

Summer 2020





City of Dayton Teams Up With **Frontier Waste Solutions**



Dayton residents will soon see a change in their trash pick-up as the City begins its new contract with Frontier Waste Solutions. Under the new contract with Frontier, residents will begin receiving new 95-gallon wheeled carts.

The new service will begin on July 1 and will consist of a once-weekly automated pickup, as well as bulky item and brush removal. Under the City's current contract, twice a week manual collection was provided, however, the contract expires June 30, and bids for the same service came in significantly higher.

Most cities in Texas have now moved to once a week service. There are many reasons Dayton, Liberty, Beaumont, and other cities are making this change. Cost is the primary factor. Twice a week service is expensive, and the City is no longer able to offer twice a week service without a significant increase to customers. There is also a reduction in emissions from fewer trucks on the road each day.

"The City's current contract was negotiated 15 years ago when waste management was significantly different," said City Manager Theo Melancon. "Once a week pickup and automated service is now the standard in most places. When the bids were received and scored, it was determined that Frontier Waste Services offered the best service at the best value for both our residential and commercial customers."

Residents who find that they have more trash to dispose of have two options. For the occasional situation, they can purchase a pick up of additional bags through a pink tag system. These can

be ordered by calling Frontier Waste Solutions, visiting their website, or through an available mobile app and selecting the option for Dayton pink tags. The cost is 75 cents per bag. For residents who consistently have more trash than fits in their bin, additional carts are available for \$5.95 a month per cart.

The new poly-carts are durable and easy to wheel out to the curb for pickup, but for those who might need a little help, a simple call to Frontier will provide assistance, bring the cart to and from the house to the curb for elderly or disabled customers. The cart's increased capacity reduces the number of cans on the street and discourages unwanted pests from making a mess.

For more information, visit frontierwaste. com or call 936-258-9035.





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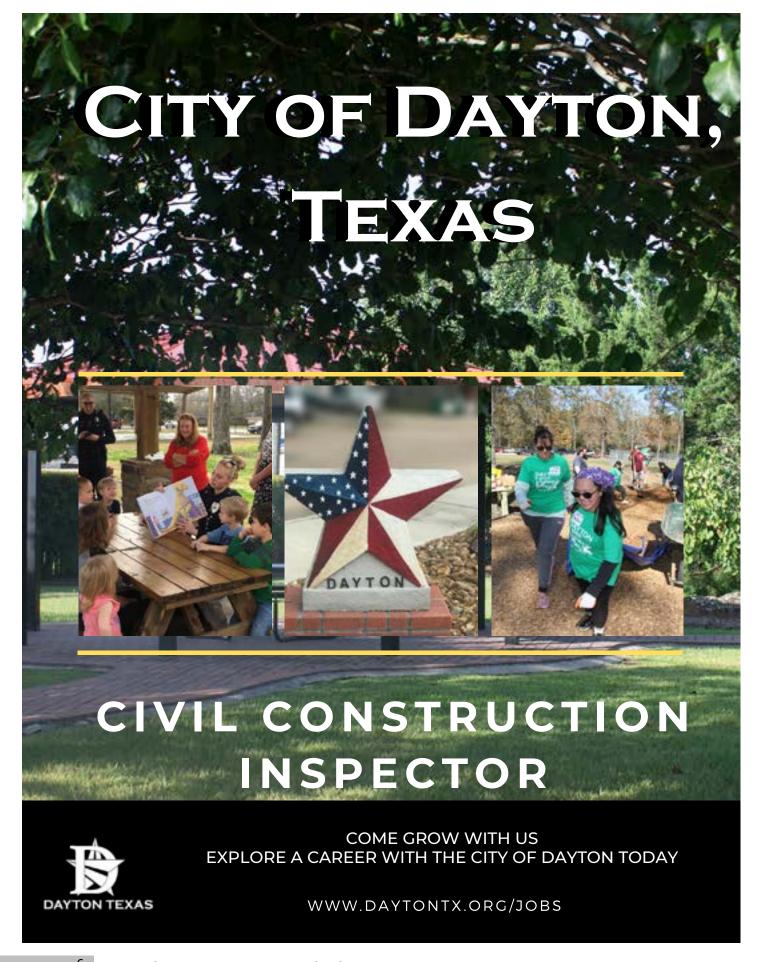
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Sign Gypsies Dayton/Liberty, location number 282, has been serving our community since April 2018 with one mission in mind: to spread JOY in a BIG way. When the coronavirus set in across our nation, our state, and here in our community; families were separated, schools and businesses were closed and, birthday parties were canceled. In the midst of the chaos and unknown, Cassie Mantellini, location owner, was determined to keep on with their mission more than ever before; during the unforeseen demand in business she still made it a priority to donate signs to

