

RANSOM CANYON CITY NEWS

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Congratulations are extended to Harold and Laurie Needham who are the proud parents of a baby girl, Katy Lynn, who was born December 20th.

January City Council Meeting

- CD renewal rates low
- PEBSCO deferred compensation 2002 market setback
- Construction on South Lake Shore progresses
- New library books
- Police writing operations manual
- City considers credit card payment capability

SPAG AWARDS CITY \$23,600 FOR BRUSH CHIPPER

The Brush reduction recycle program is launched with the arrival of a new Vermeer BC 1000 XL brush chipper.

SPAG awarded Ransom Canyon \$23,600 to purchase the machine. This agreement is funded through the Municipal Solid Waste Disposal and Transportation Revenue Fee, which is managed by the TCEQ.

Councilman David Peterson represented Ransom Canyon in this grant application. David commented that Ransom Canyon will be shifting expense from loading and packing debris into open top containers, to handling and operating the chipper, in this effort to invest in the environment and be a good South Plains neighbor.

The chipper will recycle



debris back to the citizens to be used in flowerbeds, as ground cover, free to anyone. The city estimates this program will keep 142 tons of brushy debris out of the landfill.

The collection site for this material is by the dumpsters in the Northeast part of Ransom Canyon, near the back entrance. Signs will show where tree trimmings, shrubs and brush should be deposited. City crews will chip this material on a

weekly basis. Citizens are welcome to help themselves generously and often to the chipped product.

Grass clippings should also be brought to this location, where they will be processed by city crews. Grass clippings are wet, heavy and bulky, and should be kept out of the polycarts, and out of the solid waste stream.

ARCHIVE SEARCH NOW ON WEB SITE

Historic preservation got a boost this week when the city website sported a new custom archive search engine.

The City Archive scan program is nearly finished with the city ordinances, the lake committee project, and some

minutes, and will be moving on soon to the oldest minutes from the Yellowhouse Canyon Water District.

This asset is courtesy of the city web designer, Ron Gaddis. Some documents are very large, so a 5.8 mb pro-

gram called ShockWave is needed and can be downloaded free from the web.

The web page is updated regularly with agendas and approved public records.

FLOOD ZONE WOES

Waterfront property owners are adjusting to the news that they are now in a flood zone.

Some have received blunt letters from their mortgage companies advising them that they had 45 days to purchase insurance, or else the companies would purchase this insurance for them and escrow the expense.

One resident did appeal to FEMA, submitted a recent survey that showed the house to be 3 feet above the 100 year flood elevation, and FEMA exempted the house structure from the zone determination.



The price for flood insurance varies, and sharp comparison shopping is necessary in order to get the best deal. Many details are taken into consideration.

The new Flood maps can be seen at City Hall. The 100 year flood, also known as the base flood, is the flood that

has a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.

The Special Flood Hazard Area is the area subject to flooding by the 1% annual chance flood.

The base flood elevation of the lake is 2957.

Surveyors in Lubbock County are running three weeks behind due to the many requests for new property surveys that will prove up an exemption.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The South Lake Shore Drive lift station temporary by-pass is complete and is operational with the new pumps.

The "insides" of the old lift station have been removed and the new floor is being poured.

This lift station was constructed in 1973.

The walls of the lift station were made from Abilene brick laid endwise, and are in excellent condition, per Allen Doggett, the contractor.

Soon the lid will be placed on the station, and the site will be finished out. Doggett expects 2-3 weeks more for this work.

The sewer plant drying beds

are finished. The next step will be to plan for the actual construction of the walls, which should start before summer.

The 1973 South Lake Shore Lift Station walls were made from Abilene brick laid endwise.

BANK DRAFTING AVAILABLE

Ransom Canyon can draft your bank for payment of your water utility bill.

Draft customers receive a full bill stating that the bill will be paid by draft.

Drafts are processed on the fifth of each month.

Call City Hall for an authorization form, or for more information.

We are reprinting this article due to the numerous calls we

have received in response to the last reminder that Ransom Canyon does offer this service. This service will help avoid the US Mail delay that we observe even when bills are paid through an internet banking service. If you do use an internet bank, be sure to leave yourself plenty of time for mail, and take delayed holiday delivery into account. The bank draft has been a good solution for

many customers. Call for more information, 829-2470.

