

# ACE NEWS

AMARILLO CITY EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER



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## Summer Activities



**Tuesday Nights**  
**June 5—August 21**  
**7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**  
**Sam Houston Park**  
**Western & Line**  
 No Charge



### Center City of Amarillo

#### High Noon on the Square

at the Historical Courthouse Square Potter County at Fifth Avenue and Taylor Street on Wednesdays

**June 6— July 25**

11:45 am to 1 pm

No charge but lunch can be purchased for \$6

### Wednesday Fourth of July City Holiday



*"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawnmower is broken."*

James Dent

**Swimming Pools**

Southeast Park  
Southwest Park  
Thompson Park

**Splash Pads**

Visit the splash pads every park is a little different

### Farmer's Market

15th & Pecos  
 July-October  
 Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday  
 7:00am until sold out



### City Parks

Golf  
Swim Lessons  
Pool Parties

Tennis  
Basketball  
Baseball

Amarillo Zoo



www.amarilloparks.org

New Park Guide now available

#### Special points of Interest:

- Teen Reading Program
- May Retirees



Check their website for the upcoming Summer events



# Amarillo Public Library's X-treme READ Teen Reading Program

Stacy Clopton Yates, Library Public Relations Coordinator



July marks the beginning of the Amarillo Public Library's Summer Reading Program for teens: X-treme READ! Readers ages 12-19 are eligible to participate in X-treme READ, which offers teens the chance to win prizes when they keep track of time spent reading and participate in cool summer activities at the Library. The theme for this year's X-treme READ is *Teen Scene Investigates: Realm of the Unknown* and all the activities invite teens to enjoy the dark and mysterious:

**A Supernatural Disappearance**  
**Thursday, July 12th 2:30-4:30 PM – North Branch Library (1500 NE 24th) 381-7931**  
 Local teens are disappearing almost out of thin air. Can your team solve the case using state of the art CSI-type lab equipment and techniques before you or your friends vanish too?

**A Secret Society Revealed**  
**Thursday, July 19th 2:30-4:30 PM – East Branch Library (2232 E 27th) 342-1579**  
 A high school paranormal group is convinced vampires and werewolves held a secret meeting in the library. Can you gather evidence to prove it, or is something else going on?

**The Alchemist Academy**  
**Thursday, July 26th 2:30-4:30 PM – Northwest Branch Library (6100 W 9th) 359-2035**  
 Ever wondered if you could make it in Professor Snape's Potions class? Team up to create a variety of edible elixirs and potions. A muggle-friendly event.

**Zombie Invasion**  
**Thursday, August 2nd 2:30-4:30 PM – Southwest Branch Library (6801 W 45th) 359-2094**  
 Choose your side: Team HAZMAT (Humans Against Zombie Multiplication And Threats) or

get infected and fight it out with water guns and zombie slime. Bring a change of clothes—this will be fun (and messy).

Teens who participate in X-treme READ can earn entries for prize drawings held each week and for one Grand Prize Drawing to be held on August 9. Readers earn one entry every week they read seven hours or more, and additional prize entries for each event they attend. Each weekly card with a minimum of 7 hours must be turned in before 5 PM on that Saturday to be counted in the weekly drawing. X-treme READ prizes include gift cards, books, and movie tickets, and one grand prize winner will receive a Next-Book® eReader from Hastings.

Teens can register for X-treme READ at any Amarillo Public Library beginning July 2. X-treme READ runs through August 4. For more information, call 378-6018.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Carmel Barnhill**  
Amarillo College, Library

**Jennifer Ledbetter**  
Amarillo College, Transit

**Aaron Lynch**  
Amarillo High School,  
Human Resources

**Troyce Wilson**  
West Texas A&M University  
(BBA), Library

**Sarah Greenlee**  
Bushland High School  
(Salutatorian), daughter of  
Jeff and Anna Greenlee, Fire

**Rachel Lusk**  
Randall High School,  
daughter of Marc and Denise  
Lusk, Fire

**Trey Hall**  
Panhandle High School,  
son of Wes and Natalie Hall,  
Fire

**Congratulations  
Graduates!**

## TAKE BACK THE WALL

Blair Harris, Management Analyst

**Amarillo Takes Back the Wall**  
 More than 80 volunteers spent a beautiful Saturday cleaning away the graffiti in our town.

