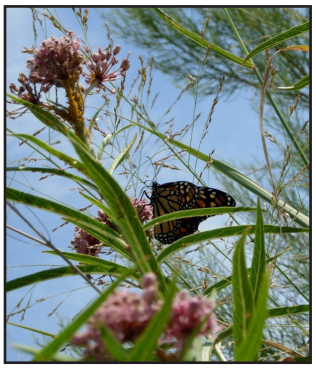
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Planting Wildflowers to Support Monarch Butterflies



Residents, spring is right around the corner and now is the perfect time to consider improvements to your landscaping and gardens. Consider planting native wildflowers, including milkweed, to support the beautiful Monarch butterflies that visit Texas every fall. Native wildflowers are an excellent choice to add beauty to your gardens cause these plants are hardy and used to the arid climate of Texas. By adding these native plants to your garden, you can support the monarch butterfly, add beauty to your garden and have plants that are easier to maintain – what is there not to like? Consider planting these local wildflower species to support the Monarch Butterfly: (1) Tropical Milkweed, Asclepias curassavica, (2) Butterfly Weed, Asclepias tuberosa, (3) Swamp Milkweed, Asclepias incarnata, (4) Antelope Horn, Asclepias Asperula, (5) Green Milkweed, Asclepias viridis. You can receive free wildflower packets at the April 12, 2025 City Arbor Day / Earth Day Celebration.

For full information visit texasbutterflyranch.com. Good luck gardening y'all!

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Shavano Park's Water Tank Repainting



You probably didn't know that the city of Shavano Park has a 500-thousand-gallon water tank located on Huebner Road. During recent inspections, it was noted that the top of the roof had begun showing early signs of surface rust. We began with a meeting with our city engineer to devise a plan on how to mitigate the surface rust on the roof of the tank. The city worked with our engineer to create a mitigation plan that we can give to contractors for bidding purposes. The total cost of the job was $25,200.

The project took a total of 7 days to complete, and the ground storage tank was completely taken out of commission in order to complete the project. The project consisted of the following steps to assure a quality product was applied and will last for many years to come. We are estimating the paint will last 50 years.

- Project Timeline: Completed within the planned 7-day schedule
- Roof Coating Process:

1. Applied one primer coat of zinc.
2. Followed by one coat of intermediate epoxy.
3. Finished with a final coat of urethane for the exterior.

- Project Documentation:

1. Attached photos showcase the completed job.
2. Additional images illustrate the project's initial stages.

- Operational Status:

1. Tank returned to service after negative bacterial test results.
2. The water system is now fully operational at 100%.

The city continues to work on comprehensive plans for our water system, including the GIS mapping of our water lines and updating our more dated water mains in our distribution system. These initiatives will help us plan for future investments and improvements in our water infrastructure.

If you have any questions about this project or our water system in general, please don't hesitate to contact the Public Works Director, Johnny Villarreal.



Thank you for your continued support as we work to maintain and improve our city's vital infrastructure.