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**Macy Martinez**

**CITY COUNCIL MESSAGE**



**Chris Sweet**  
Former Council Member

I just wanted to take a moment and thank everyone for their support over the last six years. I never imagined that I would serve on City Council let alone for three terms. I have learned more than I ever thought possible about the inner workings of City Government. One thing that has been clear to me over the last six years is that we all truly live in a great city. We have some of the best employees around, which is pretty impressive for a small community. I really believe that we hit the jackpot when we hired our current City Manager, Luke Olson. When we hired Luke I was really on the fence since he was from outside the State of Texas. I could not have been more wrong about any concerns that I had when we hired him. Ever since day one he has impressed me with his ability to deal with conflicts, his dealings with the public, and his ability to research and learn about a topic he was not familiar with. Luke goes above and beyond on a daily basis and I really hope that he stays our City Manager for a very long time. Luke sets a great example for the rest of our City staff. He has encouraged each and every one of them to step outside their comfort zones and take on more responsibility, which in turn, makes the city run more efficient and cost effective. There really isn't a bad thing I can say about our City staff. I will sincerely miss working with them.

Not only do we have a great staff we have a great public works department, and I tell you what, those guys are some of the hardest working people I have met. Since we are a small community they have to basically be a jack-of-all-trades. One day they go from mowing the ditches to fixing something broken at City Hall to putting Christmas lights on the City tree. They all do a great job.

Last, but not least, we have a very good Public Safety group. We have officers that are diligent in their work and their ethics, and from what I can tell by those that I have met, they have the core values that represent the City of Oak Point. We have made a lot of strides over the last few years with increasing or staffing on our fire apparatus and improving the equipment we have. The fire department side of Public safety has come a long ways since its inception in the early 2000's. With our city and area around us growing it will need to continue to evolve and grow to fit the needs of our community. Chief Shackelford has done a good job of growing and improving the department. It is not easy to be a police officer and then become tasked with managing the fire department side of public safety as well. While it may appear that police and fire are one in the same, managing the two are completely different from one another. I look forward to watching the Oak Point DPS continue to grow to fit all of our needs in the years to come.

I will miss having engaging conversations with other Council Members. While all don't always agree on everything, one thing was clear, each person that I served with on Council has Oak Point's best interest in mind when it comes to making the tough decisions that have to be made.

The last thing that I will leave you with is another vital thing that I have learned over the last six years. It takes involvement from the community and the citizens of Oak Point to make everything work. We are the ones that can hold city government accountable, we are needed to fill committees and board positions, we are needed to volunteer for the various events the City puts on, we need to show up at City Council meetings and let our concerns be heard, and we need to tell those in public office as well as those that dedicate their time, their skills, and those who work hard every day for the City of Oak Point, Thank You for all that you do and for your dedication. None of them ever hear that enough. Thanks again for letting me serve my City for the last six years. *Chris Sweet, City Council Member 2011-2017*

# CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



**Luke Olson**  
City Manager

## **What's Happening in Oak Point**

The City of Oak Point has been busy with all the construction going on:

### **Crescent Oaks Drainage**

The drainage project continues to move along. Although the weather has not always cooperated, the contractor is working to complete the project as quickly as possible. Atkins Brothers Equipment Company is currently working on the drainage along Maverick Trail. The work that has already been completed seems to have alleviated flooding issues that had been experienced in the past with the heavy Spring rain showers. The City would like to thank the residents for their patience during this project. A little bit of dirt and dust will be well worth it when the project has been completed.

### **The Dr. Rudy and Rosemary Rodriguez Middle School**

The Dr. Rudy and Rosemary Rodriguez Middle School, on Martop in Oak Point, is progressing nicely and is on schedule to open this fall.

### **Road Projects**

The road projects that were budgeted for this fiscal year have been completed. There has been an issue noted with a section of the asphalt on Emerald Sound Boulevard and is currently being addressed with the contractor. The City requested that core samples be provided and testing has been completed. The results were received by the City and we will be meeting with the contractor to discuss the findings and to resolve the issue.

