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CITY OF JOSEPHINE

SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



FUTURE EVENTS

City Hall is closed for Labor Day September 1st
City Council is September 8th @ 6 p.m.
Planning and Zoning is September 18th @ 6 p.m.
City Wide Clean Up is September 27th @ 7:30 a.m.
National Night Out is October 7th @ 6 p.m.



Josephine YouTube Channel

All video recordings of all city meetings will be uploaded to our YouTube channel. City meetings will be livestreamed, they will remain available for public access. This ensures that all residents have the opportunity to stay updated on city discussions and decisions at their convenience.

YouTube Channel is @CityofJosephine



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JOSEPHINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Save the Date!

Join us for National Night Out on Tuesday, October 7, 2025! Come out and meet your Josephine Police Department staff, connect with neighbors, and enjoy a night of community fun. The event is at the Josephine Park starting at 6 p.m.

Successful Back-to-School Bash!

The Josephine Police Department proudly handed out 300 backpacks filled with school supplies to local students. Thank you to everyone who came out and made this event a success—we're wishing all our students a safe and wonderful school year ahead!



**JOIN
NOW**

The Josephine Police Department is currently accepting applications for a full-time officer position. Certified officers who are looking to be part of a community-oriented police department with a friendly working atmosphere, as well as work in a small but growing rural community, are encouraged to complete a Personal History Statement.



JOSEPHINE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

 City Splash Closing for the Season
The City Splash will close for the season on Monday, September 1st. Thank you to everyone who joined us this summer—we look forward to seeing you back next year! 



Did you know? You can easily report issues like abandoned vehicles, damaged light poles, or potholes right through the City App—help us keep Josephine safe and beautiful!



GENERAL INFORMATION FUTURE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING



**LOCATION: 120 W. COOK ST.
EXPECTED COMPLETION: NOVEMBER 2025**

**THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING IS ONLY A FEW MONTHS AWAY FROM BEING
FULLY COMPLETE! CHECK OUT THIS PHOTO FROM EARLY AUGUST TO SEE THE
PROGRESS — WE'RE GETTING CLOSE!**

**WE'LL ANNOUNCE A GRAND OPENING EVENT WHERE EVERYONE IS INVITED TO
COME OUT, TOUR THE BUILDING, AND CELEBRATE THIS EXCITING MILESTONE
WITH US. STAY TUNED FOR MORE UPDATES!**



GENERAL INFORMATION

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

JASON BAXTER



Officer Baxter is a seasoned law enforcement professional with over 21 years of experience. He holds a Master Texas Peace Officer License along with numerous TCOLE specialty certifications and licenses. Throughout his distinguished career, Officer Baxter has served in a variety of roles, including Patrol, Juvenile Investigations, SWAT, School Resource Officer (SRO), and the Traffic Division as a Motor Officer.

His educational background includes studies at Texas A&M University and East Texas Baptist University, where he was a collegiate baseball player. He further enhanced his law enforcement expertise at the University of North Florida's Institute of Police Technology and Management, where he earned national certification in Accident Reconstruction. In early 2023, Officer Baxter returned to the North Texas area and joined the Josephine Police Department. Since joining the department, he has taken on key responsibilities as a Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer (FTO), and Accident Reconstructionist. Outside of his professional duties, Officer Baxter enjoys spending time outdoors hunting, fishing, kayaking, and riding motorcycles with his wife. He credits his career and life's blessings to God and proudly lives as a man of faith.

CITY OF JOSEPHINE JOB POSTING

**JOIN
NOW**

We encourage you to visit the City of Josephine's Human Resources page for current job postings. Even if there are no current openings you may sign up to receive notifications for future job opportunities. Stay informed and be ready for the next opportunity to join our team!

MEET OUR NEW FIRE CHIEF

CHIEF JOSEPH FLORENTINO

Biography: Chief Joe Florentino, originally from Long Island, New York, began his fire service career in 1989 as a volunteer firefighter in Greenlawn, NY. After moving to Texas in 1992, he joined the Highland Village Fire Department, advancing to Assistant Chief. He later served with the Denton County Fire Marshal's Office, rising to Assistant Fire Marshal, before being appointed Fire Chief for the Town of Little Elm in 2005. In 2015, he was promoted to Director of Public Safety, overseeing police, fire, and emergency management operations.