our local schools, nursing homes, and hospitals. She states, "it is important to do something, to show the kids they were missed, to recognize the healthcare workers that were working endless hours and to let our elderly know they are loved. It is our way of giving back to our community." She continues, "One thing about being a "Rural Gypsy" is you know that your small hometown people stick together, and as a matter of fact, we are indeed "In This Together." To book your own personalized greeting for any event, visit www.signgypsies.com

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Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital, preparing for the pandemic and treating COVID-19 patients has been our highest priority the last two months.

Doing so, unfortunately, meant postponing most of our other elective services, although we still safely cared for thousands of patients who needed urgent and emergent care, surgeries and hospitalization. We know that there are many in the community suffering from other debilitating diseases who need our help. We have re-started all of our services to help them.

Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital is caring for patients both in person and virtually, with all of our health care services available. Your health and well-being are our top priority now more than ever as we work to meet the challenges of the pandemic. We are dedicated to providing you with exceptional care, and you can be confident that we are taking every necessary precaution to keep you safe during your visit.

Doctor Offices and Clinics Have Enhanced Safety Measures

Houston Methodist Baytown physicians are available for virtual visits and inperson appointments. If an in-person appointment is needed, we are:

- Screening all patients when scheduling appointments for symptoms and exposure risk
- Minimizing the number of patients we are seeing per day in our clinics by expanding virtual services and staggering in-person appointments

- Using Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended testing for our employees
- Screening all patients upon arrival with temperature checks and an exposure questionnaire
- Wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) while providing patient care
- · Redesigning waiting rooms and check-in lines to ensure social distancing
- Implementing additional sanitation processes to disinfect all equipment and surfaces

Emergency Care Centers and Emergency Departments are Safe

The Houston Methodist Baytown **Emergency Department is taking extra** precautions to ensure your safety, including:

- Screening all employees and patients for high temperatures and other symptoms before they enter the building
- Asking all patients to wear a mask before arriving, per Texas Medical Board mandate, and providing a mask if patients need one as soon as they arrive
- Isolating suspected COVID-19 patients in a separate area.
- Thoroughly disinfecting patient rooms and all surfaces in common areas and employee workspaces

Ensuring social distancing in waiting rooms

Overall Hospital Safety Measures

The Houston Methodist Baytown campus is focused on making your visit as safe as possible, and we are taking extra precautions, such as:

- Screening all patients and essential visitors when entering our facilities • Requiring all patients, visitors and employees to wear a mask
- •Implementing social distancing in our waiting rooms and elevators
- Minimizing waiting in public spaces
- Elevating our cleaning and housekeeping practices
- •Offering remote check-in
- Adhering to a strict essential visitor policy. Note: Each patient will be allowed one designated visitor who must be 18 or older. The designated visitor is not allowed to change during the patient's stay. Compassionate exceptions will be made as appropriate. Patients who have tested positive or are under evaluation for COVID-19 will not be permitted visitors

To schedule an appointment with a Houston Methodist Baytown physician, visit houstonmethodist.org/baytown, or call 281-428-2273. If you don't have a doctor, you can speak to a Houston Methodist virtual urgent care provider 24/7 through the MyMethodist app, or you can find a primary care physician by visiting Find-a-Doctor at houstonmethodist.org/baytown.





there's one thing we can all agree on, it is that we are living a new normal. Many people might hope things could just go back to the way they were before COVID-19, but that's just not likely. Things are different. We've become used to a new way of living, and it only took a couple of months. They say a habit forms in thirty days and becomes your lifestyle at sixty.

