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**CITY OF LIVINGSTON**  
*2016 Annual Report*

# A Message from our Mayor



Livingston City Council - Standing: Alan Cook, Bill Wiggins, Elgin Davis; Seated: Ray Luna, Judy Cochran, Mayor Clarke Evans

## DATE OF INCORPORATION:

October 3, 1902

## CITY CHARTER:

General City Law

## FORM OF GOVERNMENT:

Council/Manager

## ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor and five Council members

## TERM OF OFFICE:

Two years

## REGULAR MEETINGS:

2nd Tuesday of each month at 5pm

## SPECIAL MEETINGS:

Called by Mayor

Dear Fellow Citizens:

As Mayor of the City of Livingston, I am pleased to present the 2016 Annual Report to the People which recaps important projects, events and activities the City undertook last year including the development of a strategic plan to ensure the continuing growth in our area.

Throughout the year, I am fortunate to have the opportunity to see the City employees as they go about providing services for our residents and businesses on a daily basis. I have witnessed first hand the dedication these employees bring to their jobs daily on our behalf. Currently, there are 81 full-time employees who provide a variety of services including utility billing services and meter reading for 3,300 customers, municipal court, sanitation collection and disposal, animal control, police and fire protection, street and drainage maintenance, brush collection and disposal services, parks and recreational facilities and programming, Trade Days operations, library services, Main Street events and historical preservation, community development, plan review and permitting and code enforcement services. Additionally, city personnel provide electric distribution and construction services, water distribution and construction services and sewage collection and treatment.

I also appreciate the efforts of numerous youth organizations that work tirelessly to provide programming and maintenance for our baseball fields, softball fields, rodeo arena and fairgrounds, and soccer fields thereby saving the citizens of our community many thousands of

dollars each year. Additionally, we rely on the help of many community volunteers to plan and conduct special community events like the Easter Eggstravaganza, Main Street Garage Sale, Hometown Christmas event, Jingle Bell Fun Run, and lighted Christmas parade. These volunteers are instrumental in helping provide special events for our community.



Mayor Clarke Evans

Customer service is and should always be our top priority and I am proud of the focus that our employees place on going “above and beyond” to serve our citizens. The City Council and I are proud to be part of this effort to make Livingston “a great place to call home.”

I consider it an honor and a privilege to serve as Mayor of this wonderful community.

Sincerely,

Clarke Evans, Mayor

# City Council & Administration

- In early 2016, the City began development of a new five year Capital Improvement Plan which included the 2016 Citizen Survey, a supervisory personnel planning workshop and a City Council strategic planning session.
- Mayor Evans accepted a proclamation from the Harris County Sheriff's Office Junior Mounted Posse in recognition of the kick-off for the 84th Annual Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo.
- The City of Livingston hosted the Tony Korieth Supervisory Academy on March 15-17 at the Polk County Commerce Center. This training program is offered through the Texas Municipal League to all cities in the area at no cost.
- The Lions Club International Convention was held in Livingston and Mayor Evans presented a proclamation to the Livingston Lions Club for their 75th Anniversary.
- Alderman Elgin Davis was reappointed to serve on the Deep East Texas Council of Governments Board of Directors for the term 7/1/16 - 6/30/17.
- Council accepted the donation of Lot 53 Section 1 of Briar Bend Subdivision, commonly known as 1311 Andover Lane.
- Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the First Baptist Church for their fourth annual RISE UP! Day of Service which included over 1,200 participants from 17 local churches giving their time and talents to provide community service project assistance to the City of Livingston, as well as numerous school districts and non-profit service organizations in the area.
- City Manager Marilyn Sutton was reappointed to serve on the Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Board of Directors for the 2016-2018 term.
- Mayor Evans presided over the Flag Day Ceremony & American Flag Presentation on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 honoring Vietnam Veteran Cannon Pritchard and WWII Veteran Richard Wade, sponsored by the American Legion Post #312.
- The City Council approved the payment of \$4,200.00 as the City of Livingston's pro-rata share of the annual funding of the Brazos Transit District service.
- The City Council convened in special session May 16, 2016 for canvass of the General Election held May 7, 2016. Oaths of office were administered and Certificates of Election were presented to newly elected Councilman Alan Cook as well as Alderman Billy S. Wiggins and Mayor Clarke Evans.
- Mayor Evans presented a proclamation to American Legion Post 312 designating May 21 as Armed Forces Day in Livingston.
- Mayor Evans presented a proclamation designating May as Military Appreciation Month to Livingston Rotary Club. The Rotary Club had programs saluting military veterans throughout the month of May.
- The City Council approved a Master Plan and Preliminary Plat of the Livingston Town Center, a 9.425 acre tract on U.S. Highway 190 West owned by A.P. Development Inc.
- Mayor Evans presented a Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation to the Livingston Rotary Club for the Armed Forces Flag Project. The City partnered with the Livingston Rotary Club on the flag project that included the five military service flags (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard) and the MIA flag installed on six 30' poles in a semi-circle around the large U.S. flag. A concrete sidewalk, concrete area around the flags, and landscaping of the flag site were also included in the project. A flag raising ceremony was held on Memorial Day with local veterans from the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard raising the flags. The American Legion and VFW participated in the program as well.
- Mayor Evans presented a Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation to the F.A.I.T.H. Military Support Group for the Military Banner Project.



