

January/February 2018

Terrell Hills Connection

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A Heartfelt Thank You from the City Employees

During the Christmas Holidays the City Employees receive a “perk” of being employees here at Terrell Hills. We receive numerous visits from our residents bringing us goodies, snacks, lunches and meals for the public safety employees that don't get to be with their families on Christmas and New Year's. These treats come in many forms and fashions, Christmas cards with ornaments for every employee, popcorn tins, cookie tins, fresh homemade rum cakes, snickerdoodles, ginger bread cookies and chocolates. We receive lunches from residents - pizzas, tamales, a gift box of lunch meats and smoked meats, gift boxes of Kielbassa sausages and bacon for every employee, anywhere from 3 to 4 honey baked hams and a wonderful lunch meal from Chick-fil-A. We then have a group that arranges and supplies both lunch and dinner served from Central Market for the Firefighters and Police Officers. These meals are for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day as well as New Year's Day. We would like to tell all of our citizens and people who donate to these wonderful Christmas Gifts Thank You. It is a really nice thing to get to explain to new employees around the holidays that our citizens do this for us and appreciate us enough that they provide employees with so much love. There are not many Cities that can tell their employees that their citizens do this and that's just one more thing that makes Terrell Hills such a special place to work.

Storm water Protection and the Environment

Terrell Hills is involved in reducing pollutants that enter into our area streams. All of the water that runs off our streets is not captured and treated. It goes directly into either the San Antonio River or Salado Creek. Everything we do as a community has a direct impact on the quality of water that travels in these streams. We can all help to improve our environment by taking a few precautions.

First, we can reduce pollutants by only using fertilizers, herbicides and insecticides on our lawns when absolutely necessary. Always follow the manufacturer's label to determine the proper amount and when we should use them. Try to make sure when we apply these items that it is on the lawn and not our sidewalks, or driveways. Using natural or organic methods can significantly reduce the pollution and help our area streams.

Secondly, we can all take steps to prevent our soil, leaves, or grass clippings from washing away. These items increase the amount of organics suspended in the water and can increase the PH as well as a dangerous increase in oxygen. This can increase the likelihood of killing fish and other aquatic life. Never sweep or blow leaves and clippings into the street. It is hazardous for our area streams as well as a violation of City Ordinances.

Finally, properly dispose of any oil, lubricants, or fuel for our vehicles and lawn equipment. Any of these items that are spilled or leaked onto hard surfaces washes away and ends up in our waterways. Properly maintaining our vehicles can prevent leaks and reduce overall pollution.

So, the next time you are enjoying our area streams, whether you are tubing down the river or fishing in Port A, remember all of our efforts to help keep these streams and waterways clean for us and for the future.

January/February City Holidays

City Hall will be closed on the following days, there is also no work allowed on these days inside the city limits. As always your Public Safety Departments are available 24 hours a day 365 days a year.

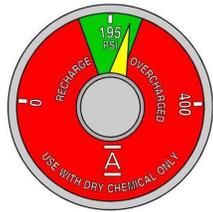
~~Monday, January 1st 2018 – New Years Holiday~~

~~Monday, January 15th 2018 – Martin Luther King Day~~

Monday, February 19th 2018

Will Your Fire Extinguisher Work During a Fire?

Household fire extinguishers are often overlooked until a fire occurs. A common reason they fail to operate is because the pressure contained in the extinguisher has leaked down over time. A simple look at the pressure gauge can quickly show whether or not the extinguisher is ready to go. The needle should always be within the green area to ensure proper operation.



Take a few minutes now to make sure your extinguisher will work when needed. If you have any questions about how your extinguisher operates or what type of extinguisher is best for your home, please give us a call at (210) 824-7401. A member of the Fire Department would be

happy to speak with you about it.



New Codes Adopted

During the City Council Meeting on January 8th the City has adopted by ordinance the following editions of the codes:

- 2015 edition of the International Building Code
- 2015 edition of the International Plumbing Code
- 2015 edition of the International Mechanical Code
- 2014 edition of the National Electric Code
- 2015 edition of the International Fire Code
- 2015 edition of the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code

With these adoptions there may be changes to any new construction and new fire inspections. For projects that are already permitted and in progress the previous code editions are still applicable.

CITY CONTACT INFORMATION

- City Administrative Offices: (210) 824-7401
- 24-Hour Non-Emergency Dispatch: (210) 824-1009
 - For Emergencies, Dial 911