

The Board of Commissioners recently passed a rezoning on Highway 212 and Oak Hill Road. This commercial rezoning will be a 12,000 square foot retail/office space and a 5,000 square foot restaurant space. We are hoping for a tastefully exciting restaurant to emerge and serve our booming population.

In sadder news, we had a fatal accident on Oak Hill Road West. A 70-year old citizen died in a truck accident. Our deepest regrets go out to the families that are impacted.

In other news, the library board has chosen an architectural firm for the Porter Memorial Library that will be located between the fire station and Oak Hill Elementary School. It will be 18,000 square feet, and it will feature adult books, teen and children's books, magazines, newspapers, DVD's, and books on tape. There will also be a children's room, a quiet room, reading room, reference area, teen room, study room and meeting rooms. I am sure that our citizens will utilize all services on a regular basis.

I have a few money saving tips for you this month...

1. **Food:** couponmom.com has numerous grocery and restaurant coupons. It also provides great advice on Internet freebies.

2. **Clothes:** The thriftshopper.com will give you the nearest thrift store, and consignmentshop.com will find fancier used clothes i.e. tuxedo, cocktail dress, shoes, etc. Outletbound.com will tell you where the nearest factory outlet mall is located.

3. **Haircuts & More:** Visit beauty schools. They offer deep discounts on hair, nails and foot care. One is located on Highway 138 in the Big Lot Shopping Mall.

4. **Restaurants:** Go to restaurants.com for discounted gift certificates. If you want to browse the menu from different chains go to opentable.com or menupages.com.

5. **Entertainment:** Ask local theaters if they offer special deals or preview discounts.

6. **Landscaping/Gardening:** At Home Depot and Lowe's, as well as, other national chains they now have a clearance section...check them out. Gardenbargainsonline.com is a clearinghouse for coupons, discounts, free shipping and other special offers at nurseries and garden product companies.

7. **Electronic & Appliance Stores:** Always remember that you can haggle at electronic and appliance stores.

I hope this helps you out during these high gas prices. I'm looking forward to more tips next month.

Commissioner Simmons