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SENIOR CENTER

Our seniors recently took a trip to visit the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum on the Texas A&M campus. Over 20 of our local seniors enjoyed the day at the museum and lunch. The group visited exhibits such as “Wit and Humor: American Political Cartoons” and learned about the many political and personal accomplishments of the former President. We would like to thank Somerville ISD for their help and support in transporting our seniors to the campus. The trip was organized by our Senior Center Director Liz Rosser, assisted by Susan Barnett. We hope to continue to support our seniors by planning additional outings and we hope that these activities will continue to brighten their days.

NEW DEVELOPMENT

We are excited to see new development coming to our city and welcome the new Somerville Health Point clinic and the new Sonic! Both will be open in a matter of months and provide our community with good health care and another option for lunch or dinner. Both will provide jobs and help build the economy in our area.

PLANNING AND ZONING

At the August City Council meeting City staff will be presenting an item on the council agenda to consider establishing a Planning and Zoning Commission. The Commission will be selected by Council and serve a two-year term. The Commission will help develop zoning districts and the regulations that will govern uses and activities in those districts for the City. With growth on the horizon, we need to establish some requirements to help us build the community our residents want to see. The creation of this commission is one way to do just that.

CHANGES TO SOLID WASTE PICK UP

The Somerville Public Works Department will continue to pick up heavy trash and brush at residences the last week of the month through September. **Beginning in October the City will no longer do curbside pick-up of bulky trash, brush, etc.** This doesn't mean that residents are stuck with these items! The new solid waste contract provides for curbside pickup of bulky items and brush, with some limitations on size and weight. Information on the new schedule for pick-up will be available soon. The collection station on FM 1361 will also continue to be available to citizens for disposal of brush, tree limbs, leaves, recycling and larger debris (Mon. 2-6, Wed. & Sat. 9-1). These changes should streamline solid waste collection and let Public Works focus on other local issues and projects.

LAKE SOMERVILLE BOAT RAMPS OPEN

I'm sure everyone knows how beautiful Lake Somerville looks in the morning and evenings. It is surely a sight to see and a great place for family picnics, camping, water activities, and relaxing with friends and family. While the lake continues to recede and the rain has stopped, we encourage everyone to take precautions while boating, swimming, and fishing on the lake. Lake Somerville is still high and Safety First should be everyone's priority! We encourage everyone to visit Welch Park for some summer downtime – and be SAFE!

KEEP SOMERVILLE BEAUTIFUL

It's a delicate subject but one that needs to be talked about. Property maintenance, lot maintenance, how does my property look? We have a number of beautiful homes and properties in our little City. However, we also have properties that need to be cleaned up and maintained. It's up to each of us to clean our yards, homes, and property; by mowing, getting rid of old vehicles, RV's, and debris on our property. Let's all Keep Somerville Beautiful!

Thank You!