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Annual Town Meeting Set for January 27

PREPARING FOR TERRORISM AND OIL PRICE PLUNGE TOPS AGENDA

The recent terrorist attacks in Paris, France and San Bernardino, California, together with the continuing dramatic decline in crude oil prices, have realigned the City's attention.

As a result, these deadly acts have intensified the City's homeland security preparations. Coupling that with the plunge in crude oil prices brings back crippling memories of the similar 1986 collapse which decimated the Oil Patch and this City's economy.

In view of this, a most sobering look at addressing these developments is required.

These items will be front and center at the City's Annual Town Meeting which will be on Wednesday, January 27, at 7 p.m., at the Stafford Civic Center and will begin with the presentation by Mayor Leonard Scarcella of the "State of the City and Goals for 2016". Following will be reports by Department Heads on the status of the major components of the City. When consolidated with other major issues facing the City in the New Year, this meeting - - which is always looked to for a comprehensive review of the City's main focus points - - takes on a heightened importance.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- a. City's economy, zero property tax, declining oil prices, sales and other taxes, and fiscal condition;
- b. Homeland security and emergency management operations, police and fire protection, and animal control;
- c. Elevation of the Stafford Municipal School District and its academic

achievements, encouraging Stafford students' attendance, and emphasizing student diversity;

- d. Redevelopment of the former Texas Instruments property;
- e. Economic development of City corridors and revitalization of underutilized areas;
- f. Zoning, building standards and regulations, and enhancement of residential expansion;
- g. Highway, street and mobility improvements, and commuter and freight rail;
- h. Stafford Centre and Stafford Civic Center;
- i. Stafford Municipal Educational Television Station, streaming video, websites, and social media;
- j. Comprehensive Plan;
- k. City of Stafford budget;
- l. Increased information technology for security, business safety, and municipal operations;
- m. Parks and Swimming Pool;
- n. Municipal Court;
- o. Houston Community College and workforce development;
- p. Major drainage projects and future water supply; and
- q. Other matters of interest to the City.

The general public is encouraged to attend and will be afforded the opportunity to address any and all of these City issues during the comment and question session in the open public hearing.

The meeting will be televised live on S-METV Channel 16 Comcast and Channel 99 AT&T U-verse, and rebroadcast.

Administrative Department to Have New Face

BAIAMONTE AND ROCHA ANNOUNCE RETIREMENT

With the combined service of nearly 40 years to the administrative aspects of Stafford, City Secretary Bonnie Baiamonte and Assistant City Secretary Marian Rocha have announced their retirement and both will be stepping down at the end of the month.

The informed, responsible, and gracious manner in which these two highly-qualified women have helped steer the basic but most necessary functions of running the City will soon come to an end. While no one is considered irreplaceable, a strong argument can be made that Stafford

will not be the same without the expert qualities and judgments of Ms. Baiamonte and Ms. Rocha.

Deservedly, passing the baton on so many vital components of the City's operation, including elections, agendas, minutes, drafts of major position papers to name a few, has garnered very high and complementary recognition of these operational components. Doing an outstanding job while never seeking personal adulation has been a hallmark of both women.

To state they will be greatly missed may well be the understatement of this young year.

ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE GETS FRESH PERSPECTIVE

Over 40 years ago, the City instituted an animal control ordinance which has been tweaked on more than one occasion. Upon Councilman Robert Sorbet's request, these regulations are being given a fresh look. Much has transpired over the last four decades to address these issues - - most significantly the humane treatment of dogs and cats.

On December 16, a rollout of a rough draft of an ordinance was presented by City Attorney, Art Pertile, who stated that this was one of the most difficult ordinances he has been requested to present, mainly because of the strong and fervent diverse views of Councilmembers and the public in

terms of regulating and protecting animals.

Over 30 persons came to Council Chambers to advance their position, including those with strong reservations about feral cats and those advocating a "no-kill" position regarding dogs and cats. Even though there was no public hearing, allowed were numerous views expressed by the attendees that illustrated the wide range of opinions and suggestions.

Mr. Pertile has been sent back with instructions to craft an ordinance with ranging alternatives such that the people at a future public hearing will be able to put forth compelling reasons and facts for their stance.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADOPTED

After nearly a year-and-a-half of deliberations and a \$150,000 cost, City Council adopted a new Comprehensive Plan to guide Stafford into the future and through at least the Year 2040.

