



Riverside, Texas est. 1872

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*Your May Birthday Trivia*

If you are lucky enough to be born in May, you share important birthdays with these folks, to name a few; Wynona Judd, Bob Hope, Melissa Etheridge, Janet Jackson, Wild Bill Hickock, John Wayne, Malcolm X, Sugar Ray Leonard, George Clooney, Florence Nightingale, Yogi Berra, John F. Kennedy, Adele. Our birthstone is the emerald, and it was Egyptian Queen Cleopatra's favorite gem. Our flower is the Lily of the Valley. While it's beautiful and smells so sweet, it is poisonous for humans and animals to ingest. Did you know blue jeans were invented in May of 1873? The Empire State Building opened May 1, 1931. May's full moon is called the Flower Moon. Aptly named by the Algonquin people because flowers spring up all over in May!



*Happy Birthday and May the Fourth be With You!*

**Memorial Day- May 29,2023**

A day dedicated to the remembrance of the fallen soldier. General John A. Logan, of the Grand Army of the Republic, stated, "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land..." after the end of the civil war where 620,000 soldiers gave their lives in those 4 years. In 1968 the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed, which changed the day Memorial Day is recognized to the last Monday in May, regardless of the date.

*Mother's Day is May 14<sup>th</sup> this year.  
Spend all the time you can with her.  
Shower her with love and attention as long  
as you can.*



Remember your sewer and garbage are separate entities from your water department. Sewer and garbage must go through Riverside City Hall whether you have Riverside Special Utilities District water or Shorewood Forest water. If you need a trash cart or a small dumpster to clean out the garage or a roll-off dumpster for bigger projects, call us and ask. We can get it scheduled for you.

**\*City Hall is Closed Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> in Observance of Memorial Day\***

**Citizen's Corner\*** There were no submissions for your Citizen's Corner this month. If you'd like to make an announcement or recognition, please submit it to city hall before the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. We will fit in all we can.

## Mayor's Monthly Message

**May 20<sup>th</sup> is Armed Forces Day.** The Trinity VFW is hosting a free bacon and eggs breakfast from 8-10am. 400 W. Caroline St in Trinity, 75862 (Donations are appreciated.) Ask them about Bingo they host on Thursdays and Fridays as well.

With Summer comes summer storms and that can mean power outages. Sewer pumps and grinder stations may not work if there is no power. So be prepared for those storms by keeping your bathtub filled with water for flushing toilets. Make sure your sewer clean outs have their covers on them to avoid rainwater surges into the sewer system. Have plenty of drinking water and medications on hand. Have plenty of batteries for lanterns or flashlights? Bring in or secure outdoor items that could become projectiles. Also make sure your vehicles stay gassed up. We are a team. Let's help each other where we can. If I / we can do anything reach out.

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**May 15, is National Peace Officer's Memorial Day, as declared by President John F. Kennedy in 1962. This day is in honor of the federal, state, and municipal peace officers who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty.**



**Next City Council** meetings are Tuesday, May 2 and Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, here at City Hall. The council workshop will be at 5:30. If you wish to add something to the meeting agenda or speak on an agenda item, please contact City Hall no later than **noon April 25<sup>th</sup> or May 30<sup>th</sup> for the June meeting.** If you'd like to be recognized to speak on any subject you'd like during the Public Comment portion of the meeting, please arrive 10 minutes early to sign up. **\*\* You must sign up to be recognized to speak.** **\*\* Forms available on the podium at sign in.** The meeting decorum ordinance is also available on the podium. Agendas are always posted at the Riverside Post Office and at City Hall. You can also call city hall at [936-594-2520](tel:936-594-2520) or email [riversidetx@windstream.net](mailto:riversidetx@windstream.net) and we can send one to you. Agendas are available after 3pm the Friday prior to the scheduled meeting. **All are welcome to respectfully observe your city government at work.**

- **Remember that you MUST contact City Hall for all your dumpster, garbage / trash removal needs. If you live within the city limits, you may not use any other garbage / dumpster companies due to the city's contractual obligations.**
- **Faith Baptist Church** meets every second Saturday at the Riverside bank and gives out a free meal. Pastor Shane started this to give back to the community. They start at 11:00am and stay until about 1:00pm. It is free.
- Please take a few minutes to go to our website, [www.cityofriversidetx.com](http://www.cityofriversidetx.com) and set up your online account. Whether you choose to make your payments online, set up auto draft or not make any payments online at all, setting up your account will allow you to receive a text message and / or email once the monthly billing is complete. It is free to set up your account.
- **ALWAYS CALL 811** before you do any digging.
- **Littering is against the law** in Texas, and you can be fined up to \$500 for trash less than or equal to five pounds or five gallons. Repeat the offense, and you could face a fine of up to \$2,000 and 180 days in jail.

### **Can you teach an old dog new tricks?**

In a recent conversation about learning new things and keeping up with the changes life throws at us, I researched teaching an old dog new tricks. Dispelling the myth. Like most adages, this one has a following of folks who truly believe that old dogs cannot be taught new things, but this is not the case. Old dogs can learn new tricks. Dogs are innately good learners. Humans however! Part of the brain—the amygdala—interprets change as a threat and releases the hormones for fear, fight, or flight. Your body is actually protecting you from change. That is why so many people in an organization, when presented with a new initiative or idea—even a good one, with tons of benefits—will resist it.

*A little Grace goes a long way. Why are we so willing to give it to others and not to ourselves?*

*Mayor Lemaire, Stormy and Jeri*