



MELISSA MINUTE

JUNE, 2008

Water Conservation Reminders

Remember that existing, non-drought related guidelines that remain in effect include:

- No watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- No over-watering such that a constant stream of water overflows from the lawn onto driveways, sidewalk, and streets.
- No watering during rain.



Additionally take some time to visit the City's Website and it's link to the North Texas Municipal Water District's "Water I.Q.: Know Your Water" campaign.

Water I.Q. has been a resource for the past two years that helps people to understand where their water comes from and provides easy tips to save water like:

- Limit daytime watering, which results in evaporation and waste.
- Prevent excessive watering that creates runoff.
- Refrain from hosing non-pervious surfaces like driveways and sidewalks.
- Limit outdoor watering to no more than twice per week.

NTMWD recommends North Texans adapt these simple tips into their lifestyle regardless of the weather conditions. Visit their interactive website at www.WaterIQ.org for more details on the campaign.

Summertime in the Parks!

The City of Melissa has two beautiful parks available to the community. **Zadow Park** is located on McKinney Street (Highway 5) and it has a pavilion, restrooms, picnic areas with grills, sand volleyball court, basketball/Inline skate court, and three baseball fields.



Bob Miller Park is located off Berry Road and has a pavilion area, playground and restrooms.

Please call the Development and Neighborhood Services Office at **214-544-9021** for fees and availability.

July 4th – Celebration of Freedom!

Join the Melissa Area Chamber of Commerce in a fun filled evening for the whole family!

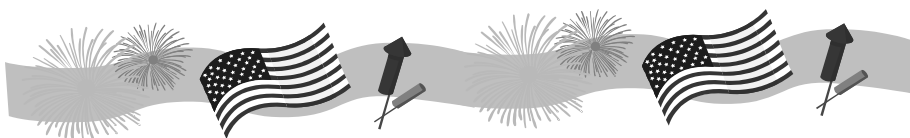
When: Friday, July 4th (Rain date is Saturday July 5th)

Time: 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Where: Melissa High School Cardinal Stadium

Enjoy the parade, food, contests, talent show, live music, games, crafts and of course...FIREWORKS!

For more information or if you are interested in participating in any of the various events, please contact the Melissa Area Chamber of Commerce at **972-837-4277** or visit www.melissatx.org.



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City of Melissa Code Enforcement – to protect the health, safety and welfare of all citizens

Reporting Violations:

If you would like to report a violation of City codes please call the Code Enforcement Division at **972-838-1081**. Code Enforcement Officers inspect properties daily, therefore, a Code Enforcement Officer may not be available to receive a complaint call. Please leave a voice mail message. You may also send your concern via e-mail to: ggnader@cityofmelissa.com.

Please ensure that you provide the COMPLETE street address or cross street location, and the TYPE of complaint (i.e. falling fence, high grass/weeds, illegal dumping) and any other information that may be helpful to the Code Officer.

Some concerns Code Enforcement addresses are:

Illegal Sign Placement: It is illegal to erect or affix a sign in the right-of-way (the area from the curb to the sidewalk), on the median (the area in the middle of any street), on trees, public fences and/or buildings, or utility/telephone poles. Garage Sale signs do not require the issuance of a Sign Permit, but can only be at the location of the garage sale.

High Grass/Weeds: Twelve inches (12") is the height limit for grass and/or weeds. This includes the front, back, side yard, and right-of-ways. The grass in any alley and/or easement (area behind property) must be maintained to the mid-point. Property owners who regularly cultivate their properties are required to mow the outer perimeters and maintain the right of way adjacent to their properties.

Trash and Debris: Property owners, residents, and businesses are required to keep property free and clear of: (1)All material subject to deterioration by the elements, such as furniture, boxes, appliances, vehicle parts, tires, paper, and other objectionable, unsafe, unsanitary and/or unsightly matter; (2)Material which is stored in a disorderly manner or in such a manner as to offer harborage of rodents/or other vermin. Lumber and any building materials, except masonry should be stored at least eighteen inches (18") off the ground. (Items not made for outside use should not be stored outdoors.) All fallen debris is to be removed from the property as soon as possible. For trash pickup please call IESI at (469) 452-8000.

Substandard Houses: A structure is considered substandard if it meets the following criteria: Illegal wiring; foundation failure; illegal or substandard plumbing; sunken roof line; exterior deterioration; external siding or framing bowing or pulling away from structure or other obvious dilapidation .

Dilapidated Fences: It is unlawful to allow a fence to lean more than 10 degrees or to have missing, loose, or broken slats or panels. No fence is allowed to have symbols, writings, or other graffiti; except for signs which pertain to the address or occupancy of the property. Barbed wire and electric fences are prohibited in most residential districts. There are also special requirements for fences constructed in industrial and agricultural districts. Installation of a fence, replacement of over 50% of an existing fence, or accessory structure must obtain a Building Permit prior to construction.

Home Based Business: Although allowed in residential areas, the occupation must be secondary to the use of the home. In addition, the occupation must have no external evidence including but not limited to: advertising; noise; smoke; dust; fumes; glare; outside storage of materials or equipment; excessive pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

Unsecured Swimming Pools: All private pools, spas, and hot tubs, with a depth of 24" (inches) or more must be secured by a barrier which can be a fence, wall, building wall, or combination there of which completely surrounds the swimming pool and obstructs access to the swimming pool.

Junk/Inoperable Vehicles: A junk vehicle is defined as a vehicle that is self propelled and (1) does not have lawfully attached to it an unexpired license plate or a valid motor vehicle safety inspection certificate;(2) is wrecked, dismantled, or discarded, or is inoperable for more than 72 hours, if the vehicle is on public property; or 30 consecutive days, if the vehicle is on private property. Inoperable means not capable of being used or operated due to legal or mechanical incapability. A Junked Vehicle including a part of a junked vehicle that is visible from a public right-of-way is deemed to be a public nuisance. No boat, trailer, camper trailer, motor home or other such recreational vehicle shall be parked or stored within the required front yard. In all residential districts the parking or storage of such vehicles is limited to the rear and side yards. This restriction shall not apply to the storage of a boat or other vehicle in a fully enclosed building.

Parking Prohibitions on Unsurfaced Areas: No car, truck, or other vehicle shall be parked on an unsurfaced area of the front yard, if such property has an improved surface of gravel, asphalt or concrete already established on which to park vehicles.

Library Summer Reading Program – Travel Texas!

The City of Melissa Public Library invites your family to join us as we embark on our summer reading adventure as we Travel Texas! Come learn all about the wonders that the Lone Star State has to afford from June 9th through August 8th. You can read, write, and draw about the books you read (books must be checked out from the Melissa Library) and receive travel tickets and treats from your “visits” to fun places in Texas! For additional details, please visit the Library at 1713 Cooper Street or call **972-837-4540**.

The Library’s hours are as follows:

M: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

T: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

TH: 12 p.m.-8 p.m.

SAT: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

SUN: CLOSED

Monday is Story Time from 10-11 a.m.