Some of the basics we might expect are that more people are likely to shop online, order food online or in app to go, use pick up services instead of in-store shopping,

What about church? How has church changed? It has been an odd couple of months with no services, no meetups, no get-togethers. Faith has gone online and even though we are pre-launch at Freedom Church, we've already been doing online services on social media and our website. Without the ability to meet

together, we've used the miracle of the internet to reach out to people, but how do we help people begin and grow their faith in a post-lock down, post-pandemic

First, it is going to take a focus on creating community. We live in a small town, and while it is growing, small towns tend to have a sense of community built into the mix. For Dayton, it seems the school is the main source of that community. But what happens when you take away the ability to go to school on campus or enjoy sporting

By the same token, what happens when services in-person are not possible? How does community work in an environment like that? Now, it is easy to respond with the idea that this pandemic is a once-ina-century event, and I'll give you that, but what about the distance between church members from Monday through Saturday? Aren't we just as separated

from each other during the week? Rather than a pandemic perhaps it is homework and after school sports. Maybe working late or trying so hard to get the family fed and in bed by 9 pm. Meeting during the week has become harder and harder as our schedules have become busier and

We were created with a built in need for community and if this pandemic has taught us anything, it is that we don't have to have face-to-face to have community. Face to face is better, but Zoom calls and FaceTimes or simply a text that says. "I am thinking about you," community can happen. How can you create a better community in your church, business, or organization this week?

Second, we are going to have to reach people where they are, not where we want them to be. Remember that the harvest isn't in the silo, it is in the field. Now that can be taken as a super "churchy"

way to say it, but it works in any business or organization, too. We typically have the mindset that, "If we built it, they will come." That's just not how it works, unless you're Ray Kinsella. We can get into a rut of building the silo, standing at the door, and then yelling at the harvest, "Come on in!" You may have the best silo, the best church building, the best office, the best store, but the field is most often where the change happens, not the silo.

My point is that people rarely jump in on their own. It takes you reaching out, going outside the four walls, outside the classic marketing techniques. It means empathizing with people and meeting them where they are, not where we want them to be. If you're a business, you want them to be a customer, not just because you want their money (it is a business, after all), but because you believe in your products and services. If you are a church, it isn't about filled pews and giving, it is about getting people to Jesus, to changed lives, to their purpose, the reason why God created them. It would be so much easier if they just walked in, but you will find that walk-ins may come and go, but those who you've met in the field. who you've poured life into, who you've engaged and prioritized, those are the ones you can build on. What can you do to reach people where they are this week?

Lastly, we need to see the person God sees in them. It can be very easy to assign

people a number from one to ten in your mind, and we most often do this based on two gut reactions: how they look and what they can do for you. I know that sounds horrible, but that is human nature. Truth is, when we see people how God sees them, we realize that everyone is a ten. That's right. Everyone. Regardless of how they look, regardless of how they act, regardless of what they can or cannot do for you. They are tens, and if you want your organization to make the biggest positive impact possible, treat them as tens.

"That's right. Everyone. Regardless of how they look, regardless of how they act, regardless of what they can or cannot do for you. They are tens.."

