housing developers willing to build upper, moderate and low income housing to attract the professional faculty and staff of the University, as well as, firms and factories in the Waller County area. This expanded housing development will provide incentives for retailers and other businesses to find Prairie View a more attractive City to locate their businesses. It has long been found true that "roof tops encourage retail."

***Now is our time*** to continue to work with Prairie View A&M University to leverage its resources with the Texas A&M University System and the State of Texas. The University will host an "Industry Day" on May 6, 2015. This will provide a great opportunity for private sector businesses, including manufacturing firms to visit the University and learn of the wonderful research being done and engage in productive conversations on how they can partner with the University's researchers to commercial-

ize their research projects. This will create business incubators and business accelerators which will create jobs and spinoff businesses.

I am encouraged by the recent negative articles posted in the local press, that were designed to put a negative light on Our City and its current administration. However, the results of the Citizens of Prairie View working together has yielded collective progress. Prairie View, the City and the University, during the past several years, forged an initiative of mutual cooperation and benefit, termed Community. The Community and the University working together to effect positive development has been our way of doing business for the last several years and something that should have been in place since 1969 when the City was formally incorporated. Just think where we as a City would be if the City's Founding Fathers and the University's leadership could have found a way to work, develop, grow and progress together.

As I have stated time and again, I consider myself a full service, full time servant leader with a firm sense of mission and purpose for my life's work. This work has as its core outcome, our collective uplift and the continuous improvement of our quality of life. It is a blessing to have like minded, dedicated people

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### Good Friday

April 3, 2015  
City of PV Office will be Closed!



May 25, 2015



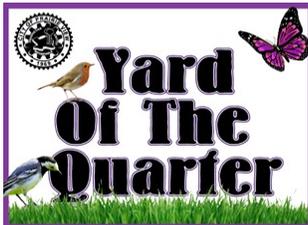
**Memorial Day!**  
City of PV Office Closed!

## JUNETEENTH

June 19, 2015

City of PV Office Closed!  
Juneteenth Parade Hempstead  
4th Annual Juneteenth BBQ  
102 Dooley in PV, 12:00 noon

**PV City Budget**  
You can find a detailed report @[www.prairieviewtexas.gov](http://www.prairieviewtexas.gov)



Nominations for the next quarter are due by June 20, Pick up nomination form @ City Hall or print out from City website. The form may be emailed to [cityofpvquarterly@gmail.com](mailto:cityofpvquarterly@gmail.com) or dropped off at City Hall.

**Heavy Trash** pickup day, the 3rd Monday of each month & scheduled by calling **979-277-1160** or online @[www.prairieviewtexas.gov](http://www.prairieviewtexas.gov)



### Security & Safety



### Chief Larry Johnson & Staff

The Prairie View Police Department continues to work towards improving many processes that will allow us to better serve the citizens of our community. We have been meeting with business owners to establish partnerships and seek input on ways we can work together to alleviate criminal activity in high crime areas. Thanks to our City Council for providing additional resources, which has allowed us to be more visible in the community, a proven deterrent to criminal activity.

As we approach the summer months, which historically leads to an increase in crime due to more outside activity, we remind citizens to be vigilant regarding suspicious activity. We encourage citizens to immediately call to report any activity they believe is out of the ordinary. Citizens are reminded to call the Waller County Sherriff's dispatch center at (979) 826-8033 to report suspicious activity as well as request police response. Calling this number allows the calls to be properly logged and ensures the appropriate law enforcement response.

There are simple things that anyone can do to reduce their risk of becoming a crime victim. An easy way to accomplish this is to remember "LOCK TAKE and HIDE". **Lock** your vehicle or home when you leave. **Take** the keys out of vehicle when you are not in it. **Hide** any valuables so that they are not visible to anyone who might be inclined to steal them. By following these simple tips, you can significantly reduce your chances of being a victim.