The City of Livingston  
was awarded the  
Certificate of Achievement  
for Excellence in Financial

Reporting from the  
Government Finance  
Officers Association for  
its 2015 Comprehensive  
Annual Financial Report.

This is the  
28th consecutive year  
the City has earned  
this prestigious  
national award.



Government Finance Officers Association

Certificate of  
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Reporting

Presented to  
City of Livingston  
Texas

For its Comprehensive Annual  
Financial Report  
for the Fiscal Year Ended

September 30, 2015

  
Jeffrey P. Eason  
Executive Director/CEO

# Finance Department

REVENUES	
Property Tax	-0-
Sales Tax	\$3,488,475
Hotel Occupancy Tax	\$297,152
Gross Receipts Tax	\$142,040
Administrative Department	\$239,553
Sanitation Department	\$1,041,025
Fire Department	\$75,343
Police Department	\$299,425
Street Department	\$4,155
Parks and Recreation	\$108,773
Library	\$44,422
Trade Days	\$66,928
Electric Department	\$15,003,762
Water Department	\$2,707,222
Sewer Department	\$1,892,459
Grant Funds	\$219,600
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$25,630,334</b>

EXPENDITURES	
Administrative Department	\$590,106
Sanitation Department	\$701,256
Fire Department	\$396,935
Police Department	\$1,882,423
Street Department	\$536,667
Parks and Recreation	\$645,306
Library	\$350,495
Trade Days	\$288,554
Garage Department	\$201,151
Electric Department	\$9,828,087
Water Department	\$3,630,435
Sewer Department	\$717,097
Capital Improvements	\$2,947,680*
Debt Service	\$1,283,975
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$24,000,167</b>

\*Includes \$444,342 in bond proceeds for library and water tank capital projects.

MUNICIPAL COURT 2016 VIOLATIONS	
Total Fines and Fees Collected	\$198,870.70
Traffic Violations	4,108
Criminal Violations	243
Other Violations	51
<b>Total Violations</b>	<b>4,402</b>

# Community & Economic Development

- The Department sponsored its annual Community Cleanup at Pedigo Park on June 25th to allow residents of the City to dispose of old bicycles, stoves, refrigerators, furniture and similar items.
- Josh Mohler, Fire Marshal/Code Enforcement Officer, continued to work on a city-wide cleanup of junked vehicles and dilapidated buildings.
- The Polk County Adult Probation Department assisted with litter collection with monthly community service work days.
- The Community Development Department conducted 477 inspections during 2016.
- Council approved an ordinance regulating garage sales within the City.



## BUILDING PERMITS WERE ISSUED FOR:

O'Reilly Auto Parts – 708 W. Church (new construction)  
Century II Printing – 1506 N. Washington (new construction)  
State Farm Insurance – 604 Pan American (new construction)  
Best Stop – 1155 E. Church (new construction)  
Dialysis Center – 101 West Park (new construction)  
Polk County Farm Bureau – 900 US Highway 59 Loop N (addition)  
Holiday Inn Express – 120 Southpoint (renovations)  
HMH Family Practice – 403 Ogletree Suite 100 (remodel)  
Ameristeel International Inc. – 1809 S. Washington (steel building)  
Trinity Dental – 1601 US Highway 59 Loop N Suite 400 (renovation)  
First State Bank (Crawford Martin Insurance) – 412 N. Jackson (renovation)

## 2016 BUILDING PERMIT RECAP

TYPE	NUMBER	VALUATION
Residential – New	6	\$763,500
Commercial – New	8	\$2,946,936
Residential & Commercial - Addition/Alteration	60	\$1,205,905
Pools/Storage Buildings/Other	5	\$151,648
Demolition	12	
Plumbing	100	
Electrical	121	
Air Conditioning	24	
Sign	20	
Others	20	
<b>Totals 2016</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>\$5,067,989</b>
<b>Totals 2015</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>\$6,762,540</b>



