



The Boulevard

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The City of Bellaire is an active community. Below is a list of upcoming special events and important dates to remember. For more information on these and other activities, check out the [City Events Calendar](#).

January

- Jan 16** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday
City Offices Closed, No Solid Waste Pick Up
- Jan 28** PATRONS Big Game Party, 3:30 pm

February

- Feb 4** Daddy Daughter Dance 7:00 pm
- Feb 6** Open House, 6:30 pm
State of the City, 7:00 pm
Bellaire Civic Center

March

- Mar 3** Party at the Pavilion, 7:00 pm
Bellaire Town Square

April

- Apr 1** Friends of the Library Used Book Sale;
Wine & Tapas
- Apr 7** Party at the Pavilion, 7:00 pm
- Apr 8** Trolley Run, 7:30 am
- Apr 15** Nature Discovery Center Spring Fling
- Apr 22** Grand Opening of Evelyn's Park

BELLAIRE CITIZENS ACADEMY INAUGURAL CLASS 2016



Congratulations and thank you to our graduates of the Bellaire Citizens Academy Inaugural Class of 2016!

We are looking forward to our next class, which is scheduled for the Fall of 2017. If you are interested in being put on the waitlist, please contact Raquel Porras at rporras@bellairetx.gov for eligibility requirements.

mayor's corner >>>



2016 has been a busy and eventful year in Bellaire. We've been planning and starting a number of important projects throughout the City, and the stage is set for a very exciting 2017! We will celebrate the grand opening of Evelyn's Park, break ground on our new Police/Courts and City Hall/Civic Center campus, and welcome long overdue commercial developments, just to name a few. This quarterly newsletter, *The Boulevard*, presents timely information about some of the things that are going on in the City and showcases the services we provide. We're pleased to share these highlights with you and as always appreciate your questions and feedback.

On behalf of your City Council, we are grateful to each of you for the privilege of serving our wonderful community. We wish you a very happy holiday season and look forward to a prosperous new year in Bellaire.

Sincerely yours,

litter awareness >>>

What we are doing and how you can help...

The City is proactively keeping Bellaire clean with scheduled litter removal along the feeder roads of 610 every Monday. We strive to keep our streets and rights of way clean and free of debris but we all know this can change daily.

If you observe a problem with litter along Loop 610 or on City property, like in a park or along a walking trail, please do not hesitate to contact the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department at 713-662-8280.

We also invite you to be a part of the Community Clean-Up Program hosted quarterly by Bellaire resident Peggy Faulk.



For more information on dates and times please check the City calendar on bellairetx.gov/citycalendar.

New High Water Rescue Vehicle

By: Darryl Anderson, Fire Chief



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Bellaire Parks and Recreation or
Bellaire City Library



Twitter

@bellairepd



Nextdoor

Register with your address!

Flood
Insurance
Questions
Contact
Development
Services
713.662.8230

**THE COST OF
FLOOD
INSURANCE
IS A DROP
IN THE BUCKET
COMPARED TO THE
COST OF
FLOOD
DAMAGE**



Tropical Storm Allison, Memorial Day 2015, Tax Day 2016. References to events rather forgotten but etched to the collective memory of those who had their lives turned into a soggy mess. Flooding, from tropical storm, hurricane or climate change, brings challenges to all. The Bellaire Fire Department faces the challenge of response during a storm. Most of the apparatus currently in our fleet fairs poorly in flood events, causing the alteration of response routes or inability to respond completely.

Once committed to a response, and with the good fortune to make it back to the station, each vehicle must undergo expensive and comprehensive lubricating fluid changes, ensuring functionality after the event. The remedy: a vehicle that will traverse the waters without succumbing to those waters.

The Bellaire Fire Department submitted a grant request to the Bellaire Police and Fire Foundation for a military surplus transport vehicle in May 2016. The Foundation application was approved and the grant was sent to City Council for acceptance on June 6, 2016.

The vehicle was purchased on October 21, 2016 and since its arrival in Bellaire it has gone through a complete makeover. The vehicle has the capability to transport 12-20 passengers out of floodwaters and harm's way. The height of the vehicle structure will reduce the wake caused by a lower response vehicle. This should reduce flooding due to a pressure wave created by lower vehicles.

The Bellaire Fire Department is putting the finishing touches on the vehicle but it is response ready for the next high water event. Our wish is to never need it again.

What Happens After the Bond Election?

By: Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager



On November 8, 2016, Bellaire voters approved three separate bond propositions, providing funds for streets, drainage, sidewalk, new police/courts building, new city hall/civic center, and water and wastewater system improvements. The voter approval provides authority for the City Council to sell bonds which provides the cash needed to pay for specific projects. That bond debt is then paid back, using dedicated property tax revenues, and in the case of the water and sewer projects, revenues received from water and sewer bills.

It makes sense to schedule the bond sales so as to coincide with when the funds are actually needed, so the authority received from the voters on November 8 will be used in four separate bond sales scheduled over the next three years. The first bond sale, scheduled for January 2017, will include the bond authority for the city facilities project approved in November of 2013. The January 2017 bond sale will provide the funds necessary to begin construction in April 2017 on the police/courts and city hall/civic center buildings. The January 2017 bond sale will also include funds for the design of the next phase of street, drainage, and sidewalk projects, which are slated to begin construction in the fall of 2017. Finally, the January 2017 bond sale will fund the long-deferred upgrades to the city's wastewater plant, and much needed water line replacements.