Now, not everyone acts like tens. We all know this. But sometimes I wonder if people don't act like tens because they feel deep down that they aren't a ten to begin with. What would change if we started treating people based on how God sees them and not how we see them? This works in the church space and in the marketplace. People come from all walks of life and have had such a huge array of experiences, and after twenty years in pastoral ministry, it seems like most of those experiences are negative and

hurtful. I want to be a person who sees greatness in others, a person who calls that greatness out of them. People need someone to believe in them, and if we can be those people, I genuinely believe their actions will follow. They'll start to see themselves like you see them, like God sees them. So who is someone in your sphere of influence whose life would change forever if you would simply treat them as the ten God sees in them?

This pandemic has been a wild and unexpected ride, but there are so many things we can learn about community, about reaching people, about seeing the good in people if we will simply recognize them. I want your businesses to flourish because quality businesses and integrityfilled business owners can change the culture of a city. I want your churches to flourish because I believe that Jesus Christ is the difference maker and a life lived for him is more rewarding than anything else out there. And I want to learn what I can in the middle of the craziness of this world so that I can make the biggest, most positive impact that I can. I want that for you as

I am so happy to be planting Freedom Church in Dayton, Texas because I know that this is a strong and caring community that is dedicated to seeing Dayton become the best it can be. Let's work towards that goal together. God bless your churches, your organizations, and your businesses!

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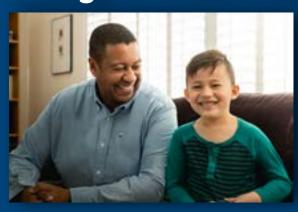
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DVD pictures of Bride and Groom or for corporate training or church events.

There are two outside decks with tables and seating and lighted parking is provided for approximately 100 vehicles.





Here are a few comments from our clients:

Amber G: Everything about this venue was perfect for my sister's wedding in August. From the pricing, to the amount of space, to the sweet couple that owns it... every aspect was terrific. I look forward to any future events that I may attend or host here.

Vanessa M: I had a FABULOUS time... Family Reunion... the owners are FANTASTIC!!!

April V: Our experience with the Stiners at Honey Bee Ranch was excellent from beginning to end. A wedding is a pretty stressful event and they did so much to ensure it ran as smoothly as possible. We had everything we needed, they were so attentive and fun, and the space is beautiful! I highly recommend this venue for special events.



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Valedictorian

My name is Paola Perdomo and I am the daughter of Lena Cepeda and Richard Perdomo. I am Valedictorian of the Class of 2020, and I owe it all to my family, teachers, friends, and classmates. In school, I played basketball, soccer, and softball and I was also a part of many clubs including the National Honor Society where I was elected as treasurer. I will be attending the University of Houston pursuing a degree in nursing. I am especially grateful for the opportunities given to me by parents who immigrated to the U.S. in 2005 from Venezuela and left everything behind in order to provide me with a better future. Without their sacrifices. I would not be where I am today.



Paula Perdomo Cepeda



Bryan Rodriguez



Abigail Weir



Amanda Carden



Salutatorian

Throughout her high school career, Sadie West, daughter of Donovan and Christina West, has worked hard to keep her grades high and her ambitions higher. With the countless hours she has invested in dual credit and AP courses, she has accomplished her goal of graduating number two in her class. She is a member of NHS, SNHS, and NEHS, as well as the Dayton FFA. She currently holds office as the Vice President of the chapter, but has also served as the reporter. Through the FFA, Sadie has been on two state qualifying Floriculture CDE teams, and went to state this year for the Job Interview LDE team, placing 7th out of well over 400 participants in the state of Texas. She will attend Texas Tech University in the fall to earn her prerequisites in Pre-Medicine, in hopes of one day becoming a dermatologist in order to give back to the community she is constantly supported by.