### **FM 720 Expansion**

With the new lanes open Haydon Building Corp. is moving quickly on the northbound lanes. The estimated completion date for the project up to Martop is December 2017. To avoid major traffic delays, Haydon is trying to pour concrete only twice for the remainder of this section of the project. Most of the storm water utility lines have been installed and currently subbase work is being completed. The cement stabilization will follow shortly thereafter.

The intersection at Martop and FM 720 remains closed. City staff felt this intersection was too dangerous the way it was set-up in the lane switch. Traffic turning off of Martop onto FM 720 was stopping in the southbound lanes causing southbound traffic to travel in the northbound lanes and trucks turning south onto FM 720 were turning out into the northbound lanes. These issues created a major traffic hazard and the City is working with TXDOT to restripe the lanes in an effort to alleviate the traffic hazard. Once stripping is complete the City will re-evaluate the intersection and determine if it is safe to open for thru traffic. The City is looking out for the safety of our citizens and others driving through the City and we will do everything we can to prevent accidents.

### **City Council Elections**

Lastly, I want to take the time to thank Mayor Duane Olson and Council Member Chris Sweet for their service to the City of Oak Point. It has been an honor to work for both of you and I know that your hard work will carry on with the new Mayor and City Council Members.

Incumbent Don Lindemann was re-elected to serve another two-year term and former Council Member Lynn Harpold was elected back to City Council. Keith Palmer, who served as Mayor Pro Tem, will now serve as Mayor for the City. At the May 15th City Council meeting, Lynn Harpold was appointed to serve as Mayor Pro Tem and Judith Camp was appointed to continue to serve as Deputy Mayor Pro Tem. The City Council also unanimously appointed Jim Almond to serve in Keith Palmer's unexpired term that ends in May 2018.

Please come out to the City Council meetings on the third Monday of each month to keep up to date on what is going on in and around the community.

# BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

The City of Oak Point is currently accepting applications from residents interested in serving on City boards and commissions. All terms are for two years. Board and commission members are expected to regularly attend meetings. The following boards and commissions have several expired or vacated terms. While current members are encouraged to continue to serve, the City also encourages all citizens to apply for positions.

## **Board of Adjustment**

- Composed of five (5) Oak Point residents
- Two (2) expired terms (1) Alternate.
- Meets on an as needed and infrequent basis generally on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.
- Responsibilities include acting upon requests for variances from the terms of the Zoning Ordinance and appeals that allege errors in an order, requirement, decision or determination made by an administrative official in the enforcement of an ordinance.

## **Economic Development Corporation (EDC)**

- Composed of seven (7) directors who are either an Oak Point resident, a resident of Denton County, or reside within 10 miles of the City's boundaries in a county bordering Denton County.
- Three (3) expired terms. One (1) Council Liaison and One (1) Alternate
- EDC meetings are generally held at 6:15 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.
- Responsibilities include identifying and implementing strategies to attract new businesses, industries and jobs to the City and to promote economic development in the City. EDC members also serve on the Board of Directors of the Oak Point Municipal Development District.

## **Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC)**

- Composed of five (5) Oak Point residents
- Two (2) expired terms, (2) Alternates.
- Meets on an as needed and infrequent basis generally on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:15 p.m.
- Responsibilities include making recommendations to the City Council regarding park expenditures subject to the availability of funds, evaluating the development of parks and recreation areas for Oak Point residents, and maintaining rules, regulations and policies governing the use of park and recreational facilities.

## **Planning & Zoning Commission (P&Z)**

- Composed of seven (7) Oak Point residents.
- Three (3) expired terms, One (1) vacant term expiring in 2018.
- Meets on an as needed basis on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
- Responsibilities of the Planning & Zoning Commission, which serves as a recommending body to the City Council, include holding public hearings regarding zoning requests; making recommendations on new or modified zoning regulations; maintaining the Comprehensive Plan; and acting on plats and site plans.

