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CITY OF FERRIS NEWS

In this issue, we will reacquaint you with the men and women who protect our beloved City!



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2015 Water Fluoride Results

Please note that fluoride levels were determined to be at 4.0 mg/L which could have a cosmetic dental affect. Please visit our website or City Hall to receive the results.

Ferris holds National Event

Donations are being accepted for National Night Out until 08/26/16! Contact Officer Jordan Birdwell: 972-842-2752 or email her at: jordanbirdwell@ferristexas.gov

SPOTLIGHT ON: FERRIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Ferris Police Department (PD) is comprised of the Police Chief, one Chaplain, two investigators, one patrol sergeant, eight patrol officers, one warrant/training officer, one animal control officer, four full-time dispatchers, two part-time dispatchers, and last but certainly not least, one administrative assistant to the Chief. The entire staff of Ferris PD believes the best way to develop a good relationship with the community is to

have support from Ferris citizens. As such, within the past year we have participated in numerous programs including Cop on the Block, Coffee with a Cop, reading to children at the Ferris Public Library, Child Safety Seat Clinics and more.

Cop on the Block has been a very successful event for the PD and our community. We try to meet twice a month by walking around the neighborhoods to speak with



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and get to know our community better. We like to visit with the citizens at their home; on their own turf so to speak. We walk to show them that we are here to help and protect them all while forming a personal relationship.

Coffee with a Cop is hosted one morning each month. We welcome all to meet with officers at a local restaurant. Subjects range from talking about the job to our efforts to keep the community safe. Coffee with a Cop has played a vital role in increasing the community-police partnership within the City of Ferris.



The PD has hosted two Child Safety Seat Clinics where we gave away approximately 40 free car seats to those who had none or had an outdated/damaged seat.



These clinics ensure our children are safe while traveling in a motor vehicle and are yet another way we connect with

the community.

During the school year our officers visit the schools to interact with and create strong bond with the children of our community! When given the chance, officers will read or speak to the children on their level. This allows time for open communication and gives them basic knowledge of what it is like to be a police officer in Ferris.



The largest community event for

the Ferris PD is National Night Out; a national event to increase awareness about police programs in the community such as drug prevention, town watch, neighborhood



watch, cop on a block, and other anti-crime efforts.

It has been held annually since 1984. Unlike other states, Texas holds National Night out on the first Tuesday in October to avoid hot weather.



There will be face painting, balloon animals, bounce houses, game trucks, a hamster ball, laser tag, a mini train, free food and music. There will also be door prizes such as electronic tablets, t-shirts, gift cards and much more!



The community comes together with the Ferris PD, Fire Department, Department of Public Safety and the Ellis County Sheriff's Office to have fun while becoming familiar with crime prevention awareness. The community sees a personal side of the PD as they have dinner, play games and converse together.

This years National Night Out will be held on [October 4th from 5:30 to 8:30 pm](#) at Mutz Park located at 201 E 10th St.



Mayor's Message

On behalf of the City of Ferris: I want to thank Carl O. Sherman for the dedication and servant's heart that he displayed during his time as City Manager. I know that Ferris is and always will be important to him. I know that he will always be a friend of Ferris and that Ferris will always be a friend to him! Thank you again
* Please see Facebook page or City website for full press release.



upcoming events

Aug 1 :: City Council Meeting at 6:00 pm

Aug 5 :: Launching of new City website

Aug 6 :: Women's Self Defense Class at the Scout House from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

Aug 15 :: City Council Meeting at 6:00 pm

Aug 16 :: Ferris Crime Watch Ferris Public Library: 7:00pm

Oct 4 :: National Night Out at Mutz Park from 5:30 to 8:30 pm