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CITY OF JOSEPHINE

OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



FUTURE EVENTS

National Night Out is October 7th @ 6 p.m.

City Hall will be closed October 13th for Columbus Day

City Council is October 14th @ 6 p.m.

Planning and Zoning is October 16th @ 6 p.m.

Election Day is November 4th



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

Join us for National Night Out!

📍 Josephine Park ⌚ 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Come meet your Josephine Police Department and Josephine Volunteer Fire Department.

Enjoy free popcorn , hotdogs , and live music .

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors for a fun evening of community and connection! 💙



**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

Sewer line replacement work is currently underway at Caddo and Milton Streets. The project is expected to be completed by the end of October.

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!



We are pleased to announce that construction is now in progress at both of our wastewater treatment plants. These essential upgrades are part of our continued commitment to improving infrastructure, enhancing service reliability, and meeting future community needs. We appreciate your patience and support as this important work moves forward.



GENERAL INFORMATION FUTURE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING



THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING IS ON TRACK TO BE COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER! THE BUILDING IS NEARLY READY TO WELCOME OUR PUBLIC SAFETY TEAM AND THE COMMUNITY.

WE'LL SOON ANNOUNCE A GRAND OPENING EVENT, WHERE EVERYONE IS INVITED TO TOUR THE BUILDING, MEET OUR TEAM, AND CELEBRATE THIS EXCITING MILESTONE WITH US. STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS—YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!



GENERAL INFORMATION



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT LANA KLEMCKE

Meet Lana Klemcke, our dedicated City Court Clerk! Lana has been an invaluable part of our team for 2 years, bringing enthusiasm, professionalism, and a warm smile to everyone she interacts with.

Lana was born and raised just outside Waco, in the charming town of Robinson, and made the move to North Texas two years ago with her fiancé.

She is a proud mother of two amazing young men and a loving caretaker of three spoiled fur babies, including a cat who's convinced she's a dog! After 23 years in the field of dentistry, Lana took a courageous leap into a new career in Municipal Justice, embracing the challenges and rewards of her role with passion and dedication. When she's not keeping our courts running smoothly, she loves being outdoors, football, cooking, and crafting. She often jokes that even a challenging day of fishing beats a regular workday—but don't let that fool you, she's passionate about her role at the city! She is eagerly anticipating becoming a first-time grandmother to a baby boy in February!

**JOIN
NOW**

CITY OF JOSEPHINE JOB POSTING

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.

Josephine National Night Out



**It's a Free
Event!**



- **Live DJ**
- **Free Popcorn**
- **Free Hot Dogs**

***Additional Food Truck vendors and vendors may be attending if you wish to personally purchase their items.**

Come out and have a true sense of unity in our community and get to see the progress of the NEW Public Safety Building. Plus, meet members of Police Department and Volunteer Fire Department!

**Tuesday
October 07**

**Josephine City Park
221 Main St. Josephine, TX 75173
From 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

Enjoy the evening filled with food, live music & games

For more information, please call City Hall 972-843-8282



JOSEPHINE RECOGNIZED FOR PLANNING EXCELLENCE

**OUT OF 1,255 MUNICIPALITIES
IN TEXAS, ONLY 49 RECEIVED
THIS HONOR**

RECOGNIZED BY THE
TEXAS CHAPTER OF THE
AMERICAN PLANNING
ASSOCIATION



2025 Richard R. Lillie, FAICP
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DID YOU KNOW ?

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City Meetings

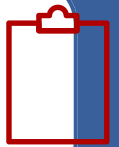
City Council Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month. Planning & Zoning Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Both meetings start at 6 p.m.



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Vendor Sign Up

If you would like to be a vendor for Christmas in the Park on December 13th, registration is now open! You may also sign up for e-mail announcements for future events.



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City Events

Josephine hosts several community events each year. Coming up, we'll be celebrating with our Christmas Tree Lighting & Christmas in the Park events this holiday season!



4

Angel Tree Applications

The Angel Tree program helps bring holiday joy to families in need. Applications will open in November—stay tuned for details on how to apply and participate!