Chief Florentino has held leadership roles with the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Texas Fire Chiefs Association, and Denton County Fire Chiefs Association, and served as Texas State Coordinator for the Texas Intrastate Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS). His certifications include Firefighter, Arson Investigator, Fire Inspector, Fire Service Instructor, HAZMAT Technician, and Peace Officer. He is also a Certified Public Manager, Fire Service Chief Executive Officer (TEEX), and Certified Fire Executive (TFCA).

He earned his Bachelor's degree in Communications from the State University of New York at New Paltz and is a former K-9 Arson Investigator, serving North Texas alongside his partner, Dallas, from 2000–2007. Married for 30 years, Chief Florentino and his wife have a son and daughter in college.





A PROUD MILESTONE: MEET JOSEPHINE'S FIRST MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF!

We're beyond excited to unveil a monumental chapter in Josephine's firefighting history: the hiring of our very first
City Fire Department Chief!

This moment embodies our City Council's visionary step—through the February 2025 ordinance—to transition from a volunteer-run structure into a fully operational municipal fire department, enhancing our emergency response with certified leadership and robust infrastructure.

Why This Moment Means So Much

This milestone doesn't replace the incredible legacy of volunteer leadership—especially the outgoing Volunteer Fire Chief who has faithfully served our community with outstanding dedication. Instead, it builds upon that foundation by adding professional structure alongside the heart and spirit of volunteer tradition.

- It marks the formal establishment of a City-run department, aligned with Texas Commission on Fire Protection standards.
- It represents a historic enhancement of how we deliver fire suppression, prevention, and emergency services—a story still written on the same page of community strength.

What's Next: Building Our Fire Department Together

Our new Fire Chief will begin on October 6, 2025, and while our fire station remains under construction, we will continue to rely on the unwavering dedication of our Volunteer Fire Department. Their ongoing commitment during this critical transition plays a vital role in keeping our community safe every day.

DID YOU KNOW ?

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City Meetings

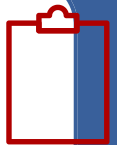
City Council Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month. Planning & Zoning Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Both meetings start at 6 p.m.



2

Annual Budget Adoption

Each year, the City adopts its budget in August/September, which guides how funds are spent for city services, projects, and community needs.



3

Master Fee Schedule

The City adopts the Master Fee Schedule around September, which sets rates for things like water, sewer, trash, public safety fees, and building permits. These usually go into effect October 1st.



4

Bulk Pick-Up

Every residents can place your bulk items at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your scheduled Wednesday and they'll be collected. This is a great way to get rid of those bigger household items.



5

Citizen Comments

During each city council meeting anyone can speak to council for up to 3 minutes. This is your chance to share thoughts, ask questions, or bring up ideas directly to your city leaders.





FREE

CITY WIDE CLEAN UP
SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

108 W. HUBBARD ST

ACROSS FROM THE VOLUNTEER FIRE STATION

7:30 AM - 12:00 PM

THIS IS FOR ALL JOSEPHINE
WATER & TRASH CUSTOMERS



NO BATTERIES

NO FREON

NO PAINT

NO TIRES - UNLESS CUT IN HALF

GENERAL INFORMATION

COMMUNITY CENTER

**NOW OPEN FOR
BOOKINGS!**

**WE WELCOME RESIDENTS,
ORGANIZATIONS, AND
NEIGHBORS TO UTILIZE THIS
SPACE FOR EVENTS, MEETINGS,
AND SPECIAL GATHERINGS.**

CALL 972-843-8282 TO
BOOK NOW!



404 MAIN ST. JOSEPHINE TX, 75173

RENTAL HOURS | 7:00 AM - 11:00 PM

COMMUNITY CENTER OPEN TO RESIDENTS

Join us every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 AM – 2 PM at the Community Center! Whether you're looking for a cozy spot to enjoy some coffee, play card games, challenge a neighbor to Jumbo Connect Four, or just catch up with friends – this is your space to relax and connect. 🍰 🎲 🎮
We kindly ask that children under 14 are supervised by an adult.
Come celebrate community with us – we can't wait to see you!

COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL RATES

JOSEPHINE NON-PROFITS

12 FREE
EVENTS PER YEAR

Must submit a 501 (c) for proof of a non-profit. After 12 events a rental fee would be required.

\$150 DEPOSIT

JOSEPHINE UTILITY CUSTOMERS

\$50
PER 4 HOURS

Available to all customer who pay a Josephine Utility Bill.

\$150 DEPOSIT

NON-JOSEPHINE UTILITY CUSTOMERS

\$150
PER 4 HOURS

Available to others that do not pay a Josephine Utility Bill.