Applications may be downloaded from the Boards and Commissions page under the City Government tab on the City's website at [www.oakpointtexas.com](http://www.oakpointtexas.com) or picked up from City Hall at 100 Naylor Road on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Applications will be accepted through Wednesday, July 5, 2017.

Positions on the various boards and commissions are appointed by the City Council. The City Council is scheduled to make their appointments at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, July 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Oak Point City Hall located at 100 Naylor Road. If you have questions regarding this information, you may contact Amy Bockes, City Secretary, at (972) 294-2312 or via e-mail at [abockes@oakpointtexas.com](mailto:abockes@oakpointtexas.com).

# MEET TRAVIS, GARRETT, MACY & TERRY

The City of Oak Point would like to introduce the four newest members to the team. The Fire Department has added two new Firefighter/EMT's to the team, Travis Wells and Garrett Wright. Macy Martinez is the new Permit Technician and handles all permitting for the City of Oak Point. Terry Rainey is the newest member of the Oak Point Public Works Department. Oak Point is happy to have these new members so if you see them out and about or in City Hall please make sure to say hello and welcome them to our wonderful community.

**Welcome Travis Wells...**Travis grew up in Celina, Texas where most of his family still lives and works for the school district. Travis has three sisters and his hobbies include being with friends and family. Travis also enjoys hunting, fishing and team roping. Travis began his career as an Oak Point Firefighter/EMT in February of 2017. Prior to working for Oak Point, Travis worked as a crew leader for Southwest Erosion Control. As a crew leader, Travis was responsible for installing silt fencing and erosion control. Travis' duties with the Oak Point Fire Department are to provide fire and ems services to the citizens, including safety checks of equipment and ongoing training. Travis also provides emergency medical care to patients. Travis said his favorite part of his job is being outside and interacting with people.



Travis Wells, Firefighter/EMT

**Welcome Garrett Wright...**Garrett grew up in Longview, Texas and moved to Forney, Texas in 2008. Garrett currently lives with his parents and has a younger brother who enjoys baseball. Garrett was hired as a Firefighter/EMT which includes providing patient care, making sure the department and apparatus' are clean and basic fire protection services to the community. Garrett started working for Oak Point in February 2017. Garrett says his favorite things about his job are that no two days are the same and he enjoys the group of employees that he works with. Garrett's hobbies include spending time with friends and family, as well as, camping and fishing.



Garrett Wright, Firefighter/EMT

**Welcome Macy Martinez...**Macy grew up in Seagraves, Texas which is out near Lubbock. Macy's dad was a crop-duster and she has six siblings and lots of nieces and nephews. Macy is married with a six year old little boy. Macy began working in Oak Point three months ago as the Permit Technician handling all types of permitting from pet and boat permits to building permits. Oak Point is the first City Macy has worked for. Macy says the favorites things about her job are that not only does she work with a great group of co-workers she also loves the community. Macy's hobbies include being an avid Cross fitter and spends what spare time she has at the gym, but says that her six year old son keeps her quite busy!



Macy Martinez, Permit Tech

**Welcome Terry Rainey...**Terry grew up here locally in Denton, Texas. Terry has been married to his wife Jerri for 31 years and they have two sons and three grandsons. Terry is the newest member of the City of Oak Point's Public Works Department and has been here for six months and worked for the City of Denton in prior years. Terry says one of the things he likes most about his job is being outside during nice weather. Terry says for fun he likes watching movies and football, and just like at work, he loves being outside in nice weather.



Terry Rainey, Public Works

Thank you to all of our new team members for choosing Oak Point as your place to work and help continue to make this the best community around!!!