Larry J. Johnson, Chief of Police

City of Prairie View's  
General Elections  
May 9, 2015



Ballot  
City Council Positions 1,2,3  
Home Rule Charter Proposition

### Home Rule Charter Ballot Proposition

**Community Information Meeting**  
Residents will be given information and an opportunity to ask questions & discuss the ballot measure prior to **April 27 Early Voting.**  
April 14, 2015, 6:00pm PV City Hall  
Moderated by PV Resident David Allen

### Keeping PV Clean & Beautiful.....

Veronica C. Hargest Sharp, Ed.D.

The goal for the Yard of the Quarter is to award and recognize the efforts of PV residents who take pride in their home and landscape and inspire others to do the same. The program will start in March and end in December. Each yard may only win the Yard of the Quarter award once in a calendar year.

**JUDGING CRITERIA.** Yard of the Quarter candidates are judged solely on the total exterior appearance of their property and front yard as viewed from the street. General upkeep of the yard and property are important. Factors include the overall appearance, tidiness and neatness of the front of the property. Each yard will be chosen from the nomination given to the Keeping PV Clean & Beautiful Committee. Nomination can be made by emailing to [cityofpvquarterly@gmail.com](mailto:cityofpvquarterly@gmail.com). Note: Residents may nominate their own property.

#### A. Yard Maintenance:

- \* Healthy lawn, neatly mowed and edged
- \* Pruned and trimmed shrubs and trees
- \* Healthy plants
- \* Minimum weeds in flowerbeds
- \* Yard free of debris and clutter
- \* Clean walkways & driveways (including boats, trailers, camp-

- ers, trash containers and yard products removed from view)
- \* Clear of vehicles of any kind parked on the lawn/yard

#### B. Design and Landscaping:

- \* Use of color and texture
- \* Creative, unique, curb appeal
- \* Overall aesthetic appeal, an inspiration to others in the neighborhood
- \* Balance appropriate to house and lot size
- \* While lack of strict adherence to the criteria above does not necessarily result in a disqualification, these criteria offer general guidelines to be recognized
- \* Only the front yard as viewed from the street will be judged. Backyards will not be considered, even if visible from the street.
- \* All plantings must be living; no plastic, silk or artificial plants.

#### Winners will receive:

A specially designed "Yard of the Quarter" sign placed in their yard for one quarter and a certificate of recognition signed by the Mayor and given at a Council meeting and a photo in the PV Quarterly newsletter.

## Prairie View, Now is our Time

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working in support of this great work that has enabled this humble servant to successfully engage many critical aspects of our day-to-day lives, always striving for continuous improvement.

For the record, note the following significant accomplishments that we have made by working together.

The City has forged with a collective vision adopted and follows a Comprehensive Development Plan, that includes a Strategic Plan and a Zoning Plan.

We've opened and operate the City's First Family Park; started the development of the City's Downtown Business District that covers Owens Road, Anderson Circle, University Drive and Business 290; improved University Drive from a two lane road to a five lane boulevard with street lights, sidewalks and bike lanes; initiated the corridor of Champions Street banner program; worked with TXDOT to install new traffic lights at Owens Road and University Drive; opened new restaurants and will open a new Convenience Store very soon; constructed a new City Hall Complex owned by the City that houses the City's administrative offices, Municipal Court and Police Department; enhanced the City's Emergency Services and have continuously operated and improved the

Volunteer Fire Department for the last 28 years; improved the readiness of the City's Police Department and hired a very qualified Police Chief to lead the PV Police Department; earned a lower Insurance Service Office rating that has resulted in lower insurance premiums for home owners and taken substantive steps to improve this rating even further; made significant improvements to the City's Water System by completing the western loop along Richards Road, adding new fire hydrants, a new water well and ground storage tank north of campus along Cameron Road, now connected to Wyatt Chapel Road; and improved the City's waste water collection system by increasing the size of the major sewage lift stations and adding new emergency generators.

We are ready to award a contract to install a major sewage line and redirect the sewage on Richards Road; eventually parts of Pine Island to the Richards Road Lift Station.

As a result of these improvements, the City earned a Superior Water Rating from the State of Texas for the 1st time in its history. The next step is to install sewage and water lines on Commissioner James R. Muse Parkway. This will provide a

great opportunity for Citizens and land owners to engage in business ventures.

