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City Election Results 2012

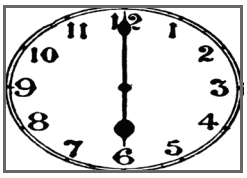
Municipal elections were held on April 17, 2012 for Callaway Mayor, Commissioner Ward III, and Commissioner Ward IV. Over 1400 voters turned out at the polls! On April 23, 2012, Judge Smiley conducted the swearing-in ceremony for new Mayor Bob Thompson, new Commissioner Ward III David Otano, and new Commissioner Ward IV Ralph L. Hollister.

The newly elected joined Commissioner Thomas Abbott and Commissioner Dennis DeLapp on April 24, 2012 for the regular meeting of the City Commission. Citizens can reach out to their elected officials by calling City Hall or sending an email. Email addresses for elected officials are available on the City website www.cityofcallaway.com.

We are here early and stay here late for your convenience.

We always have our citizens in mind and that is why our hours of operation are catered to fit in your busy schedule. Remember we are here to serve you.

City Hall, Utility Billing, 8AM—6PM, M-TH
Planning & Code Enforcement, 8AM-6PM, M-TH
Public Works—6AM—5PM, M-TH
Leisure Services, 7AM—4PM, M-F



Monthly Calendar

- Regular Commission Meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. Please call City Hall for confirmation of a specific meeting.
- Regular Planning Board Meetings are usually conducted on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. Please call the Planning Department for confirmation of a specific meeting.
- Meeting agendas are posted at City Hall, on our website, and provided to the local media by Thursday prior to each meeting.

ALL MEETINGS ARE PUBLIC AND HELD AT THE

ARTS & CONFERENCE CENTER, 500 CALLAWAY PARK WAY.

FOR COMMUNITY CENTER AND VETERAN'S PARK RESERVATIONS, CALL—874-0031.
FOR ARTS & CONFERENCE CENTER RESERVATIONS, CALL 874-0035.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS FOR CALLAWAY POLICE, FIRE, AND AMBULANCE—DIAL 911

Public Works: 871-1033
(Trash Pickup, Water , Sewer, or Street Maintenance)

USE THE SAME NUMBERS FOR DAYTIME AND EVENING HOURS

Animal Control (Bay County)	784-4005
Arts and Conference Center	874-0035
Building Inspections	874-9347
City Hall	871-6000
Code Enforcement	871-4672
Fire Dept. - Non-Emergency	871-5300
Leisure Services	874-0031
Planning Department	871-4672
Police BCSO Communications	874-8660
Utility Billing	871-6100

Public Works—6AM—5PM, M-TH
324 S Berthe Ave

Building Department—7:30AM—1PM, M-TH
324 S Berthe Ave

City Hall, Utility Billing, 7AM—6PM, M-TH
6601 E Highway 22

Planning & Code Enforcement,
8AM-6PM, M-TH,
6603 E Highway 22

Leisure Services, 7AM—4PM, M-F
504 Callaway Park Way

COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS & BUSINESS LISTINGS

On April 3, 2012, the City Commission conducted a workshop to update and revise Resolution #98-6, which set the policy regarding City News and Information Media Content. The Commission recognized the restrictiveness of the 1998 resolution and through a systematic review, they were able to provide staff with direction for revision. Staff prepared Resolution #12-11 and presented it to the City Commission at the April 10, 2012 regular meeting. The new resolution embraces and encourages economic development by allowing the City to announce special events, community activities, and providing a local business directory on the website.

The Commission hopes this change in policy will generate economic benefits, cultural and social benefits by instilling community pride, and bring people together at city facilities, parks, and businesses. The criteria for a community event announcement include:

- The community event should serve a public purpose of community-wide importance.
- The community event should be open to the public.
- The community event should promote and attract visitors to the City.
- The community event should provide an economic impact on the City.

Categories for local business listings and external links include, but are not limited to Callaway businesses, government agencies, hospitals, museums, libraries, historical associations, nearby military installations, public and private educational institutions, chamber of commerce, and the economic development alliance.

If you are a business owner, or agency representative that would like to have your information added to the directory, or if you would like the City to announce your community event on the City calendar, please contact City Hall at 850-871-6000.

~Jennifer M. Vigil, City Clerk

"As sure as the spring will follow the winter, prosperity and economic growth will follow recession." ~Bo Bennett

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!!!!

