



APRIL 2025

ISSUE #2

WELCOME TO THE TOWN OF RANSOM CANYON NEWSLETTER!

Communications For Residents

NEW....Ransom Canyon City Hall Monthly Email Newsletter

NEW City Website

<https://www.townofransomcanyon.gov>

Ransom Canyon City Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/townofransomcanyon/>

Police Dept. Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/RansomCanyonPD>

Ransom Canyon Residents Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/RansomCanyonResidents>



The next City Council Meeting will be April 8th at 6:30pm at City Hall (24 Lee Kitchens Dr.).

Coffee & Conversation with the Mayor

April 10, 2025 at 10am at the Ranch House

Tea & Conversation with the Mayor

April 10, 2025 at 6pm at the Ranch House

Creating a defensible space around your home can be the key to protecting it from wildfires. The Town of Ransom Canyon Weed and Brush Management Program is governed by 6.03 "Property Maintenance, Sections 6.03.002-6.03.008. Property owners in Ransom Canyon are required to keep their properties clean and safe year-round. This responsibility is especially crucial during high-wind seasons to help safeguard our community. **To avoid citations for code violations, please ensure that weeds, brush, and grassy areas on your property are properly maintained.**

Important Emergency texts or emails-sign up ASAP!

Please remember to scan the QR code and register to receive emergency and community alerts directly to your phone via text and/or email.

If you need assistance with setting this up, please call James Hill at (806) 786-8513 and James will be more than happy to come to your residence and provide assistance.

Non-Emergency Number:(806) 829-2600

email: police@townofransomcanyon.org

IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE DIAL 911

[Click here for the Police Dept. website](#)

[Click here for the Police Dept. Facebook](#)





Ransom Canyon Volunteer Fire Dept. Volunteers Needed!

To better accommodate schedules, the department has moved its meetings to Monday evenings at 7pm. If you're interested in joining our Fire/EMS team, we encourage you to reach out. No prior experience is necessary-we provide training for those eager to serve our community. For more information or to get involved please contact us!

[Click here for the Fire Dept. website](#)

[Click here for the Fire Dept. Facebook](#)

Annual Firewise Canyon Clean-Up Day

Saturday April 12, 2025 (New date due to weather)

9am-12pm

Meet at the Pavilion (picnic tables) on the Island at 8:30am for breakfast burritos and assignments.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Help keep Ransom Canyon beautiful and fire-safe by joining our community clean-up effort.

How You Can Help:

Trash & Debris Cleanup-Volunteers will walk designated areas in the canyon to collect litter. Trash bags will be provided.

Tree & Brush Maintenance-Volunteers are needed to trim trees, remove brush, and rake public areas.

Large Item Pick-Up-PLEASE CALL OR TEXT 806-789-4881

City staff will collect large items left at the curb for residents who call or text 806-789-4881 by April 10.

Accepted Items: tree limbs, bushes, furniture, appliances

Not accepted: hazardous waste (tires, paint, chemicals), construction materials.

Please be mindful of city resources-multiple loads from a single residence will not be collected.

Additional roll-off dumpsters will be available around the canyon for extra disposal needs.

Community Appreciation:

All volunteers are invited to the Fire Dept. for hot dogs at noon!

Let's work together to keep Ransom Canyon safe and beautiful.



Utility Billing Change

New format will be a postcard instead of letter with an envelope. Be sure to cut out the perforated segment of your bill when you deliver or mail to City Hall. Thank you!

The Town of Ransom Canyon will be holding an election for two new Aldermen At-Large on May 3, 2025.

Polls on that day will open from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Ransom Canyon City Hall. The dates for Early Voting are Monday, April 22, 2025 – April 25, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Ransom Canyon City Hall p.m. or the Early Voting locations listed on the city website under the Election tab. Early Voting in Ransom Canyon will be closed on Saturday, April 26, 2025, and Sunday, April 27, 2025. Polls will reopen on Monday, April 28, 2025 – Tuesday, April 29, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. These locations are also posted on the bulletin board outside of City Hall. This year, the Roosevelt Independent School District Election ballot will be separate from the Town of Ransom Canyon Aldermen At-Large (City Council) Election. Should you have any questions regarding the election, please do not hesitate to call Sheila Jennings, Assistant City Administrator/City Secretary at Ransom Canyon City Hall at (806) 829-2470.

Ransom Canyon Children's Library

SPAGHETTI



BINGO NIGHT

Join us for a fundraising family fun night,
enjoy a spaghetti meal and stay for bingo night with
great prizes.

Spaghetti Meal: donations

Bingo: \$1 per card per game

Children's card: (prizes differ) \$.50

SATURDAY
APRIL 12

5:00PM-7:30PM

RANCH HOUSE ON
THE ISLAND

if you would like to volunteer for this event
please contact Mary Roberts @ 972-704-5032.