We have paved 95% of the City's Streets; completely renovated the City's water tower; implemented a uniform trash collection system; implemented a Citizens Phone Notification System; improved the productivity and efficiency of the City's Administrative Staff, Municipal Court, Utilities Department and Police Department. The City Council has authorized the hiring of three additional Police Officers, now in service.

We are working with the various subdivisions to assist them in forming Subdivision Associations which will improve their ability to enforce local regulations on the maintenance and operations of their respective neighborhoods. Citizens are coming forward to volunteer in the "National Night Out" and "Panthers At Work" Programs.

Again, this was not done by any one individual but by a collective Prairie View, putting words and plans into action and believing that "regardless of the phenomenon that we encounter in this life, it will be a whole lot better if we just do it together" and knowing "that the best is yet to come!"

**Now Is Our Time!**

## This Quarter in Organic Farming

Emory Davis

As crops are being planted, included are a few pros to understand why this is a wise choice. As we look at this growing season, this is a small reassurance you have made a wise choice.

Organic farming is more economical than the other farming techniques. Its range of benefits include reduced soil erosion (retaining fertility and reducing the need for fertilizers) and less use of water. Therefore, organic farming is more profitable. It results in less nutrient contamination since it stays away from artificial pesticides which leads to reduced carbon-emission and increased biodiversity.

Organic farming is capable of producing the same crop variants that are produced by the conventional farming methods, even as it brings down the expenditure on fertilizers and energy by 50%. This type of farming also retains 40% more topsoil. The issue of soil management is effectively addressed by organic farming. It involves techniques like crop rotation and inter-cropping and makes extensive use of green manure, which helps even damaged soil prone to erosion and salinity, to feed on micro nutrients. This type of farming helps the farmers clear the weeds without using any mechanical and chemical applications. Organic way of farming relies on practices like hand weeding and enhancement of soil with mulch, garlic and clove oil, corn gluten meal, table salt and borax, to get rid of weeds and insects, while ensuring crop quality. Farming in the organic way is environment-friendly and non-toxic, as it uses green pesticides like neem, composed tea. These pesticides boost the crop defense systems by identifying and removing diseased and dying plants in time. If you have any questions, please contact Emory Davis @469-396-2153.



### FARMERS' Market in PV

Mondays & Fridays 3:00 pm—7:00 pm Hope AME Church, University Drive



A historical Law Enforcement Forum was held on February 17, 2015 at PV City Hall. The panel consisted of Waller County District Attorney, Elton Mathis, Sheriff Glenn Smith, Police Chief David Hartley (Hempstead); Police Chief Phil Rehak (Waller); Police Chief Zena Stevens (Prairie View A&M University); Police Chief Larry Johnson (City of Prairie View); Pct. 3 Constable Herschel Smith;

Pct. 3 Constable Captain Caldwell and moderated by David Allen.

An "Appreciation Lunch" for ALL Waller County law enforcement officers is April 16, 2015; 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. in Prairie View at Wingaritas Restaurant; (PV University Entrance). The Waller County community is invited to "treat an officer to lunch." Interested residents, businesses, & organizations my contact David Allen @323-646-9818 or Prairie View City Councilwoman Marie Herndon @281-202-2110.

**A Few of the Benefits of Joining Prairie View Vol. Fire Department:**

- \* Protecting your community, city and county
- \* Free Fire Training, which will prepare you to become a paid fire fighter
- \* Basic Fire Fighting, Intermediate Fire Training & Advanced Fire Fighting
- \* Emergency Care Attendant
- \* EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) \* Paramedic Training

**Insurance:**

- Line of Duty Medical Insurance
- Line of Duty Accidental Death Insurance

**SMALL Business Saturday**

**Councilman Brian Rowland**

In November 2014, the City of Prairie View and Prairie View Chamber of Commerce joined with other cities and chambers across the country in facilitating Small Business Saturday. Founded by American Express in 2010, Small Business Saturday® is a day to celebrate the small businesses that help support your neighborhood and is held every year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Now in its fifth year, Small Business Saturday has been embraced as part of the holiday shopping tradition as each year shoppers, businesses and public officials come together to Shop Small® and show their neighborhood pride. The City of Prairie View is a proud member of the PV Chamber of Commerce.



