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Comprehensive Development Plan Meeting Set for April 9 at Stafford Centre

PUBLIC'S INPUT MAJOR KEY IN VISION

After 42 years of reliance on its original Comprehensive Development Plan adopted in 1971, Stafford is now moving full speed ahead to implement the next phase in this very long-term process. With the formation of the advisory committee consisting of City Council, Planning and Zoning Commission, and public citizens, the initial two meetings and the publication of a survey, both online and in print, have set the stage for one of the most important and key aspects of the process: hearing from the public.

On Wednesday, April 9, at 6:00 p.m., at the Stafford Centre, 10505 Cash Road, there will be a full explanation of the program by the consultants Freese and Nichols. This expert firm will not only provide a schedule and overview for the adoption of this 25-year blueprint but will be

emphasizing the significance of receiving views from the general public including our citizens, businesses, and others who have an interest in the ultimate development of this City.

Your attendance and participation are not only sought but strongly encouraged. No one has a crystal ball that can fully illustrate where this City will be in 2040. Your thoughts and expressions can go a long way in bringing about the most accurate and comprehensive vision for Stafford's future.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE STAFFORD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SURVEY INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER AS AN INSERT, OR TAKE THE ONLINE SURVEY FOUND AT WWW.CITYOFSTAFFORD.COM IN THE HOT TOPICS SECTION.



Rendering of Imperial Linen Services building under construction at 12701 Bates Lane

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPOTLIGHTED

With the many grandiose ideas evolving from the comprehensive planning, one thing is certain: The City will need more resources. In order to facilitate these enhanced pursuits, City Council has chosen Catalyst Commercial, Inc., out of the Dallas area, and City Engineer Charles Russell, who also has been designated as Economic Development Coordinator/Planner, as those to orchestrate the effort. The Market Analysis Report currently being conducted by Catalyst will include several aspects to provide insight about our City and, more importantly, provide a direction for the aggressive recruitment of potential businesses to the City. A preview of this Report is anticipated to be unveiled this month at the Stafford Economic Development Corporation meeting. The public is invited for this presentation.

Special City Council and SMSD Elections Proceed

**MATHEW, SORBET, AND WILLIS
UNCHALLENGED**

With passage of the filing date, City Council incumbents Ken Mathew, Robert Sorbet, and Cecil Willis, Jr. drew no opponents, thus allowing them to be declared as the winners and to retain their respective Council seats.

Remaining to be determined by the voters of Stafford are the Council seat relinquished by the resignation of Felecia Evans-Smith and two School Board seats currently held by Cindy Hoelscher and Rodney Butler. All aspects of the election process in regard to these elections will proceed as called.

scheduled at 7 p.m. on April 23 at the Stafford Civic Center will feature two challengers for the vacant Council seat, namely Virginia Rosas and A. J. Honore. Ms. Hoelscher chose not to seek reelection, while Mr. Butler is. Joining him in the quest for the two Trustee positions will be four more candidates, namely Christopher Caldwell, Mike Guerra, Xavier Herrera, and Lisa Thompson.

The schedule for early and election day voting is illustrated below. All registered voters living in Stafford are urged to participate in these two most important elections.

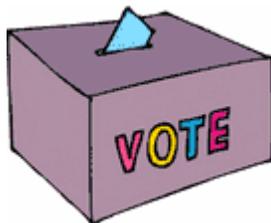
The Candidates' Forum

ELECTION SCHEDULES

The schedules for voting in the City and SMSD elections are shown below.

EARLY VOTING

at Stafford City Hall
2610 South Main, Stafford
Monday, April 28 – Friday, May 2,
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Monday, May 5 – Tuesday, May 6,
7 a.m. – 7 p.m.



EARLY VOTING

at SMSD Administration Building
1625 Staffordshire, Stafford
Monday, April 28 – Friday, May 2,
7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Monday, May 5 – Tuesday, May 6,
7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Stafford voters may also vote early at any Fort Bend County early polling locations.