RANSOM CANYON CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

EASTER

EGG HUNT & BUNNY

HUNT DIVIDED BY AGES



THURSDAY APRIL 10TH
BUNNY 5:30PM-6:00PM
HUNT 6:00PM

2,500 EGGS WILL BE HIDDEN

EASTER BUNNY [AT] LIBRARY
HUNT [AT] PARK

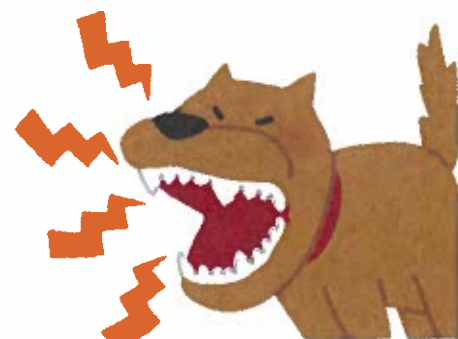


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Animals that cause "frequent or long-continued noise" disturbing "the comfort and repose of any person of ordinary sensibilities in the immediate vicinity" may earn their owners a **fine of up to \$2000**. Please see the Town of Ransom Canyon Code of Ordinances, Animal Nuisance Code, Section 2.01.003, and Penalties, Section 2.01.013. The Police Department cannot impound properly confined animals, but there is a process for dealing with noise complaints.

How to file a complaint:

- Call our Police Department at (806) 829-2600 and provide the following information:
- Address and description of animal.
- Time of incident.
- Other pertinent details.



Have you ever wondered how much our Volunteer Fire Dept. equipment costs?

TEXAS CITIES ASSIST WITH DISASTER RESPONSE AND RELIEF

Over the past several years, cities played a major role in disaster response, relief, and rebuilding efforts as various natural disasters hit Texas. According to the City of Houston, the City was responsible for \$500 million in the recovery effort after Hurricane Harvey. Houston rushed to repair vital infrastructure, dedicating countless resources to restoring necessary services to citizens. The City of Galveston, hard-hit by Hurricane Ike in 2008, expended \$500 million to repair and replace housing, city buildings, and utility infrastructure, not to mention millions more to repair roads and revitalize the business community. Even though the federal government ultimately reimbursed some of these expenditures, the ability of cities to react quickly and decisively during and after a natural disaster is an invaluable service. In 2013, the City of West responded to a fertilizer plant explosion that devastated its city. The City paid the price of emergency response in dollars and lost many of its volunteer firefighters, one of whom was the city secretary. Disasters like the West explosion can lead to legislation that seeks to impose additional mandates on cities but does not provide the necessary funding.

The COVID-19 pandemic also emphasized Texas cities' important role during public health emergencies. In response to the pandemic, city police departments were tasked with enforcing the governor's orders, including the mask mandate and business capacity limitations, as well as local orders like curfews. The costs for public health emergencies will continue to fall on cities because urban populations are often the most affected. *



Helmet and hood:
\$400

"PASS" alarm to monitor firefighter while deployed:
\$505

Self-contained breathing apparatus:
\$9,000

Firefighter radio:
\$5,400

Heat-reflective, fire-resistant coat:
\$2,200

Gloves:
\$100

Heat-reflective, fire-resistant pants:
\$1,700

Puncture-proof, heat-resistant boots:
\$500

Total: \$19,975

Median Salary for Police Officer and Firefighter
Police Patrol Officer: \$72,280 plus benefits annually
Firefighter: \$57,120 plus benefits annually

Source: United States Bureau of Labor Statistics,
Occupational Employment and Wages as of May 2023

STOP MOSQUITO DEVELOPMENT GET RID OF STANDING WATER!

Empty, remove, cover or turn upside down any receptacle that would hold water – particularly old bottles and tin cans. Change water and scrub vases holding flowers or cuttings twice each week – or grow cuttings in sand. Discard old tires or store them indoors. Screen rain barrels and openings to water tanks or cisterns. Repair leaky plumbing and outside faucets. Connect open waste-water drains to a sewage system, or construct separate sump or leach lines. Clean clogged roof gutters and drain flat roofs. Fill holes in trees with sand or mortar, or drain or spray them, as required. Stock ornamental ponds with mosquito fish.

MOSQUITOES develop only in water...

Water standing just a few days can produce a crop of mosquitoes!





Ransom Canyon Pickleball and Tennis Courts

All the nets, lights, and windscreens have been installed! There is a timer for the lights at night. Please turn off the lights when you are done playing.

Download the GroupMe App and contact Ronnie Hill (806) 789-7308 to chat with neighbors who want to meet up and play!

As we enter into the tornado season, we want to help promote this program with South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) since our Town is a member of SPAG, and it is a great opportunity for our residents to get a safe room for their home and only pay 50% of the costs involved in building it.

SPAG Regional Safe Room Rebate Program

**TORNADO
WARNING**



In order to help mitigate tornado risk, Texas has initiated the Residential Safe Room Rebate Program. Eligible counties in the SPAG Region included.

- ▶ Restricted to single-family or duplex units
- ▶ Provides a 50/50 (local/state) funding match
- ▶ The federal share threshold is \$3,000
- ▶ Participants are required to be owners of the real property

Call Us Today and
Let's Work Together!



806-762-8721



Regional@spag.org



Applications can be downloaded
online at:
<https://www.spag.org/safe-room-rebate-program-form/>

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