**HEALTH & FITNESS**

The new student recreation center facility is completed and open to PV residents. The 92,000 sq. ft. Student Recreation Center surrounds the existing natatorium and connects to the William "Billy" Nicks Field House. The student recreation center is a two-story facility with generous glazing to animate the west end of the campus core. The center includes wellness programming facilities, three-court basketball gym and elevated running track, weight training and fitness, multipurpose studios, climbing wall and office spaces. Contact the student recreation center for PV resident Membership.



**Early Voting begins Monday,**

**April 27 and ends Tuesday,**

**May 5. Polling locations are at**

**Prairie View City Hall & the**

**Memorial Student Center on**

**the campus of Prairie View**

**A&M University.**

**Music & Dance Production, "Miranda & Brother Wind"**

**April 8 - 17, 2015, 6pm  
Hobart Taylor Hall**

**Black Box**

**\$10.00 Adults**

**\$5.00 Students**

**Prairie View Retired Teachers**

will host a "Candidate Forum" at St. Francis Episcopal Church; 2000 Phillips Street (across from the Prairie View Post Office), Wednesday, April 22, at 1:00 p.m. All candidates for Prairie View City Council positions are invited to participate.

**City of Prairie View Real Estate**

**Marie Herndon**

**Property sales in the city continue. The following properties are pending sell:**

\* 706 Thompson; Clark Subdivision (list price: \$58,300)

\* 142 Azalea Street; Prairie View Estates Subdivision (list price: \$137,500)

\* 305 Pine Street; Alta Vista Subdivision (list price: \$107,500)

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL REALTOR**

**Marie Herndon**, Waller County Land (281-202-2110)

**Yolanda Fusilier**, Peak Realty (713-417-7567)

**Sharon Smith** (281-883-9887)



**Prairie View A&M University**

**Denise Armstrong**

**April 3 & 4 Good Friday/Easter (Student Holiday)**

**May 5 Last Day for Spring 2015 Class**

**May 15 & 16 Spring 2015 Graduation Ceremony**

**May 25 Memorial Day Holiday (University Closed)**

**June 1 Summer School Instruction Begins**

*united we stand divided we fall*

**SOLD OUT by Jacqueline S. Sadberry**

I'm standing

In the middle of the ring

Of this circus

All eyes on me

Popcorn fresh, hot and ready

The people are waiting

For the next act

Well sorry folks

I hate to disappoint you

But, I'm not the entertainment

I stare at the faces

Of clowns and acrobats

Juggling prose, And free verses

I turn my head to either side

Eyeing the animal tamers

Eating up the oohs and ahs

As they take those skills

And put them to work

Meanwhile

Back in the center of the ring

There's just me, And my notebook

There's no showstopper here

No daring prowess

Only a skinny light complexioned

Black girl

Who has absolutely

Nothing to prove, Nothing to lose

I go forth for the Lord

And if that's not enough for you

Then know I do not apologize for that

But I would hope

That if you would just take a moment

To listen

Then you'll find what it was

You were really looking for when you came here

## Identity Theft: Does it ever end?

David Allen

A Missouri man says he's the victim of a kind of identity theft trifecta, involving a pre-paid debit card, the IRS, and the Anthem Insurance data breach. (AOL OnLine News, 3/20/15)

*After identity thieves wiped out a Bronx mom's life savings, her neighborhood bank sprung into action – by slapping her with a lawsuit. Bank of America hit Gloria Carlo, 51, a single mom from the South Bronx, with a lawsuit demanding \$23,312.04. It's money the bank claims she overdrew in a two-month home-shopping spending spree after already exhausting \$38,000 from her own savings. "It was enough to open a jewelry shop," she said. "Why would I do this? The bank is a bigger villain than the thief." (New York Post)*

Bailey Yahraus, 30, found out four years ago that her husband and young children's Social Security numbers had been used to file a fraudulent return. The couple got it resolved, and for the next couple years they used a tax filing service to file their returns with no problems.