\$150 DEPOSIT

**THE DEPOSIT AND SIGNED POLICY IS REQUIRED TO SECURE
YOUR FUTURE EVENT.**

**THE KEYS AND RENTAL FEE IS REQUIRED TO BE PICKED UP 24
BUSINESS HOURS PRIOR TO EVENT.**



**TO CHECK AVAILABILITY AND BOOK THE COMMUNITY CENTER,
PLEASE CONTACT: 972-843-8282
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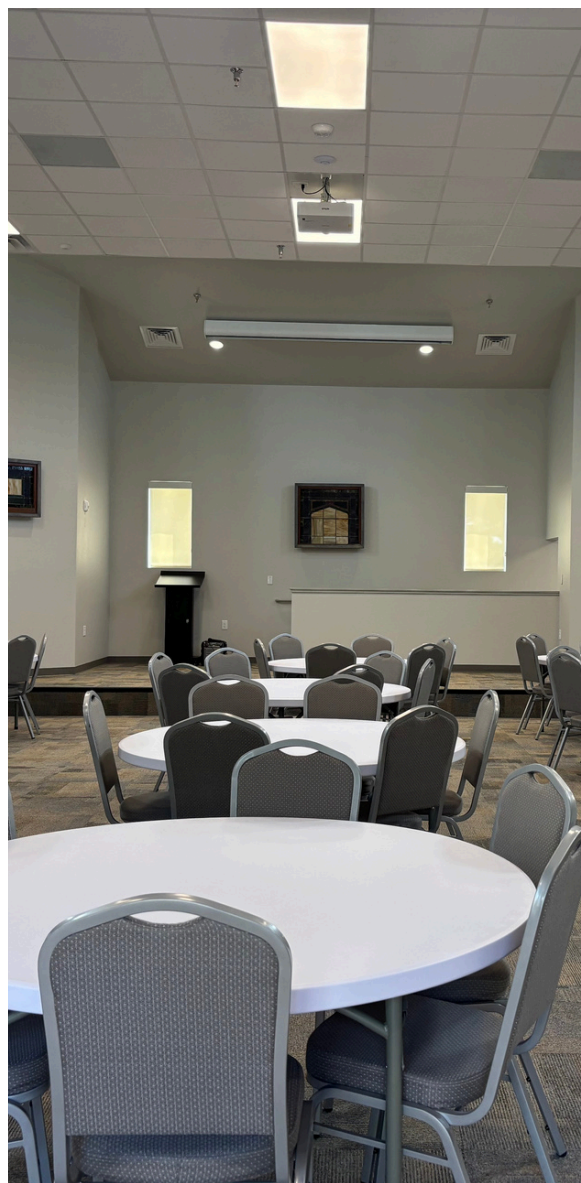
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OUR AMENITIES:

Warming Kitchen
Coffee airpots
Two TV's
Projector
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CAPACITY:
175 GUESTS
38 PARKING SPACES

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Watering Guidelines

Effective April 1 to October 31

Sunday & Wednesday

Residential properties with **odd**-numbered addresses (ending in 1,3,5,7,9)

Tuesday & Saturday

Residential properties with **even**-numbered addresses (ending in 2,4,6,8)

Monday & Thursday

Non-residential properties (business/HOA common areas)