ELECTION DAY VOTING

at Stafford City Hall only
2610 South Main, Stafford
Saturday, May 10
7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Stafford Centre Events

Merle Haggard Concert, April 1; Sugar Land Chapter CCA Fundraiser Banquet and Crawfish Boil, April 3; Ballet Forte's "Swan Lake", April 5-6; City of Stafford Comprehensive Plan Update, April 9; International Plastic Model Society – Modelmania 2014, April 26; Comedian Luis Chataing, May 2; Oyster Creek Rotary Club Crawfish Festival, May 3; Ekal Vidayala Annual Program, May 4; The Ultimate Boomer Comedy Tour featuring Scott Record, May 9; ImpactWeather Hurricane Symposium, May 15; Fort Bend Symphony Orchestra "American Showcase II", May 18; SMSD Band Concert, May 20; FRIENDS of NRA Fundraiser Banquet, June 5; Houston Bead Market, June 7-8; Mickey Gilley Concert, June 25; Dominion Chapel Worship Concert, June 27; Xi Kappa Lambda Scholarship Fundraiser, June 28

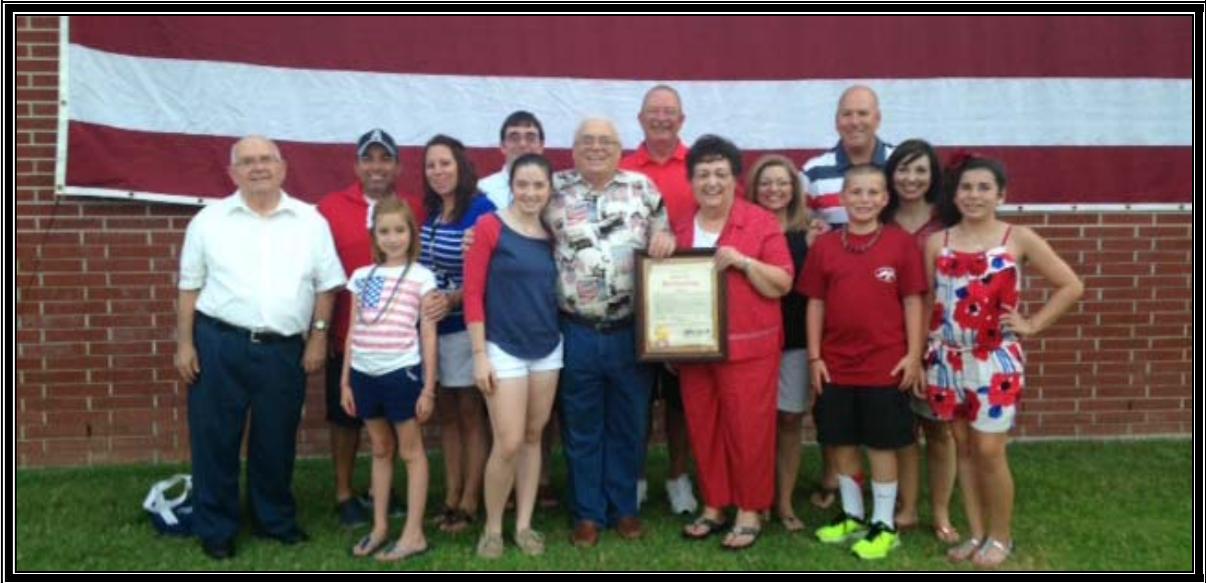
City Offices Closed

Friday, April 18 – Good Friday
Monday, May 26 – Memorial Day

Tree Limb Service

The next tree limb service will be conducted beginning Monday, April 7.

2014 INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENTS PLANNED



Sadie and Jimmy Williams, 2013 Parade Marshals, and admirers

The Annual Independence Day Celebration will be held on Thursday and Friday, July 3-4, and organizers have promised a fun-filled day with loads of entertainment for the whole family.

Persons interested in volunteering should contact Susan Ricks at 281-208-6902.

The deadline for nominations for

Parade Marshal is May 14. The nomination form and instructions are located in the Hot Topics section of the City's website www.cityofstafford.com. If you have any questions, please contact Councilman Wen Guerra at Wen.guerrajr@gmail.com.

Look for complete details in the July issue of the *Newsletter*.

CITY POOL HOSTS FUN-FILLED ACTIVITIES



Last year, the City Pool hosted a variety of activities that included swim lessons, swim team finals, pool parties, and even S.W.A.T. training.

The new season opens on Saturday, May 24, and individuals are anxiously waiting to sign up for another busy season. Please refer to the schedule shown at the right for hours of operation and contact information.

