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Melissa to Join Statewide Warrant Roundup

Melissa along with more than 200 other law enforcement jurisdictions throughout Texas, will participate once again in the "Great Texas Warrant Roundup" beginning Saturday, March 6, 2010. In this statewide effort, officers will arrest people with outstanding warrants pending before their respective Municipal Courts. Law enforcement agencies and cities throughout the state conduct roundups at different times throughout the year, focusing on violators with outstanding Class C misdemeanor warrants; most of which are traffic related. Those arrested will be taken before court judges for arraignment and disposition of their cases. Full payment or suitable arrangement for full payment will be due at that time. Other options may include a cash bond, a Magistrate Court appearance or attorney representation. Notices have been mailed to persons with warrants active against them along with personal contacts through phone calls. Officials noted that although the concentration is on Class C charges, higher charge warrants may also be served.

The City of Melissa urges you to act immediately, prior to the March 6th date in order to avoid arrest. For more information on how to pay citations and avoid arrest during the roundup, contact the Municipal Court by phone at (972) 838-2034, in person at 901 State Highway 121, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. You can also visit Municipal Court section of www.cityofmelissa.com for more information.



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Nixle is a service that allows you to receive trusted, **up-to-date neighborhood information for where you live, work, visit** – or for where your family and friends are located throughout the country. The service is at no cost to you. However, standard text messaging

rates apply. You choose the information you want, for the locations you want, from urgent public safety alerts to less time sensitive advisories and community information. You choose how you want to receive the information, whether it is over your cell phone by text message, by email, or over the web. You stay connected to what is happening in the communities and the locations that are relevant to you! Residents of Melissa can now take advantage of Nixle! Nixle is a community information service that alerts you to public safety threats and community events via web, e-mail, and cell phone. If you are interested in signing up for this service please visit www.cityofmelissa.com.

City Hall is located at:

901 State Highway 121
 Melissa, TX 75454-9501
 Call (972) 838-2338
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Keep an eye out in next month's water bill for a survey on the City of Melissa Public Library!

North Texas Poison Center: National Poison Prevention Week – March 10 -14, 2010

A Child Has Been Poisoned... You've gone into the bathroom to take some aspirin. After you remove the child resistant cap, the phone rings. You run to answer it and when you return to the bathroom minutes later, you discover your toddler standing on the toilet with the bottle of aspirin in his hand.



March 14-20, 2010, is National Poison Prevention Week. This week is observed annually to recognize the dangers of poisons and take measures to prevent exposures. It can take only seconds for a child to reach poisonous cleaners, cosmetics or medications possibly resulting in a lifetime of injury. In fact, nearly one million children are exposed to poisonous products yearly. Children under the age of five are particularly at risk for poisoning due to their stage of development. The primary reason for accidental poisonings is carelessness on the part of an adult. Improper storage of dangerous products and medicines simply begs for disaster. Not only does improper storage cause incidents, but also some 75% of poisonings in children occur when a product is in use or has just been used. Please remember that each parent, grandparent or guardian needs to poison proof his or her homes. Your efforts could be lifesaving. Child resistant packaging should be used on all medication, even if young children are not living in the home. One out of every five accidental childhood poisonings involves grandparents and their medication. Seniors often bring medication to the child's home in a purse or suitcase, giving a curious child easy access to it.

Poison Centers nationwide provide an invaluable health service when poisonings occur. By safely managing approximately 85% of poisoning exposures in the home, poison centers eliminate thousands of needless and costly emergency room visits. According to the American Association of Poison Control Centers, every \$1 spent on a poison center results in a \$4 to \$9 savings in overall health care costs. During National Poison Prevention Week, the Poison Center reminds you to take a moment to think of how you can make your home safer by poison-proofing your home.

Remember to keep the Poison Center's phone number posted next to your phone. For phone stickers, more information on poison-proofing your home or emergency poisoning assistance, **call your local Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222.** Assistance is available to you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week because children act fast... so do poisons.

Want to know what is happening at City Hall and around Melissa? www.cityofmelissa.com!

City Hall Closures:



April 2, 2010 - Good Friday
 May 31, 2010 - Memorial Day

Winter Weather Takes its toll: Update of Street Repairs

This year's heavy rain and on-again off-again freezing temperatures are taking a toll on the local roads of Melissa. Potholes are a common problem on the entire road system in Melissa and crews are working to address those problems as soon as possible. In general, winter patching, opposed to summer patching, is only temporary, which is why drivers continue to have problems, especially after rainy and wet periods we have experienced this winter. To compound the problem, asphalt plants do not make asphalt material in sub 40 degree weather, which tends to cause a rush from all entities needing asphalt material.



The City will be filling in potholes with some natural materials until a permanent surface can be replaced. The City also encourages you to report the problems you see on the local road system by either calling 972-837-2460 or reporting the issue through the City's street repair form at www.cityofmelissa.com.

City of Melissa General Election: May 8, 2010

The City of Melissa will hold a General Election on May 8, 2010 to elect three city council positions, Places 1, 3 and 5. Early voting by personal appearance begins on Monday, April 26. The polling locations for early voting are the Melissa Middle School Gymnasium at 2850 Cardinal Drive, Melissa, Texas and 2010 Redbud Blvd. #102, McKinney, Texas. For a complete election calendar and information visit http://www.co.collin.tx.us/elections/election_information/index.jsp.



2010 US Census – City of Melissa Needs You to Participate!

The 2010 Census is being conducted this year and it is very important that you answer the survey that will be mailed to your home. This year's Census questionnaire is one of the shortest in history with only 10 questions to complete.

It only takes 10 minutes and it's important!