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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.





CITY OF JOSEPHINE

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

A Sky Full of Lights, A Night Full of Memories

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

JOSEPHINE CITY PARK
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Bring your family, friends, and holiday spirit for a night full of joy, laughter, and memories in the heart of Josephine. This is a FREE Event.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Snow Hill
- Pictures with Santa
- Live Reindeer
- Petting Zoo
- Carnival Rides
- Vendors & Food Trucks
- Live Music
- DRONE SHOW

CALL 972.843.8282 FOR MORE INFO

We will also have a donations box for anyone wishing to contribute to the Angel Tree.



* Vendor Sign Up



Christmas in the Park



4:00 - 8:00 pm

Saturday **13** December

Payment of \$75 is required to secure
your 12 x 12 vendor spot

E-mail

jallgood@cityofjosephinetx.com
if you have any questions



**OCTOBER 2025
NEWSLETTER**



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!



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 ARE REQUIRED TO SECURE
YOUR FUTURE EVENT.**

**THE KEYS ARE REQUIRED TO BE PICKED UP 24 BUSINESS
HOURS PRIOR TO EVENT. THE RENTAL FEE CAN BE PAID AT
THE TIME YOU PICK UP YOUR KEYS.**



**TO CHECK AVAILABILITY AND BOOK THE COMMUNITY CENTER,
PLEASE CONTACT: 972-843-8282
RENTALS@CITYOFJOSEPHINETX.COM**

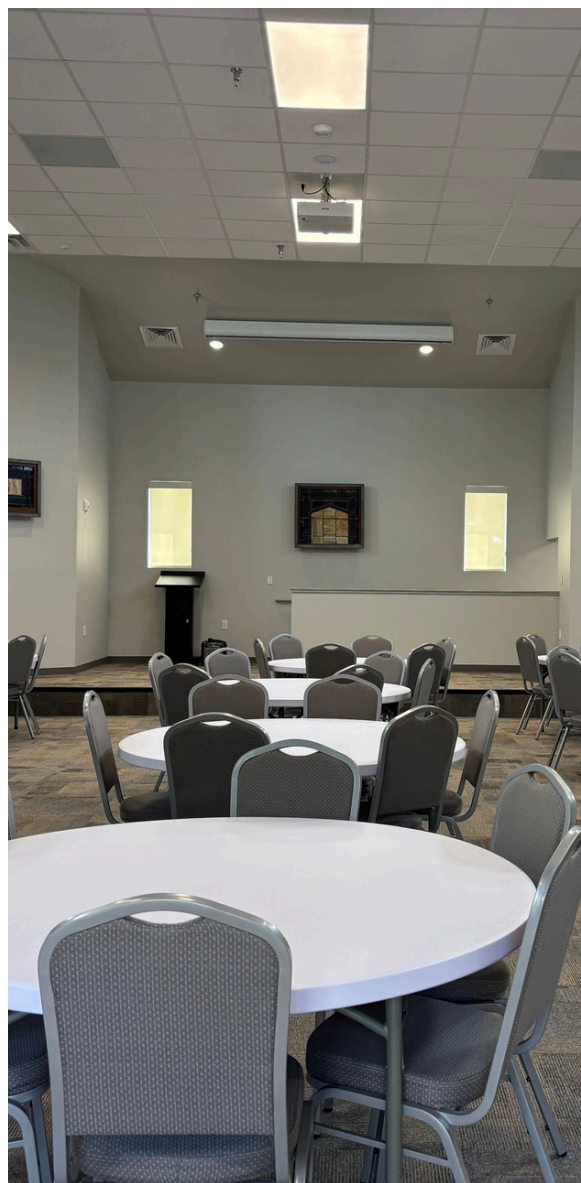
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Coffee airpots
Two TV's
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CAPACITY:
175 GUESTS
38 PARKING SPACES

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BOOK NOW!
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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