# Police Department

- Texas Governor Greg Abbott presented the Star of Texas Award posthumously to Livingston Police Officer Caran Coward. The award was presented to Officer Coward's mother and her son by Governor Abbott at the ceremony held in the Texas Senate Chamber inside the Texas Capitol.
- Escorted and assisted with traffic control for several parades and events throughout the year including the Dunbar Alumni Association Parade, the Spirit Ride bicycle event, the Jingle Bell Fun Run/Walk and the annual lighted Christmas Parade.
- The 'City Slickers' Basketball Team competed in a basketball competition with the 'Go Getters,' the Livingston Special Olympics Basketball Team. The City Slickers team was once again defeated.
- The Livingston Police Department's Caran Coward Memorial Scholarship was awarded to four graduating seniors from Livingston High School. Department employees raised funds for the scholarships by selling barbecue sandwiches.
- The Livingston Police Department presented public safety programs to various civic organizations in the community.
- Chief Dennis Clifton, Lieutenant Matt Parrish and Officer Kevin Blackburn gave a presentation to the Livingston Lions Club over the Livingston Police Department "Active Shooter" program.
- Assisted PHI Air Medical with a Landing Zone Safety Class and Public Awareness seminar held at Pedigo Park.
- The Livingston Police Department celebrated National Public Safety Telecommunications Week in April and expressed appreciation for the dedication and professionalism of the department's telecommunicators.
- Officer Adam Williford and Officer Donald Dyson gave a tour of the Livingston Police Department and patrol vehicles to the Boy Scouts from Latter-Day Saints Church in Livingston.
- Participated in the 9-11 remembrance ceremony honoring police, fire and EMS personnel at the Livingston High School football game.
- Attended training throughout the year including legal update training and intermediate Spanish.
- The Livingston Police Department added 'Cooper' to its vehicle fleet, a seized 2014 Mini Cooper, that will be used for department presentations, special events, community relations activities and parades. Cooper attended the 17th Annual Truck or Treat in support of the Livingston High School Royal Brigade.
- Partnered with the Texas Department of Public Safety and Walmart for the second annual "Shop with a Cop" event where several local children were treated to breakfast with the officers before going on a shopping spree.