While numerous views and perspectives are reflected, certain City cornerstones - - zero property tax, living within our means, and elevating the Stafford Municipal School District - - are embraced. Additionally,

numerous innovative approaches are proposed, such as enhancement of residential and connectivity between major sections of the City.

While many feel a sense of urgency to move forward expeditiously, Council and the Planning & Zoning Commission will be reviewing these proposals carefully to establish the priorities and funding for implementation over the next 25 years.



SPOTLIGHT

"The Best Little School District in Texas"

WINTER 2016

Thank You!
Thank You!



FROM THE DESK OF SUPERINTENDENT BOSTIC

Happy New Year Stafford Family! It is hard to believe we have already started our second semester and at SMSD we are excited about all the things the year 2016 has in store for us. The projects we dreamed of last year are now a reality. I am excited to announce the Stafford High School Spartan Store is up and running thanks to our Superintendent Student Advisory Council. I am also pleased to announce that Smart Financial Credit Union is open not only to our staff, but also to the residents of the City of Stafford. Stafford High School is the first Fort Bend County High School to have a Credit Union located on its campus. They also have an ATM conveniently located in the High School Cafeteria.

On another note, just before the break, thanks to the generosity of our School Board and the City of Stafford Mayor Scarcella and City Council, we were able to provide employees with an appreciation check for the holidays! All employees who maintained exemplary attendance received a check that was personally handed to them by some of our School Board Members and City Councilmen at the Employee Attendance Incentive Event. Our staff enjoyed each other's company along with sweet and savory treats. In addition to this appreciation event, returning employees will also receive an incentive check at the beginning of next school year due to their continuous dedication to SMSD and our students. Thank you for your continuous support to make this the "Best Little School District in Texas!"

I wish you a prosperous 2016!

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Dr. Robert Bostic, Superintendent



SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH
JANUARY 2016

Communities shape the education provided Stafford children and SMSD is eager to engage our *Super Seniors* in what they want our children to learn. If you are 55 or older and want to learn about Stafford Municipal School District, you are invited to a monthly breakfast prepared by our Culinary Arts students. Call 281-261-9219 or email partners@staffordmsd.org for more information.



Mark Your Calendar!

- M.L.K. Jr. Holiday. Jan 18
- Education Foundation Meeting. . . Jan 19
- Wizard of Oz Musical. Jan 22-24
- School Board Meeting. Feb 8
- Super 55+ Seniors' Breakfast. . . .Feb 12
- Early Dismissal for Grades PK-6. . .Feb 25
- Stafford Bowls Fundraiser. Feb 26
- Super 55+ Seniors' Breakfast. . . . Mar 11
- Spring Break. Mar 14-18
- School Board Meeting. Mar 21
- Good Friday Holiday. Mar 25
- Super 55+ Seniors' Breakfast.Apr 8
- Student Holiday. Apr 15
- Stafford Skeeters' Night. Apr 22
- High School Graduation. Jun 3

Visit www.staffordmsd.org for an updated calendar of events

The Stafford Municipal School District
CELEBRATES
our *Super 55+ Seniors* with
breakfast prepared by the
Stafford Culinary Arts students

8:30 A.M. Friday
January 8, 2016
February 12, 2016
March 11, 2016
April 8, 2016

Stafford High School College & Career Center
100 Spartan Drive
Stafford, Texas 77477

R.S.V.P. at 281-261-9219 or
partners@staffordmsd.org



Students, Parents & Employees in Action



Secretary of State Visits Stafford Schools

At the invitation of School Board Trustee Xavier Herrera, the Secretary of State Carlos Cascos toured the Stafford College and Career Center on November 17. School Board President Auturo Jackson and Superintendent Dr. Robert Bostic helped welcome Mr. Cascos to the school and members of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council led the tour. Secretary Cascos discussed his background, birth

in Mexico, becoming a U.S. citizen as a youth, and graduating from the University of Texas at Austin. He told the students to not let anyone ever tell you that you can't do something.

RELIANT AND HOUSTON TEXANS SCHOLARSHIP

Stafford High School senior **Anthony Montilva** was awarded a \$5,000 Reliant Scholarship for Champions! Presented by J.J. Moses, former Houston Texan and current Houston Texan Ambassador, Anthony was nominated for the award for demonstrating exceptional performances in academics, athletics, community service, and leadership. Reliant, in partnership with the Houston Texans, selects the winners and awards them with funds for higher education. Since its inception in 2005, Reliant has awarded more than \$325,000 to 65 high school student-athletes in the Houston area.