Spring has sprung and the grass and weeds will soon be growing rapidly. The appearance of a lawn, garden, shrubs or bushes that have been let go can diminish the entire property. Not only do these things look bad but they may also be a violation of the City's Nuisance Ordinance # 508 Sec 1,(g), (2) & (4) which states: The following acts are prohibited:

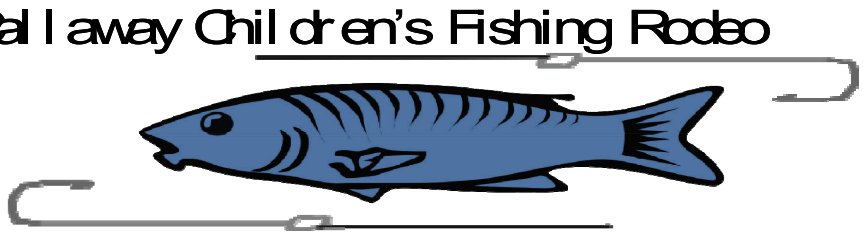
(2) Any excessive accumulation of untended growth of weeds, underbrush or other dead or living plant life upon an improved lot, tract or parcel of land, in the manner that such lot, tract or parcel of land shall or may become infested or inhabited with rodents, vermin or snakes, or may become a breeding place for mosquitoes, or threaten or endanger the public health and welfare, or may reasonably cause disease, or adversely affect and impair the economic welfare of the adjacent property.

(4) Any weeds which exceed one foot in height.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact our Code Enforcement Officer, Bill Frye at 871-4672.

Leisure Services Department News

CHILDREN'S FISHING RODEO 2012



The City of Callaway, along with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Fish Florida and Callaway Masonic Lodge 369, has **POSTPONED** the Free Fishing Rodeo for children 16 years old and under until September 8, 2012. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Where: Callaway Recreational Complex, 500 Callaway Park Way (off Hwy 22)

Date & Time: Saturday, September 8, 2012, 8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

Registration: Saturday, September 8, 2012 from 7:30 a.m.—8:00 a.m.

Community Announcement!!! **T.O.P.S. #709** Take Off Pounds Sensibly will meet at the Callaway Community Center every Thursday beginning May 10th from 6:00 p.m. until 7:15 p.m. Please contact Rena Bentley (850) 769-4024 or Louise Robinson (850) 769-4103 for more information.

FROM THE DESK OF LIEUTENANT MICHAEL BRANNING:

In recent weeks there has been an increase of burglaries and thefts within our city. Several suspects have been identified in some of these incidents and placed under arrest. We need help from the citizens. If you see something that looks unusual, out of the ordinary, or if you see someone acting suspicious in your neighborhood - try to get a good description of the subject (s) and call the Sheriff's Office (747-4700). Here are some tips to help safeguard your property.

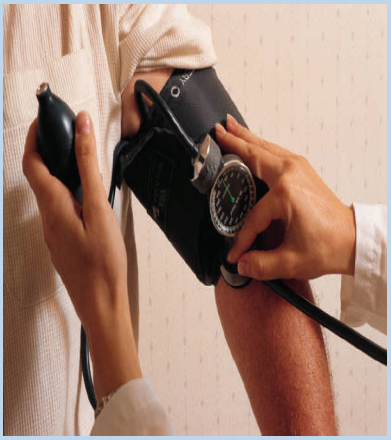
- Neighbors keep a watch on each other's residence.
- When leaving the house make sure your windows and doors are secure and if you have a garage, make sure the door is down.
- Don't leave bikes in the front yard or in plain sight. Bike thieves target houses where they can easily grab the bike and run.
- Make sure your vehicles are locked.
- Don't leave valuable items laying in vehicle in plain sight.

If we work together and remember these simple steps, we may decrease the chance of you or your neighbor becoming a victim.

Callaway Activity Report - March 2012	
Calls for Service	1,075
Arrests (Felony)	29
Arrests (Misdemeanors)	40
DUI Arrests	3
Citations (Criminal)	23
Citations (Infractions)	13

Callaway Fire Department

Blood Pressure Checks



Do you know what your blood pressure is? Why it's important to find out? High blood pressure is often called an invisible disease because it has no visible symptoms; however, high blood pressure poses a serious health risk because it forces your heart to work extra hard. If you suffer from high blood pressure your blood vessels could be damaged with each beat of your heart, and it can lead to a stroke or a heart attack.

Callaway Firefighters conduct free blood pressure checks daily from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm at the Callaway Fire Dept 252 N. Star Ave unless they are on a fire call. The firefighters will provide you with a card to record your blood pressure. If your blood pressure is high over a few visits, please see your doctor. High blood pressure can be treated through changes to your lifestyle or through medication.

DISPOSE OF OIL PROPERLY

The City of Callaway Ordinance # 873 regulates stormwater and illicit discharge. The ordinance prohibits the intentional release of pollutants into a stormwater drainage system or waterway. The purpose of the program is to minimize the discharge of pollutants into our waterways and protect the quality of our streams, lakes, and Bay. An illicit discharge is any discharge to a storm drainage system or waterway that is not composed entirely of stormwater. Our stormwater facilities and waterways are not designed to accept or treat anything but stormwater. Non-stormwater materials such as residential wastewater or motor oil will damage the facilities and the environment.

Our local auto parts stores will accept oil for recycling during business hours. Please contact them for additional information on their policies.

If you have a question about whether an activity is an illicit discharge or if you would like to report a suspected illicit discharge, contact the Public Works Department at 850-871-1033.

" Nature is painting for us, day after day, pictures of infinite beauty." ~ John Ruskin