This year, Yahraus decided to file her return herself using an online tax service. That's when she found out that her children's Social Security numbers had already been used by someone else claiming them as dependents.

Yahraus, who lives in Montpelier, Ohio, has been trying to figure out how she can keep the Social Security numbers from being used fraudulently again. She's worried about what effect the ID theft might have on her kids when they become adults.

But after a rough few years in which both she and her husband lost their jobs and got new ones, she hopes to shield them for now.

"They're 8- and 9-year-old boys," she said. "They're worried about baseball, basketball (and) football." MSNBC May 21, 2012

Our Tax Preparer, Dentist, Doctor, Schools, Insurance Agents (Car, Medical, Life, Home, etc.) ALL have our personal information and like the recent Anthem/Blue Cross breach of information or one of the many in the news each day, protecting yourself from Identity Theft is literally impossible.

### **National Association of Insurance Commissioners:** (in part)

Consumers can also purchase identity theft protection services through non-insurance companies specializing in identity theft prevention, restoration and resolution. These specialty company programs often have a heavy focus on prevention and early detection. Early detection is usually accomplished through monitoring credit reports, account activity and pertinent online activity. Prevention services can include Internet alerts, credit account freezes and educational awareness to encourage safer habits. Some companies also offer identity theft restoration and recovery services similar to those offered by insurers. (Last updated 2/26/15)

Shred, be diligent, but understand that this epidemic cannot be stopped by us as long as other entities require our information.

Seek a company with attorneys and a track record of dealing with law enforcement, creditors, etc. and not one that was recently created due to this epidemic of the past 11 years.

For more information: [www.davidallen.biz](http://www.davidallen.biz)

David Allen, MBA, CITRMS 323-646-9818



### Annual Coat Drive 2014

November—December, 2014

Thanks to

**Dorothy Anderson Carter & Joe "Diamond" Harrison**

for collecting over 50 coats during the Annual Coat Drive & distributing 44 to those in Need. We also appreciate those who donated because without you, it would not have been possible to distribute as many coats as we did.

**The Coat Drive will begin again in November, 2015!**



shared by Pastor Thaddeus Singleton

**WORDS of Inspiration!**  
"Overcomers are not perfect. They fail just like the rest of us, but they keep on getting up, keep on repenting, and keep on being willing to surrender themselves to Christ and letting Him, who is the only perfect One, work through them."

— Nancy Missler, *The Kingdom, Power, & Glory*

### Annual National Night Out

Tuesday, August 4, 2015, 6:00pm—8:00pm

The next Subdivision Leader meeting is **Monday, April 20, 2015, 5:30 pm at PV City Hall.**

Our goal this year is 100% subdivision participation.

**We can do This!**



Precinct 3 will introduce the launching of a **Motorcycle Division** to PV residents and students on April 12, 2015, 5:00pm at Wingarita.



## The Prairie View Volunteer Fire Fighters and Scouts

Marian Elaine Jackson

### The Prairie View Volunteer Fire Fighters and Scouts



Wish

The City of Prairie View

"A Happy **46** Birthday"

April 14, 2015

### Fire News!

Looking For Service Opportunities? Join the Prairie View Volunteer Fire Fighting Association, Inc. & Auxiliary Staff. Meetings are held every Wednesday @ 7PM.



Need your smoke detector checked? Please leave a message at 936-857-9522 or call on Wednesdays between 7PM - 9PM.

The fire department will participate in the **Annual Juneteenth Parade** and the **Annual Watermelon Festival Parade** in June and July, 2015.

Our fire fighters will attend **Texas Annual Fire Training School** in College Station, July 19 - 24, 2015.

**Save The Date: Prairie View Volunteer Fire Fighting Association, Inc. 9th Annual Red & White Ball, August 29, 2015, "Saluting Local Law Enforcement."**



### Join Scouting Today!

Support Prairie View Boy Scouts Troop 1906 and Cub Scouts Pack 338 by purchasing a coupon book for \$10

The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will attend the 2015 Scout Fair, NRG Arena, Houston, TX, April 18, 2015.

