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THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Early Warning System. The purpose of the Somerville Early Warning System is to alert residents of potential or pending disasters such as tornadoes, chemical spills, dam breakage, explosion, fire, or any other event that may occur with no warning and have the potential to cause bodily harm to those residing or working in the local area. Only disasters or potential disasters requiring citizens to take cover or to evacuate will warrant the activation of the siren system. The siren does not take the place of commonsense or weather awareness. Common weather events such as hail, strong straight line winds, severe thunderstorms, or even snow or ice etc. will not result in system activation. The siren is tested daily at noon.

ANITA HEIGHTS PROJECT

The Contractor (Palasota Contracting) was given the ok to begin work on September 9th; however no work has started yet. The project has 250 calendar days in the contract with a completion date of May 16th, 2020. I'm optimistic and have been told by our engineers (Strand Associates) that Palasota should be starting work soon. I understand the concern of the citizens who live in Anita Heights, and we share those concerns. I'll stay on top of the situation and hopefully we'll see some action by Palasota soon.

TXDOT PROJECT AT HERITAGE SQUARE

The project was stopped due to some archaeological findings at the construction site. The "artifacts" were discovered in one of the irrigation trenches on the site. The discovery required review and clearance by TXDOT archeologists. Although the weather is now a factor, the work has resumed; the new bricks are in place, irrigation work is being completed, electrical work is getting underway and the materials for the reflecting elements have been ordered. TXDOT has not given us a schedule.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Our next City Council meeting will be on Wednesday, November 13, 2019. There are several items on the agenda that require City Council's authority and approval. Your City staff and council members have many tough decisions to make on a daily or monthly basis, and work to make the best possible decisions for the community in both the short term and the long run. I encourage you to review the agenda, come to the meeting, and listen for yourself. Don't rely on second-hand information and interpretation. Staff & council always strive to move towards the goal of making our town the best it can be, however hard those decisions are.

STEVE HODGES AWARD

Nominations for the Annual Steve Hodges Award will begin November 13th. Forms are at City Hall, 150 8th Street, M-F, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM. The Steve Hodges Award acknowledges an outstanding individual in the Somerville area who exemplifies great character, unselfishness, and who is a servant of the community. The deadline to submit nominations is January 9, 2020, by 4:30 PM. The winner will be selected from the nominees by City Council.

SANTAVILLE

Santaville will be on December 14 this year. As always, the event is dedicated to providing a bright and merry free holiday experience to all children, especially those who might otherwise have little to celebrate. There will be barrel train rides, cookies, stockings, a toy walk, Christmas crafts, games, prizes and more! The Third Annual Run to Santaville and the traditional lighted Christmas Parade are also on the 14th, and the home and business Decorating Contest will be judged on the 13th. Entry forms were mailed out and will be at city hall. Sign up for one or more of this year's events and let's make it merry, folks!



Go Yeguas!