

CITY OF EASTLAND NEWSLETTER

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We Are Going To Try This For Awhile...

One of the things we think we can improve upon is to disseminate more timely information about what's going on within Eastland city government. We issue press releases quite regularly, try our best to alert everyone about upcoming meetings, are available for people to call or drop by for a visit and have standing fifteen minute segments on the radio – all of which we will continue. In addition to these information outlets, we thought we'd begin sending out a short monthly newsletter recapping some of the happenings of the past month, giving folks a heads up about upcoming events and highlighting important issues. Email is a low cost, easy way to communicate, so we are going to try it for awhile, about the first of each month. You can help us by;

1. Letting us know if you think this is a good idea (eastland@eastland.net).
2. Asking that you be deleted from the address list if that is your wish. We sure don't want to add to your SPAM!
3. Sending us the name and email address of others that you think would like to receive the newsletter. We will check with them before we permanently add them to the mailing list.

Newsletter Name

Assuming we continue to issue the newsletter, we think it might be fun to give it a name. So, if you have a suggestion, please submit it to eastland@eastland.net . We will conduct a very UN-scientific process to name a winner!

Water

The biggest news of late is the wonderful rain we received last week that added almost six feet to Lake Leon's water level. What a blessing! Along with the City of Ranger, the Eastland County Water Supply District and the rural water suppliers, we have been working hard on a revision of our drought contingency plans. Had we not received this rain, we were staring directly at a ban on outside watering and other uses this spring. Instead, we will now be able to soon ease up a bit on water use restrictions. The major lesson learned from the horrific 2011 drought is that **it is possible to run out of water!** And, without it of course, we would die – die as individuals and as a community. So, with that in mind,

1. **PLEASE continue to conserve water** and urge your friends and neighbors to do likewise,
2. You will see a more conservative approach by all Eastland County water providers in all facets of their water management,
3. We will continue to develop back up plans for alternate water sources should be need them, and, perhaps most importantly,
4. The historic drought we've been in may not have run its course! Let's hope it has...

Museum Re-opening This Afternoon

The Eastland County Museum is having a "re-opening" ceremony this afternoon at 2:00 and everyone is invited to attend. The City of Eastland continues to be very supportive of this effort and salutes the many folks who have worked so hard to make this a vibrant part of our heritage and daily lives.