The City will strive to keep you informed of progress via our Notify Me messages and future editions of the Boulevard. This will become especially important as we begin construction on the new buildings in Bellaire Town Square. Minimizing inconvenience and maximizing safety will be priorities for the approximate two years of construction, and staying informed will help.

notify me >>>

Stay Connected with our Notify Me email list!



Want updates on city holidays, garbage collection dates, street closures, projects, and other pertinent city news? Then join our mailing list! You can pick and choose which category you want to receive the most up to date information on. Follow the link below and sign up today!

www.bellairtex.gov/list.aspx

run for city council >>>

Local City-Wide elections occur every two years on the first Tuesday in November of odd-numbered years. The election in 2017 will be held on Tuesday, November 7, for Mayor and Council positions 1,3 and 5.

First day to file for a place on the ballot is Saturday, July 22, 2017.

For more information on the filing process for the Bellaire election, please contact City Clerk Tracy Dutton at tdutton@bellairtex.gov.

boards and commissions >>>

Interested in serving on a Bellaire board or commission? A summary of each board and commission can be found on the city's webpage under [Boards and Commission Summary](#).

You may apply [online](#).

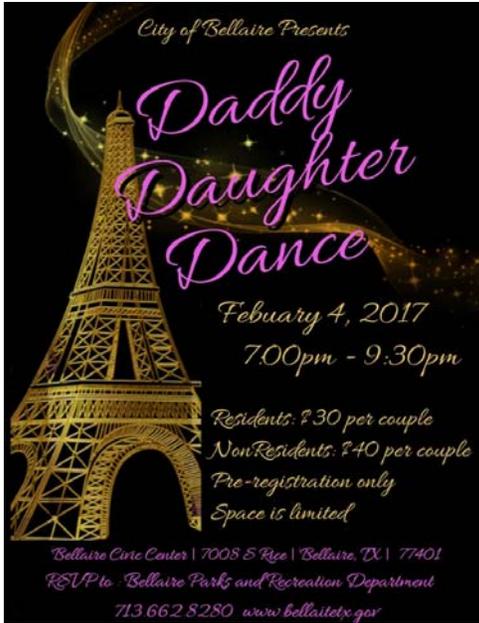
bellaire beginnings >>>



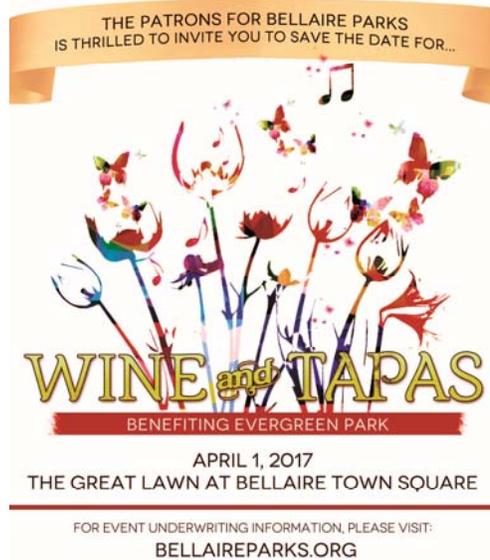
A ribbon cutting was held on April 24, 1974 for the new Bellaire Police and Courts Building located at 5110 Jessamine.

An ordinance was passed on July 28, 1947, abolishing the office of the City Marshal of the City of Bellaire and providing for and regulating a police department by the City of Bellaire.

community happenings >>>



City of Bellaire Presents
**Daddy
Daughter
Dance**
February 4, 2017
7:00pm - 9:30pm
Residents: \$30 per couple
Non-Residents: \$40 per couple
Pre-registration only
Space is limited
Bellaire Civic Center | 7008 S Rice | Bellaire, TX | 77401
RSVP to: Bellaire Parks and Recreation Department
713.662.8280 www.bellairetx.gov



THE PATRONS FOR BELLAIRE PARKS
IS THRILLED TO INVITE YOU TO SAVE THE DATE FOR...

WINE and TAPAS
BENEFITING EVERGREEN PARK

APRIL 1, 2017
THE GREAT LAWN AT BELLAIRE TOWN SQUARE

FOR EVENT UNDERWRITING INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:
BELLAIREPARKS.ORG



Bellaire Trolley Run
April 8, 2017
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The Best Place To Be For Fun In Bellaire
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At The Pavilion
FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH!
Begins March 3
Bellaire Town Square, 7008 S. Rice Ave.
Concerts, Movies, Food, Fun
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check out our [website](http://www.bellairetx.gov) >>>

- Submit a service request via the [Resident Request Center](#)
- Stream City Council meetings
- Pay your utility or court bill
- Renew/search/hold a library book
- Search crime/call database
- Download permit forms
- Get fire prevention tips
- Register for recreation classes
- Sign up for City Notifications
- Download *The Boulevard*
- ...and much more!



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bellaire city council >>>

Regular Meetings

- 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month
- Located in the Council Chambers at City Hall
- Sign up to speak by clicking on a [meeting date](#) online or filling out a [speaker form](#).

Agendas, minutes, and videos from past meetings are available [online](#).

Want to learn more about your elected City Council members? Find their contact information and statutory biographies [online](#). Watch [live sessions](#) of Council and board meetings.

new faces >>>

Want to be part of the team? Check out the City's current [available employment opportunities](#).

Tyler Batiste
Laborer, Public Works Streets Division

John Kelly
Laborer, Public Works Wastewater Collection

Terra Thompson
Librarian, Bellaire City Library