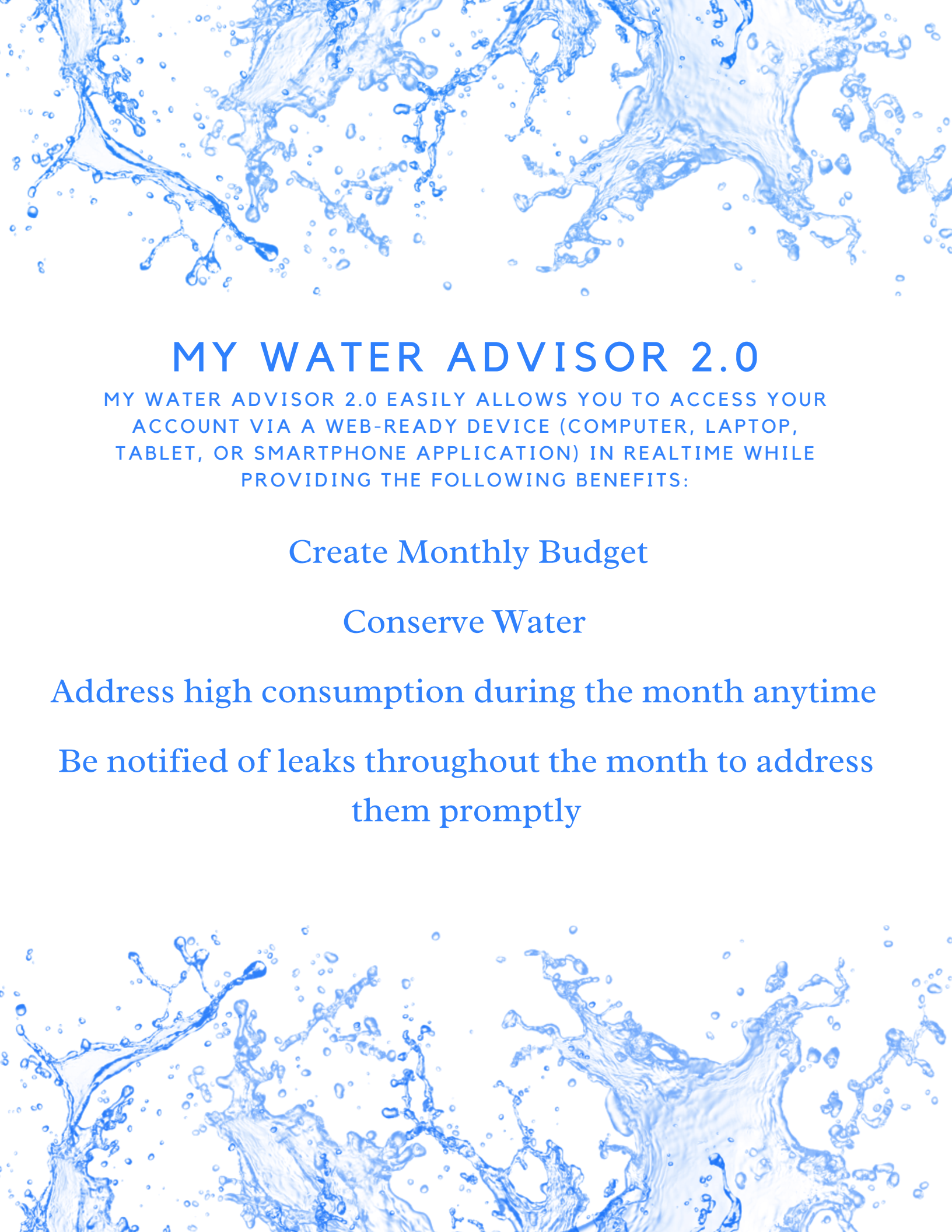
No residential or business watering unless exceptions apply

- ★ 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.



The background of the entire page is a dynamic, high-speed photograph of water splashing, creating intricate patterns of droplets and liquid trails in various shades of blue against a white background.

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

THANK YOU SPONSORS

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.



**SCAN ME TO
LEARN MORE!**

Take the survey:

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

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