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EULESS CITIZENS
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What Can We Do Now?

What are the rules about garage sales? What does "high grass" mean to the city? Where can my neighbor park his camping trailer? When can I put out my trash if I am going to be gone on vacation? What kind of permit do I need to put in a water heater? What can I do if my apartments are not being maintained? What exactly is the role of code enforcement versus the police department?

Come to the next meeting of the Eulesse Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association on Tuesday, October 19, 1999 in Building A of the City Complex to hear Kevin Mercer answer these plus any other questions that you may have for Code Enforcement. Kevin is the Development Services Manager for the City of Eulesse, a position deeply involved in both current and upcoming developments. He has worked for the City since 1989, and has served in his current position since 1994. Kevin is the Chief Building Official, a special designation in city government that means he has the "last word" on building code issues. He also manages the Code Services Division of the Planning and Development Department, having direct responsibility for the efforts of the eight staff members in building inspection, code enforcement, health inspection, and plans examination. Kevin is a member of the Development Review Committee, a staff committee that provides the technical review of every proposed new development and redevelopment. Kevin holds a Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree from the University of Texas at Arlington, and he is a professionally Certified Building Official, State Licensed Code Enforcement Officer, and State Licensed Plumbing Inspector. Kevin exudes a heartfelt commitment to making the City of Eulesse a better place so come ask your questions!

C.O.P. CAR

For those of you who do not know yet, our Citizens Patrol Car is here. So go by and take a look. It is park by all of the other police cars.

Also, here shortly Sgt. Williamson is going to hold a meeting of all current COP Members to get the new car and programs under way.

After the program is under way, he is going to hold another training class. For those of you who are interested contact Sgt. Williamson at 685-1563.



We Currently have sold
over \$9650 in Bricks!!

 Congratulations to Leah & Byron Benoit! They won the brick drawing for the month of September.

 We currently have
71
paid members!



Lou's Perspective

FALL---My favorite time of year is here, beautiful weather, planning for Halloween with the kids, Thanksgiving with friends and family, and of course, the Holiday Period where we can all take a deep breath and rejuvenate our minds and body for a new year of challenges that lie ahead.

When I think back to January with our goals that we all set for the association, the many fund raising events, and commitments to the Police Department, I recall a passage that I read somewhere that says, "Nothing is more rewarding than to watch someone who says it can't be done get interrupted by someone actually doing it". We have a great group of Alumni Members who made the commitment to stand in front of many, and are excellent leaders for this city.

You are very special individuals and I am so proud to be a small part of your organization. I thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to serve such an elite group of individuals this year.

I will be appointing a special group of members to select a slate of officers for next year. I hope each and everyone of you that is contacted or who

would like to serve in any capacity, let your wishes be known to this committee. I will announce this committee at our October meeting.

We will have several important subjects to discuss at this meeting and I would encourage each of you to set aside this evening for us. I haven't seen some of you for a while, please come join us.

I look forward to seeing some new brick sales. We have had a small decline in sales, but I know we will be talking to our family, friends, and neighbors real soon.

Thanks for all you do.

Regards,

Lou



Halloween Safety

With witches, goblins, and super-heroes descending on neighborhoods across America, the American Red Cross offers parents some safety tips to help prepare their children for a safe and enjoyable trick-or-treat holiday. Halloween should be filled with surprise and enjoyment, and following some common sense practices can keep events safer and more fun.

- Walk, slither, and sneak on sidewalks, not in the street.
- Look both ways before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks, and low-flying brooms.
- Cross the street only at corners.
- Don't hide or cross the street between parked cars.
- Wear light-colored or reflective-type cloth-

ing so you are more visible. (And remember to put reflective tape on bikes, skateboards, and brooms, too!)

- Plan your route and share it with your family. If possible, have an adult go with you.
- Carry a flashlight to light your way.
- Keep away from open fires and candles. (Costumes can be extremely flammable.)
- Visit homes that have the porch light on.
- Accept your treats at the door and never go into a stranger's house.
- Use face paint rather than masks or things that will cover your eyes.
- Be cautious of animals and strangers.
- Have a grown-up inspect your treats before eating. And don't eat candy if the package is already opened. Small, hard pieces of candy are a choking hazard for young children.

