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# NEWSLETTER

## NIGHT DROP

We are continuing to use the night drop at the old Town Hall until further notice. The night drop is

checked by 7:30AM every business day so you may continue to put your water payments there.



The permit is \$10 and available at Town Hall. You can get the permit up to the day before your yard sale. Garage sales can only be held on Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Each address may have no more than two garage sales per year.

**TOWN HALL HOURS**  
Monday — Friday  
7:30 am to 4:30 pm

Bulk Trash Items must be out by 7AM on 4/21 collection will conclude on 4/24

MAYOR - Patrick Jacob

COUNCIL MEMBERS

- PLACE 1 – Don Pitts
- PLACE 2 – Kathy Livingston
- PLACE 3 – Wesley Hearn
- PLACE 4 – Amy Robinson
- PLACE 5 – Rona Gouyton



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# April 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Good Friday Town Hall Closed	3
4	5	6	7	8 6:30pm –8:30pm City Council Meeting	9	10
11	12	13 Municipal Court 3:30 PM & 5:00 PM	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Bulk Pickup Begins -----Bulk Pickup Ends						
25	26	27	28	29	30	

# A word from the Mayor's Office,

## Property Tax 2021

By this time your 2021 property tax has been set. This is usually accomplished by the Tarrant Appraisal District (TAD) in January of the calendar year. TAD seems to use a combination of recent MLS sales and their in-house Mass Appraisal System – called Aumentum. Aumentum is a Computer Aided Mass Appraisal System (CAMA). It is a one of a kind software system that is not used anywhere else in the state of Texas. Furthermore, it is sparingly used in other parts of the USA. The system has not had good reviews and its 2014 rollout has been problematic.

Increasingly, property tax protests are being filed each year. Early 2020 one of the Tarrant Appraisal District Board members did a study using tax district data that showed that Tarrant County had the highest amount of protests in Texas. This data was presented in Austin and your State Senator, Jane Nelson sent a letter to the Chairman of the TAD board requesting an Audit of the Aumentum software to determine the cause of the excessive protests. That letter was dated 1 April 2020. The TAD Board of Directors approved the audit at their June 2020 meeting. To date the audit has not been started. The Chief Appraiser has made every effort to block the audit. Call your representatives if you would like to see the audit completed.

These are our State representatives:

Jane Nelson: Senate District 12: Ph:512-463-0112; e-mail [jane.nelson@senate.texas.gov](mailto:jane.nelson@senate.texas.gov)

Charlie Geren: House District 99: Ph: 512-463-0610; e-mail [Charlie.geren@house.state.tx.us](mailto:Charlie.geren@house.state.tx.us)

There are other representatives for Tarrant County: Tarrant County.com then select the Federal and State Representatives from the menu. There is proposed legislation in the current session, however as you would expect the failure of our power grid and Covid have had an impact on the planned agenda.

If you want to learn more about things that impact your property taxes, check out a series of YouTube videos from Chandler Crouch. Mr. Crouch is a local realtor who has studied Tarrant County property taxes and many of the processes involved.

Another source is a series of articles from Mr. Ed Brown at the Fort Worth Weekly.

Currently, the Tax District is auditing Homestead Exemptions. Don't be surprised if you have received or do receive a request to confirm your exemption. Their records are not up to date for multiple reasons.

Nobody likes to see an increase in property taxes, however there are many reasons that affect your property taxes. You have the ability to get some education from multiple sources including the state tax code and by contacting the State Comptroller's Office public liaison to gain information. Don't just rely on some "puff piece" in the local paper.