Does your high school student:

- ⇒ Enjoy hands-on, highly relevant lessons?
- ⇒ Want to save money on college tuition by earning college credit while fulfilling their high school graduation requirements?
- ⇒ Want to earn a career certificate to work?

Then the Stafford College and Career Center is the place for them!

Stafford Municipal School District's College and Career Center offers courses that are designed to prepare students with the technical and professional skills necessary to succeed in today's high-demand occupational environment. Students have the opportunity to utilize their academic skills in the following career fields: Law/Criminal Justice, Business Management, Business Administration and Marketing, Graphic Arts, Broadcasting and Telecommunications, Health Sciences, Information Technology, Engineering, Agriculture, Culinary Arts, Early Childhood Education, Automotive Technology, and Manufacturing. All of the Academy programs are technical based, rigorous, relevant, and aligned with Business/Industry Standards for the 21st Century workforce. Students will have an opportunity to enter the job market with high-paying skills or they may continue their education after graduating from High School. Many of the Academy programs offer articulation and/or dual credit with neighboring postsecondary community colleges allowing students to earn college credit while fulfilling high school graduation requirements. Please contact Deborah Nordt, Director for Stafford College and Career Center at dnordt@staffordmsd.org for a tour or enrollment information.



The **Stafford SpartBots** robotics team competed in the First Lego League competition on December 5th. The team comprised of 3rd and 4th graders qualified to attend the Bayou City Tournament to be held Saturday, February 20, 2016. The Quest robotics team, comprised of 5th and 6th grade students, also qualified for the Bayou City Robotics Tournament. To qualify, both teams successfully completed a series of missions programming their robots to pick up trash in the FIRST® LEGO League TRASH TREKSM Challenge. To learn more about the Stafford Robotics program, email partners@staffordmsd.org or call 281-208-6134.



Stafford High School students traveled to Rice University in mid November for the Rice Alliance for Technology and Entrepreneurship. The students critiqued presentations given for start-up products.

The initiative is Rice University's nationally-recognized program devoted to the support of technology commercialization, entrepreneurship education, and the launch of technology companies in the Houston community and Southwest.

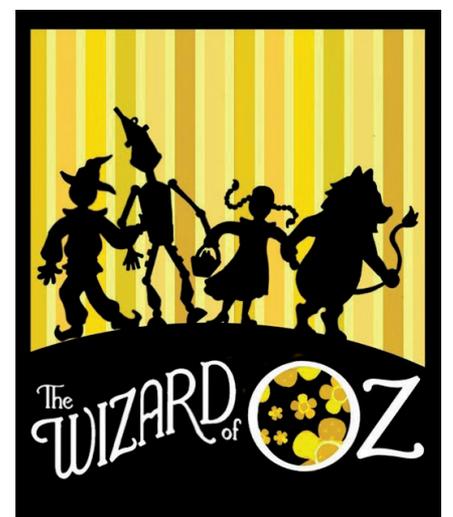
STAFFORD CHOIR MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Friday, Jan. 22 at 7:30 PM; Saturday, Jan. 23 at 7 PM; Sunday, Jan. 24 at 3:00 PM
Stafford Centre

Purchase your tickets online now at www.staffordcentre.com, by phone at 281-208-6900, or in person at the Stafford Centre Administrative Office Monday-Friday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Advanced ticket prices are: General admission \$10, Orchestra \$15, Box \$25 & student tickets \$5. For additional information email lprice@staffordmsd.org or call 281-261-9200, x.3944

The **Wizard of Oz** is the 15th annual spring musical to be presented by the Stafford Choirs and is co-sponsored by SMSD, City of Stafford and Stafford Choral Boosters. The beloved musical performed by Stafford students in grades prekindergarten through 12th includes the songs "Somewhere Over the Rainbow", "Ding Dong the Witch is Dead", "We Welcome You to Munchkin Land", "Follow the Yellow Brick Road", and "You're Off to See the Wizard".





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The Board of Trustees meets monthly on the second Monday at 6:30 PM in the SMSGD Administration Building Board Room. Meeting agendas, information about each agenda item and past meeting videos are linked to the district website under the Board of Education.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: January 11, February 8, March 21, April 11 & May 9, 2016.

Trustee Election (May 2016)

The Stafford MSD School Board will hold its annual officials' election on Saturday, May 7, 2016. Candidate application packets for the general election ballot are available at the SMSGD Administration Building. The general election ballot will be for three seats for positions with three-year terms.

