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Fireworks Prohibited in Saginaw

Fireworks are the cause of thousands of fires and injuries throughout the U.S. each year despite the adoption of codes and ordinances prohibiting their use. Along with the fires and injuries they create, the debris accumulations left behind from spent fireworks is an unnecessary burden.

The City of Saginaw has adopted a Fire Code ordinance prohibiting the open possession, manufacture, storage, handling, sale and use of fireworks within the city limits of Saginaw. The Saginaw Fire Department aggressively seeks compliance with this ordinance with the goal of ensuring the safety of the entire community. Non-compliance may result in the confiscation of all prohibited items and can result in a fine from \$200 to \$2,000.

This ordinance is effective for 365 days of every year. For questions or comments regarding fireworks or this ordinance please contact the Saginaw Fire Marshal at (817) 230-0404.

Saginaw Water Quality Report

Each year, our drinking water is tested by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). We just received our 2015 report and have made it available for the public to view. For an online copy of the report, check out the City of Saginaw's web site at: www.saginawtx.org or view www.cityofsaginawccr.us.



Upcoming Holiday Hours

The City of Saginaw offices will be closed on Monday, July 4th to observe our country's day of independence. However, the Saginaw Aquatic Center will be open from 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. Also, your garbage/trash and recycling schedule will not be affected.



Independence Day
July 4th

Stay Informed with the City of Saginaw

Stay in the know with the City of Saginaw! Check out our web site at: www.saginawtx.org, "like us" on Facebook at www.facebook.com/saginawtx, follow us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/CityofSaginaw> or sign up for "Saginaw FYI Email Alerts" at www.SaginawTx.org/list.aspx.

Fun Facts from Saginaw Animal Services

Did you know that during the month of May 2016, we had nineteen (19) animals adopted, twenty-seven (27) animals returned to their owners and two (2) animals rescued?

Did you know that we have an online kennel showing all animals being housed at our facility on our web site at www.SaginawAnimalServices.org?

Did you know that we also have a "Lost and Found" section on our web site? If you either lost a pet or found someone else's pet, you can post your information on this bulletin board.

Local Families Beautifying Our Community!

The Saginaw Beautification Advisory Committee has a volunteer opportunity that involves the adoption of a specific location in Saginaw or a neighborhood entry. This program is intended to provide residents and/or groups a public way to show pride in our community and to help keep Saginaw beautiful and litter-free.

During the past month, the **Nitzsches Family** adopted the entry sign/monument in Highland Station. Also, the **Aguilar Family** adopted a flower bed in Willow Creek Park (bed on corner of Knowles/McLeroy Blvd.)

For more information about the Saginaw Adopt-A-Spot program, check out the City of Saginaw's web site at: www.saginawtx.org/831/Adopt-a-Spot-Program.



*The Aguilar Family
Willow Creek Park*



*The Nitzsches Family
Highland Station Entry*

Know Your Watering Schedule

MONDAY

No watering allowed

TUESDAY & FRIDAY

Non-residential sites (apartments, businesses, parks, common areas)

WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY

Residential addresses ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8

THURSDAY & SUNDAY

Residential addresses ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9



Registration for Classes at the Rec. Center

Fall Playschool at the Community Center

Playschool is a great way to help prepare your 3 to 5 year old child for kindergarten. We introduce letters, numbers and shapes throughout the year. It is our goal to nurture and encourage each child as individuals, as they learn and develop at their own pace. Playschool also gives each child an environment where they can learn to socialize with children their own age.

Instructors: Adele Salyers and Betsy MacCallum

Location: Saginaw Community Center

Fee: \$78 a month + a registration fee of \$30 (2 siblings \$145 a month)

Days: Monday & Wednesday

Classes & Times: 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Fall B.L.A.S.T. Class at the Recreation Center

B.L.A.S.T. class offers fun, interactive, hands-on learning through a literacy based program for 3 to 5 year olds. Each day, we will have a selected book and expound on the themes through art, music, songs, games, early math concepts, simple science experiments, cooking and even geography! Through our variety of activities, we are able to reach children that have different learning styles. Another wonderful skill we focus on is listening, where it is through listening to the book being read or a variety of listening skill activities. This skill will become second nature.

Instructors: Adele Salyers and Betsy MacCallum

Location: Kid's Room in the Recreation Center

Fee: \$170 a month + \$40 registration fee + \$30 supply fee

Days: Tuesdays & Thursdays

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For information, call Adele Salyers at 682-564-7579 or the Recreation Center at 817-230-0350.

Garage Sale Information

The summer is a great time to clean and get rid of things. Why not have a garage sale? To have a garage sale in Saginaw, it is very simple. All garage sale permits must be obtained at Saginaw City Hall at least 48 hours prior to sale. The cost of the garage sale permit is \$5.00 which includes three signs per garage sale (1 yard sign and 2 directional signs). Additional signs are prohibited. No signs shall be placed on utility poles. The owner or occupant of residential property is allowed two (2) sales per calendar year. The garage sale permit cannot exceed three consecutive days. The permit must be displayed on the premises during the sale.

Have Your Garage Sale Listed Online:

If you choose to place your sale information on our web site, it is an additional \$5.00. It will be listed on the City of Saginaw web site at www.SaginawTx.org. For more information, call City Hall at 817-232-4640.

Top 5 Tips to Having A Successful Garage Sale:

Advertise Online – Putting up flyers is a good start and putting out a yard sale sign is a must, but if you really want to drive in traffic, post your yard sale announcement online. Make sure you mention the types of items you're offering and pictures are a plus. You can also advertise your garage sale on the City of Saginaw's web site for an additional \$5 (see above).

Open Early – The best day for a yard sale is Saturday and experts say start early. Serious buyers will be ready to go at the crack of dawn. Between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. are the busiest hours.

Price It Right – Remember garage sale buyers are bargain hunters. As a general rule price most items roughly 75 percent off the original price and then be willing to negotiate down. Everyone wants to feel as if they are getting a good deal. The biggest mistake you can make when it comes to pricing is leaving off a price tag.

Hand Out Bags – Research show when shoppers have a bag in their hand, they tend to buy more. Marketing expert Jeremy Gregg said, "It's strange, but the psychology of having a bag in your hand that somebody gave you, you almost feel compelled to fill it."

Give Away Coffee – Bigger sales are better, which is why experts say consider doing a garage sale with friends and neighbors. Plus, Gregg said that makes the sale seem fun. One way to do this is by offering your customers free coffee. Gregg said, "The number one thing is how can I get this person to stay as long as possible."

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