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# Your City Council's Role

City Council's role is to be the representative body of Brush!. They are there to serve the citizens. Our citizens are the real owners of the City of Brush!. Collectively, there is a whole range of visions for what they want Brush! to look like and how they want life to be here. Some citizens are vocal about it and gladly share their thoughts around town about our community, while others may have their ideas reserved for a select few. It is the City Council's duty to gather these visions that they are told and convert them into goals and policies that shape our community. Council should be viewed as representative of you, the owners, and not as staff members. We look to the future of the City, and what needs to be accomplished to keep the vision of our livable city progressing. As detailed in the book "Boards That Make a Difference" by John Carver, we direct the City Administrator on the 'ends', or the results and outcomes we want to see, but leave the staff to the 'means'. They were hired because of their skill, expertise and experience, so we need to let them use it.

As the true owners of the City of Brush!, the Council always wants and values input from citizens. Because their visions, and therefore the City's goals, are continually evolving. Feel free to contact the Council members from your ward and share your thoughts, we'd love to hear them.

- Mayor Chuck Schonberger



## City Council Citizen Outreach

April 4  
May 2  
(First Monday of the month)

6-7 pm  
The Course  
2301 West Mill

A reminder for you that there are two City Council meetings each month; the 2nd and the 4th Monday at 6pm at City Hall. There is time made at each meeting for any public comment to Council with any thoughts or concerns you may have. Attending an occasional meeting is a great way to hear from Council and City staff on what is happening in Brush!, and may inspire you to help shape our community!

Come meet members of Council and discuss any City concerns and happenings!

# Brush Residential Building Incentive

Have you thought about building a new home? Now is a great time! With the tight housing market, and the need for additional homes, Brush City Council approved to extend a housing incentive through 2016 to encourage the building of new single-family residential homes throughout the City of Brush! The incentive policy provides a 50% reduction of the current priced City ¾" Water Plant Investment Fee, Wastewater Residential Connection Fee, and Building Permit Fee. What that means for those building a new home is a savings of a few thousand dollars!



To define it more clearly, current priced fees included in the 2016 Brush Residential Building Incentive Policy are:

	Current	With Incentive
¾" Water Plant Investment Fee:	\$3,540.00	\$1,770.00
Wastewater Residential Connection Fee:	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00
Building Permit Fee:	\$1273.75*	\$636.88*
Total cost	\$7813.75*	\$3906.88*

If you have any questions, and for all the details, please contact City Hall at 842-5001, and spread the word around town!

\*Actual building permit fee is dependent on total valuation of project. Numbers given are based on the total valuation of \$150,000.

## Streetscape Phase 4

The fourth and final phase of our Downtown Streetscape Project is rolling out! We have been delayed the past two years for different reasons, but everything is now open and clear. This last phase will consist of installing larger stormwater lines that connect to the work done on Clayton Street in the previous phases. Those lines will head east on Eaton Street to a property purchased by the City for a storm water retention pond, which will be dug out. There will also be new sidewalks for a couple blocks, as well as new curb and gutter.



This final phase should alleviate the majority of flooding that we have historically seen at different times in the downtown area. Currently when we get a lot of rain, with some of the smaller water lines still in place and nowhere for the water to quickly go, the retention capacity in the stormwater lines fills up and subsequently backs up into the gutters, sidewalks, and streets. We are excited for Phase 4 to be completed and to wrap up the project for the community.

Stay connected with news and updates that relate to you!



Follow the City of Brush! on Facebook and Twitter

Effective April 1st  
The City will charge a 2% convenience fee for credit and debit card payments made at the front desk at City Hall



Ordinance no. 843-16

# New Water Rates

City Council recently approved a new water rate structure that will determine water rates based on both use and water tap size. A water rate study began for the City in 2007 and was recently concluded. Based on the information gathered over those past nine years in the study, including use, as well as future projection and needs, the new structure was put together. Previously, customers had a standard water rate that was based on use



alone, and only the initial tie-in to the system had a fee based on tap size. Naturally, the larger the tap size, the more expected water use, and the quicker that water would be used. The readjustment in the new structure is more equitable with anticipated use based on the potential use determined by the size of the water line in addition to the quantity of water utilized.