The first day to file an application for a place on the general election ballot is Wednesday, January 20, 2016. The last day to file an application for a place on the general election ballot is Friday, February 19, 2016. The school district conducts its election jointly with the City of Stafford. For additional information, call 281-261-9219 or email partners@staffordmsd.org.



Community & Business Partners in Action



CollegeCommunityCareer fosters a college-going culture with low income, first generation high school students and families. Founded by Kathy and Bill Rose, the nonprofit organization prepares high school students for admission to and graduation from a four year university. The program supports students

by providing them with the skills to be successful in college, leadership development, civic engagement and career discovery. In September, the SMSGD School Board approved an agreement with the organization to provide services for select Stafford High School students. To learn more about this unique program, go to www.collegecommunitycareer.org

Parent University is an opportunity for parents to learn what their children are learning in school and ways to effectively assist in their learning. All Stafford Schools hosted Parent University events in October and November. Teachers modeled ways parents can engage their children in learning and support their reading, writing, math and science skills attainment. With the assistance of community partners from Houston Community College, CollegeCommunityCareer, and others, the Middle and High Schools provided parents with sessions on dual credit, preAP and AP instruction, career and technical course awareness, certification options, college preparation and planning, SAT/ACT tests, financial aid, community college, financial planning for college, and scholarship opportunities. Parent University events are scheduled throughout the year.



Contests, food, prizes, music, and FUN is what you will experience at the Stafford Bowls for Education! Scheduled for Friday, February 26, 2016, at the Stafford AMF Lanes, the event proceeds are used exclusively to impact students through scholarships and classroom grants. Companies registering teams can use the event to reward employees, entertain clients, or thank customers. As a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Sponsorship and registration information is available at www.staffordmsd.org on the SMSGD Education Foundation page, by emailing foundation@staffordmsd.org or calling 281-261-9219.



The Stafford Municipal Education Television (SMETV) through a partnership with Houston Community College creates quality video programs shown on Comcast Channel 16 and linked to the district's website from the "About Us" section.

Recent programs include the New Field Dedication, College Fair, TEA Commissioner's Visit, Grandparents Day, and Class of 95' Reunion.



The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Department organized a Red Ribbon Parade to encourage students to live drug-free. The event involved students in Prekindergarten to 5th grade

and was motivational, educational and fun. The parade included McGruff the Crime Dog, and Skeeter's Baseball mascot Swatson. Fort Bend County deputies also assist students with their Kids & Cops program. Thank you Fort Bend County Sheriffs!



St. Luke's Hospital Partnership

Stafford College and Career Center Health Academy students are learning first-hand about hospital careers. Participating in job-shadowing rotations at St. Luke's Hospital in Sugar Land, the students shadow employees for an hour each week in 15 different departments including Respiratory Therapy, Education, Emergency, Human Resources, Physical Therapy, Radiology, CSPD, Laboratory, Medical Records, Materials Management, Medical 4th, Surgical, ICU, Facilities, and Cath Lab. To learn about partnering opportunities, email partners@staffordmsd.org or call 281-208-6134.

Mark Your Calendar—February 2016

SMSGD Tech Fest is a month of special events showcasing the depth and diversity of technology in education during the month of February. This series of educational activities seeks to engage parents and students for technology. The purpose of Tech Fest is to share how technology shapes our education and encourage participation from the community.

Events range from parent meetings, technology fair, robotics competition, and a guest speaker who is passionate about 21st century learning and teaching. Visit www.staffordmsd.org for event dates.



ATHLETICS

Athletic Director: Ron Counter
Athletic Trainer: Dalton LaFrance

CONGRATULATIONS ATHLETES!

Spartans Football Making History

The Stafford High School Varsity Football Team were undefeated 10-0 District Champions! This was also the 4th consecutive year Stafford made the playoffs. The Spartans opened the playoffs with a victory over HISD Sterling but fell to Carthage in the second round. Classes at the Stafford Primary School adopted football players and gave them goodie bags to show their support. The students in prekindergarten, kindergarten, and 1st grade enjoyed meeting the big guys and vice-versa!



Volleyball Update

The Lady Spartans Volleyball team finished second overall in district with an overall record of 23-7 and a district record of 8-2. The ladies played El Campo in the first round of playoffs and lost a close match in 4. Jillian Aquino was named Setter of the District, Christine Egu Offensive MVP of the District, Ashley Patterson 1st Team All District and Alliyah Williams 2nd Team All-District.

Cross Country

Senior Lynette Amaram, finished 65th out of 151 competitors at the state cross country meet.



