



# City of Van Newsletter



September 2011



## Van Police Department News

I hope everyone has enjoyed a good summer, hopefully some relaxation and maybe even a vacation. It was easy to stay warm as record temps made it difficult to stay outdoors for very long.

Schools are back in session and that is my topic for this newsletter.

You may see police cars around the schools in the morning, as well as the afternoon working radar. We take the safety of our children seriously and we start by slowing traffic down in the school zones. Please slow down and watch out for kids crossing the street, be patient with other drivers, and help the school bus drivers by not blocking entrances and exits commonly used by busses. Remember, they have an important schedule to keep! Our traffic enforcement plan will be coordinated with ISD Chief Donnie Payne so that we can have maximum use of our combined resources.

Do not pass school busses when lights are flashing! It is dangerous and it is illegal. Try to leave home early enough so that you won't be affected by heavy traffic.

Due to hot weather, the decision has been made by the police and fire departments not to participate in the National Night Out this year. The date had been moved to August 2, 2011, however, we are hoping for cooler weather and we have made plans to have a Van Night Out on October 4, 2011, which is a Tuesday. Watch for notices in the Van Banner in the weeks leading up to that night.

Officer Preston Roberts, a 4 year employee of the Van PD, recently resigned. We are currently conducting a search for another police

officer, and we wish Preston well. Van Police Officers are sporting a new look this summer. The new uniforms are lighter, cooler, and far more comfortable. We have received many good comments on the uniforms.

Cool weather and football, I'm ready for both. Don't forget the school zones, watch out for the kids, thank at least one school teacher for their hard work and long days, and go to church on Sunday. Oh, and thank you for letting me serve you. Chief Richardson.

## Library Report

The Van Community Library would like to thank Lloyd Eloi and his employees for the beautiful shelf they made and donated to the library. It is one of the nicest pieces of furniture in the library.

Story time registration was on August 25th. Even if you didn't get to register, you can still bring your preschoolers to Story Time. There will be stories, crafts, refreshments and lots of fun. Story time begins Thursday, September 1st at 10:00 am and there after every Thursday at 10:00 am.

The VCL will be having our annual book sale at the Oil Festival in October. The book sale will be hosted by the friends of the Library, as well as the Library Board Members.

The library purchased 10 new books during the months of June and July. Come visit the library and check us out. The VCL has a wide range of books to choose from.



## Van City Marshal's Office

It has been a long, hot summer and with the dry conditions it has made it easy for fires to occur. We would like to remind the citizen's of the burning ordinance. At this time grilling is still allowed. We encourage everyone to use extreme caution when doing so.

Due to the rise in the stray dog population, the Van Marshal's office has implemented a zero tolerance for canine's roaming at large.

Citations will be issued to anyone violating the ordinance. We encourage all pet owners to use a leash while walking their pets.



## The Honorable Mayor Billy Wilson

As you already know, it has been a extremely hot and dry summer, we ask that you please continue to pray for rain and cooler weather. I would like to thank the citizens of Van for your cooperation in volunteering to conserving water. Because of your sacrifice and kindness we have not had to make mandatory cut backs. During this extreme heat, we did have our number 3 well go down, but we had it repaired and it is back online and working just fine.

I would like to thank the wonderful people at the Van Chamber of Commerce for the dinner that they served the City Council, it was great.

I would like to inform everyone of a couple of fun, upcoming events. On September 24, 2011, we will be hosting the Annual Car show from 8am until 2 pm. And on October 8, 2011 we will be hosting the annual Van Oil festival from 10am until 6 pm. We will have road closures for both these events. For the car show, the roads will be closed from 8am till 2pm from the 4-way stop at Main Street to Walnut. For the Oil Festival, the roads will be closed from 10am till 6pm. We hope to see everyone there for these exciting events.

## Dept. of Public Works

I want to thank everyone for their cooperation during this extended dry spell we are going through. Our water usage is down some from normal pumping amounts and this has helped ease the strain on our water wells. We will all need to continue to conserve water until this drought is broken with substantial rainfall. Thank you for your help. Our next city clean up date has yet to be set, but will be later this fall. Final details will come at a later date.



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## Community Calendar

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- \* September 24, 2011  
Annual Car Show
- \* October 4, 2011  
Van Night out
- \* October 6, 2011  
City Council meeting
- \* October 8, 2011  
Annual Van Oil Festival
- \* November 10, 2011  
City Council Meeting
- \* December 8, 2011  
City Council Meeting

**Keeping you informed**

# City of Van Quarterly Newsletter

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