

RANSOM CANYON CITY NEWS

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City Council Business December 10th

- Annual Audit Approved
- Preparations underway for GASB 34 Compliance
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- Ransom supports Texas Plains Trail designation in museum effort.
- Library sports new fence
- West Lake Shore repairs scheduled for spring



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

“ The lamps are lit, The fires burn bright,
The house is full of love and light.”

Greetings of the season
With a wish for nothing less
Than all that fills your holidays with joy
and happiness.

Have the Happiest of Holidays
And Wonderful New Year
From
The Ransom Canyon City Staff.



CITY HALL HUSTLE AND BUSTLE

City Hall is a hub of activity from Thanksgiving through January, and there really is no better time to work in a tax office than when people come by to pay their taxes. Contrary to the popular stereotype, we find that Ransom Canyon owners really do take personal pride and satisfaction in this public act of citizenship. It makes people feel good to pay their taxes.

We get to see people that we never see during the rest of the year, so it's nice to visit

and catch up on family news. Even the mail brings good cheer in Christmas greetings from Hawaii, San Diego, Nashville, and the American Consulate in Liberia.

This year we were able to refund taxes to a WWII veteran who was recently awarded a disability determination. This determination carries with it a mandatory property tax exemption. This soldier suffered a concussion, and subsequently lost his hearing when he was injured

in the Luzon battle in the Philippine campaign. He was on a crew that operated a 155 mm Howitzer January 9, 1945, at Luzon beach . Lingayen airfield was captured soon after and on January 30, 1945 the American POW's in Luzon prison were freed. When this veteran wrote his check for the balance of his taxes, we all felt pride and respect for his service then and now.

Thank You!

HOLIDAY HOUSEKEEPING

When Christmas is done and the decorations are packed, remember to bring your Christmas tree to the collection site by the open-top container in the field east of City Hall.

These trees, along with branches and brushy debris, will be ground up in the new wood chipper, and will be recycled into ground cover material.

Caprock Waste will collect

garbage on the regular pick up days, Tuesday and Friday.

If you have an overflow of garbage, put it into heavy duty garbage bags and set it out beside your polycart, and the crews will pick it up along with the polycarts.



The mid-week holidays and the clean-up house-keeping that will probably follow will create extra volumes of trash for the trucks. If

the trucks don't get to your house on Tuesday or Friday, they will finish the scheduled pick-up on the following day.

Caprock tries to schedule our pick-up for a single day, but extra volumes of trash and other problems such as equipment breakdowns, absenteeism and injuries are constant challenges for this service company that contracts with Ransom Canyon.

We can help by keeping Christmas trees, grass clippings and brushy debris out of the dumpsters. Thanks for your cooperation.



RANSOM CANYON HOSTS SLATON UTILITY CREWS

The City of Slaton continues to be a good neighbor and friend to Ransom Canyon, especially when a sewer line needs to be cleaned out.

Problems seem to happen after-hours and on the weekend, but if it is at all possible, the crews from Slaton bring their machine and help.

In a gesture of thanks, Harold Needham and Bennie Garcia hosted twenty-two Slaton employees for a BBQ lunch Monday, December 16th. The lunch was held in the shop and was catered by Bigham's.

Everyone had a great time.



We're on the Web!
www.ci.ransom-canyon.tx.us

BANK DRAFT SERVICE AVAILABLE

Ransom Canyon offers a bank draft service for your convenience to pay your water bill.



A routine bill will be mailed to you at water billing time, around the 24th. The bill will state that your account will be drafted for the amount due. The bank drafts are processed on the fifth of the month following the bill.

About fifty customers presently take advantage of this convenience.

If you are using an on-line check writing service, remem-

ber that these items use the U.S. mail, and take 5-7 days to reach our office.

The 10% discount ends on the 20th. This service seems to work well when postal delivery time is planned.

Our delinquency rate is 10%, or \$4,000 + each month. We actively collect these city revenues, and we really do appreciate it when customers pay their bills on time!