Eight groups of volunteers dispersed throughout the City on May 19, armed with paint cans, brushes, pressure washers and the desire to improve our community. For several hours, they removed graffiti from walls, fences and dumpsters. By mid-afternoon, every

property owner that had requested the City's help removing graffiti had received it.

The volunteers did an amazing job of showing our community what a difference each of us can make. Graffiti sends a message that the community is no longer concerned with appearances, and can give residents the feeling that they are not safe. When you take back your wall, you take back your community. These volunteers did

just that. You can take control of your neighborhood by removing graffiti quickly when it occurs. Prompt removal reduces the chance of graffiti reappearing and helps maintain a safe, secure and clean environment.

Graffiti is not art. It is a crime punishable by jail time and/or fines. Report graffiti by calling 806-378-3041.



Right: Volunteers gather to remove graffiti



Left: Mayor Paul Harpole painting over graffiti



# CITY OF AMARILLO WATER CONSERVATION "BE WATER WISE"



The City of Amarillo presented water conservation at BusinessConnection held at the Amarillo Civic Center on May 10, 2012. The booth also featured a rainwater-harvesting barrel, along with water conservation information, games, and giveaways.



David Sanchez, Vicki Bradshaw, and Debbie McMurry

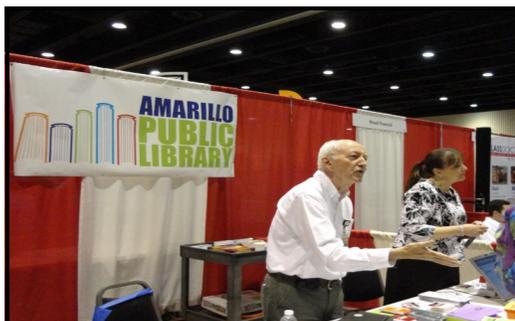


Maribel Martinez and Judith Weshinsky-Price

Also representing the City at BusinessConnection were AECC, Emergency Management, and the Library.



Utility Billing Department's Rainwater Harvesting Incentive Program encourages the use of rainwater as a supplement to municipal water to water gardens and lawns.



Don Gosson and Stacy Yates

## SUMMER POSTER CONTEST



Hey Kids! Want to **win a great prize, see your artwork in print, and be recognized by the Mayor and City Commission?**

Enter the EVERY DROP COUNTS Poster Contest!

Winners will be recognized at the July 3 Amarillo City Commission Meeting and have their artwork reproduced in an Every Drop Counts Calendar for 2013.

**General Rules:**

- The contest theme is "Every Drop Counts."
- The poster should be artistic, positive in approach, and focus on water conservation.

- Poster must be at least 11 x 8.5 inches, but not larger than 17 x 11 inches and must be in a landscape (horizontal) layout. (It reproduces better for the calendar.)
- Poster may be submitted on paper or poster board.
- Must be student's original artwork.
- No signatures on posters!
- No syndicated, copyrighted or clipart images.
- No computer aided or copy-machine poster entries.
- A completed entry form must be attached to the back upper right corner of each poster submitted.
- Reproducibility of the poster will be a factor in the judges' decisions, so use good lettering, bright and high contrast colors!
- Entries can be turned in at Amarillo City Hall or any Amarillo Public Library and must be received by **Noon on June 27, 2012.**

**Judging:**

A panel of judges will select the winning posters.

There will be winners in each age group school year 2012-2013:

- K through 2nd Grade
- 3rd through 5th Grade
- Middle School
- High School

Posters will be judged on:

- Quality of design
- Creativity and originality
- Content
- Reproducibility

**Prizes:**

- Pool Party for 10!**
- Admission to pools rest of the summer!**
- Lunch for you and 4 friends at the Amarillo Zoo!**

For more information call 806-378-3036.

# COMANCHE TRAIL GOLF COURSE OPERATIONS

CHARLIE SANCHEZ, SAFETY MANAGER

As early as 4:00 AM, one can hear the starting of the engines of the mowers at Comanche Trail Golf Course (G.C.). These mowers are headed out to begin their work shift which often takes them well into the hours after the sun sets. The only time the mowers are idle is when they come in to refuel or when it's lunch or break time.

