



City Manager Report July 2024

I am pleased to present the City Manager's Report for the month of July 2024. In addition to the departmental reports regarding finance, fire, streets and parks, police and utilities, this report provides an overview of key activities, committees, projects, events, and updates Citywide.

Communications and Community Engagement

The City has wrapped up “Council Connections” video introductions of each of our esteemed City Councilmembers on our social media channels! These video introductions were posted biweekly on Wednesdays to the City Facebook Page and are archived to the City website. Please visit <https://www.graniteshoals.org/about-us/city-council/council-connections> to see the archived videos of the people working hard to serve our community.

Public Meeting – Wirtz Dam Road Project



SAVE THE DATE: A public meeting will be held by TxDOT on August 20, 2024 from 5-7 pm at the Marble Falls Public Library (101 Main Street) to view plans and discuss the Wirtz Dam Bridge project with local leaders. If you are unable to attend in person, public comments are welcome through September 6, 2024 via email to: Toni.Red@txdot.gov or by mail to TxDOT Austin District Office, 7901 N. I-35, TX 78753.

Community Resources

We're thrilled to announce that the Community Resource Center of Texas has established a satellite location at the Granite Shoals Community Center, providing our community with greater connectivity to essential social services. The inaugural event was held on Monday, July 15th, from 9 AM to 12 PM, marking the beginning of this valuable resource. As we establish more consistent dates for this service, we will keep you updated on the City website. Stay tuned for more details!

Heritage Tree Photo Contest

In alignment with the Mayor's proclamation establishing July as "Heritage Oak Tree Celebration Month," we're excited to kick off a fun community photo contest to help capture and preserve the beauty of our large, old oak trees throughout Granite Shoals.

The contest runs through August 10th, and winners will be notified via email by August 15. All photo submissions may be sent to: marketing@graniteshoals.org



Finance

Budget Workshops to aid in the development of the FY 24 budget have been scheduled for off-Tuesdays from regularly scheduled Council meetings. Workshops will be held at 5pm in City Hall on the following dates: July 16th, July 30th, August 6th, and September 3rd. The workshop previously scheduled for August 20th has been cancelled and will be rescheduled with a date to be determined.

LCRA Rebate Program

The Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) is offering WaterSmart rebates of up to \$600 per residential property for various water-saving improvements. These include irrigation evaluations, retrofitting or replacing irrigation system equipment, new pool filters and covers, aeration, compost and mulch, soil testing, and turf conversion.

Starting this month, the program has been expanded to include up to \$600 for compost and mulch, up to \$40 for a hose-end timer, and 50 cents per square foot, up to \$600, for converting turf grass to native garden beds (pre-approval required). For more details on LCRA's expanded WaterSmart rebate program and to find the application, visit LCRA WaterSmart Rebate Program.

Committees and Workgroups

Community Cat Advisory Committee: The Community Cat Advisory Committee (CCAC) had a productive meeting on July 15th. The next CCAC meeting will be held on August 12th.

Planning and Zoning Committee: The next meeting of the Planning and Zoning Committee is scheduled for August 20th.

Wildlife Committee: The Wildlife Committee met on July 8th where they received a presentation from staff of Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Game Warden. The next meeting will be held on August 5th.

Board of Adjustments: The Board of Adjustments (BOA) does not have any meetings scheduled.

Airport Committee: The airport committee had a productive meeting on July 11th 2024 where they discussed airport signage, the status of the lease agreement, and updates to the camera system. The airport tiedown contract is in draft format and will be before Council for consideration on July 23, 2024.

The next Airport Committee meeting will be held on August 1st.

Parks Committee:

The Parks Committee met on July 11th, 2024 to discuss updates related to Timberhill Park, fill area purchases, the status of the QR code boat launch pilot program, and to set future work days. Parks volunteers were out and about refreshing paint in the community center on July 13th and have scheduled August 9th to coordinate a full cleaning of the community center before laying new floor tiles on August 10th. We appreciate our volunteers and staff for their dedication to improving our Community Center and enhancing the quality of life for Granite Shoals residents!

Staffing

The City of Granite Shoals is currently accepting applications for the following positions: Municipal Court Clerk, Police Officer, Parks Maintenance technician, and Accounting Specialist.

If you're interested in any of these exciting opportunities, visit <https://www.graniteshoals.org/city-services/human-resources/job-openings> for more information and to apply. Join us in making a difference in our community!

Previous Event Updates

We've had a busy calendar and a lot of fun hosting several recent community events!

David, our Marketing Specialist, has been doing an incredible job documenting all that the City is doing and showing the very BEST of Granite Shoals. Keep an eye on the [Granite Shoals Events](#) Facebook page for photo galleries and event videos!

June 22 – Battle of the Badges BBQ. Our Police and Fire departments were joined by several other departments and BBQ connoisseurs throughout the region for a delicious showdown at the Battle of the Badges BBQ!



The Battle of the Badges event was hosted by the Granite Shoals Fire Auxiliary, Granite Shoals Police Officer Association and Marble Falls Emergency Service Employees Association - all of which are 501c3 nonprofits. The city did not have any financial contribution to the event outside of adding the event into the city's marketing program to help get the word out. Entry fees paid to compete in the event were paid by contestants, with the top three winners in each judged category receiving 100% payback. The remainder of the entry fees were used to cover the cost of awards, plates, utensils, pickles, crackers and food containers. Live music/master of ceremonies was donated by Mr. Billy Scott. Judging was donated by members of the community and several council members.

Overall, this was a very economical and FUN event that brought a substantial number of public safety professionals in for the weekend and filled our community with the aroma of some great BBQ!

June 27 – Vaccination Event. The Humane Society and City organized another FREE drive thru vaccine clinic on June 27th from 10-1 at Quarry Park which was very well-attended. Our Animal Control Officer, Tim Edwards, along with staff and volunteers from the Humane Society and local Animal Hospital came together to provide vaccines to more than 250 local animals.



June 29 – Flapjacks and Firetrucks. This community gathering saw a fantastic turnout, with families and residents coming together to enjoy a morning filled with activities and delicious food. The highlights for many attendees were the opportunities to visit with friends and neighbors, explore the firehouse, and checking out the firetrucks and a medical helicopter up close. Kids were thrilled to climb through these impressive vehicles, sparking excitement and curiosity about the roles of firefighters and emergency medical personnel. The event featured a hearty breakfast of flapjacks and sausage, which received rave reviews from all who attended. Overall, Flapjacks and Firetrucks was a memorable occasion that fostered community spirit and provided a fun, educational experience for children and adults alike.

July 4th – Independence Day Golf Cart Parade. We paraded the town in style this Independence Day! Granite Shoals Police Department, Granite Shoals Fire Rescue and Grand Marshall Mayor Munos led the way through the streets of Granite Shoals – honking, waving, and handing out candy and flags to friends and neighbors who came out to cheer us along the route. A total of 38 total golf carts came out to join the fun – each vying for the prestigious titles of “Most Patriotic”, “Most Enthusiastic”, and “Most Creative!”