September 1999 Treasurer's Re-



ECPAAA 1999 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES						
For Period Ending September 30, 1999						
	July	August	September	Actual Year To Date	BUDGET	YTD (Over) Budget
REVENUES						
1999 Membership Dues (\$340 '99 dues collected in '98)		\$10.00		\$1,400.00	\$1,500.00	
Bake sales				\$615.47	\$2,000.00	
50/50 Drawing				\$0.00	\$250.00	
Event Security						
TX Speedway				\$210.00	\$1,000.00	
Six Flags				\$0.00	\$3,000.00	
Arbor Daze	\$3,500.00			\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	
Christmas Providers				\$0.00	\$550.00	
Miscellaneous Income(shirts & hats, care cards, etc.)		\$346.98		\$513.78	\$1,000.00	
Donations				\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
Brick Revenue	\$4,350.00	\$1,550.00	\$650.00	\$9,500.00	\$37,500.00	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$7,850.00	\$1,906.98	\$650.00	\$15,739.25	\$51,300.00	
					BUDGET	YTD
EXPENSES	July	August	September	Year To Date		(Over) Budget
Social						
Dinners/Parties			\$67.70	\$461.80	\$1,250.00	
General & Other						
Awards & Gifts		\$21.59		\$319.06	\$400.00	
Camera				\$120.00	\$125.00	
Christmas Providers				\$0.00	\$550.00	
CPAAANT Dues				\$30.00	\$30.00	
Flowers	\$40.00	\$16.21	\$65.95	\$122.16	\$200.00	
Logo lapel pins	\$235.00	\$235.00		\$470.00		
Misc Expense (film, refreshments, Arbor Daze, etc.)	\$8.49	\$27.98		\$294.43	\$300.00	
P.O.Box				\$64.00	\$60.00	(\$4.00)
Postage & Supplies - Board				\$270.29	\$100.00	(\$170.29)
Postage & Supplies - Publications			\$33.00	\$229.34	\$300.00	
Search & Rescue Sponsor				\$90.00	\$180.00	
Symposium / Mtgs./ Speakers		\$407.82		\$544.62	\$600.00	
Telephone Directories (membership)						
Major Projects						
Brick Expense for P/D	\$33.00			\$300.31	\$15,000.00	
Sculpture				\$0.00	\$23,500.00	
Approved Appropriated Items for EPD						
Lectern				\$0.00	\$300.00	
Motivational Kits (Qtr)				\$0.00	\$500.00	
Finger Print Kits (CID)				\$68.16	\$150.00	
Head Phones for Officers (12)				\$0.00	\$100.00	
Summer Camp Speaker				\$0.00	\$250.00	
I.D. Cards (10)				\$0.00	\$1,500.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$316.49	\$708.60	\$166.65	\$3,384.17	\$45,270.00	(\$174.29)
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$7,533.51	\$1,198.38	\$483.35	\$12,015.08		
BANK BALANCE (working checking account)						
Beginning of Period	\$388.64	\$3,572.15	\$3,187.53			
End of Period	\$3,572.15	\$3,187.53	\$3,020.88			
TRANSFER (MONEY MKT. TO CHECKING)						

Eules Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Minutes of the Tuesday, September 21, 1999 Monthly Meeting



GUEST SPEAKER: Mike Regan, North Central Texas Regional Police Academy Trainer

Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m.

PRESENT: President, Lou Baum; Secretary, Leah Benoit

Jackie Dohring, Kathy Haecker, Barbara Lucas, Nick Payblas, Judy Rick, Chris Shanahan, Al Simmenroth, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Margaret Stowe, Susan Vest, Helen Wagner and George Weidenhof.

LIAISON: Sgt. Ron Williamson

MINUTES: A motion was made by Judy Rick to accept the August minutes as stated in the Newsletter. Second by Susan Vest. Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ed Benyon was not present and the acceptance of the August Treasurer's Report will be tabled until the October meeting. Lou Baum gave balances on the Money Market Account (\$17,200) and the Checking Account (\$3,100).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fund Raising Reports:

1. Brick Fund Raiser – Leah Benoit reported as of September 21, 1999, we have made a total of \$9,500.00 with 210 bricks sold. Byron and Leah Benoit are our September contest winners. Congratulations Byron and Leah! Leah to put together a tri-fold brochure for the brick fund raiser and alumni members will distribute to local businesses. Lou Baum will look into getting the brick form in the Mayor's Newsletter, the Star and possibly inserted with the electric bill.
2. Al Simmenroth gave a report on the advertisements for the Newsletter. Al is looking for 12 businesses to advertise in the Newsletter. If you know of any business, please contact Al and give him the contact name and phone number and he will get in touch with the prospective advertiser. The cost is \$25.00 for six months.

