



MELISSA MINUTE

OCTOBER, 2007

City, County Election Day is Tuesday, November 6

Just a reminder that Tuesday, November 6 is Election Day from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Melissa ISD Administration Building (1904 Cooper St). Two entities are conducting elections that will impact Melissa residents. Collin County is holding an election for transportation projects (which Melissa is designated as a recipient of matching funds), open space projects, and facilities improvements. For more information regarding the Collin County proposition, please visit the County’s website at www.co.collin.tx.us. The City of Melissa is holding an election for the approval of \$19.1 million to address transportation needs throughout the community. Much of the \$19.1 is designated as matching funds for dollars that Collin County has designated for Melissa. The bond proposal will also create a road rehabilitation program for the existing City roads in Melissa. More information is posted on the City of Melissa website at www.cityofmelissa.com or please call 972-838-2338.

CORRECTION:

In the September edition of the Melissa Minute, the election date was incorrectly printed. Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, 2007

Major Projects Addressed in the 2007 Transportation Program

Project	Section	Leveraging Funds
Melissa Road	Highway 5 to Highway 121	Collin County
Throckmorton	Highway 75 to Highway 5	Collin County
Fannin (N/S)	Melissa Road to Highway 121	Collin County
Fannin (E/W)	Melissa Road to Highway 5	TXDOT Safe Routes to School
Davis Road	Highway 75 to Fannin Road	Collin County

City Adopts New Logo

The City of Melissa recently adopted a new logo in September. The logo, as seen by the inset to the right, will begin to replace the more traditional seal that you see at the top of this publication. The adoption of this logo is part of a larger initiative to capture the best parts of Melissa and communicate that through an image that will soon be displayed on the City website, materials, and non-emergency vehicles for example. The new logo emphasizes history and heritage, both of which are important factors that were considered in the Comprehensive Planning process, by reminding those that Melissa was founded over 155 years ago.



Did You Know?

Did you know that it is illegal to discharge a firearm of any type in the City limit of Melissa? Article 7.200 of the Melissa Code of Ordinances states, “It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot off, fire or discharge any gun, pistol, revolver or any firearms of any description within the city limits...” The November *Melissa Minute* will include facts about firearm safety. For more information, please contact the Melissa Police Department at 972-838-2033.

CITY COUNCIL

- David Dorman, Mayor
- Dan Trott, Mayor Pro Tem, Place 5
- Randy Kaiser, Place 1
- Stan Mercer, Place 3
- Bill Reynolds, Place 4
- Sharon Weideman, Place 2

MANAGEMENT TEAM

- Jason Little, City Administrator 972-838-2338
- Linda Bannister, City Secretary 972-838-2338
- Jan Clark, City Librarian 972-837-4540
- Gail Dansby, Finance Director 972-838-2338
- Dana Nixon, Development Services Coordinator 972-838-2036
- Duane Smith, Police Chief 972-838-2033
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City Council Approves Contract with CodeRED, Weather Warning



What if an emergency situation arose in Melissa and all or portions of the city were affected? How can people be notified? The City has implemented a new tool called CodeRED, an emergency notification system capable of placing up to 60,000 telephone calls per hour. A pre-recorded message will be delivered telling residents and businesses about the situation and what action needs to be taken if any. When a situation arises in Melissa, City staff will turn to the Internet and the CodeRED mapping tools to designate a call area based on addresses. With the push of a few buttons, a pre-recorded message describing the situation will be delivered to a live person or an answering machine in the affected area possibly including instructions requiring action on the part of the recipient. CodeRED is a geographical based system where street addresses are needed to select the telephone numbers that will receive emergency notification calls. A calling database has been supplied by Emergency Communications Network; however this calling list does not initially contain unlisted or cellular telephone numbers.

Beginning in January, residents and businesses may add their numbers to the calling database by clicking on the CodeRED icon on the City of Melissa website (www.cityofmelissa.com) and following the instructions. No one should automatically assume his or her telephone number is included. All businesses should register, as well as all individuals who have unlisted phone numbers, those who have changed their phone number or address within the last year and those who use a cellular phone as their home phone. The system works with cellular phones but requires a Melissa street address. People who have recently moved in the City but kept the same listed or unlisted number will need to input their current address into the database. When entering information, please fill out all of the screens. The newest data entered will replace the old data. CodeRED will be used for emergencies or disasters that might call for action like evacuation, sheltering in place, or boiling contaminated water, but may also be used in situations that are non-emergency related. For more information about CodeRED, call the City at 972-838-2338.

Quick Facts

- CodeRED and Weather Warning are both mass notification tools.
- CodeRED will primarily be used to disseminate emergency information but may also be used to send general information to the community.
- Weather Warning is an **opt-in** service where subscribers will receive a message when the National Weather Service issues an alert that may impact Melissa.
- **BOTH SERVICES ARE FREE.**
- CodeRED will deliver a database for use by the City. Residents can enter their information to ensure the data listed for them is accurate. Resident entered information will take precedence over any other database.
- Opting in for the Weather Warning can be done while entering information for CodeRED.
- The City will initiate any call from CodeRED, but the National Weather Service will initiate any calls for those who opt in to Weather Warning.
- CodeRED can contact a designated area of the City or the entire City depending on the situation.
- If you have caller ID installed on your phone, the CodeRED call may display as an "unknown caller", however, the number will be **999-911-9999**. Please make a note of this and do not disregard calls from this number!
- The CodeRED system will record messages to voicemail and answering machines.
- When there is no answer at a telephone number, CodeRED will attempt to deliver messages three times.

Weather Warning

Weather Warning is an early warning system designed to deliver severe weather warnings to your telephone within seconds after being issued by the National Weather Service (NWS). Subscribers to Weather Warning service receive recorded message alerts anytime severe weather threatens their local area...24 hours a day, 365 days per year.

Weather Warning would initiate a call for 3 types of severe weather: Tornado, Flash Flood, and Severe Thunderstorm warnings. The system is designed to call each subscriber once per hour (per event); even if duplicate warnings have been issued. **Weather Warning calls** are only delivered for severe weather **WARNINGS**. **Weather Warning calls** are not delivered for severe weather **WATCHES**.

Trash Interruptions due to Holidays?

Trash services will be impacted by the Christmas and New Year's Holiday. Pickup for the City of Melissa will be pushed to Thursday, December 27 and Thursday, January 3, respectively.