

Pro Bono

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The calendar tells us that it's Fall however, the temperature says differently. This has been an interesting year weather wise, to say the least. We know that in a short time we will be enjoying some cooler days and really cool nights. We are in the midst of harvest time, so be cautious for farm trucks and equipment, as they are out in full force. Also, be alert for school children and school buses.

Code Officer- Bono has hired Trent Edwards as our full time Code Enforcement Officer. Trent is the Fire Chief for our city as well. He is working toward getting all the necessary licenses to be able to perform inspections for all of our buildings, as they are built. Trent will also be working toward making Bono a safer and cleaner place by enforcing things like grass and clean property ordinances. He will be working with the power of a comprehensive ordinance, which was passed recently by a unanimous vote of the Bono City Council. The ordinance covers everything from grass height requirements to animal and pet issues. A copy of that ordinance is available at the Bono City Hall.

Bono Legacy Park- The new park is still in the works. We are sorry that it has taken so long however, the \$194,500.00 grant we received is full of red tape. We are taking bids at this time and should see some noticeable progress soon. There will be a paved ¼ mile walking track in the trees behind the Methodist Church. This will most likely be the first thing we see completed. The Craighead County Road Department will be helping us with the paving, and we are waiting for them to fit us into the schedule. Other attractions in the park will include, a baseball field, basketball court, a very deluxe playground, and a pavilion, as well as some covered individual picnic areas and grills.

Garbage Pickup Price Increase- A bit of unhappy news; Disposal Solutions, our contracted garbage pickup company has increased the price. Dumping fees have increased at the landfill several times. Everything costs more, and they are having to pass those increases on to us. We are lucky that the last increase we had from Disposal Solutions was in 2014. You will notice the garbage fee on your water bill. This will increase by \$1.49 per trash cart, per month. We are very sorry about this increase.

Senior Meals- On Monday and Friday each week, there are meals served at the Bono Senior Citizen's Center. They are supplied by St. Bernard's Senior Life Center in Jonesboro. The meals are very good and nutritious, and are \$3.00 each. Come out for the meal and fellowship, if you can. If you are shut-in and need a meal delivered, call City Hall by 10:00 A.M. on Monday or Friday and let them know.

Building and Growth- There will be a new sub-division starting soon behind the Pentecostal Church on College Street. This will be about 53 nicer homes, built by Brian Ford, and will be called East Hill sub-division. The old school property has been sold and will began development soon. This will be apartments, and although we have had some trouble with apartments in the past, we are trying to make some restrictions, which will help to minimize those problems in the future. We are still looking for a grocery store, but you will see some exciting new businesses opening soon.

Yours for a Better Bono

Danny C. Shaw-Mayor