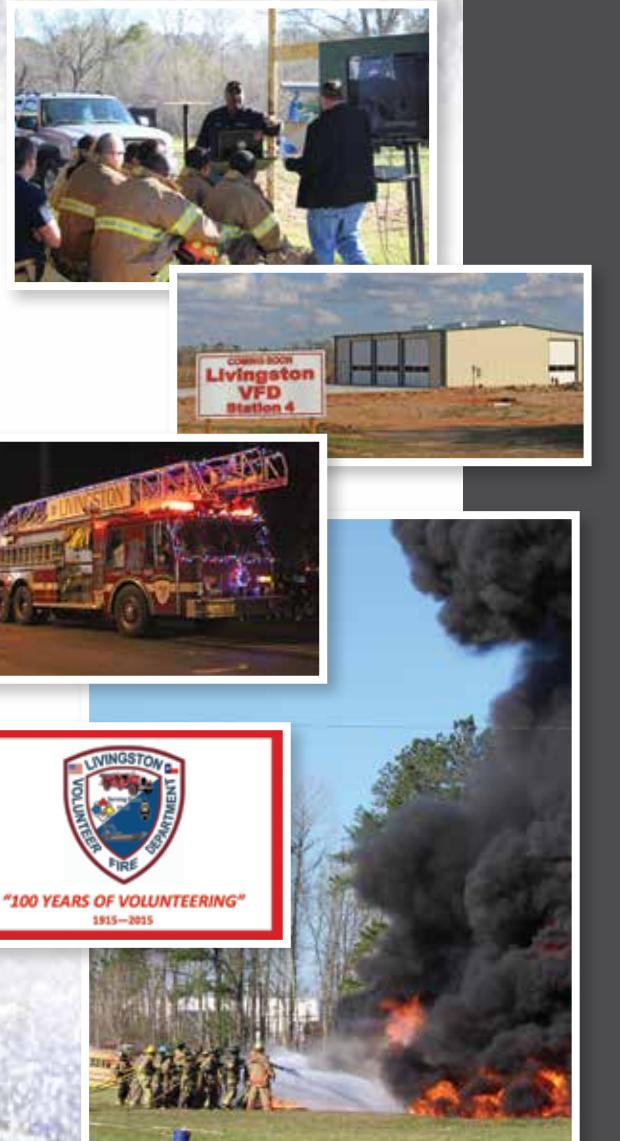
# Livingston Volunteer Fire Department

The Livingston Volunteer Fire Department provides Livingston and the surrounding area with fire prevention, fire protection, medical first responders, rescue operations and hazardous material responses. The Department covers 250 square miles of property in its initial response area. It also provides mutual aid to the other ten departments in Polk County. In 2016, the Livingston Volunteer Fire Department responded to 592 calls for service, including 284 inside the City and 308 outside the City.

- In February, the Department held its annual fire training school, attended by over 400 students and instructors from over 95 different fire departments throughout Texas.
- Construction of LVFD Station #4 on FM 350 South began in October.
- Throughout the year, members of the Department attended training at various locations to meet their continuing education requirements; the Department also provided fire prevention and fire safety programs to schools, civic groups and organizations throughout the County.



TYPE OF CALL	CITY	COUNTY
Automatic Alarm	94	19
Commercial Building Fire	9	5
Residential Fire	11	28
Mobile Home/Trailer Fire	1	9
Car/Truck Fire	12	24
Control Burn	0	12
Unauthorized Outside Burn	17	17
Grass Fire	7	23
Woods/Forest Fire	2	34
Dumpster Fire	1	0
Smoke in Building	2	0
First Responder	25	41
Jaws	9	31
Wreck	23	14
Bomb Threat	0	0
Search	2	1
Rescue	10	6
Lake Rescue	0	1
Hazardous Material	18	8
Electrical Hazard	4	5
Fumes/Vapor	6	1
Leak	2	0
Spill	0	1
False Alarm	0	4
Miscellaneous	4	5
Assists	25	19
<b>TOTAL FIRE CALLS</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>308</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		





## STATISTICS

- 51,479 *Customers entered the library*
- 49,424 *Items were checked out*
- 1,348 *Reference questions were asked of library staff*
- 1,827 *Items were added to the collection*
- 715 *New customers registered and 1,193 customers renewed their memberships*
- 7,915 *Hours of computer access to 8,722 customers were provided*
- 9,035 *Customers used the library's wireless access for 10,923 hours*
- 50 *eBooks and 32 digital download audiobooks were purchased*
- 7,077 *Digital items (eBooks and downloadable audiobooks) were checked out by customers*

# Livingston Municipal Library

- Livingston Municipal Library, located at the corner of Tyler and Milam Streets, offered exciting educational events throughout 2016.
- The Library provided 163 programs for children, 26 adult programs and 10 young adult programs during 2016. Genealogy workshops continued during 2016.
- In March, the library hosted two sessions of the 'Two Pigs and T.H.E. Wolf' Storybook Theater.
- The Friends of the Library provided funds to purchase large print books, children's books and the Houston Chronicle as well as \$1,500 to allow the library to continue membership with the Piney Woods Digital Consortium. In addition, the Friends of the Library provided prizes for the summer reading program and hosted a Book Adoption Day in July and November. The Friends of the Library hosted two book sales in their space on the second floor.
- The 'On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!' summer reading program provided programs for children, including Storytime for preschoolers, Toddler Time for infants and toddlers, and offsite Storytime and Toddler Time to children in local schools and daycare centers. New for 2016, teens were able to participate in the 'Get in the Game, READ!' summer reading program. Special events included the Sport of Champions presentation, Family Day at the Pedigo Park pavilions, Cartooning and Manga Art class, the Bonzo Crunch 'Get Big Ideas: Read a Book' program, Ranger Daisy and Old Timer Raccoon, Leo the Lion, The Buzz About Bees storyteller, Amazing Aerodynamics rocket presentation, Do-It-Yourself Smoothies program, Retirement Planning, Yoga Basics, Family Game Time, Science Day, Carranza Puppets and the True Story of Little Red Riding Hood, Summer Reading Awards Celebration, Movie Day Marathon, and School Supply Giveaway.
- The Library hosted the Pine Wood Derby Kart Build and Race during Spring Break. Sponsored by the local non-profit organization, Youth for Better Life, the two-day event included a car-building workshop and kart race.
- The Library hosted two programs from the Houston Museum of Natural Science during July – the Movin' and Shakin' program which compared the human body structure with other animals to learn about the importance of the skeleton and muscles and a Science Mini Camp which explored the importance of skulls and teeth and how the human brain compares with other animals.
- The three community meeting rooms were utilized throughout the year to provide informational programs including Harbor Hospice, La Leche League of Livingston, Cigna Health, Gentiva Hospice, Healthy Livingston, Live Crescendo, Polk County Historical Commission, Road Rules Driving Academy, the DAR Robert Rankin Chapter, Sons of Confederate Veterans Ike Turner Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy Ike Turner Chapter, Humanities Texas, and classes for quilting, crochet and sewing.
- In September, the library introduced the Baby and Me Lapsit Program, a new weekly class for babies and caregivers that focuses on developing a baby's language and motor skills through songs, finger plays and other interactive activities.
- Pumpkin Pandemonium, a Halloween-themed puppet show, was held during the month of October for children age 3 and older.
- The Library and Carranza Puppets presented the 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town' hand puppet play during Hometown Christmas including puppets, music and audience participation.