The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will attend summer camp in June and July. If you'd like to sponsor a scout or make a donation toward the camp cost, please contact Mr. Frederick Roberts at the Prairie View Credit Union.

Prairie View Boy Scouts Troop 1906, Cub Scouts Pack 338 and Girl Scouts 14472 will have their Annual Recognition Banquet on May 20, 2015 at 7PM.

### The \$.49 stamp of Dr. Maya Angelou will be available for sale at the Prairie View Post Office around April 15th.

She was an Author, Poet, Actress, and Champion of Civil Rights. Dr. Maya Angelou (1928-2014) was one of the most dynamic voices in all of 20th century American Literature. The book, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, an autobiographical account of her childhood, gained wide acclaim for its vivid depiction of African-American life in the South.

Published in 1969, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, established Dr. Angelou as a literary figure and opened the field of autobiography to women more generally. In the book, whose title is taken from a line in the poem, "Sympathy" by Paul Laurence Dunbar, she unflinchingly tells the story of her tumultuous early life in the South. Of the first seven autobiographical volumes she wrote, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* became a best seller.

As her career progressed, the pioneering author displayed extraordinary versatility. In the 1970's alone, she released the Pulitzer Prize—nominated poetry collection—*Just Give Me a Cool Drink of Water ' Fore I Diiie*, wrote the screenplay for the film *Georgia, Georgia*, received a Tony Award nomination for her role in the play *Look Away*, and played the role of Kunta Kinte's grandmother in the acclaimed television miniseries *Roots*.

In the decades that followed, Dr. Angelou continued to write and lecture around the country. At President Bill Clinton's inauguration in January 1993, she recited "On the Pulse of Morning," a poem she wrote for the event. Seen on television by millions, the stirring recitation further elevated her status as an American icon. The performance won a Grammy Award for Best Spoken Word Album. Dr. Angelou also received Best Spoken Word Album Grammy Awards for "Phenomenal Woman" in 1995 and "A Song Flung Up to Heaven" in 2002.

Dr. Angelou received the National Medal of Arts in 2000, and in 2011, at a ceremony in the White House. President Barack Obama awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom. She continued to tour, speak, write and teach until the end of her life. Over the course of her career, Dr. Angelou was awarded more than 50 honorary degrees, released several books of essays and poetry, and had a profound influence on American culture.

### FILING YOUR INCOME TAX

When filing your taxes, or any document that has vital information like a Social Security Number, we recommend that you bring these documents to the Post Office and mail it using Certified or Express Mail.

**" We Appreciate Your Business!"**

**Prairie View Post Office**



### My Brother's Keeper Initiative- City of Prairie View

In February 2014, President Obama launched the My Brother's Keeper (MBK) initiative to address persistent opportunity gaps faced by boys and young men of color and ensure that all young people can reach their full potential. The initiative seeks to organize and capitalize on the commitment of community leaders in order to reach that goal.

The Obama Administration issued a challenge to cities, towns, counties and tribes across the country to become "MBK Communities." The MBK Communities Challenge encourages communities (cities, rural municipalities, and tribal communities) to implement a coherent "cradle - to - college - and - career strategy" for improving the life outcomes of all young people, including boys and young men of color.

As part of this challenge, there are 4 steps that communities need to take: 1) Accept the President's Challenge; 2) Convene a Local Action Summit to build an MBK Community; 3) Conduct a Policy Review and Form Recommendations for Action; and 4) Launch a Plan of Action, Next Steps, and Timetable for Review .

In September 2014 The City of Prairie View pledged its commitment to this initiative which will provide more opportunities to improve the outcomes of young men of color within the city. Prairie View is 1 of 100 cities in the country that has taken on this challenge. We are currently in process of creating the local action summit in order to build an MBK community. In addition we are solidifying other community stakeholders to join the city in this important endeavor. As a councilmember, this is an initiative that I have been working on to bring more resources into the city. In order to ensure success this requires collaboration and participation of all of our city residents.

If you are interested in participating in this program or for further information, you can contact Councilman Brian Rowland, [browland@prairieviewtexas.gov](mailto:browland@prairieviewtexas.gov).