# MOSQUITO DUNKS

## AVAILABLE TO OAK POINT RESIDENTS

Faced with wet weather and warmer temperatures, the City of Oak Point is asking its residents to practice the “Four D’s” to reduce the mosquito population and to lessen the threat of the West Nile Virus. The “Four D’s” are:

- ◆ **DUSK & DAWN** are the times of day you should try to stay indoors. This is when infected mosquitoes are most active.
- ◆ **DRESS** in long sleeves and pants when you’re outside. For extra protection, you may want to spray thin clothing with repellent containing permethrin or DEET.
- ◆ **DEET** is an ingredient to look for in your insect repellent when outdoors.
- ◆ **DRAIN** standing water in your yard and neighborhood-old tires, flowerpots, and clogged rain gutters. These are mosquito breeding sites.

While the West Nile Virus did not have as strong of a presence in the Denton County area last year as it did in the previous year, the abatement of stagnant water is important to prevent the reemergence and spread of West Nile Virus. Due to the threat of West Nile Virus, the City recently adopted property maintenance requirements to obligate property owners to abate any stagnant water on their property. Citizens that observe stagnant water conditions on private properties or on City owned properties may report these locations to the City by calling City Hall at (972) 294-2312 or by submitting a service request by clicking on the red service request button on the main page of the City’s website at [www.oakpointtexas.com](http://www.oakpointtexas.com).

In an effort to further enhance efforts to mitigate against the West Nile Virus, the City of Oak Point is again making floating sustained release larvicide (also referred to as mosquito dunks and Bti briquettes) available to its residents. Mosquito dunks have been used by professionals for more than a decade for mosquito control by killing mosquito larvae before the larvae mature into biting adults. Oak Point residents wishing to obtain **up to two (2) mosquito dunks per household** are asked to bring their driver’s license, a current utility bill, or other proof of residence to City Hall at 100 Naylor Road. City Hall’s hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The dunks will be available while supplies last or until further notice.

Mosquito dunks are made with *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (Bti), a microbial larvicide used for mosquito control. Bti is a naturally occurring soil bacterium registered for control of mosquito larvae and was first registered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as an insecticide in 1983. Mosquito larvae eat the Bti product that is made up of the dormant spore form of the bacterium and an associated pure toxin.

The toxin disrupts the mosquito by binding to receptor cells present in insects, but not in mammals. According to the EPA, microbial pesticides are essentially nontoxic to humans when they are used according to label directions. Extensive testing shows that microbial larvicides do not pose risks to wildlife, nontarget species, or the environment, when used according to label directions. For more information on larvicides for mosquito control, please view the EPA’s website at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/health/mosquitoes/larvicides4mosquitoes.htm>.

Mosquito dunks resemble small granular donuts and can be placed anywhere standing or stagnant water is present. Each dunk treats up to 100 square feet of surface area for a period of 30 days or more under typical environmental conditions. The floating action of the dunks will ensure that active material is released at the surface while also gradually settling to the bottom. The dunks can be broken up to treat smaller areas such as standing water in bird baths, old automobile tires, rain barrels, ponds, abandoned or unused swimming pools, ditches, tree holes, roof gutters for collecting rainwater, flower pots, or any other locations near the household where water collects and remains for periods of time. Dunks are not to be used in treated, finished drinking water reservoirs or drinking water receptacles when the water is intended for human consumption. According to manufacturer specifications, any person handling mosquito dunks should avoid contact with their eyes as dunks can cause moderate eye irritation. It is recommended that one wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water immediately after handling dunks.

Residents that are interested in obtaining more information regarding the West Nile Virus can access the Denton County website at [www.dentoncounty.com/wnv](http://www.dentoncounty.com/wnv). The Denton County West Nile virus (WNV) website contains information about symptoms, prevention tips, county-wide contacts, and current disease statistics in Denton County and the website content will be updated as the season progresses. For general West Nile virus questions, residents may call the Denton County West Nile Virus Information Line at (940) 349-2907.