Tim Kincaid, G.C. Superintendent, and Benny Krieg, Assistant G.C. Superintendent, oversee the day-to-day operations of keeping Comanche Trail G.C. open for daily play as well as for tournaments. Tim oversees the overall operations of the course maintenance which includes scheduling the workforce, coordinating golf course activities with Comanche Trail G.C. Professional, George Priolo, or any special instructions/course set-up.

Benny oversees the major portion of the more than 300 acres of the irrigation system. With an onsite weather station and Evapo-Transpiration Rate (E.T.) computer program, this system provides data as to how much moisture has evaporated during the day. With more than 2,800 sprinklers and input from the E.T., the system will adjust and open the valves to irrigate only enough water to compensate for evaporation. At times, this may be only as long as two-three minutes. Comanche Trail G.C. has four wells with another one scheduled to be in service the

fall of 2012. With the E.T. computer program, Comanche Trail G.C. follows

the City's Water Conservation Plan. If the same 300 acres that Comanche Trail G.C. irrigates were converted to residential use, it is estimated that



Charles Poindexter Greenskeeper II

same area would use more water than it is used currently to irrigate.

Comanche Trail G.C. is comprised of two 18-hole courses: the Tomahawk Course which opened in 1990 and the Arrowhead Course in 2000 along with two practice greens. All 38 greens are mowed seven days a week starting in April and continue

until November 1<sup>st</sup>. The fairways and roughs are mowed once a week.

With the exception of major overhaul on equipment, Comanche Trail G.C. maintains all of the equipment on site. This includes changing the oil, fixing flats, electrical components, hydraulic maintenance and a process called "back lapping" where the reel mower blades are spun backwards and back lapping grit compound is applied to square up the edges of the blades so the blades will cut the grass instead of ripping the blades. All of these repairs and general maintenance issues are handled at the maintenance shop.

With a combined 65 years experience of golf course maintenance, Tim and Benny have a staff of 10 that have a combined total of nearly 100 years of experience. The employees hold licenses from the Texas Department of Agriculture for Noncommercial Pesticide as well as Class A licenses from Golf Course Superintendent Association of America. There is a lot of work behind the scenes to keep Comanche Trail G.C. "Up to Par" for the golfing public.



## Benefits Wellness Employee Assistance Programs (EAP)

Cindy Reynolds, Benefits Administrator



You may have heard that the City offers its employees an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) but you are not real sure what that means. The following may help to clarify this extremely important benefit.

### What is it?

EAP's provide employees, *in a totally confidential manner*, the help they may need to cope with life's stresses and a variety of personal problems. The EAP can provide help with relationship problems, depression or anxiety, child care, legal difficulties, financial issues, alcohol and drug problems and other problems that may arise.

### How does the City's EAP work?

The City offers all employees three visits to the EAP at no cost. You can also be assured that no one will know you are visiting the EAP. The visits are billed by the EAP to the City without names or any other identifying information. If the EAP counselor determines that you need more sessions and you are on the City's Group Health Plan, he or she will refer you to an in-network mental health provider. At that time the charges will go through the Health Plan and process accordingly.

### How do I access the EAP?

The City offers two EAP providers. The telephone numbers and addresses are shown below. All you have to do is call the number of the provider you choose and schedule an appointment. You don't need to tell your supervisor or call the Benefits office. If you do, however, have questions or need the telephone number, feel free to call Benefits at extension 4235. Brochures are also available in the Benefits Office. You don't have to give your name or the reason for needing the information.

Professional Counseling and Biofeedback  
#12 Medical Drive  
356-0404  
Telephone is answered 24 hours a day

Panhandle Employee Assistance Program  
The Pavilion at Northwest Texas Hospital  
354-1810

# Annual Quarter Century Club Banquet

Faye Stover, Secretary, Quarter Century Club



The City of Amarillo's Quarter Century Club (QCC) held their annual meeting on June 4, 2012. The purpose of the QCC is to recognize and bring together, at least once each year, members who have a minimum of a quarter of a century of continuous service with the City of Amarillo. The QCC charter was signed in 1972 by then Mayor L. Ray Vahue and City Manager John Stiff. At the time the charter was signed, there were 70 charter members. Today the club has 561 members. Each new member is invited to the annual meeting and presented with a watch as a show of appreciation for their loyal service to the City of Amarillo and its citizens.

