

Happy New Year to the residents of the Town of Cinco Bayou! As we begin 2018, I thought I would highlight some of the actions of your town council and town staff that took place last year. Perhaps you wonder just what goes on at those town council meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. What has your local government accomplished in the past year and how do those actions impact you as a citizen of Cinco Bayou?

One major accomplishment that was finalized in 2017 was the development and approval of a master plan to deal with storm water runoff in the Town. With guidance from our Town Engineer Crystal Weatherington, a plan was put in place to deal with flooding, standing water and other water-related problems within the town limits. Much of the excess precipitation that occurs during heavy rain events, such as tropical storms, is funneled into the wetlands within Glenwood Park. In addition, the run-off from Uptown Station is channeled into Glenwood. It is critical that the Town has a plan to deal with excess water before infrastructure or homes are impacted. This plan will also make us more competitive when we apply for state or federal grants.

In October of last year your Town Council passed Resolution 2017-09: A resolution to express the Town Council of the Town of Cinco Bayou's opposition to offshore drilling activities including seismic air gun blasting. Offshore drilling in the Gulf of Mexico could potentially have a negative impact on our environment (i.e. an oil spill) or impede the ability of our local military to utilize the test ranges located over the Gulf. Seismic air gun blasting harms/injures marine animals that live in our waters. Your Town Council is on record opposing any actions that might negatively impact our environment, our local economy or our military's contribution to our national security.

One other accomplishment was the design and construction of our Veterans Memorial Pier located just behind the Town Hall on Kidd Bayou. This pier was funded with grant dollars from the State of Florida and provides an additional place for families or individual residents to enjoy our local bayous. Along with picnic tables, this pier is a great place to bring your lunch and just relax for a while. As we look forward to warmer temperatures in our area, I hope more of you will check out our newest addition to Winn Davis Park.

Streets were repaved, right-of-ways cleared, light poles replaced, etc., as our town staff deal with the regular maintenance of the Town. Last year was a productive year in Cinco Bayou and we will continue to strive to provide our citizens with the best local government possible. Please consider joining us at one of our town council meetings. I think you will be impressed!



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RESIDENTS PLEASE READ!!!!!!

Reserve your event at Town Hall

You can reserve Town hall for your next baby shower, birthday party, wedding, engagement party, gender reveal, memorial service, reception, anniversary party or any function you need a great site for your next venue.

Town hall is free for residents with a refundable \$200 deposit.

Call Linda, Keith or Jerry at 850.833.3405

to reserve your next event.

GREAT TIPS FOR WINTERIZING YOU HOME



- 1. Change your furnace filters:** Dirty filters restrict airflow and increase energy demand
- 2. Run fans in reverse:** Counterclockwise rotation produces cooling breezes, while switching to clockwise makes it warmer. Air pooled near the ceiling is circulated back into the living space—cutting your heating costs as much as 10 percent!
- 3. Turn down your water heater temperature:** While many conventional water heaters are set to 140 degrees Fahrenheit by installers, most households don't need that much steam, and end up paying for it—in dollars and the occasional scalding burn. Lowering the temperature to 120 degrees Fahrenheit (or lower) would reduce your water heating costs by 6 to 10 percent.
- 4. Block window and door draft areas:** According to the U.S. Department of Energy, drafts can waste 5 to 30 percent of your energy use. Start simple and adopt that old Great Depression fixture—the draft snake, which you can easily make yourself. Just place a rolled bath towel under a drafty door, or make really cute DIY snakes with googly eyes, felt tongues and the like. You can use any scraps of fabric, even neckties, and fill with sand or kitty litter for heft. Check out more ways to make these items on sites such as Pinterest.com, Good Housekeeping.com etc.
- 5. Turn your thermostat down just a couple of degrees:** It's easy to forget to turn down the heat when you leave the building, but doing so is one of the surest ways to save money. Most households shell out 50 to 70 percent of their energy budgets on heating and cooling, so why pay for what no one uses? For every degree you lower the thermostat during heating season, you'll save between 1 and 3 percent of your heating bill.
- 6. Use caulk and weather stripping:** Simple leaks can sap home energy efficiency by 5 to 30 percent a year, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. That means it pays to seal up gaps with caulk and weather stripping. Take a close look at places where two different building materials meet, such as corners, around chimneys, where pipes or wires exit, and along the foundation.
- 7. Dress warmer inside:** Roughly speaking, a light long-sleeved sweater is worth about 2 degrees in added warmth, while a heavy sweater (even the ugliest of ugly sweaters) adds about 4 degrees. So cozy up and start saving.

The information above was found on the following website: <http://www.popularmechanics.com/home/interior-projects/how-to/g52/winterize-home-tips-energy-461008/>

You can find these and other winterizing suggestions at several online sites such as: Pinterest.com, T.V.com



Also, remember to check on your neighbors and the elderly and don't forget about your pets outside during the cold.

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Hello everyone and thank you for being part of our community here in Cinco Bayou. I wanted to give everyone an update on the upcoming municipal elections coming in March. I was notified on January 16th that we will not have an election in our precinct because only Mayor Jean Hood qualified for the Mayor's seat and will run unopposed. Also, Councilwoman Tatiana Abernathy qualified for one of our two council seats that were up for reelection so she will also run unopposed and retain the seat that she has occupied since 2017. We still have one vacant seat that will have to be filled by a member of our community. If anyone is interested in being a member of our Town Council and being the voice of your neighbors for decisions that are made in your community, please contact Town Hall and find out what you need to do to be a part of our great team!



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Thursday, February 8, 2018, Public Hearing at 5:45 p.m. followed by the Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, February 19, 2018, Town Hall will be closed for President's Day Holiday.

Thursday, March 8, 2018 join us for the Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

April 12, 2018 join us for the Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.



PLEASE NOTE SOME OF OUR MEETINGS AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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