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Amanda Carden



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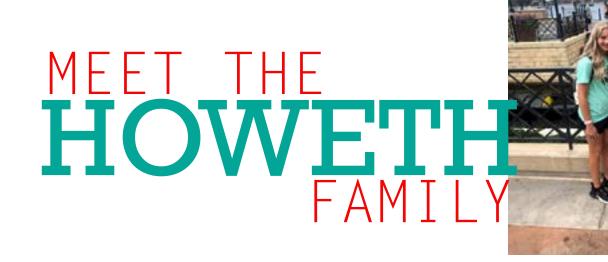
Alexis Bradley



Rebecca Graves

Lucas Kettler







Howie and Robin Howeth have been happily married for 24 years and have three beautiful daughters Abby Jane, Anna Kate, and Ava Rose. The family has lived in Dayton for 13 years, saying "We came to Dayton following God's Call to serve this community and invest into it." They also have three pets Pico De Gallo (Dachshund), Dixie Belle (Cocker Spaniel), and Toulousie (black cat).



Howie and Robin met while in college at East Texas Baptist University in a spring team sports class. The story goes that Howie was defending her so she wouldn't get pegged by a ball and she fell in love with him. In college Howie earned a BAS in Christian Ministries and is now the Pastor of Journey Fellowship Church in Dayton, Texas. He also enjoys being the play by play announcer for the Dayton Broncos at Friday night football games in his spare time. Robin is a Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Agent and she also loves to decorate homes, paint, and be a Pastor's wife.

Abby Jane (20) is a Junior at Texas State University where she is majoring in Communication/Pre-Law and minoring in Political Communications.

With her degree she wants to be a lawyer. Anna Kate (15) is a Sophomore at Dayton High School where she plays



on the Lady Bronco volleyball and soccer team. She is also very active in her youth group at Journey Fellowship Church and wants to be an astronaut one day. Ava Rose (6) just graduated from Kindergarten at Kimmie Brown Elementary and wants to be an "Animal Doctor" when she grows up.

She also loves playing with their new black cat Toulousie.

Their favorite place to vacation is Disney World. Every other year they pack up their Mickey ears and tennis shoes for a magical time at Disney World. This past Spring Break they beat COVID 19 and made a trip to see Abby Jane, who was working at Disney World in their Disney College Program. They are looking forward to their 2022 Disney vacation together.

They are also looking forward to investing many more years into the lives of the Dayton Community.









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farewell to the Dayton Chamber of Commerce and you. What a great ride it has been, but it has come time to say goodbye. I will miss you all so much. I knew I was home at my first ribbon cutting when Dwight Pruitt said the kindest blessing over the business.

Our many gatherings have been so fun. From all the banquets Fire & Ice, Mardi Gras, Havana Nights, and Roaring 20's. Last year's Taste of Dayton was one of my very favorites, the Circus theme was a blast and all your decorations were over the top.

It's been fun watching the chamber grow and prosper. We are financially stable, our luncheons have grown from about 35 to about 85 people per lunch, with each event we get bigger and better. Thanks for seeing my passion for the chamber and helping me to make this a wonderful chamber. A place where people want to be and network with others. My prayer is for you all to continue to grow and prosper the chamber and in your businesses as

Blessings to the three who hired me Alan Conner, Josephine Perry and John Johnson. Alan was my Board President that year and helped me every step of the way that year. Your support will never be forgotten. Josephine, you always told it like it was,

you will

just broke my heart. We could only cry and then we prayed together. Praise God all turned out ok.

many of you. The time Kim Mulkey was

in my office and her pregnant daughter

couldn't do anything to help her daughter

was in lock down in a hospital in San

Antonio with an active shooter. The

agony on the face of a mother who

I have been blessed with a wonderful staff, Jessica Sims and Staci Wise. What a great team we have made. You both have done an excellent job in executing the plan and boy were there lots of plans. They feared my vacations when I would come back refreshed and with more plans. Thank you, we have shared so many good times. My daughters forever.

Dayton will always have a place in my heart. But I will always bleed red and wear purple. (That's what I'd always say to Mrs. Patsy. Lol but so true.) Dayton you will be missed.

always have my respect. John, you taught me many lessons. But really man, one every week, sometimes two? I don't know why but I just love to pick on you. Thanks for being a good sport and taking it.

I have laughed and I've cried with so

Paula Moorhaj

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