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Is Winter over so soon? At least the daffodils think so!

Spring Forward

CITY OF ELECTRA NEWS

Water, water everywhere! It is official, the City of Electra is almost 100% completed with the large water infrastructure project that began over three years ago. A new water supply, water towers refurbished, and new water lines in many places throughout town were all funded through a USDA Rural Development Grant & Loan, your taxes, revenue from water sales and contributions from the Business Development Corp. of Electra.

As we get closer to Spring of 2009, the City of Electra has continued to out perform much of the National Economy. While many local governments in other states have struggled, Electra finished 2008 in good shape while rebuilding financial reserves and starting the process of attracting new businesses.

In 2008 and early 2009, the City saw several new businesses open and an increase in both housing renovations and even two new homes being built. In addition, in partnership with Iowa Park, citizens and local government officials in Electra established the **North Central Texas Enterprise Facilitation Project**. Really a mouthful; but it can best be described as a group of folks from both communities working together to help small businesses get started and remain successful. We have great hopes for the project and encourage you to take advantage of this free program to turn your dream into a reality. See Carolyn Gilbert here in Electra for more information. 214-502-7801.

Last, please take the time to respond to the enclosed survey. The City is trying to better understand what is important to you.

THANK YOU TO OUR NEIGHBORS

Flower pictures courtesy of a couple of your enterprising neighbors who have provided some wonderful pre-Spring color for our community.

Make a point of stopping when appropriate and telling your neighbors thank you when they go to such efforts. It is not just their homes they make more beautiful, but our whole community.





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CODE ENFORCEMENT AND PEST ELIMINATION

The City of Electra utilizes its Code Enforcement, City Administrator and Police Officers to help encourage residents to clean up their properties.

In 2008, the City Commission adopted the International Property Maintenance Code to outline the responsibilities of property owners to keep their property clean and well maintained. Failure to do so can result in owners receiving fines, liens against their property and can include jail time in extreme circumstances.

The City Commission has charged the staff with getting Electra cleaned up for all of its residents. In addition, the City is working closely with several citizen committees including the Building Commission and the Planning & Zoning Committee to help deal with issues involving dilapidated structures and protecting tax payers property values. If you are interesting in learning more about these citizen committees or would like to get involved, please contact City Hall at 940-495-2146.

Last, we are quickly approaching **mosquito** season. The City of Electra does provide **mosquito** abatement service through spraying and the application of larvacide. However, 90% of the battle is on your own property. If you eliminate standing water, you can greatly reduce the number of **mosquitoes** in the area. Keep your property clean, and you will help yourself and your neighbors avoid problems with this pest.



Tires, children's toys and other debris can hold water and become a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Junked vehicles are both an eyesore, and an attractor for mosquitoes, rodents and other pests.

