

My Perspective – November 2009

November is here and Thanksgiving is just around the corner and don't we all have much to be thankful for? Below I am going to list some of the great happenings in our district that I am thankful to be a part of...hope you enjoy.

Ground Breaking

On November 5th the ground breaking for our Porter Memorial Branch Library took place. This was a very exciting day as over fifty (50) people gathered together to celebrate the occasion.

We hope that with good weather and a speedy construction, the library will be built by September 2010 instead of the scheduled completion of January 2011.

Denny Dobbs Park (across the street from the Branch Library)

The final grading is taking place and 54 acres of trees and shrubs have been leveled and recycled to make way for the heavy equipment. The bi-weekly meetings between the builder, sub-contractors and arborist are going well and they are moving forward with their checklists. We are hoping the park will be completed in 90/120 days.

Other News...

- Crowell Road has opened after the intense rain and flood in October.
- The October tax revenue forecast has come in and we are on track to meet our budget projections.
- Lastly, October was national Breast Cancer Awareness Month and we must remember that 190,000 women will be diagnosed with this disease this year. It is the most common non-skin cancer, and the second leading cause of cancer related deaths among women in the United States. This past year alone 40,000 women died from this disease. We must continue to be proactive in prevention treatment and early detection.

In closing, I want to say I am very thankful to be able to serve you in the second district. I wish you and yours a Great and Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Simmons