## CITY COUNCIL

### MAYOR

Frank D. Jackson  
 Position #1 Brian E. Rowland  
 Position #2 Jonathon Randle  
 Position #3 Marie Herndon  
 Position #4 Herb Thomas  
 Position #5  
 Paulette Matthews Barnett

### 4B Economic Development President Herb Thomas

Vice President Dr. Michael Prince  
 Treasurer Trissa Dilliard  
 Secretary Frederick Roberts  
 Director Denise Armstrong  
 Director Redessa Coleman  
 Director Marie Herndon

The mission of the Prairie View 4B Economic Development Corporation (PV4BEDC), a public nonprofit, is to facilitate, lead, and promote organized economic growth to improve the quality of life and protect and create jobs through innovative and conventional programs. Developed and written by: Tyra Metoyer.

### The City of PV Quarterly Newsletter Editors

Veronica C. Hargest Sharp, Ed.D.,  
 Editor in Chief

Denise Armstrong, Editor

Jacqueline Sadberry, Editor

### Welcome to The City of Prairie View Quarterly

The City of Prairie View is in the process of initiating an electronic quarterly newsletter as another way to keep you informed about City-sponsored events, projects and other special announcements. Email to [cityofpvquarterly@gmail.com](mailto:cityofpvquarterly@gmail.com) to receive it, electronically.

### 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

44480 U. S. Bus. Hwy 290  
 P. O. Box 817  
 Prairie View, TX. 77446-0817

## SPORTS/OBN NEWS

Dr. Michael W. Prince

**OpenMic Broadcast Network** "Serving the Community through Faith and Athletics"



Enjoy the games of Waller and Hempstead ISDs, as well as Prairie View A & M University..and now, enjoy the ALL Gospel Channel. Local Ministers are raged to submit messages.

Media	Sports	Gospel & Talk Shows
via radio	NA	87.9FM
via phone	213.401.0037	712.832.8117
via website	<a href="http://www.obnradio.com">www.obnradio.com</a>	<a href="http://www.ktorradio.com">www.ktorradio.com</a>
via TUNEIN.com	OpenMic Broadcast Network	OpenMic Broadcast Network Gospel Channel

## National Volunteer Week

April 12—18, 2015

City of PV residents may contact Ms. Alisha Lowe, coordinator of Panthers At Work (P.A.W.), @ 936-261-1360 for further assistance with any special projects in your community.

### WALLER ISD NEWS

April 1 STAAR Testing —English 3  
 April 3 Student Holiday  
 April 21-22 STAAR Testing  
 May 4 STAAR Testing  
 May 12 STAAR Testing  
 May 19 WISD Elementary UIL Ready  
 Writing @Roberts Rd Elementary  
 WISD Elementary UIL Meet @  
 Roberts Road Elementary  
 May 21  
 May 25 Student/Staff Holiday—Memorial Day  
 May 27 District Site Based Decision Making  
 Committee Meeting @5pm  
 June 4 Last Day of School  
 June 6 Waller High School Graduation  
 June 17 District Site Based Decision Making  
 Committee Meeting @5pm  
 June 23 STAAR Retesting  
 June 29 & 30 Waller ISD Closed

### San Bernard Electric Coop Scholarship & Travel Opportunities for High School Students

- SBEC Academic Scholarship—\$1,500, 12th graders
- SBEC Curtis Wood Memorial Scholarship— \$2,500 for 12th graders to attend Prairie View A&M University
- SBEC's Government-In-Action Youth Tour to Washington, D. C.; 10th, 11th or 12th graders



For more information, visit the SBEC Website @[www.sbec.org](http://www.sbec.org).  
 See additional information at Prairie View City Hall.



## File Your Taxes

by  
 April 15, 2015

DON'T

FORGET

## Prairie View Senior Citizens' Corner

### Weekly Exercise Classes

Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:30 am—11:30 pm  
 @ First United Methodist Church

### Waller Cty. Citizens Assistance Coalition (WCCAC) Senior Activities

2nd Wednesdays  
 Times & Locations TBA