Friday

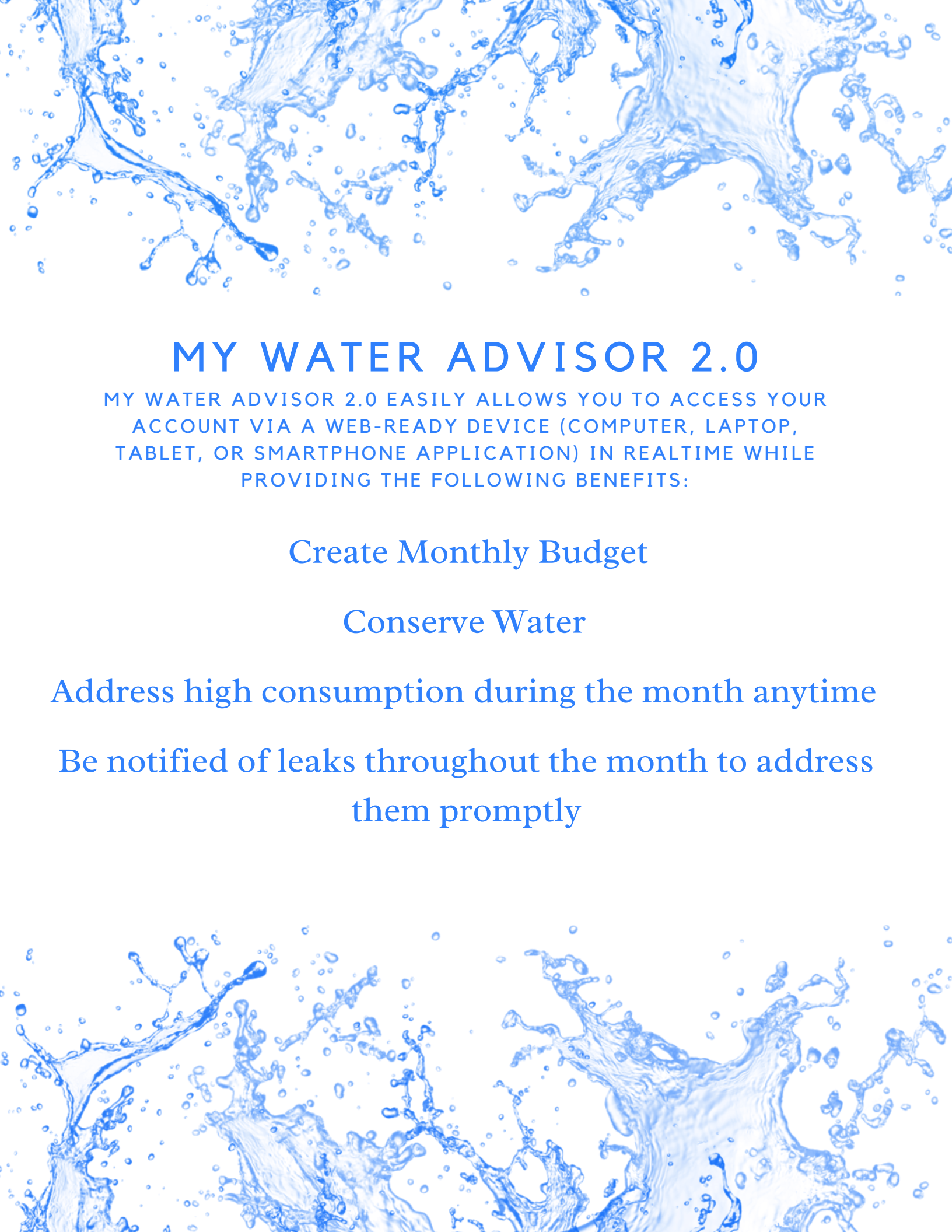
No residential or business watering unless exceptions apply

- ★ Landscape watering by automatic sprinklers is **prohibited between 10am and 6pm.**
- ★ Foundations and landscaping (shrubs, trees, etc.) may be watered for up to 2 hours **any day** by **hand-held hose or soaker hose only.**
- ★ Newly planted sod may be watered more than 2 times per week for up to 30 days, but no water runoff is permitted, and watering is prohibited between 10am and 6pm.
- ★ Adjust sprinklers to **avoid overwatering** and **excessive runoff.** Check your setting to make sure you are watering on your assigned day and in the cool of the morning or night.

Summer Water Conservation Starts with YOU!

Thank you for doing your part in
conserving water in North Texas.



A dynamic background featuring a large, energetic splash of water in various shades of blue, with many droplets and ripples, creating a sense of movement and freshness.

MY WATER ADVISOR 2.0

MY WATER ADVISOR 2.0 EASILY ALLOWS YOU TO ACCESS YOUR ACCOUNT VIA A WEB-READY DEVICE (COMPUTER, LAPTOP, TABLET, OR SMARTPHONE APPLICATION) IN REALTIME WHILE PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS:

Create Monthly Budget

Conserve Water

Address high consumption during the month anytime

Be notified of leaks throughout the month to address them promptly

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A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS WHO
DONATED FOR GAME NIGHT!
YOUR SUPPORT MAKES THIS EVENT POSSIBLE AND HELPS
BRING FUN, EXCITEMENT, AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT TO
EVERYONE WHO ATTENDS. WE TRULY APPRECIATE YOUR
DEDICATION TO MAKING THIS EVENING A SUCCESS!

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JOSEPHINE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE UPDATE

Josephine is currently receiving citizen and stakeholder input for the Unified Development Code to ensure it aligns with Josephine's objectives in zoning, land development and development standards.



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LEARN MORE!**

Take the survey:

<https://rchplanningkh.wixsite.com/josephineudc/engagement>

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