



*Our Home Town*

MAY 2021

Newsletter of the

*City of Smiley Texas*

#### MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Citizens of Smiley,

City Hall is open to the public. Visitors are not required to wear face coverings before entering City Hall. Masks are not required but are optional. If you feel that you need to continue wearing one it is your choice. We will not turn you away. We ask that you continue to keep six feet apart when possible and stay home if you are sick to help protect yourself and others.

NOTICE: This Notice is to notify you about your water bill. Due to the setbacks that occurred for the past months with our billing system and winter storm, the bills for the months of March through May were delayed. The City of Smiley was automatically making credits to upcoming bills to help residential customers recover. The utility was adjusting how it normally calculates the monthly bills. Because many customers were dripping faucets to prevent freezing pipes or experienced burst pipes, the water utility did not include the amount households used during the storm in the calculation. We have made calculations from last year's usage from 2020. If the customer did not have a City of Smiley account set up in the previous year, the comparison will be made from January 2021 billing period. Customers who did not have a water increase will not see a credit on their bill. In addition, City of Smiley has waived late fees for the May billing. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. As always, please call or come by City Hall for questions or concerns and read your bill carefully.

**IMPORTANT:** If you have not paid on your account for several months or made arrangements to pay your past due bill, your services require **special attention** and may be **interrupted** due to **non-payment**.

ACH customers will have their payment deducted by the due date. If you would NOT like the payment on your bill deducted, please call City Hall before the due date. We can make other arrangements concerning your bill and what amount you would like to pay. If we do not hear from you, we will process the payment from your account as planned.

Reminder: There is an Animal Ordinance and the city is receiving several complaints concerning dogs roaming the streets. The pick-up cost is \$25 dollars and \$10 a day that we have to keep them. Website: [Smileytx.com](http://Smileytx.com)

The three unopposed candidates for the May 2021 General Election were: Linda Warzecha, Elisa Douglas and Diana P. Moreno. They will take their oaths at the Special Meeting on May 27, 2021.

A huge **THANK YOU** to the Smiley Bantam Activity Group for this year's BantamFest. It was a HUGE success!! We appreciate all you do for our community. We appreciate and thank ALL non-profit organizations who go above and beyond for our city!!

Sincerely,

Mayor Mills ☺

**Let's take it back to the year of 2015**

**IN CASE YOU ARE WONDERING....**

**Why does the City of Smiley need a Marshal?**

**These are some of the issues that prompted us to hire an officer:**

**There were over 14 burglaries in town in one year at different business locations.**

**There were 2 armed robberies at the Wells Fargo Bank shortly before they closed their doors.**

**Vandalism has cost business and property owners and the city- large amounts of money.**

**These burglaries and vandalism affect the sense of security that our residents should have.**

**The City has drafted some very good ordinances to deal with issues that our residents complained about. But what good are the ordinances if there is no one to enforce them?**

**We get calls every week about various nuisances that can be dealt with by our Marshal.**

**Traffic has increased and vehicles speed through town day and night, causing safety hazards. The Marshal will have the authority to issue violations, which will now go through our Municipal Court. This is a source of revenue for the City which will, in time, support the Marshal's Department.**

**Bottom line....**

**The Marshal will help to remedy a lot of the problems that our citizens have been wanting us to fix.**

**For More Information:**

**This was posted in the Smiley Buzz on June 2015.**

**You can find a copy in the website: [Smileytx.com](http://Smileytx.com)**



**THE CITY OF SMILEY WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE ALL 2021 NIXON-SMILEY SENIORS!!**

**IT'S ONLY THE BEGINNING OF A BEAUTIFUL JOURNEY! WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST!!**

**TAKE PRIDE IN HOW FAR YOU'VE COME AND HAVE FAITH IN HOW FAR YOU WILL GO! -Unknown**

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**SENIOR GRADUATION**

**WILL BE HELD AT THE NS FOOTBALL FIELD ON MAY 28, 2021 @ 7:30 PM**

**PLEASE JOIN OUR GRADUATING SENIORS**

**New Library Hours:**

**Wednesday from 2:00 to 5:00 pm.**

**\*Come by and visit Evelyn Glasco\***