A most reasonable fee of **\$10 per person** will allow **Stafford residents** access to the pool for the entire swim season. The cost of **daily passes** for non-residents is **\$4, for 5 years and over; \$2, for 2-4 years; free, for under 2 years.**

Call 281-499-8783 to arrange a pool party. The pool rental fee is \$100 for Stafford residents and \$150 for non-residents for three hours of fun. There is an additional \$10 hourly lifeguard fee.

<p align="center">2014 Pool Schedule</p>
<p align="center">OPENS: Saturday, May 24</p>
<p align="center">CLOSES: Tuesday, September 2</p>
<p align="center">DATES OPEN: May 24 – May 26; May 31 – June 1; June 7 – August 24; August 30 – September 1</p>
<p align="center">DAILY HOURS: Tuesday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday, 12 noon - 7 p.m. Sunday, 1 p.m. - 7 p.m. Closed: Monday (non-holidays)</p>
<p align="center">Swim Lessons</p>
<p align="center">Morning and evening - Ages 4 and up Sign up begins May 24. Call 281-499-8783 or 281-499-5763.</p>
<p align="center">Stafford Swim Team</p>
<p align="center">Mid-May until mid-July Early registration will be in April. Call Jeni Thompson at 281-814-5348.</p>

SPRING CLEAN UP AIMS TO MAKE CITY SPARKLE

Citizens, school groups, businesses, and other volunteers have signed up for the City Wide Pride Spring Clean Up on Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WCA Waste Corporation trucks will pick up heavy trash that day (but no normal household waste). Items should be by the curb no later than 7 a.m.

Prohibited are paint, chemicals, batteries, and car parts. Lumber, plywood, or similar materials must be cut in four-foot lengths and tied in bundles. Refrigerators and freezers, with doors removed and drained of coolant, will be accepted. Rimless tires should be placed at the curb and separated from heavy trash. Permission from the City of Stafford is required if disposing of a large number of tires. Car batteries may be dropped off at Stafford Auto Supply at 2424 S. Main. *(continued below)*



City of Stafford
2610 South Main
Stafford, TX 77477

E-Waste Collections will be at City Hall to shred sensitive documents for anyone interested in this service.

Spring Clean Up participants will receive t-shirts and cleaning supplies. Lunch will be served. Trophies will be awarded to the winners. There will be special prizes for the "lucky finders."

Anyone wishing to assist with cleaning the City rights-of-way, or to get more information, should contact Marcia Fouts at 281-261-3941. Details and a registration form can be found at www.cityofstafford.com.

The City of Stafford wishes to thank the many businesses supporting this event.



Spring Clean Up 2013





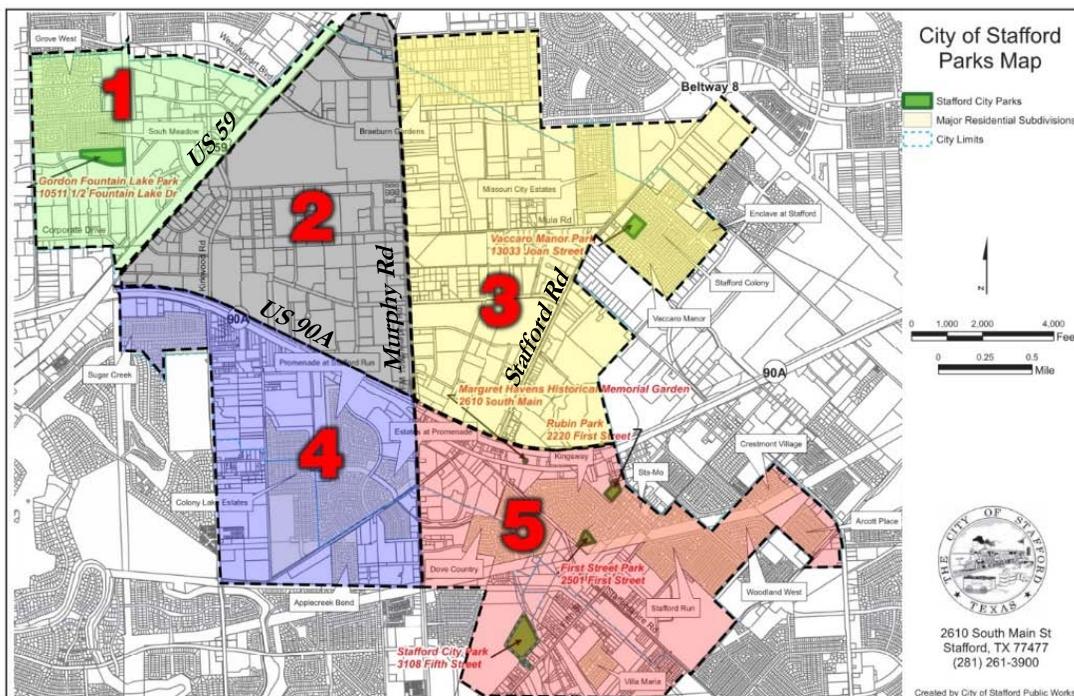
THE CITY OF STAFFORD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The City of Stafford is updating the Comprehensive Development Plan that was originally created in 1971. Comprehensive Development Plans create a blueprint for the next 25 years by prioritizing goals, objectives and recommendations in regards to future land use, transportation, infrastructure, housing, economic development, and parks and open space. Freese and Nichols, Inc. was selected to develop the new plan alongside a 17-member committee consisting of City Council, Planning and Zoning, plus a few citizens. The plan will be complete by summer of next year.

