



JANUARY 2023

UPDATE

NEWSLETTER

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2022 was a busy year for Community Development. Building Inspector David Pilcher retired after 30 years of service to the City of Vernon. Chase Craighead was hired as the new building inspector in March. Projects permitted in 2022 include a new elementary school, a senior living center, Scooter's Coffee and a new Edward Jones location. A contract was signed with iWorQ Systems for code enforcement and building permits to be managed online in 2023.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works successfully began the replacement of an 11.5 mile water line coming in to town at the end of 2022. This project will continue through 2023. The City of Vernon was able to fund \$12 Million of this project through a Texas Water Development Board "Swift" Loan and a \$3 Million Economic Development Administration Grant. They also completed 50% of an \$8 Million Rehabilitation project at the Waste Water Treatment Plant in 2022.

TOURISM & MAIN ST.

2022 was an exciting year for Tourism & Main Street between the beautification infrastructure projects and Bacon City USA event. The department is evaluating data and developing a marketing plan that will include capitalizing on the title of Bacon City and highlight all of Vernon's strengths.



VERNON POLICE DEPT.

The Vernon Police Department is excited to have Wayne Hodges as the new Vernon Chief of Police and Levi Edmonds as the newly promoted Captain. Between these two gentlemen, they have 40 years of experience with the department and both are Vernon natives. Captain Hodges stated that their immediate goal for the year is to fill vacancies within the department. He would also like to continue to improve on the community policing efforts, ensure all officers have updated training and make some technology improvements.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The City of Vernon is excited to present the first of many monthly newsletters to you in your water bill. Our water bills go out to citizens in three cycles, so citizens will receive this newsletter at various times throughout the month. As Mayor, I want all of our citizens to be informed and know our staff is working hard to serve you. In each newsletter, you will find a brief highlight of information from each department, as well as, a short feature article.

This month, I want to share how proud I am of our City staff and their departmental accomplishments. As you can see from their department highlights, they were busy in 2022. We celebrated the promotion of dedicated employees within departments, had an amazing celebration for Wright Brand Bacon's 100th Anniversary, completed and started infrastructure projects that will truly make an impact on Vernon for years to come and assisted with the development of new businesses and housing growth in our community. There were many points throughout the year where our staff experienced the emotional toll of these projects, but their hard work and determination paid off.

In the coming year, our staff will continue to serve you through their department responsibilities and push to completion many large projects that have already started. It is truly a pleasure to serve as your Mayor. I am excited to see what 2023 holds for the City of Vernon!

Happy New Year,

Mayor Pam Gosline

VERNON FIRE DEPT.

The Vernon Fire Department had a year to remember. Our team was faced with a train derailment, numerous large grass fires and many EMS calls that truly showed the competence of our department. We look forward to 2023 with the team we have in place. We ask that this winter as you use your fireplace you make sure your chimney is clean & free of built up soot. When using your outdoor firepit or grill, check the surroundings & keep a grate on top. Finally, when using a heat lamp for your outdoor pets, keep the pet house away from your house & make sure your pet has a way to get out if it were to start fire. Thank you for never leaving fires unattended and supporting our local fire department.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 9 Main Street Board Meeting
- 13 Vernon Lion Basketball 6 & 7:30
- 15- 17 Willbarger County Livestock Show
- 16 City Hall Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 17 Tourism Board Meeting 12:00pm
Vernon Lion Basketball 6 & 7:30
- 19 Vernon Chamber of Commerce Banquet
- 24 Vernon Lion Basketball 6 & 7:30
City Commission Meeting
- 28 VC Chaps Baseball 12:00pm
- 31 VC Lady Chaps Softball 1 & 3
Vernon Lion Basketball 6 & 7:30

FEBRUARY

- 2 VC Lady Chaps Softball 1 & 3
- 6 VC Lady Chaps Softball 1 & 3
Main Street Board Meeting
- 8 VC Lady Chaps Softball 1 & 3
- 10 VC Chaps Baseball 12 & 2:30
- 11 VC Chaps Baseball 12 & 2:30
Valentines Event Downtown
- 14 Vernon Lion Basketball 7:30
- 15 VC Lady Chaps Softball 1 & 3
- 16 VC Chaps Baseball 12 & 3
- 20 City Hall Closed - President's Day
VC Lady Chaps Softball 1 & 3
- 21 Tourism Board Meeting
- 22 VC Lady Chaps Softball 1 & 3
- 24 VC Chaps Baseball 1 & 3
- 25 VC Chaps Baseball 1 & 3
- 28 City Commission Meeting



UPDATED CALENDAR

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