Currently, residential customers are paying \$19.50 for a base rate and \$6.00 for the developer fee. Going forward, the developer fee will be part of the base rate and it will no longer appear on the bill. The increase of the base rate will be \$.98, making the rate for water \$26.48. 3/4" commercial customer will see a \$.02 decrease in the base rate.

If you would like to see how the new structure will affect your utility bill, please come by City Hall and we will gladly do an analysis to let you know what you can expect to be paying. The new structure will be implemented April 1st, with May 1st being when customers will expect to see the change on their bills.

# Golf Course Teeing Up

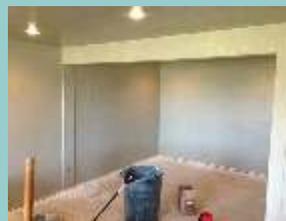
Much has happened at the golf course since the City took ownership of things last May. Continual planning and work has been poured into the course and facilities with the goal of



bringing things to a functional and healthy business level. Although much is still on the to-do list, The Course at Petteys Park has seen a number of improvements for the course and the facilities, one of the most recent and noticeable ones being that we have a full restaurant in operation for the first time in many years. Chef Bill Wentworth has been contracted to head up The Course Café and Lounge; and his menu has a great variety of delicious plates and flavors for any appetite, and for any time of the day. We'd love for you to come and give it a try for yourself.



*Taco Tuesdays plate*



With things turning green, the golf season is ready to tee off. The pro shop is being remodeled and should be up and running soon, and a new deck is going to be built on the clubhouse. All this will be just in time as the tournaments and events, new and old, prepare to get moving. So clean off your clubs and get ready to be a part of a great year of golf here in Brush!

# Parks & Recreation

## Spring & Summer Events

- April 23 Downtown Spring Clean Up
- May 2-6 City Spring Clean Up Week
- May 6 Museum Opens for season
- May 28 Swimming Pool opens
- June 4 Fishing is Fun
- June 11 Antique Tractor & Power Show
- June 17-19 Summer Sizzler Tournament

- June 25 Brush Rush 5k
- June 25-26 Brad Amack Softball Tournament
- July 2-4 62nd Annual Brush! Rodeo
- July 11-16 Parks & Rec Week
- July 19 Customer Appreciation BBQ
- July 27-August 4 Morgan County Junior Fair
- August 27 Demolition Derby

For more info contact the Parks & Rec office @ 842-5280 or the Chamber of Commerce @ 842-2666

# Let's Spring Clean Things

If things at home or the office have gotten too dingy or cluttered for your taste through



autumn and winter, then it's time for a breath of fresh air and fresh inspiration to clear things out with a good spring cleaning. The City will assist

because we like it when our citizens take pride in keeping things clean and looking good, and we too want Brush! crisp and tidy.

On Saturday, April 30th from 8-4, in the parking lot across the street from the City garage (next to the Post Office), you can drop off your tree branches for disposal. City employees will be there to collect tree branches for disposal. All that week (April 25-29), you can drop off your branches.

The following week, May 2-6, the City will be doing our Spring Clean-up where our trash department will collect those items that you can't normally put out. A few rules still do apply:

- No oil, tires, batteries, electronics, hazardous materials, or Freon appliances.
- Any sticks must be bundled together, be no more than 4 feet long and 1 inch in diameter.
- The extra trash needs to be piled neatly and orderly next to the polykarts to make it easy to collect.

The trash pickup will only be on your regularly scheduled day; if it is set out after your regular day there will be a fee charged to pick it up.

If you aren't able to get things together in time for the spring clean up week, the County landfill will gladly take those unwanted things of your hands. They are located at 21448 County Road 22, north of the interstate, and a fee schedule is available at their website, [co.morgan.co.us](http://co.morgan.co.us) and click the 'departments' tab. You can also call the landfill at (970) 867-9713.

As things are turning green, we'd also like to remind you to keep an eye on the height of your lawn, weeds, and any branches and shrubs whose growth is invading an acceptable distance from alleyway vehicle traffic and sidewalk foot traffic. For any specifics on these, you can refer to the City codes or contact us at City Hall.



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