

CITY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

In observance of the following holidays, all City offices will be closed:

Friday, Dec. 22: Christmas Eve (Observed)
Monday, Dec. 25: Christmas Day
Monday, Jan. 1: New Year's Day
Monday, Jan. 15: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, Feb. 19: President's Day

CITY COUNCIL

Lew White, Mayor
Angie Gonzales-Sanchez, Mayor Pro-Tem
Brad Westmoreland, At-Large
Juan Mendoza, District 1
John Castillo, District 2
John Lairsen, District 3
Jeffrey Michelson, District 4

The City Council holds its regular meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Detailed agendas are available at www.lockhart-tx.org. Council meetings are also video streamed live and indexed at www.lockhart-tx.org and City Access Ch. 10.

CONTACT INFORMATION

City Hall: (512) 398-3461

Animal Shelter: (512) 398-4401; ext. 2

Animal Control: (512) 398-4401; ext. 2

Public Works: (512) 398-6452

Parks and Recreation: (512) 398-6452

Library / Technology Center:
(512) 398-3223

Utility Billing: (512) 376-2475

Electric Department: (512) 398-6117
*after hours call (512) 398-4401

Fire Department: (512) 398-2321

Municipal Court: (512) 398-8330

Police Department: (512) 398-4401

Water Department: (512) 398-3615
*after hours call (512) 398-4401

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on Spectrum Cable

CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN FOR THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT



Construction for Lockhart's long-anticipated Downtown Revitalization Project is scheduled to begin in March 2024 upgrading utilities, drainage, streets, hardscape, pedestrian access, and landscaping in the nine-block downtown area to transform Lockhart's historic downtown into a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly, and thriving hub for residents, business owners, and visitors.

The City of Lockhart kicked off the Downtown Revitalization Project in 2021 with two public open houses to gather community input, which ultimately resulted in the Final Conceptual Design Report; launching the project's Design Phase. In that phase, the City, along with its project consultants TRC Engineering and Rialto Studios, held stakeholder meetings to

discuss plans with downtown business owners and property owners. In the September 19, 2023 City Council meeting, Councilmembers accepted the Downtown Revitalization Project's 100% Design report.

Construction is projected to take approximately two years, with the construction phasing carefully orchestrated to minimize disruptions to local businesses and residents. Prior to the commencement of construction, Lockhart's business community was actively engaged in the planning process, providing valuable input and feedback to ensure that their needs and concerns were addressed.

"Lockhart's Downtown Revitalization Project is a significant milestone for our community," Lockhart Mayor, Lew White, said.

"It's a testament to our commitment to preserving our history while building a vibrant future. We've worked diligently with the community to ensure they are heard and we're confident that this project will bring lasting benefits to our city."

The upcoming construction phase marks the first tangible step towards a reinvigorated downtown. While there may be some inconveniences during construction, the City is determined to make the process as smooth as possible, with regular updates and open communication with stakeholders.

For the latest updates on the Downtown Revitalization Project, visit the project's dedicated webpage on the City's website:

www.lockhart-tx.org

TIME TO CONSERVE

KEEP YOUR SEWAGE COSTS DOWN BY CONSERVING WATER USAGE IN DECEMBER, JANUARY, AND FEBRUARY!

Residential customers are charged a fixed sewage rate, which is determined by taking the average of a customer's water usage in those three months. That average becomes their sewage rate for the next 12-month billing period of April to March.

A new average is recorded each year to establish the customer's sewage charge.

Lockhart Police enhances traffic enforcement with new speed trailer

You may have noticed a new device along some of Lockhart's city streets. The Lockhart Police Department purchased a state-of-the-art speed trailer as part of its ongoing efforts to enhance road safety. This new addition to our law enforcement resources will play a pivotal role in promoting safer driving habits and reducing speeding incidents in the city.

"The safety of our community is of the utmost importance to us," said Lockhart Police Chief Gary Williamson. "This speed trailer will not only help raise awareness about the importance of responsible driving, but also in improving overall safety."

The new speed trailer is equipped with its assigned roadway's speed limit sign, real-time speed LED display to encourage drivers to stay within safe speed limits, and data collection capabilities, which collects analytical data that includes average speed and traffic activity at any time of day. However, it does not automatically issue citations.

"The speed trailer's presence itself serves as a visible reminder for drivers to slow down, ultimately contributing to a safer environment for all road users," Chief Williamson added.

Since its delivery, the new speed trailer has been deployed along Clear Fork St., La Feliciana Dr., and N. Blanco St. at the request of the community. Several city streets have also been recommended for deployment by Lockhart residents. They are:

- Summerside Subdivision
- Clear Fork St., between San

- Jacinto St. and City Line Rd.
- W. San Antonio St./SH 142
- Maple St., from City Line Rd. to S. Mockingbird St.
- Guadalupe St.
- N. Nueces St., between Bois D'Arc St. and W. San Antonio St./SH 142
- Stueve Ln.
- W. Prairie Lea St.

Community feedback is critical to the successful implementation of the speed trailer. LPD continues to ask for community insight on which streets and neighborhoods could benefit from the new device.

For suggestions, please call the **Lockhart Police Department** at **(512)398-4401** or e-mail police@ps.lockhart-tx.org.



Lockhart Fire Department: Don't set your house on fire! Here are some tips to make sure you don't:

- Place your Christmas tree at least three feet away from fireplaces, radiators, and other heat sources.
- If using an artificial tree, make sure it is fire resistant.
- Use outdoor lights outdoors and indoor lights indoors.
- Place candles where they won't be knocked down, or opt for flameless candles.
- Never leave candles and/or fireplaces burning unattended.
- Keep matches and candles out of reach of children.
- Turn off all the lights and decorations when you go to bed and when you leave the house.



What to do with your live Christmas tree once the holidays are over...We can help take care of that!



The City of Lockhart offers tree recycling for FREE! So, when you are ready to say 'goodbye' to your live Christmas tree, call our Public Works Department at (512) 398-6452 to arrange for collection.

Once you've set up a time, make sure the tree is free of ornaments, lights, tinsel, nails, screws or tree bases before placing it curbside. Then, we'll pick it up and take care of the rest!

LET'S STAY CONNECTED!

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- @CityLockhartTX
- CityofLockhartTX
- City of Lockhart
- www.lockhart-tx.org



PUBLIC SAFETY

Planning on traveling this holiday season?

People will be hitting the roads this year to visit loved ones for the holidays. If you're one of those people, here are a few tips from the **Lockhart Police Department**:

- Leave early and plan ahead for heavy traffic.
- Get plenty of rest before taking the wheel.
- If you're heading somewhere cold, prepare your car for winter.
- Keep an emergency preparedness kit with you.
- Buckle up.
- Put your cellphone away.
- Don't drink and drive.
- Make sure your child's car seat is secure and installed correctly.

If you need car seat installation assistance, call Dell Children's Ascension Kids in Cars (512) 324-TOTS.



LOCKHART ANIMAL SHELTER

WANTED: A Home for the HOWL-idays

'Twas the weeks before Christmas when all through the Lockhart Animal Shelter, all creatures are stirring, both cats and dogs, with hopes of finding their forever homes. Our shelter is seeking adopters and/or fosters to help make that holiday wish come true.

Interested? Contact the Lockhart Animal Shelter by calling **(512) 398-4401, ext. 2**, or e-mail lockhartanimalservices@lockhart-tx.org for a pet adoption application.

***If you've never adopted or fostered a dog or cat before, our Shelter Staff is more than happy to assist.*

LOCKHART ANIMAL SHELTER HOURS:
Tuesday-Friday: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday: 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday-Monday: CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