Stafford Spartan Athletic Booster Club Banquet

The Stafford Spartan Athletic Booster Club hosted a Winter Athletic Banquet at the Stafford Centre on December 9th to recognize fall athletes. Co-sponsored by the City of Stafford and SMSD, the event recognized students in football, volleyball, cross-country, cheerleaders, Special Olympics, dance team and trainers. Event underwriters included Athletic Field Specialists, Beynon Sports Surfaces, FieldTurf, Hayden Paving, and PBK Sports. A Spring Athletic Banquet will be held in May at the Stafford Centre. For information on supporting the athletes or boosters, call 281-208-6140 or email cguerra@staffordmsd.org.

SPORTS SCHEDULES

High School Boys Soccer

Date	Opponent	Time	Teams	Site
Jan 19	Pasadena Rayburn	4:30	JV	Pasadena
Jan 22-24	Brazosport JV Tourny	TBA	JV	Brazosport
Jan 22	Palacios	6:00	Varsity	Palacios
Jan 26	Angleton	5:00/7:00	JV/Var	Angleton
Jan 29	Brazosport	5:00/7:00	JV/Var	Brazosport
Feb 2	YES Prep Gulfton	5:00/7:00	JV/Var	Stafford
Feb 8	Sealy	5:00/7:00	JV/Var	Sealy
Feb 12	Royal	7:00	Varsity	Royal
Feb 17	Navasota	5:00/7:00	JV/Var	Stafford
Feb 19	Bellville	5:00/7:00	JV/Var	Bellville
Feb 22	Hempstead	7:00	Varsity	Stafford
Feb 27	Sealy	5:00/7:00	JV/Var	Stafford
Feb 29	Royal	5:00/7:00	JV/Var	Stafford
Mar 4	Navasota	5:00/7:00	JV/Var	Navasota
Mar 7	Bellville	7:00	Varsity	Stafford
Mar 11	Hempstead	7:00	Varsity	Hempstead

High School Girls Soccer

Date	Opponent	Time	Teams	Site
Jan 19	Sweeny	5:30	Varsity	Stafford
Jan 21-23	Brazosport JV Tourny	TBA	JV	Brazosport
Jan 22	Elkins	5:30/7:00	JV/Var	Stafford
Jan 26	West Columbia	5:30/7:00	JV/Var	Stafford
Jan 29	B.F. Terry	5:30/7:00	JV/Var	Stafford
Feb 8	Sealy	5:00/7:00	JV/Var	Stafford
Feb 12	Royal	6:00	Varsity	Royal
Feb 16	Navasota	5:00/7:00	JV/Var	Navasota
Feb 19	Bellville	5:00	Varsity	Bellville
Feb 23	Hempstead	5:00	Varsity	Stafford
Feb 27	Sealy	5:00/7:00	JV/Var	Sealy
Feb 29	Royal	6:00	Varsity	Stafford
Mar 4	Navasota (Sr Night)	5:00/7:00	JV/Var	Stafford
Mar 7	Bellville	5:00	Varsity	Stafford
Mar 11	Hempstead	5:00	Varsity	Hempstead

High School Boys Basketball

Date	Opponent	Time	Teams	Site
Jan 15	Sweeny	5/6:15/7:30	FR/JV/Var	Stafford
Jan 19	Columbia	5/6:15/7:30	FR/JV/Var	Stafford
Jan 22	Needville	5/6:15/7:30	FR/JV/Var	Needville
Jan 26	Brazosport	5/6:15/7:30	FR/JV/Var	Brazosport
Jan 29	La Marque	5/6:15/7:30	FR/JV/Var	Stafford
Feb 2	Sweeny	5/6:15/7:30	FR/JV/Var	Sweeny
Feb 5	Columbia	5/6:15/7:30	FR/JV/Var	Columbia
Feb 9	Needville (Sr Night)	5/6:15/7:30	FR/JV/Var	Stafford
Feb 12	Brazosport	5/6:15/7:30	FR/JV/Var	Stafford
Feb 16	La Marque	5/6:15/7:30	FR/JV/Var	LaMarque

High School Girls Basketball

Date	Opponent	Time	Teams	Site
Jan 15	Sweeny	5:00/6:30	JV/V	Sweeny
Jan 19	Columbia	6:00	Varsity	Columbia
Jan 19	Waller	5:00	FR	Waller
Jan 22	Needville	5:00/6:30	JV/V	Stafford
Jan 26	Brazosport	4:30/6/7:30	FR/JV/V	Stafford
Jan 29	La Marque	5:00/6:30	JV/V	LaMarque
Feb 2	Sweeny	5:00/6:30	JV/V	Stafford
Feb 5	Columbia (Sr Night)	6:00	Varsity	Stafford
Feb 9	Needville	5:00/6:30	JV/V	Needville

Baseball and Softball: HS Baseball and Softball District 24-4A season begins March 2016 (schedules in the Spring Spotlight).