# FREEDOM FEST 2017

The City of Oak Point will celebrate Independence Day with its annual Freedom Fest event on Saturday, July 1, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Jake's Place Park located at 100 Naylor Road. Attendees can enjoy a family oriented event at Jake's Place Park with barbeque sandwiches, chips, drinks, and more, a DJ, waterslide, and plenty of craft activities and games.

For volunteer or donation opportunities please contact City Hall or Amy Bockes, City Secretary, at (972) 294-2312 or at [abockes@oakpointtexas.com](mailto:abockes@oakpointtexas.com).

## SPRINGFEST 2017 PICTURES



Mayor Olson has a little helper for the ribbon cutting of the new playground equipment at Jake's Place Park.



### CITY OF OAK POINT CONTACT NUMBERS

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# HOLIDAYS AND CALENDAR

In recognition of the following holidays, City offices will be closed on:

**Tuesday, July 4**  
Independence Day

**Monday, September 4**  
Labor Day

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Upcoming City Council Meetings

Mon, June 19 at 6:00pm	City Council
Mon, July 17 at 6:00pm	City Council
Mon, Aug 21 at 6:00pm	City Council
Mon, Sept 18 at 6:00 pm	City Council

### Tentative Meetings for Other Boards and Commissions

Wed, July 5 at 6:00 pm	Planning & Zoning Commission
Tues, July 11 at 6:15 pm	Economic Development Corp
Tues, Aug 1 at 6:00pm	Planning & Zoning Commission
Tues, Aug 8 at 6:15pm	Economic Development Corp
Tues, Sep 5 at 6:00pm	Planning & Zoning Commission
Tues, Sep 12 at 6:15pm	Economic Development Corp

All dates are subject to change. Please check the City's website at [www.oakpointtexas.com](http://www.oakpointtexas.com) or contact the City Secretary at (972) 294-2312 to verify meeting dates and times.



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## ELECTION RESULTS

On Saturday, May 6, 2017, the citizens of Oak Point elected a Mayor and two City Council members. Keith Palmer ran unopposed for Mayor and was declared elected. Four candidates ran for the two City Council positions including incumbent Don Lindemann. The other three candidates were Jim Almond, Tim Freeman and Lynn Harpold. Congratulations to Lynn Harpold and Don Lindemann who were elected to serve two year terms on the City Council. All candidates elected were sworn in at the City Council Meeting held on Monday, May 15, 2017. City Council appointed Jim Almond to serve in Keith Palmer's unexpired term ending in May 2018. Congratulations to the recently elected Mayor and Council Members!

Mayor Duane Olson and Incumbent Chris Sweet did not run again. Duane has served many years as Mayor off and on, this last term was from 2015-2017. Chris has served on the City Council since May 2011. Thank you Duane and Chris for your service to the community!!!

## CLOSE PATROL/VACATION WATCH

For an added sense of security, Oak Point residents that are out of town or on vacation for longer than 24 hours are encouraged to utilize the Oak Point Department of Public Safety's CLOSE Patrol / Vacation Watch Program. Oak Point Department of Public Safety (DPS) officers will periodically check your property during your absence to ensure that your residence is secure. If anything is found out of the ordinary during these checks, officers will contact the person you list as an emergency contact. To request this service, residents can complete the electronic form found in the sidebar of the Fire/Police/EMS page under the City Services tab on the City's website at [www.oakpointtexas.com](http://www.oakpointtexas.com). Alternatively, residents may complete a CLOSE Patrol / Vacation Watch request form by visiting City Hall at 100 Naylor Road.

All CLOSE patrol/vacation watch requests must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance and the frequency of these checks is dependent on the call load of the officers on any given day. Residents that plan to be away from home for an extended period of time may also want to request that the United States Postal Service (USPS) temporarily hold their mail. The USPS also offers an online tool to suspend mail service while you are out of town. For more information, please visit the USPS website at <https://holdmail.usps.com/holdmail>.