# Livingston Main Street

- Livingston Main Street continues to help revitalize downtown Livingston. Main Street distributed over \$23,000 in reimbursement grant funds to downtown business and building owners in 2016 bringing the total amount of reimbursement grant monies to almost \$200,000 since 2005. All of this money has been raised by local fundraisers – the program receives no federal or state financial assistance.
- Members of the Main Street Advisory Board are Betty Russo, Patricia Snook, Jeremy Buie, Debbie Cooper, Marilyn Sutton, Thom Bruning, Jim Wright, Kevan Wood and Jennifer Birdwell.
- The 10th annual Downtown Trash & Treasures Garage Sale was held in November. Over the years, this has turned into a mini-festival with food, arts and crafts, and gift vendors. It was held in the covered parking area of the downtown First State Bank.
- Main Street partnered with the F.A.I.T.H Military Support Group for the 5th annual Independence Day "Picnic in the Park." Live music by Shawn McCauley, a car & motorcycle show, hot dogs provided by our local Sonic, and watermelon provided by the Polk County Welfare Board made this a memorable 4th of July celebration. A patriotic bicycle parade, free face painting, bounce house, slide and obstacle course were a part of the celebration. The event was held downtown in Anniversary Park.

- In April the Main Street 'Art in the Park' event showcased the works of local artists and artisans. Famed guitarist Luis Amario provided the music for this event that was held at the downtown Anniversary Park.
- Main Street provided promotional support for numerous entities including the Livingston Area Community Band, Polk County Commerce Center, Livingston I.S.D., Polk County SPCA, Animal Assistance League of Polk County, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Livingston Volunteer Fire Department, and several local churches.
- Once again, HEB donated 100 pumpkins to Main Street for fall decorating of the downtown area.
- Main Street again joined with all City departments to host the Hometown Christmas Festival. An estimated 10,000 people visited the downtown area to watch the Jingle Bell Fun Run and shop for food and gifts from over 170 vendor spaces located along Jackson Street. Main Street oversees the vendor spaces and also provided space for the Livingston Quilt Club and Livingston Art League to display their creations. The lighted parade and visits with Santa ended a day of fun.
- Main Street continued to distribute coloring books featuring pictures of downtown buildings drawn by Livingston Art League.
- Main Street works with the Polk County



# Electric Department

- Maintained lights at Livingston Municipal Complex, Livingston Municipal Airport, tennis courts, baseball fields, Livingston Municipal Library, Barney Wiggins Memorial Arena Fairgrounds, Matthews Street Park and LVFD fire training field.
- Assisted in the Electrical Safety Training at the Annual Livingston Volunteer Fire Department Fire School.
- Continued maintenance of rights-of-way throughout the City including mowing of vegetation, tree trimming and removal of dead or problem trees.
- Performed routine maintenance of both Livingston and Ogletree electric substations.
- Participated in the annual lighted Christmas parade with a float.
- Assisted with installation of Christmas lighted displays in Pedigo Park and Anniversary Park, the lighted chandelier at the intersection of Polk and Jackson and the pine cone pole decoration at Milam and Jackson. Christmas pole decorations were extended on Washington Street from Fourth to N. Houston.
- Electric linemen participated in six safety meetings hosted by Texas Electric Cooperatives.
- Installed new service and metering equipment to serve O'Lucky's Convenience Store and O'Reilly Auto Parts on W. Church, State Farm on Pan American, and Dialysis Center on West Park Drive.
- Maintained night lights, street lights and floodlights throughout the City. Replaced eight street lights in the downtown area with modern LED fixtures as part of a pilot project.
- C.M. Joslin completed tree trimming along the electric distribution lines in the southeast section of the City.
- Installed seasonal Welcome to Livingston banners and new military appreciation banners throughout the year.