"There's an App for That!"

"As part of our commitment to keeping you aware of district activities, we have created a navigable mobile app with resources, tools, and a new visual design.

Knowing that you depend on our research and insight to develop new, innovative ideas and strengthen policy and practice, we've built our new mobile site to make it much easier to find and share resources.

Reflecting our long-standing commitment to learning and continuous improvement, we welcome your feedback as we continue to improve this site."

- Willie Roberts Jr., Director of Technology

THREE COUNCIL SEATS UP IN MAY



Councilman Ken Mathew



Councilman Robert Sorbet



Councilman Cecil Willis

Three positions held on City Council, namely those by Ken Mathew, Robert Sorbet, and Cecil Willis, will be up for election on Saturday, May 7.

Persons interested in running for Councilmember can obtain a candidate's packet at City Hall that contains forms and related information for filing for the office and for proper reporting throughout the campaign.

SMSD's election will be for three seats for positions with three-year terms. Candidate application packets are available at the SMSD

Administration Building.

Wednesday, January 20, is the first day for filing an application for a place on the ballot. Friday, February 19, is the last day to file for a place on the ballot.

Thursday, April 7, is the last day citizens can submit a voter registration application to vote.

Early voting will take place Monday, April 25, through Tuesday, May 3.

Further information will appear in the April issue of the *Newsletter*.

Bulletin

Stafford Centre Events

January

22-24 - SMSD Choir's Play, "Wizard of Oz"

28 - Sinatra – My Way, Tribute Concert with Tommy Dorsey Orchestra

30-31 - Sugar Land Home & Garden Show

February

4 - Fort Bend Women's Center's Girlfriend's Giggle

11- Herman's Hermits Concert, starring Peter Noone

13 - Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Fort Bend/Stafford Fundraiser Banquet & Auction

15 - Beijing Artists Chinese Concert

20 - Greater Houston Train Show

20 - The Ultimate Doo Wop Show

21 - Fort Bend Symphony's "At a Viennese Ball"

March

20 - Houston Persian Festival

20 - Mozart Institute of Music's VOVN Concert

April

2 - Fort Bend Women's Center's Boogie Ball

2-3 - Ballet Forte's Spring Performance

7 - CCA Greater Sugar Land Chapter Fundraiser Banquet

Bulletin

City Offices Closed

Monday, February 15 – President's Day

Friday, March 25 – Good Friday

Tree Limb Service

Quarterly tree limb service begins Monday, April 4.

Alarm Permits Expired in December

Renew Alarm Permits by January 31 for \$15. The fee is \$25 on or after February 1. Alarm Permits are available at the Stafford Police Department, and the Alarm Permit Application can be found at www.staffordtx.gov. Call 281-261-3955 for information.

Controversial Sidewalk Project Trimmed

STAFFORDSHIRE SIDEWALK FROM SCANLIN ROAD TO SOUTH MAIN APPROVED

An issue heatedly debated on both need and cost was a proposal to build a lighted sidewalk from Scanlin Road, at the south easterly City boundary, three-and-a-third miles to Cravens Road, at the north easterly boundary of the City.

At the last City Council meeting of the year on December 16 which continued until after 2:30 a.m. the next day, Council approved constructing a mile-and-a-half portion of the sidewalk

from Scanlin Road to South Main Street at a cost of approximately \$625,000.

This project will be constructed in conjunction with Fort Bend County which will fund half of the cost through its mobility bonds.

If all goes as anticipated, the building and lighting of this five-foot wide sidewalk (six-foot wide in front of the SMSD campus) will begin in late spring or early summer.



City of Stafford
2610 South Main
Stafford, TX 77477

MANY NEW BUSINESSES MOVE FORWARD

A plethora of new businesses, ranging from hotels to food establishments to artificial limbs for animals, have come before Council seeking authorization under the City's zoning regulations. A few are:



five BELOW



This is most encouraging, in view of the current economic circumstances, and gives full recognition to Stafford's status as one of the top cities in Texas to start a business.

Obviously, these requests are at different stages. But, in the next few months, citizens will likely see the facilities for many of these businesses opening soon.