The QCC meeting was held in the Heritage Room of the Amarillo Civic Center with 375 members and guests attending. Reggie Jones, QCC President along with City Manager, Jarrett Atkinson, City Commissioners Lilia Escajeda and Brian Eades presented watches to the following as they were inducted into the Quarter Century Club: John Davis, Fire Operations; Deree Duke, Environmental Health; Tim Gallagher, Facilities; Juan Gonzalez, Engineering; Dewayne Huckaby, Fire Operations; Roy Kennedy, Park Maintenance; Don Killough, Wastewater Collection (retired); Carole Kroger, Fire Operations; Greg Mayes, Fire Operations; Joe Neely, Fire Operations; James Propst, Fire Operations; Zetta Riles, Library; Randy Ross, Water Distribution; Robert Sherrill, Fire Operations; Donna Smith, Information Technology; Richard Titus, Transit; Glenda Utsey-Banner, Police and Tom Weser, Solid Waste Collection.



Quarter Century Club members are invited to contribute a memorial gift in honor of deceased members. Memorials are donated to Friends of the Amarillo Public Library. This year's gift of \$250 was presented in memory of the following QCC members: Judy Dougherty, Communications; Kathleen Shepard, Street Department; James Malone, Solid Waste Department; Sidney Glasgow, Accounting; James Pat Christal, Public Works; James Harvey Miller, Fire Department; George Pace, James Burgdorf, Jimmy Davis, and E. N. Smith, all of the Police Department.



# WELCOME...

Name	Title	Department
Amanda E Cato	Communications Tech Assistant	Communications
Jesse Grisham	Custodian I	Custodial Services
Maryan Noor	Custodian I	Custodial Services
Jessica Fahnert	Administrative Assistant I	Library
Stephanie R Madrigal	Administrative Assistant I	Library
Micah N Heck	Utility Worker	Street
John D Lopez Jr	Utility Worker	Street
Keithran Hayes	Utility Worker	Street
Stephen M Martin	Utility Worker	Solid Waste Collection
Paul A Herron	Utility Worker	Solid Waste Collection
Ethen Armstrong	Animal Control Officer	Animal Control
Richard C Anderson	Plumbing Mechanical Chief	Building Safety
Johnny M Williams	Mechanic Apprentice	Transit Maintenance
Kim Killian	Athletic Supervisor	Athletic Administration
Michelle E Martinez	Administrative Technician	Home Administration
Zackary Kosechata	Utility Worker	Water Distribution
Lundy R Bates	Utility Worker	Water Distribution
Manuel Miranda II	Utility Worker	Water Distribution
James G Rivers	Utility Worker	Water Distribution
Ernest Martinez	Utility Worker	Wastewater Collection
Leroy Liendo	Utility Worker	Wastewater Collection
Christopher D Portwood	Utility Worker	Wastewater Collection
Anthony Brashers	Utility Worker	Wastewater Collection
Kizeria J Tillman	Utility Worker	Wastewater Collection
Cameron Johnson	Airport Police Officer	Airport Operations
Colton Carthel	Mechanic Apprentice	Municipal Garage Operations
Jose Villarreal	IT Analyst	IT Infrastructure & Support
Michelle Vasquez	Administrative Assistant-Hrly	Library
Marsha L Bazan	Administrative Assistant- Hrly	Library
Kathleen McKillip-Harstrom	Administrative Assistant-Hrly	Library
Caroline K Watanabe	Administrative Assistant-Hrly	Library
Tammy L Carter	Emergency Comms Specialist-Hrly	AECC
Maria C Jimenez	Data Entry Operator-Hrly	Municipal Court
Robert S Goodman	Utility Worker-Hrly	Solid Waste Collection
Jorge L Hernandez	Transfer Truck Driver-Hrly	Solid Waste Disposal
AD Williams	School Crossing Guard-Hrly	Traffic Administration
Matthew Clay Shamblin	Cart Attendant-Hrly	Ross Rogers