Membership Report:

3. Chris Shanahan reported as of September 21, 1999, we have 71 paid members.

Newsletter Report:

4. No update.

EXECUTIVE UPDATES:

5. Lou Baum announced that we need two committees – a Nominating Committee to elect the Year 2000 Officers and a Budget Committee for the Year 2000 Budget. If anyone is interested, please contact Lou Baum. Lou also stated that we need to start planning for the Thanksgiving Dinner, Parade of Lights (December 11th) and the Alumni Christmas Party to be held on December 21st. Please attend the next meeting if you would like to help plan for these coming events. Lou announced that on September 28th, the City Council will recognize Leah Benoit for her award she received for Alumni Member of the Year at the City Council meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. in Building C.
6. Geri Sorg talked about the bronze statue. A wax sculpture was presented at the meeting for any comments. Maquettes will be made after the final changes to the statue.
7. Thanks to Leah Benoit and Linda Martin for bringing the refreshments. Jackie Dohring will supply refreshments at the October meeting.
8. Sgt. Ron Williamson reported that Class 10 is going well. He is also looking for names for future classes. Please let Ron know of anyone that may be interested. The COP car should be finished by mid-October. There was a minor set back. The body shop was taking off the old decals and some paint peeled off with it. The radios are ready to go. Ron will hold a meeting with the trained COP members and hold a class for the Alumni members that are not trained. We are looking for a volunteer to be the COP Coordinator. If you are interested, please contact Ron. The Alumni will go out and do surveys for the Handicap Parking, but will not do any actual work. The surveys will be turned over to the City of Eules Code Enforcement Department and they will enforce the businesses that are not up to code. We will be doing vacation watches and writing up junk vehicles. There is also a form that you can fill out if you see someone violating a traffic law and turn it over to Ron. Ron announced that on October 1st, the Police Department will be receiving another grant to pay officers overtime to work traffic lights.

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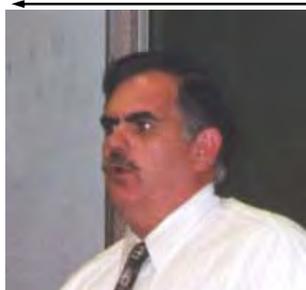
COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

9. Kathy Haecker announced that since the Crime Victims Program was sending so many letters out, the Attorney General's office will be giving the Program a new computer, scanner and printer.
10. George Weidenhof announced that he is raising full-blooded German Shepherds and will offer to the Police Department puppies from his next litter. George to talk to the new Chief of Police regarding this issue.

Motion made by Barbara Lucas to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Second by Kathy Haecker.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

From the Chief's Office



Greeting from the Chief's Office. I want to start by again congratulating Leah Benoit for being selected The State of Texas Citizen Police Academy Alumni of the Year.

We are currently negotiating with a firm to do the construction management over the Police and Courts Facility. Don't give up on it being built. We are going to have the finest Police Department in North Texas.

We finally have taken custody of the vehicle for the Citizens On Patrol program and have purchased the radios. Look for that program to accelerate rapidly. (No pun intended) I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to Lou Baum, Kathy Haecker, and Geri Sorg. We had our federal grants to hire 12 officers to further community policing audited. They gave up one of their afternoons to meet with a lady from the federal government. She looked at what the department has done and is doing in reference to community policing. She was very impressed and went back to Washington D.C. saying the city of Euless was a model of what was expected. We have several new employees who have been hired or might be hired by the time you read this newsletter. I'll try to introduce them all next month. Thanks for all you do for us and please keep us in your prayers.

Upcoming Events

We are currently looking for some people to help us with some of our Upcoming Events.

- ◆ Thanksgiving Dinner at the Police Department November 25
Need help:
To serve
Prepare food
- ◆ Christmas Parade of Lights December 11
Need help:
At the start of the Parade: Fullerwiser & Midway
At the end of the Parade: Trinity High School
- ◆ New Years Eve Y2K
Need help:
Answering the phones
Running COP Program

If anyone of you would like to participate in a rewarding experience, please contact Leah Benoit at 283-6703 or Kathy Haecker at 540-3525. More information will be presented at the October meeting and published in the November edition of the newsletter.



CURRENT SHIFT ASSIGNMENTS OF EPD

Days A

Lt. Kockos
Sgt. Remington
Cpl. Gatlin
Cpl. Priest
Cpl. Portman
Cpl. Cort-Brassey
Officer Blount
Officer Zachary
Officer Peralez
Officer Murphree

Days B

Lt. Mangum
Sgt. Williams
Cpl. Haywood
Cpl. Tice
Cpl. Davis
Cpl. Meredith
Officer Brennan
Officer Ward
Officer White
Officer D. Parker

Nights A

Lt. Eskew
Sgt. Kraft
Cpl. Privitt
Cpl. Rheubottom
Cpl. Chaney
Cpl. Morgan
Officer Katoa
Officer Harris
Officer Gordon
Officer Condit

Nights B

Lt Williams
Sgt. Pavlik
Cpl. Axton
Cpl. Peterson
Cpl. Gilley
Cpl. Parker
Officer Powell
Officer Barlag
Officer Carter
Officer Hurtado

K-9

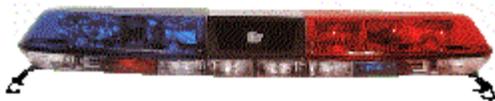
Cpl. Starnes
Thur – Sun 1900-500

Traffic

Peterson
Wed - Sat Days

Berry

Mon– Thur Days



CPA CLASS # 11

Sgt. Williamson is looking for more citizens to attend the CPA Class #11 and future classes. We all know how fun and educational the classes are, so why not share it with some of your friends or family. If you know anyone who would be interested, please have them call him at 685 -1563.

