



Riverside, Texas est. 1872




MARCH 2023



Born in March? Well, Aren't YOU the Lucky One!

In addition to sharing your birth month with Texas' Independence Day, St. Patrick's Day and International Women's Day, you share it with Dr. Seuss, Justin Bieber, Albert Einstein, Harry Houdini, Mr. Rogers, Mariah Carey, Elton John and many more. Your birthday flower, the daffodil, represents new beginnings & prosperity. Your aquamarine birthstone is for the color of the sea and was said to protect sailors on their trips at sea! The color also symbolizes purity of spirit and soul. ***HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY!!!***



St. Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17, the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. St. Patrick's Day 2023 will take place on Friday, March 17. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage. 



March 2, 2023 will represent the 187th celebration of Texas' independence from Mexico. In 1836 Texans took a stand against the Mexican government to become a sovereign republic, led by interim-President David G. Burnet until the election of President Sam Houston later that year.

A revolution erupted as battles broke out, the most memorable one lasting for 13 days at the Alamo. Texans sacrificed their lives to defend its republic. General Sam Houston and his Texan forces soon found victory over Santa Anna at the Battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836. For nine years Texas remained a republic, but an 1845 annexation by the U.S. made it the 28th state admitted to the Union.

Mayor's Monthly Message

We have been working with Entergy and their engineers for almost a year to add lighting on Shorewood Dr. and Lake Rd. After this most recent meeting it appears we are in the home stretch on that project. If there are other areas in town you feel need additional lighting please reach out and let us know.

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Next City Council meeting is Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 6:00 pm, here at City Hall. 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 March 1st**. 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.** Agendas are always posted at the Riverside Post Office and at City Hall. You can also call city hall at 936-594-2520 or email riversidetx@windstream.net and we can email one to you. Agendas are available after 3pm the Friday prior to the scheduled meeting. All are welcome to observe your City Council at work. There is an additional Council workshop scheduled for March 21st at 5:30 pm.

Citizen's Corner

Long time Riverside resident, Russell Chase is celebrating his big 95th birthday! If you know "PaRuss" and want to help celebrate him, the family says you are welcome! Celebration will be April 1,2023 at Bethy Creek between noon and 5pm.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY RUSSELL!

City Hall is Closed Thursday March 2nd, 2023 in Observance of Texas Independence Day



At the Riverside City Council meeting on February 7,2023, it was decided the permits for beer and wine would remain at the current amount of \$50.00 per 1 year permit. The annual permit for package stores will be \$100.00 per 1 year permit going forward. Please note that, effective immediately, upon expiration of your current permit the prices will be as stated above.



- **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.
- **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 as a way to give back to the community. They start at 11:00am and stay until about 1:00pm. It is absolutely free.
- Please take a few minutes to go to our website, 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.



We'd love to welcome our newest City Council member, Virginia Plummer, to your city government. Virginia's family has been in Riverside and the surrounding area since the 1850's. She is a former manager for FEMA and a local business owner. She has made Riverside her home since the 1990's. She is a great addition to council! Thank you for serving!



March Funnies

Q: Why is March the most popular month to use a trampoline?

A: It's springtime

Q: What's Irish and comes out in March?

A: Paddy'O Furniture

Q: What do you call a frog that jumped into a pot of gold?

A: A leap-rechaun

"A light exists in Spring
Not present in the year
at any other period
When March is scarcely here."
— Emily Dickinson

Remember Kindness is Free and Should Be Shared Abundantly!

Mayor LeMaire, Stormy and Jeri