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Name	Title	Department
Brandy Pointer	Cart Attendant-Hrly	Ross Rogers
Coulter J Wiley	Cart Attendant-Hrly	Ross Rogers
Tyson I Stavenhagen	Utility Worker-Hrly	Ross Rogers
Jared T Wyrick	Utility Worker-Hrly	Comanche Trail
Tyler W Gano	Utility Worker-Hrly	Comanche Trail
Jeremy D Muns	Utility Worker-Hrly	Comanche Trail
Eric Olave	Utility Worker-Hrly	Parks Maintenance
Casey Skaggs	Utility Worker-Hrly	Parks Maintenance
Ryan S Flores	Utility Worker-Hrly	Parks Maintenance
Viviana Ruano-Castro	Utility Worker-Hrly	Parks Maintenance
Jennifer L Davis	Utility Worker-Hrly	Parks Maintenance
Skyler H Holman	Utility Worker-Hrly	Parks Maintenance
Drew K Taylor	Utility Worker-Hrly	Parks Maintenance
Sara Venable	Animal Attendant-Hrly	Zoo
Kara L Anderson	Utility Worker-Hrly	Zoo
Juan Vargas	Traffic Counter-Hrly	Urban Transport. Planning
Brian Burkett	Traffic Counter-Hrly	Urban Transport. Planning
Amy R Evans	Admin. Assistant-Hrly	Municipal Garage Operations



## Promotions/Transfers

Name	Title	Department	Title	Department
Ricardo Barrera	Communications Tech Assistant	Communications	Communications Tech I	Communications
Jose Olguin	Communications Tech I	Communications	Communications Tech II	Communications
Robert Moore	Building Mechanic III	Facilities	Facilities Coordinator I	Facilities
S Kirk Njus	Facilities Coordinator I	Facilities	Facilities Coordinator II	Facilities
Noah Vandagriff	Building Mechanic III	Facilities	Facilities Coordinator I	Facilities
Kaurie Jones	Admin Assistant-hourly	Library	Administrative Assistant I	Library
Vanessa Mireles	Admin Assistant-hourly	Library	Administrative Assistant I	Library
Tyler Ryder	Admin Assistant-hourly	Library	Administrative Assistant I	Library
Miguel Lozano	Admin Assistant-hourly	Municipal Court	Administrative Assist IV	Municipal Court
Calvin Banks	Utility Worker	Wastewater Collection	Equipment Operator I	Street
Paul Herron	Utility Worker-hourly	Solid Waste Collection	Utility Worker	Solid Waste Collection
Alex Sandoval	Utility Worker -hourly	Solid Waste Collection	Residential Equip Oper	Solid Waste Collection
Joey Donald	Environmental Compliance Tech.	Solid Waste Disposal	Assist. Landfill Supervisor	Solid Waste Disposal
Sarah Simms	Utility Worker-hourly	Solid Waste Disposal	Utility Worker	Solid Waste Disposal
Shawn Wood	Animal Control Officer I	Animal Control	Animal Control Officer II	Animal Control
Raul Zamora	Animal Control Officer I	Animal Control	Animal Control Officer II	Animal Control
Stephanie Baucom	Admin Assistant-hourly	Parks & Recreation	Administrative Assistant I	Parks & Recreation
Jake Haney	Park Technician I	Park Maintenance	Park Technician II	Park Maintenance
Jason Miller	Utility Worker	Park Maintenance	Park Technician II	Park Maintenance
Kevin Grooms	Mechanic II	Municipal Garage	Mechanic Foreperson II	Municipal Garage
John M Jasso	Utility Worker	Water Production	Utility Mainten. Mech I	Water Production
David Fuentes III	Utility Worker	Street	Utility Operator	Water Distribution
Nathan Garris	Utility Worker	Water Distribution	Utility Operator	Water Distribution
Lance Kirksey	Utility Worker	Wastewater Collection	Utility Maint. Mech Leader	Wastewater Collection
Patrick Owens	Utility Worker	Wastewater Collection	Lift Station Maint. Mech 1	Wastewater Collection
Wm Jack Bryan	Utility Maintenance Mechanic III	RRWWT Plant	Trtmt Plant Main. Foreperson	River Road WWT Plant
Kirk Paulhamus	Operations Control Supervisor	RRWWT Plant	Asst. WWT Supt.	Hollywood Rd WWT Plant
Mark McGee	Industrial Waste Inspector	Laboratory Administration	Environmental Technician	Laboratory Administration