# Public Works Department

## STREET DEPARTMENT

- The concrete street, curb and gutter of Briar Way was extended to connect with Mill Ridge Drive following the demolition of the house at Briar Way and Andover. The street opened for public use on September 1st.
- Ditch maintenance and drainage improvements were made throughout the city.
- Sign maintenance and signage improvements were made throughout the city.
- Continued the brush collection program picking up vegetative debris and brush once a month in each quadrant of the city.
- City crews made repairs on Banks Drive in the Livingston Housing Authority by replacing areas of curb and gutter and lime stabilizing and applying asphalt to areas in need of repairs.
- Several streets in the northeast quadrant of the City (a portion of Pinehill, Thicket, Lennox and East Street) were repaired following water line upgrades that had been made in the area.



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## WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

- The exterior and interior renovation project of the 500,000 gallon elevated water storage tank located on Jackson Street was awarded to Gulf States Protective Coatings, Inc. for a total base bid of \$290,700. Work is expected to begin on the project in January, 2017.
- Construction was completed on improvements to the sanitary sewer lift station located adjacent to the Relax Inn on US Highway 59 South bypass.
- Construction continued on the Trinity River Authority project for the expansion and rehabilitation of the City's existing water treatment plant on FM 350 South. The expansion will increase daily water production from 3 MGD to 5 MGD to meet increased water supply needs in the community. Construction began in November, 2013 on the \$16,148,000 project.
- The annual Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study was completed with corrections of direct storm water inflow into the sanitary sewer system as research and data collection required.
- Continued with fire hydrant maintenance and replacement throughout town.
- Continued with upgrades to the water distribution system in various parts of town.

## GARAGE DEPARTMENT

- Maintained 33 generators that supply electricity to various city facilities during power outages.
- Maintained and repaired more than 135 pieces of equipment and vehicles used by all city departments.
- Maintained fuel supply and fuel operations at Livingston Municipal Airport.
- Fabricated and repaired specialty tools for all city departments.
- Installed emergency lighting, radios and other equipment in new service vehicles.
- Completed construction of wash rack at Public Works facility.



# Trade Days / Special Events

- Trade Days completed its 17th year of operation with an average of 150 vendors attending each monthly event. Advertising efforts attracted vendors from as close as our hometown of Livingston to as far away as Wisconsin, Utah, South Dakota, Montana, Arizona, Illinois, California, Minnesota and Iowa. Zip code information collected from shoppers showed visitors from Minnesota, Arkansas, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Florida, South Dakota, Ohio and all areas of Texas.
- Trade Days special events included the 15th Annual Spring Outdoor Expo in March and the Texas Pioneer Bird Show in May. Trade Days hosted the annual Hot Dog Supper for vendors in August and the Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner for vendors in November.
- The City's 17th annual Easter Eggstravaganza drew large crowds of children hunting more than 20,000 Easter eggs stuffed with candy and prize tokens. Local businesses donated candy and more than 200 prizes, including bicycles, tricycles, swimming pools, sports equipment, Easter baskets, stuffed animals, electronic toys and learning games.
- The annual Kids Fishing Frenzie tournament was held in April for children from toddlers to age 16. The event promotes an interest in fishing. The Texas Game Wardens Association stocked Pedigo Park Pond with catfish; other sponsors included C.H. Marine, First National Bank, First State Bank, and the V.F.W.
- The 15th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was held in April with the theme "We Appreciate the 'Roll' You Play!" Without its volunteers, the City of Livingston would be unable to host the many special events and youth sports leagues throughout the year.
- The annual Hometown Christmas celebration attracted many visitors. The Jingle Bell Fun Run included 276 walkers and runners, many in costume. The Train Village was popular throughout the month of December. The Hometown Christmas event concluded with a lighted evening parade and visits with Santa at City Hall.



