

A Message From the Mayor

July 2019

Summer fun activities continue:

- **Cuero's Staycation** program continues in July with free splashpad and pool day July 11; July 18 Arts and Crafts with Christi Fuchs at the Park Clubhouse at 10 AM; July 25th Movie Night at the Knoll: *How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World*.
- **Summer Reading Program and Summer Reading Fun continues** at the Cuero Public Library with programs about reptiles and critters throughout the summer on Wednesdays either at the library or at Cuero Park Clubhouse. Register for the summer reading program as you pick up a schedule of events at the Cuero Public Library, open 8:30-5:30 M-F and 9:30-noon Sat. Also available at www.cityofcuero.com/librarysummerreading program.

With the close of the 86th session of the Texas Legislature, the City of Cuero, and all Texas municipalities, rushed to be in compliance with new State laws regarding building permits and plumbing licenses. The Governor reversed the Legislature's mandate of abolishing the requirement for plumbers to be State licensed so that issue has been delayed for two years. But cities are rewriting their permit cost codes for new buildings and for renovations to older structures. Past State law allowed cities to issue permits and charge for those permits based on the dollar amount of new builds or improvements/renovations. As of May 21, 2019, the State mandates that the cities use square footage as the permit cost determination. Council will discuss and act on these requirements this summer at Council meetings. During the interim, permits are still required, but at no cost until new city codes are adopted.

Citizens who are remodeling or building new structures are strongly encouraged by members of the Building Dept to make sure their contractors get the appropriate permits for work. Citizens are also strongly encouraged to make sure that the contractors have the correct permits and have the appropriate inspections completed by the building dept representatives in order to be in compliance with city codes.

Anyone seeing dumping in dumpsters by unauthorized persons or on roadways

is strongly encouraged to contact City Hall Building Dept., 275-6114. Illegal dumping cases are becoming more numerous and we all need to be vigilant.

Citizens holding garage sales are encouraged to take unsold items to the appropriate resale shops in town or deposit inside the several collection dumpsters in town rather than depositing unsold items next to TDS dumpsters. Once again this helps to decrease the number of illegal dumping sites the City is finding in town.

Citizens are encouraged to keep their grass mowed and below the 12" height which triggers a code enforcement violation. Also it is a violation of code to blow grasses into the streets which causes problems in the drainage system as well as hazardous to bike and motorcycle riders. If citizens notice overgrown lots which need some TLC, please contact the City's Building Dept/Code Enforcement officer, 275-6114.