## Employee Milestones

NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	YEARS
VILLARREAL EDWARD L	Events Manager	CIVIC CENTER OPERATIONS	5
NAYLOR BRENT	Fire Fighter	FIRE OPERATIONS	5
RAMON PEPPER	Fire Fighter	FIRE OPERATIONS	5
GAUNA STEVEN	Park Plumber I	PARK MAINTENANCE	5
SCHRIB GARY	Park Maintenance Mechanic II	PARK MAINTENANCE	5
BECKUM STEPHEN TODD	Police Officer	POLICE	5
CANTWELL DEVIN	Police Officer	POLICE	5
CORONADO II RUBEN	Police Officer	POLICE	5
HILTON JEB	Police Officer	POLICE	5
HUDDLESTON AARON	Police Officer	POLICE	5
LEAKE TRAVIS	Police Officer	POLICE	5
MORRISON MICHAEL	Police Officer	POLICE	5
ROPER II WILLIAM	Police Officer	POLICE	5
SMITH MARY C	Police Officer	POLICE	5
TREADWELL DANIEL	Police Officer	POLICE	5
VAUGHN ERIC A	Police Officer	POLICE	5
WELLING SCOTT	Police Officer	POLICE	5
WEST SHELDON	Police Officer	POLICE	5
BURKS WILLIAM D	Utility Worker	STREET DEPARTMENT	5
ZAVALA JR ARTURO	Equipment Operator I	STREET DEPARTMENT	5
BROWN BRIAN	Meter Service Representative	WATER DISTRIBUTION	5
DAHL SANDRA ROXANNE	Bailiff II	COURT SECURITY	10
SETTLE PHILLIP SCOTT	Treatment Plant Operator III	HOLLYWOOD ROAD WWT	10
ORTEGA SYLVIA	IT Technician	IT INFRASTRUCTURE & SUPPORT	10
CERVANTES JUAN	Residential Equipment Operator	SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	10
PEAVEY TAMMY	Police Data Administrator	CIVILIAN PERSONNEL	15
FIEL JOHN A	Route Supervisor	SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	20
BECKWITH JERRY DALE	Utility Maint. Mechanic I	WASTE WATER COLLECTION	30
FRIGO DEAN	Asst. City Mgr.-Financial Svcs.	CITY MANAGER	35
MOORE DONALD LEE	Sergeant	POLICE	35


  
**Congratulations**  
**May Retiree**  
  
 Richard Cunningham  
 Solid Waste Collection  
 9 years





## SAFETY CORNER

CHARLIE SANCHEZ, SAFETY MANAGER



The utility knife is a handy tool widely used in many applications and industries but improper use of these sharp blades can cause cuts and lacerations. This translates to lost time, decreased production, and higher medical costs.

The blade should be properly positioned in the handle before use and the blade fully retracted after use. Dull blades require increased force which, in turn, increases the risk of injury. A dull blade is one of the leading causes of injuries while using the utility knife. If the application allows, consider using a rounded tip blade. Advances in technology have significantly increased tool

safety. Newer models offer features such as self-retracting blades and ergonomic designs.

Personal protective equipment, such as safety glasses/goggles and cut-resistance hand gloves and arm sleeves, is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

By following these tips, we will reduce the potential of an injury while using a utility knife:

- Inspect the tool before use and pick the right tool for the job at hand
- Keep your non-cutting hand and other body parts out of the cutting path

• Always cut away from your body and away from other people

• Hold a knife by the handle with a firm grip. While cutting, don't ever press on the back of the blade

• Never use a utility knife to pry objects loose

Always return knives to their proper storage place when you are done using them. By following the manufacturer's instructions on use of the utility knife, we will greatly reduce our risks for an injury to occur.

## Earned Income Tax Credit

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## Life's a little easier with eitc

The Earned Income Tax Credit (or EITC) is a credit for people who do not earn high incomes. EITC can reduce your taxes and result in a refund. Meaning, workers keep more of what they earn.