# Parks & Recreation Department

- Pedigo Park was the site for several community events, including the Aggie Muster, PHI Air Medical Landing Zone Safety and Public Awareness Class, American Cancer Society Bark for Life, the First Baptist Church "A Night In Bethlehem" and the Christmas Hay Ride in the Park.
- Seal coat work was completed in Pedigo Park with a widening of the road from 22' to 28' and upgrades to the parking areas at the front of the park.
- The 2016 Bike Rodeo was held at Pedigo Park in March. Livingston.fit coordinated the event which including a Cycling 101 class, Fix a Flat Clinic, and a helmet decorating booth. Riding participants learned how to fit their helmet and perform a basic bicycle safety check before heading through the rodeo bicycle safety course where they practiced bicycle handling skills and safety habits.
- The 71st Annual Trinity-Neches Livestock Show & Rodeo was held at the Barney Wiggins Memorial Rodeo Arena in March and included 4-H and FFA youth exhibitors from Livingston and Polk county. Events included a BBQ cook-off, livestock show, washer tournament, arts & crafts exhibits, food show, ag mechanics exhibits, horticulture exhibits, sweetheart contest, rodeo and livestock auction.
- Matthews Park Swimming Pool offered a summer full of activities including swimming lessons for over 536 children, including Water Babies, Water Waddles for 3-year-olds and regular swim lessons for children 4 years old and older.
- Matthews Street Pool is the home of the Livingston Sea Lions Swim Team. In 2016 the Sea Lions Swim Team grew to its largest number of 153 swimmers from age 4 to 18 and completed another successful year.
- The 56th Annual Polk County Youth Rodeo was held at the Barney Wiggins Memorial Rodeo Arena in July.
- The Parks and Recreation Department created a wide array of special Christmas lighting throughout the City.
- Numerous tournaments were hosted by Livingston Youth Baseball Association and Livingston Girls Softball Association bringing in many families to spend the weekend in Livingston.
- The Livingston Municipal Golf Course, operated by Bobby Brame, held its One Year Anniversary Celebration in July. Refreshments, prize drawings and celebration continued throughout the day.



# City of Livingston Personnel

## ADMINISTRATIVE & UTILITY BILLING



Marilyn Sutton  
City Manager / Finance Officer



Administrative - Seated: Linda Hammond, Debbie Clack; Standing: Jim Wright, Ellie Monteaux



Patricia Crawford,  
Utility Billing Supervisor



Utility Billing Staff - Carla Dunning, Jerri Greene, Julie Miller

## LIVINGSTON MUNICIPAL COURT



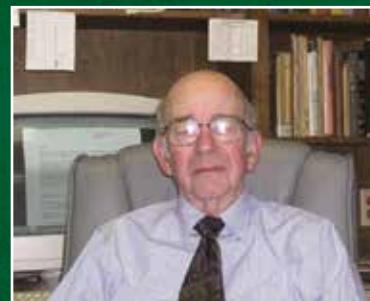
Associate Judge Gene Bush, Sarah Milner,  
Judge Mack Coats

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Ben Buchanan, Community Development  
Coordinator and Cheryl Paul

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Jerry Marsh, Building Official

## MAIN STREET



Bob Ziegler, Main Street Manager

# City of Livingston Personnel

## TRADE DAYS/SPECIAL EVENTS



Stacy Edwards; Toni Fuller, Trade Days/Special Events Coordinator; and Lynn Riley

## FIRE DEPARTMENT



Josh Mohler, Fire Marshal

## LIBRARY DEPARTMENT



Priscilla Emrich, Library Director



Library Staff – Luisa Santiago, Kimberly Perkins, Nita Kuehn, Sabrina Jackson

## ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT



Dewayne Oates,  
Electric Superintendent



Electric Crew – Scott Langston, Gunnard Elliott, Derrick Richardson, Bud Farrar, Jamie Valderez, Cedric Ivory

## GARAGE DEPARTMENT



Scott Bradley and Keith Foxworth, Garage Superintendent

# City of Livingston Personnel

## POLICE DEPARTMENT



Dennis Clifton, Police Chief



Melissa Blackburn, Animal Control Officer



Administrative Staff –  
Trisha Stinson and Michelle Gonzales



Telecommunications – Standing – Gina Whitehouse, Laura Lopez, Stephnie Smith.  
Seated – Lafay West



Row One: Lt. Matt Parrish, Sgt. Ronnie Bogany, Sgt. Darrell Newman, Sgt. Chad Ward, Sgt. Dallas Early,  
Det. Leon Middleton, Det. Marty Drake

Row Two: Kaleb Barker, Kevin Blackburn, Brandon Brewer, Chad Lilley, Scott Paske, Jason Thomas, Tito Reyes

Row Three: Kevin Ward, Adam Williford, Donald Dyson, Sgt. Mike deVilleneuve (Reserve), Sgt. Lewis Milner (Reserve),  
Nita Bowen (Reserve), Mark Taylor (Reserve)

# City of Livingston Personnel

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



Hec Long,  
Public Works Director



Street Crew – Carlos Orosco, George Kirkpatrick, Jose Ojeda, Clint Walters, Rolando Jaime