Your feedback is important. What vision do you have for the City of Stafford, do you have recommendations on what types of developments you would like to see, what can be improved in the City? Answer these questions by hand in the anonymous survey below and return it the Public Works Department at City Hall, scan it and email it to cemshoff@cityofstafford.com, or mail it to Cristin Emshoff at City Hall 2610 South Main, Stafford, Texas 77477. You can also take the online survey on the City of Stafford's website. Go to www.cityofstafford.com and select the link under Comprehensive Plan Survey on the far right column. You will be directed to the survey from the link.

You can also give input at the Public Meeting April 9th at 6pm at the Stafford Centre. The survey will close April 30th. Be sure to send the survey to the City of Stafford by this date.

SURVEY: For questions 1a and 1b use this map to answer the questions:



1a. Which number designated on the map describes the location of your home?

- Zone 1
 Zone 2
 Zone 3
 Zone 4
 Zone 5
 I do not live in Stafford

1b. Which number designated on the map describes the location of your business or job? I work and/or own a business in:

- Zone 1
 Zone 2
 Zone 3
 Zone 4
 Zone 5
 I do not work or own a business in Stafford

12. How important or unimportant are the following to you in terms of Stafford's quality of life?

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|--|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|------|--------------------------|------|--------------------------|------|
| a. Parks and trail system | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| b. Appearance of the City | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| c. Availability of single family homes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| d. Availability of multifamily homes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| e. Availability of townhomes/condos | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| f. Public Art | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| g. An effective roadway network | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| h. Employment opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| i. Enhancing the City's identity | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| j. Establishing community focal points | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| k. Local retailers and specialty shops | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| l. National retailers | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| m. Recreation centers | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| n. Safe and easy to walk | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| o. Mixed use development (places people can shop, live and work in one location) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |

13. Please rate the services provided by the City or to the City.

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| a. Animal Control | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| b. Building Inspection | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| c. Code Compliance | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| d. Community Development Services | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| e. Economic Development | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| f. Emergency Management | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| g. Financial Services | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| h. Fire Services | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| i. Housing/Neighborhood Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| j. Information Technology Services | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| k. Library | | | | | | | | |
| l. Parks and Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| m. Planning and Development | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| n. Police | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| o. Storm Water Services | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| p. Water Services | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| q. Wastewater Services | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| r. Street Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| s. Traffic Operations | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| t. Trash and Recycling Services | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |

14. What is your vision for Stafford? _____

15. Any additional comments or recommendations? _____



Thank you for completing the Comprehensive Plan Update survey. You have until April 30, 2014 to turn in your comments to the City.

Please drop this survey off at City Hall in the Public Works Department, scan it and send it to cemshoff@cityofstafford.com, or take it online through the Comprehensive Plan Update link on the City of Stafford's home page. Any questions? Call 281-261-3921.

Your comments will be incorporated into the plan.