

June 26, 2017

## Dear Citizens:

The Annual Corsicana Navarro County Clean-up Day got off to a rocky start this year. With a rainout on June 3 and June 7, June 17<sup>th</sup> was the first Saturday the Landfill could accept citizen's unwanted items. Due to the inclement weather and a community celebration, the Landfill was scheduled to accept trash on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Due to more inclement weather, the Landfill was unable to accept trash on Saturday but overall the clean-up was a success. This year represented a record year for cubic yards of waste received. On June 17<sup>th</sup>, there were **2,247 yards** processed through the gate compared to **1,400 yards** last year.

This clean-up represents the City's ongoing effort to promote 2017 as the year of **Community Pride**. Code compliance continues to be a big part of this effort. There were **3,614** code violations identified in the first five months of 2017. The staff completed **6,765** inspections. There were **294** citations issued. The City collected **\$2,720** for the cost of abatements and will file **\$77,761** in liens against properties for noncompliance.

Month	Notice Letters Sent	Tall Grass	Percentage of Tall Grass
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January	218	4	2%
February	628	191	30%
March	948	366	39%
April	912	448	49%
May	908	379	42%
TOTALS	3,614	1,388	38%

The substantial number of the code violations continues to be tall grass. It is a big expense for the City to mow vacant lots or abandoned properties. Owners of these lots are encouraged to keep the lots mowed. If the City is required to mow lots, the cost to the tax payers is significant. Please take a moment to stop and help make the community better by picking up trash, volunteering to mow for those who can't, and report code issues for the City to address.

Sincerely,

Don Denbow Mayor