To qualify, you must meet certain requirements and file a tax return, even if you do not owe any tax or are not required to file. Visit [www.eitc.irs.gov/](http://www.eitc.irs.gov/) to see if you qualify.

### Tax Year 2011 Income Limits and Range of EITC

	Number of Qualifying Children	For Single/Head of Household or Qualifying Widow(er), Income Must be Less Than	For Married Filing Jointly, Income Must be Less Than	Range of EITC
	<b>No Child</b>	\$13,660	\$18,740	\$2 to \$464
	<b>One Child</b>	\$36,052	\$41,132	\$9 to \$3,094
	<b>Two Children</b>	\$40,964	\$46,044	\$10 to \$5,112
	<b>Three or More Children</b>	\$43,998	\$49,078	\$11 to \$5,751

Send your comments,  
suggestions and ideas to:

City Secretary's Office  
City Hall  
509 Southeast 7th Avenue,  
Room 303  
Phone:  
(806) 378-3014  
Fax:  
(806) 378-9394  
Email:  
frances.hibbs@amarillo.gov  
We're on the Web!  
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www.amarillo.gov

Send us your email  
address to save on  
printing and postage

CITY OF AMARILLO  
P. O. Box 1971  
Amarillo, TX 79105-1971



## Parks & Rec Adult Leagues

Rod Tweet, Asst. Director Parks & Rec

Registration for the Fall Adult Softball League is underway. You may go to the Amarillo Parks and Recreation website at [amarilloparks.org](http://amarilloparks.org) and register a team or come by our office, located in City Hall, 509 S.E. 7<sup>th</sup>, Room 201. The deadline for registration is June 29, 2012. The season will begin July 20, 2012. If you have any questions, please call our office at 378-9301.

The Adult Softball Tournament Schedule will continue with the following remaining tournaments on the schedule.

State Tournament Warm-up (Men's C/D/E and Women's C/D) – July 21 & 22  
State Tournament (Class E) – August 3 & 4

End of the Summer Slam (Men's D and E teams / Women's D and E and Mixed C) – September 8 & 9.

Bud Light Fall Classic – Men's and Women's Open / Mixed C – October 13 & 14.

If you would like to enter your team in one of the above tournaments, please call 806-655-5555 and leave a message or e-mail [amarillosoftballtournaments@hotmail.com](mailto:amarillosoftballtournaments@hotmail.com)

We are currently registering for Adult Summer Basketball. This will be the first time we have attempted a summer league. All games will be played on Monday and Thursday evenings at THE COURTS OF AMARILLO. The season begins June 25, 2012.

The Fall Adult Volleyball registration will begin June 25, 2012. If you have any questions, please call our office at 378-9301. The season begins August 13, 2012.

Our Fall Adult Basketball registration will begin September 17, 2012. If you have any questions, please call our office at 378-9301. The season begins October 29, 2012.



## ACE ON THE SPOT–

### LARRY OFFERDAHL,

DIVISION DIRECTOR PARKS AND RECREATION

Larry Offerdahl, Division Director of the Parks & Recreation Department for the past 11 years will retire on June 30, 2012.

Larry has sought citizen input during his tenure with the City of Amarillo on their desire to improve the Parks and Recreation facilities and services.

Among his accomplishments:

- Just completed the Comprehensive Park Master Plan;

- Expanded the number and quality of the parks and leisure programs;

- Received public and private partnerships to enhance quality and scope of park programs;

- Secured matching grants (both state and federal);

- Developed an effective marketing plan designed to raise citizen support and encourage professional development of the entire Parks and Recreation staff.

*“Serving the citizens of Amarillo for the past 11 years has been a very rewarding, professional experience. It has been my honor to work with a very dedicated and capable Parks & Recreation staff. . . a special ‘Thank You’ is extended to everyone with the City of Amarillo and its citizens for supporting our efforts to improve the quality of the Amarillo Park System,”* says Offerdahl.



Larry Offerdahl

Join us in congratulating Larry as he faces those exciting days of pure leisure—long conversations, unhurried visits, uninterrupted rest. He deserves to enjoy life to its fullest and we wish him the best.

**Congratulations on  
your retirement!**