



# MELISSA MINUTE

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## City of Melissa Enters New Era with New City Hall Facility

The City of Melissa wants to thank all of you that came out and helped celebrate the Grand Opening and Dedication of the all new Melissa City Hall. Hundreds of residents and community leaders were on hand as Melissa Mayor Reed Greer and City Council members dedicated the new facility. The day began with visitors conducting self guided tours of the facility followed by the official dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony lead by Mayor Greer. Ceremonies included a flag presentation conducted by the Melissa Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts and a rousing rendition of the National An-



them given by Miss Alyssa Benton, Melissa High School Class of 2010. Additionally past City of Melissa Council members who were responsible for kicking off the construction of the City Hall joined the Mayor and the current Council for the ribbon cutting for the all new 40,000 square foot facility. The event then culminated with a balloon release!

For those of you who have yet to stop by and visit the City Hall, the facility combines city services that previously were spread out over four different locations.

The facility now houses the City's administrative services, utility billing, municipal court, development and neighborhood services which includes permits, code enforcement, and parks. The Melissa Police Department has also been moved into the new facility. There is a new state of the art council chamber, separate courtroom and an all new community room that is available to community groups and organizations to reserve. Please see the website for specifics on reserving the community room.

One of the most exciting aspects of the new City Hall is the inclusion of the Melissa Public Library. Make sure to come by for a visit and sign up for a library card. The new facility offers approximately three times the space as the old facility. "We are very excited about the new space and additional opportunities that it provides for serving the community." Said Mr. Little. "Since we have opened we have issued an additional 200 library cards and it has been great to see the community excited about the library."



### CITY COUNCIL

- Reed Greer, Mayor*
- Sharon Weideman, Mayor Pro Tem*
- Kim Youngblood, Place 1*
- Jill Fitch, Place 3*
- Bill Farmer, Place 4*
- Dan Trott, Place 5*

### MANAGEMENT TEAM

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- Linda Bannister,*  
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- Lorelei Perkins, Interim*  
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**City Hall Closures:** September 6, 2010 - Labor Day Holiday

## Melissa Public Library News



### Lift Off to Summer Reading!

Bring the family in and soar to new heights as they explore the wonders of reading! Join the Melissa Public Library as they “Lift Off to Summer Reading” for the 2010 Summer Reading Program.

To participate all you have to do is **read 10 books by August 23rd** and bring the list of books into the Library and you win a prize! Visit the City of Melissa

website to print off the form and get started today!

Story time will resume in mid-August, so watch for information on the City of Melissa website and the local newspaper. Please feel free to come see what YOU have in YOUR library.

### Ms. Jan’s Retirement and Welcome Lorelei Perkins!

Many of you who have visited the all new Melissa Public Library may have noticed the absence of a familiar face. Longtime City Librarian, Jan Clark officially retired from the City of Melissa after almost sixteen years of service. Mrs. Clark, affectionately known as Ms. Jan to library patrons over the years had been a part of the Melissa Library since its inception. Under her direction, the Melissa Public Library grew to service almost 3500 library card holders. Among her accolades Ms. Jan was named the Northeast Texas Library System Library Director of the Year in 2001. “The City appreciates Jan’s long commitment to the Melissa Public Library and the citizens of Melissa.” Stated Jason Little, City Administrator. “It is because her hard work and dedication that the Melissa Public Library is where it is today. We wish her nothing but the best as she enjoys her well deserved retirement.”

With Ms. Jan’s retirement, the City has appointed Melissa resident Lorelei Perkins as the Interim Library Director. Mrs. Perkins comes to the City with 8 years of experience as an educator and librarian and holds a Master of Education with a Certificate in Library Science from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Please come by and say hello and welcome Mrs. Perkins!

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## NTMWD Addresses Summer Algal Bloom

It is that time of year again! NTMWD laboratory has seen an increase in the algal counts since the end of June. This often results in noticeable taste and/or odor changes. Please remember that algal blooms are a palatability issue and does not alter the quality of water, the water remains safe for use.



For more information of the change in taste and odor please visit the following links on the NTMWD website:

- **Taste and Odor (General)** - Includes a general fact sheet about taste and odor, a summer bloom information page, and a winter bloom information page. [www.ntmwd.com/taste\\_odor.html](http://www.ntmwd.com/taste_odor.html)
- **Ozonation** – Includes brief information about ozonation benefits and the NTMWD ozonation implementation plan at the Wylie Water Treatment Plants. [www.ntmwd.com/ozonation.html](http://www.ntmwd.com/ozonation.html)

Should you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to e-mail NTMWD Public Relations Coordinator Denise Hickey at [dhickey@ntmwd.com](mailto:dhickey@ntmwd.com)

## City of Melissa is Looking for Volunteers!

We Need You! If you are interested in serving on one of the City’s Boards and Commissions, please submit an application and resume to the City Secretary’s Office at the City of Melissa, 3411 Barker Avenue, Melissa, TX 75454 or fax to 972-837-2452.



You can find the application by going to our website at [www.cityofmelissa.com](http://www.cityofmelissa.com) and click on City Boards then follow the link to the application form.

The City has current vacancies on the following boards:

- Planning and Zoning
- Library Advisory Board
- Board of Adjustment
- 4B Community and Economic Development Corporation

For more information, please call 972-838-2520.