

MY BRADY NEWS

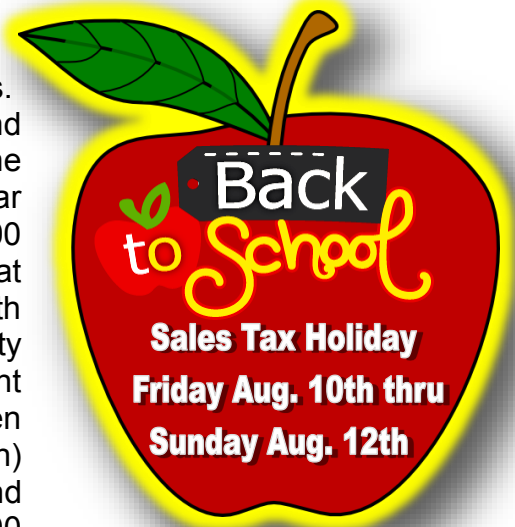


City of Brady Newsletter

JULY 2018

What's Going On

Safety is a top priority for our city facilities, visitors, and citizens. Several years ago the City began removing the outdated playground equipment that no longer meets current safety standards across the city. The Willie Washington Park Playground was replaced last year with a new Shady Playground unit with the assistance of a \$140,000 grant. EO Martin playground is now 9 years old and we added a great deal of safety surfacing 3 years ago to get it back in compliance with safety standards. The newer unit in Richards Park with the safety ground cover surface, was installed about 15 years ago with a grant and was the replacement for the equipment that now has been removed in Richards Park. The playground at Lt Conway (Stanburn) Park was replaced this year with a \$30,000 donation. The playground at the ballfields will be replaced this next year with a \$60,000 grant. The playground at the Brady Creek trailhead at Richards Street was proposed to be replaced with exercise equipment, which is on the 5 year plan. The next grant would be to replace the equipment at the Lake and this will finish the playground replacement projects across the city. Council has been discussing playgrounds and replacing the old equipment for the past 5 years. The City opens itself to liability by allowing outdated playground equipment to remain. So the acknowledgement has been made by the city that our playgrounds need to meet current safety standards and we are working our way through the city-wide park system to correct the safety concerns year by year. The City needs to update our *Parks, Recreation, Open Space, Trails Master Plan* to qualify for any more TPWD grants. We have had requests for a small playground at the soccer fields, more swings at Richards Park, a skate park, and a dog park. Updating this Master Plan will require a citizen survey, town halls, etc. so we can prioritize the needs across the city.



Utilities

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1-866-795-5938



Nicholas Medrano, Mikaela Hudson, Vanessa Martinez, Ana Reyes, Shatoria Jones, Micah Trull

Congratulations

The Senior Parliamentary Procedure team takes GOLD at the FCCLA National Convention! This team has represented Brady High School at the National level 3 out of the 4 years.

Photograph Courtesy of Brady High School FCCLA

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has set maximum “allowable levels” for certain contaminants in drinking water. These levels are referred to as MCL (Maximum Contaminant Levels). When the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) notifies the City that our drinking water supply shows that the allowable levels for certain contaminants have been exceeded, we are required to notify our citizens. This is a mandatory/required quarterly notification regarding contaminant levels of Radium, Gross Alpha (excluding Radon and Uranium) in our drinking water for the time frames indicated below.

**Mandatory language for Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Violation,
COMBINED RADIUM -226 & RADIUM -228**

TCEQ has notified the CITY OF BRADY that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the MCL for COMBINED RADIUM (-226 & -228). EPA has established the MCL for COMBINED RADIUM (-226 & -228) at 5 pico curies per liter (pCi/L), based on a running annual average (RAA), and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for **COMBINED RADIUM (-226 & -228) indicates a level during quarter one of 2018 of 17 pCi/L for EP002, 21 pCi/L for EP003, 39 pCi/L for EP004, 21 pCi/L for EP006, and 12 pCi/L for EP007.**

This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing Radium -226 and/or -228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

We are working to correct the problem: The City of Brady has engaged professional engineering services in which probable technical solutions have been derived to reduce radionuclides in the drinking water. The City of Brady expects to return to compliance on or about the year 2020.

**Mandatory language for Maximum Contaminant Level Violation MCL,
AVERAGE GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. RADON & URANIUM**

TCEQ has notified the CITY OF BRADY that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the MCL for Gross Alpha (excluding Radon and Uranium). EPA has established the MCL for Gross Alpha (excluding Radon and Uranium) at 15 pico curies per liter (pCi/L) based on a running annual average (RAA), and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. **Analysis of drinking water in your community for Gross Alpha (excluding radon and uranium) indicates a level during quarter one of 2018 of 23 pCi/L for EP002, 30 pCi/L for EP003, 35 pCi/L for EP004, 28 pCi/L for EP006, and 18 pCi/L for EP007.**

This is not an emergency. Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have increased risk of getting cancer.

You do not need an alternate water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

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If you have any questions regarding these violations, you may contact Gary Jacobson at the City of Brady at 325-597-2244.

Please share all of this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Public Meetings

City Council Meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:00pm at the City of Brady Municipal Court Building located at 207 South Elm Street.

Each meeting includes an opportunity for the public to address the City Council with any issue.

Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about our services.

8:30am to 5:00pm
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