



CITY OF ABILENE

Abilene Roundup

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City News Briefs

Proposed FY 11 annual budget moves forward

At the conclusion of last month's Budget Workshops, the City Council gave initial approval to the City's proposed Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budget. The proposed FY 11 General Fund budget is \$69,541,630 with a proposed tax rate of 69.86 cents. This reflects a .54 cent or just over a half-cent increase per \$100 assessed valuation. Public hearings are scheduled for later this month and in September on the proposed FY 11 budget and the tax rate. [Read more...](#)

African lion cubs naming contest underway

You can help name the five African lion cubs born at the Abilene Zoo in May. The zoo, in collaboration with the Abilene Reporter News, is holding a naming contest in which you can cast your vote for one of three suggested names for each cub. The name choices for the three male and two female cubs were selected by zoo staff. Ballots are available through the newspaper's print and online Sunday editions starting this week (Aug. 1) for the next five weeks. Ballots can be submitted either to the Zoo Gift Store or the Abilene Reporter News for a chance to win four children's zoo passes each week. The cubs' names will be announced the following week after the ballots are counted. [See photos of the litter on Facebook.](#)

Dog Park Groundbreaking



Groundbreaking was held July 9 for the Camp Barkeley Dog Park, a public/private partnership between the City of Abilene and The Park People.

[For more details...](#)



Mark your calendar

- * 8:30 a.m., August 12
City Council Meeting
- * 8:30 a.m., August 26
City Council Meeting

City Council Chambers
2nd floor, City Hall
555 Walnut Street

[See agendas](#)

Crime prevention starts with you

The first line of defense in the fight against crime starts with you. The Abilene Police Department needs your help in reducing crime in our community.

In one week in July, there were 29 reported vehicle burglaries in Abilene city limits. The suspects targeted unlocked vehicles with valuables in plain sight. To reduce the chances that your vehicle would be targeted, there are easy preventative

steps you can take. Police urge you to lock your vehicles, take your keys with you and secure valuables in the trunk. Many thieves admit they look for cars that are unlocked or have the windows rolled down. Additional measures such as a car alarm or steering wheel lock can act as a further deterrent to thieves.

If you believe suspicious criminal activity is taking place or about to take place in your

neighborhood, call police on the non-emergency line at (325) 673-8331 or call 911 if you believe the situation dictates. Try to get as much information as possible including license plate numbers and clothing descriptions. If you hear a vehicle alarm, take a moment to look and see if something appears out of place.

The APD's goal is to serve those we protect. [Learn more about your police department here.](#)