

Councilwoman **Sherry Castillo** 

Proposed Upcoming Street Repair Projects

These proposed projects are taken from the recently approved Master Plan.

Trail. Between 6th & 7th

Railroad Between 2nd & 3rd

B Street Between 10th & 4th

# "City Government as seen through the eyes of a first time elected official..."

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It's been over a year since I took office as Councilwoman and I can honestly say that it has been a culturally different and challenging experience. I am thankful for the opportunity to continue serving the citizens of the City of Floresville. In spite of the differences in opinion among Council members, Floresville citizens, Wilson County visitors and others who attend our public meetings, I continue to appreciate those differences. We have the freedom of speech to voice our differences in a legal and professional venue making intelligent choices for the citizens of this City by asking questions, researching, seeking professional advice and ultimately deciding what is best for our citizens and the community.

Interestingly enough, sometimes valuable time is spent on what matters the least instead on what matters the most. For example, how often do we hear the phrase, "beating a dead horse"? Beating a dead horse repeatedly serves no purpose. The action implies something that has ceased to be useful or relevant. Instead, identifying issues backed by solutions suggests progressive and visionary minds. Our City Manager, City staff, Mayor, Council, City Attorney, Municipal Judge, Economic Development Director, representatives of 4A, and 4B, work together to offer services of greater value to our City. Our actions promote positive practices. We hire licensed and certified professionals to defend us when necessary, and follow through with their recommendations. Plans are underway to implement Holtman, Wagner & Company's recommendations to correct accounting practices and other administrative procedures. The message to the folks who continue to "beat the dead horse" is, "get over it, move on, and stop the negative propaganda".

I have come to understand and appreciate the City's staff for their dedication, loyalty, and work ethic as employees and citizens of our City. Through their "Teamwork" philosophy, "a way of behavior", have stood up to the myriad of on-going challenges demanded of them, the City's staff continues to perform in all aspects of responsibilities, developing their skills through the efforts and guidance of their leaders. Contrary to negative public perception created by a few, regarding lack of accomplishments, this administration has accomplished in a year what others have not been able to accomplish in a longer period of time.

The following information identifies: projects that have been completed; businesses that have invested time and money in a thriving community they trust and believe is economically good for them; projects in various stages of completion, and future projects identified by Floresville's Master Plan.

# Newly Completed Projects

CR 130 Between Bus 181 & Highway 181



Partnership between City of Floresville, Wilson County and the FEDC

11<sup>th</sup> Street Between B st & C st



City Cemetery Entrance



Entrance to City Park Baseball Fields



#### **PUBLIC UTILITIES**

- 1. Paved South Second Street
- 2. Added curbing and replaced water line on G St.
- 3. Extended Paloma Drive
- 4. Built new entrance at City Cemetery and cleaned and removed old landscape
- 5. Paved entrance to concession stand at City Park
- 6. Provided access to Brick Wall Apartments by working on Hydock street property
- 7. Extended County Road 130 from Wal-Mart to Loop 181
- 8. Paved, added curbing, water and sewer lines to a portion of E Street.
- 9. Reconstructed water lines, sewer lines, curbing, drainage and street on South 3<sup>rd</sup> St.
- 10. Awarded bid to Cunningham Construction for Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade
- 11. Awarded refuse contract to Allied Waste

### Business Permits issued after Super Wal-Mart August 1, 2011 - July 9, 2012

- 1. Murphy Gas Station
- 2. Brickwall Apartments 3 story
- 3. Muscle Mechanic Massage
- 4. Floresville Crossfit Center
- 5. La Quinta Hotel
- 6. Acme Gold
- 7. Holiday Motors
- 8. Texas Star Lodges (additional cabins)
- 9. Finders Keepers Market
- 10. Pat's Drug and Alcohol Testing
- 11. Scoops and More
- 12. Martha's Grill
- 13. VI Nail and Spa
- 14. Executive Inn and Suites
- 15. Leland's (sale of storage buildings)
- 16. Five L RV Trailer Park
- 17. Creekside RV Park
- 18. Little Cesars Pizza
- 19. Riverbend Golf Club
- 20. Sears
- 21. Rancho Grande Business Park (Oil Service Companies)
  - a. Udelhoven Inc.
  - b. 3-Way Trucking
  - c. Fuel Boar Co.
  - d. F&W Electric
  - e. Precision Tools
  - f. Standard Tools
  - g. A-1 Rocket
  - h. Batch Plant Service
  - i. Watkins Steel Tank & Vessel Co.,

In closing, the words of the great American inventor, Thomas Edison, have always inspired me, "There's a better way to do it...find it." I continue to be your dedicated servant, making decisions to the best of my ability, led and directed by non-other than my principle centered beliefs. God is with me always.

## PROJECTS IN VARIOUS STAGES

- 1. Working on comprehensive Master Plan with M &S Engineers
- 2. Finalizing financial audit by contracting Accountant to set up policies and procedures as recommended by City's CPA firm
- 3. Updating the City's organizational chart, pay scale, policy and procedures
- 4. Overseeing the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Floresville Police Officers Association and the City of Floresville