NEW

ADVERTISE-

NEW

As you may see in this edition, we are now placing advertisements in our newsletter. We are doing this to help pay for the cost of the mailing and supplies needed for the publication and distribution of our newsletter. We are currently charging \$25 dollars for 6 months worth of advertising. The people and businesses that have advertised in this month's newsletter have been recommended by our fellow Alumni Members. If you have a business that you would like to recommend or more information on the new addition to our newsletter, please contact Al Simmenroth at 354-9606.

NEW



NEW

The Story of Halloween



Halloween is one of the oldest holidays with origins going back thousands of years. The holiday we know as Halloween has had many influences from many cultures over the centuries. From the Roman's Pomona Day, to the Celtic festival of Samhain, to the Christian holidays of All Saints and All Souls Days.

Hundreds of years ago in what is now Great Britain and Northern France, lived the Celts. The Celts worshipped nature and had many gods, with the sun god as their favorite. It was "he" who commanded their work and their rest times, and who made the earth beautiful and the crops grow.



The Celts celebrated their New Year on November 1st. It was celebrated every year with a festival and marked the end of the "season of the sun" and the beginning of "the season of darkness and cold."

The Celts believed, that during the winter, the sun god was taken prisoner by Samhain, the Lord of the Dead and Prince of Darkness.

On the eve before their new year (October 31), it was believed that Samhain called together all the dead people. The dead would take different forms, with the bad spirits taking the form of animals. The most evil taking the form of cats.

On October 31st after the crops were all harvested and stored for the long winter the cooking fires in the homes would be extinguished. The Druids, the Celtic priests, would meet in the hilltop in the dark oak forest (oak trees were considered sacred). The Druids would light new fires and offer sacrifices of crops and animals. As they danced around the fires, the season of the sun passed and the season of darkness would begin.



When the morning arrived the Druids would give an ember from their fires to each family who would then take them home to start new cooking fires. These fires would keep the homes warm and free from evil spirits.

The November 1st festival was named after Samhain and honored both the sun god and Samhain. The festival would last for 3 days. Many people would parade in costumes made from the skins and heads of their animals. This festival would become the first Halloween.



During the first century the Romans invaded Britain. They brought with them many of their festivals and customs. One of these was the festival know as Pomona Day, named for their goddess of fruits and gardens. It was also celebrated around the 1st of November. After hundreds of years of Roman rule the customs of the Celtic's Samhain festival and the Roman Pomona Day mixed becoming 1 major fall holiday.

The next influence came with the spread of the new Christian religion throughout Europe and Britain. In the year 835 AD the Roman Catholic Church would make November 1st a church holiday to honor all the saints. This day was called All Saint's Day, or Hallowmas, or All Hallows. Years later the Church would make November 2nd a holy day. It was called All Souls Day and was to honor the dead. It was celebrated with big bonfires, parades, and people dressing up as saints, angels and devils.

But the spread of Christianity did not make people forget their early customs. On the eve of All Hallows, Oct. 31, people continued to celebrate the festival of Samhain and Pomona Day. Over the years the customs from all these holidays mixed. October 31st became known as All Hallow Even, eventually All Hallow's Eve, Hallowe'en, and then - Halloween.

The Halloween we celebrate today includes all of these influences, Pomona Day's apples, nuts, and harvest, the Festival of Sanhain's black cats, magic, evil spirits and death, and the ghosts, skeletons and skulls from All Saint's Day and All Soul's Day.





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Happy Hallow-

In This Issue...

COP Car is here!!

Reminders...



- ⇒ **ECPAAA Meeting Tuesday, Oct. 19, 1999. Building A Conference Room at 7:00 PM!!**
- ⇒ Thanksgiving Dinner November 25, 1999
- ⇒ Christmas Parade of Lights December 11, 1999.
- ⇒ New Year's Eve Y2K.
- ⇒ Keep Selling Bricks!
- ⇒ ECPAAA's Web page has a new look! <http://home.earthlink.net/~diver93/ecpaaa/ecpaaa.htm>

Have a safe and Happy Halloween!!

The new lapel pins are now in! If you would like to purchase one, they are \$3.00 and will be available at the next meeting. Also, if you have not picked up your copy of the new directory, they will also be available at the meeting!