Parks Crew – Juan Parra, Wyatt Pitts, Juan Aguilar, Cody Marsh, Sal Ramirez, Jeffery Hunter (Not Pictured – Raymond Gilshenan)



Paul Baker, Assistant  
Public Works Director



Jeff Hunter, Water/Wastewater  
Compliance Coordinator



Water Crew – Jason Britton, John Jacobs, Shawn Nichols, Jason Cecil, Travis McCreight, Wesley Green



Wastewater Crew – Calvin Bogan, Ernesto Zuniga, Tim Smith (Not Pictured – Ryan Tolar)

# Employee Appreciation and Awards Banquet

The City held its 24th annual Employee Appreciation and Awards Banquet on February 3, 2017 to recognize employees for their service and efforts during 2016.

Service Awards were presented to 19 employees. Volunteer awards were presented to 37 employees. Attendance Awards were presented to 11 employees. Safety Awards were presented to 35 employees.

Departmental Safety awards were presented to the Fire and Garage Departments for working without on-the-job injuries or at-fault vehicular accidents during 2016.



## ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT:

Debbie Clack - Volunteer

Linda Hammond - Volunteer & Service 10 Years

Ellie Monteaux - Volunteer

Jim Wright - Volunteer

## UTILITY BILLING:

Patricia Crawford - Volunteer

Carla Dunning - Volunteer & Service 20 Years

Jerri Greene - Volunteer

Julie Miller - Volunteer

## LIBRARY:

Priscilla Emrich - Volunteer

Sabrina Jackson - Attendance & Service 10 Years

Nita Kuehn - Attendance & Volunteer

Kimberly Perkins - Service 5 Years

Luisa Santiago - Volunteer

## SPECIAL EVENTS:

Stacy Edwards - Safety, Volunteer & Service 10 Years

Lynn Riley - Safety & Volunteer

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

Ben Buchanan - Volunteer  
Cheryl Paul - Volunteer

**MAIN STREET:**

Bob Zeigler - Volunteer

**MUNICIPAL COURT:**

Sarah Milner - Service 25 Years

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Corky Cochran - Volunteer  
Josh Mohler - Service 10 Years

**GARAGE DEPARTMENT:**

Scott Bradley - Safety  
Keith Foxworth - Service 25 Years

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Kaleb Barker - Safety  
Kevin Blackburn - Safety  
Melissa Blackburn - Volunteer  
Ronnie Bogany - Attendance & Safety  
Brandon Brewer - Safety & Service 5 Years  
Dennis Clifton - Volunteer  
Marty Drake - Safety, Volunteer & Service 15 Years  
Dallas Early - Attendance & Safety  
Michelle Gonzales - Volunteer  
Chad Lilley - Safety & Service 15 Years  
Laura Lopez - Service 5 Years  
Leon Middleton - Attendance, Safety & Volunteer  
Darrell Newman - Safety  
Matt Parrish - Volunteer  
Scott Paske - Safety & Service 15 Years  
Tito Reyes - Safety  
Stephnie Smith - Attendance  
Trisha Stinson - Volunteer & Service 5 Years  
Jason Thomas - Safety  
Chad Ward - Attendance & Safety  
Kevin Ward - Attendance, Safety & Service 10 Years  
Gina Whitehouse - Attendance  
Adam Williford - Safety & Service 5 Years

**ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT:**

Gunnard Elliott - Safety  
Bud Farrar - Safety  
Scott Langston - Safety & Volunteer  
Dewayne Oates - Volunteer  
Derrick Richardson - Volunteer  
Jamie Valderez - Safety, Volunteer & Service 5 Years

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Hec Long - Volunteer  
Paul Baker - Safety & Volunteer  
Jeff Hunter - Volunteer

**STREET DEPARTMENT:**

George Kirkpatrick - Safety & Service 10 Years  
Jose Ojeda - Safety  
Carlos Orosco - Safety

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:**

Raymond Gilshenan - Volunteer & Service 10 Years  
Jeffery Hunter - Safety & Volunteer  
Cody Marsh - Safety & Volunteer  
Wyatt Pitts - Attendance & Volunteer  
Sal Ramirez - Safety

**WATER DEPARTMENT:**

Jason Britton - Safety  
Jason Cecil - Safety & Volunteer  
Wesley Green - Volunteer  
John Jacobs - Safety  
Travis McCreight - Safety

**WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT:**

Tim Smith - Attendance & Safety  
Ernesto Zuniga - Safety



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