

**PRESS RELEASE – Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006**

**This is the daily press release from Valley City Hall, covering news from the city and important announcements.**

- Congressman Mike Rogers held a meeting of his industrial managers advisory group at the Valley Community Center on Wednesday. Approximately 25 industry leaders from his district were present at a “round-table” discussion of current topics. Workforce training, drug screening of employees, assistance in placing foreign workers, and the federal energy bill were some of the items discussed. City Administrator Tim Bryan welcomed the group, and Planning and Development Director Allen Hendrix was also present on behalf of the city.
- The next regular meeting of the Valley City Council will be held on Monday, September 11, 2006 beginning at 7:00 p.m. A budget and finance advisory committee meeting will be held on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room at city hall.
- The Chambers County Health Department will be holding a meeting for the public to distribute information on how to protect against the flu. This meeting will be held on August 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time at the Community Center, 130 Sportsplex Drive, Valley, AL.
- An Internet scam attempt is currently circulating, and involving “Pay-Pal” whereas an individual, who may or may not have a Pay-Pal account, receives an email requesting that the receiving person click on a “request for information” bar, or “Update Information” bar. Upon doing so, the person is re-directed to a website, which appears to be from Pay-Pal, but is actuality a message from a criminal seeking banking and address information. Please be aware of this fraudulent activity, and do not open or respond to such attempts. The public should also know that a similar attempt was received this week by a Valley citizen from the “Fifth Third Bank” technical services division, using the same account verification request. No such bank exists, and anyone supplying their account information will likely find that their balance will be immediately depleted. Such scams are extremely difficult to investigate, and approximately 99% of all victims receive no compensation for their losses. Please be aware of these attempts, and suspicious of any unsolicited emails, or notices from groups or businesses you have no known affiliation with.

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