



# City of Baytown Newsletter



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## Sterling Municipal Library

November  
Calendar of Events  
Closed Thanksgiving  
November 27, 28 & 29

### BABY TIME

Infants to 18 Months  
Monday, November 3, 10, 17, 24  
10:30 - 10:50 a.m.

### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

3 - 6 Years  
Tuesday, November 4, 11, 18, 25  
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

### SPANISH STORYTIME

18 Months & Older  
Wednesday, November 5, 12, 19, 26  
11:15 - 11:45 a.m.

### TODDLER TIME

18 - 36 Months  
Thursday, November 6, 13, 20  
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

### SPANISH COMPUTER CLASS

Monday, November 3, 10, 17, 24  
12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

### COMPUTER COMFORT CLASS

Tuesday, November 4  
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

### INTERNET I CLASS

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 19 - 6:30 p.m.

### INTERNET II CLASS

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 26 - 6:30 p.m.

### LITERACY CITIZENSHIP

Mock Interviews  
Thursday, Nov. 15, 10:30-12:30 p.m.

### SPANISH COMPUTER CLASS

Thursday, November 6, 13, 20  
6 - 7:30 p.m.

For more Information  
Call 281-427-7331  
www.sml.lib.tx.us



## Operation Blue Roof (1-888-766-3258)

- To qualify for BLUE ROOF services, damage to the roof must be less than 50% and the area to be covered must be structurally sound for a crew to work on.
- In order to have plastic sheeting placed on their roofs, homeowners must complete a right-of-entry form to allow government & contract employees on their property. Right of Entry (ROE) centers are staffed by Corps of Engineers employees. For the center location in your county, call toll free 1-888-766-3258.
- The Corps is covering roofs in the hardest hit counties first. Be patient. The Corps will respond to every person who has completed a ROE as quickly as possible.
- Homeowners may also cover their roofs with free tarps provided by FEMA, which are being distributed at the Chambers County Annex, 7711 Hwy 146.
- The plastic covering & the tarps are temporary fixes designed to provide protection from the elements until the homeowner can make permanent repairs with a qualified professional. More information available at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) or [www.swf.usace.army.mil](http://www.swf.usace.army.mil)



## Building Permits

Permits are required for storm related construction; however, permit fees will be waived for roof repairs. No permits are needed for fences to be replaced or repaired at the same location as they existed pre-storm. If your home or business was "substantially damaged" and you are in a FEMA flood plain or storm surge area, please call the City of Baytown's Flood Plain Administrator at 281-420-6537 for additional information needed for your building permit.



## Storm Debris

Debris contractors (BAMACO and DRC) have crews working daylight hours throughout the city picking up debris. Debris on private property is the responsibility of the owner. Property owners should move debris to curbside and keep all debris or trash out of ditches, storm drains and streets. Residents are asked to separate their storm debris into 4 piles: 1) vegetation, 2) fences, roofing, metal and concrete, 3) household appliances, and 4) household hazardous waste (paint, etc.) The West Main Street drop-off center was severely damaged in the storm and there is NO public drop off site for any materials at this time

## Rate Increase Necessary For Critical Improvements

Water and sewer rates increased 15% October 1, 2008, to support critical improvements required in the wastewater collection and treatment facilities, to address regulatory compliance, and capacity needs of new and existing customers.

A \$1.00 per month increase in Solid Waste rates also took effect October 1, 2008, to fund cost increases, most significantly in fuel, for both direct and contract solid waste operations.

Minimum bills (up to 2,000 gallons of water/sewer) increased from \$40.60 to \$44.94. An average bill for 7,000 gallons of water/sewer increased from \$80.80 to \$91.19.

Billing on or after October 1, 2008, will be calculated at the new rates.

**SBA Disaster Assistance - Loans for Homeowners, Renters, and Businesses** - Call (800) 621-3362 or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov)