



## CITY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

- Thursday, Nov 22—Thanksgiving Day
- Friday, Nov 23—Day after Thanksgiving
- Monday, Dec 24—Christmas Eve
- Tuesday Dec 25—Christmas Day

## CITY COUNCIL

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

The City Council will hold its regular meetings on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month on:

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| Dec 4th  | Jan 15th |
| Dec 18th | Feb 5th  |
| Jan 3rd  | Feb 19th |

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Detailed agendas are available at [www.lockhart-tx.org](http://www.lockhart-tx.org). Council meetings are also video streamed live and indexed at [www.lockhart-tx.org](http://www.lockhart-tx.org)

## CITY CONTACT INFORMATION

- City Hall (512) 398-3461
- Animal Shelter (512) 376-3336  
*\*after hours call (512) 398-4401*
- Animal Control (512) 398-4401
- Public Works (512) 398-6452
- Library / Technology Center (512) 398-3223
- Utility Billing (512) 398-3461
- Electric Department (512) 398-6117
- Fire Department (512) 398-2321
- Municipal Court (512) 376-9469
- Police Department (512) 398-4401
- Water Department (512) 398-3615

City of Lockhart  
308 West San Antonio Street  
Lockhart, Texas 78644  
Phone: (512) 398-3461  
Fax: (512) 398-5103  
Website: [www.lockhart-tx.org](http://www.lockhart-tx.org)  
Television: City Access Channel 10 on Spectrum Cable

## Emergency Warning Siren Testing

A 5-siren system is used to alert Lockhart residents of impending weather dangers.

**ROUTINE SIREN TESTING is scheduled for:**

- January 21, 2019 at 1pm
- April 15, 2019 at 1pm
- July 15, 2019 at 1pm
- October 21, 2019

For questions regarding the new system or siren testing, please contact City Hall at (512) 398-3461 or the Police Department at (512) 398-4401. To view a map of the siren coverage, please visit us at [www.lockhart-tx.org](http://www.lockhart-tx.org) or stop by City Hall.

### Siren Sounds

### Meaning

- Continuous Tornado Warning—tornado seen in immediate area, take cover
- Wail (Long) High winds and/or hail
- Wail (Short) Flooding imminent in low areas



## Message from the Lockhart Fire Department:



To ensure you have a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season with your friends and family, here are tips from the Lockhart Fire Department to keep in mind as you deck out your home:

- 1. Inspect electrical decorations for damage before use.** Cracked or damaged sockets, loose or bare wires, and loose connections may cause a serious shock or start a fire.
- 2. Do not overload electrical outlets.** Overloaded electrical outlets and faulty wires are a common cause of holiday fires. Avoid overloading outlets and plug only one high-wattage appliance into each outlet at a time.
- 3. Use battery-operated candles.** Candles start almost half of home decoration fires (NFPA).
- 4. Keep combustibles at least three feet from heat sources.** A heat source that was too close to the decoration was a factor in half of home fires that began with decorations. (NFPA).
- 5. Protect cords from damage.** To avoid shock or fire hazards, cords should never be pinched by furniture, forced into small spaces such as doors or windows, placed under rugs, located near heat sources, or attached by nails or staples.
- 6. Stay in the kitchen when something is cooking.** Unattended cooking equipment is the leading cause of home cooking fires (NFPA).
- 7. Turn off, unplug, and extinguish all decorations when going to sleep or leaving the house.** Unattended candles are the cause of one in five home candle fires. Half of home fire deaths occur between the hours of 11pm and 7am.



## Message from the Lockhart Police Department:



With the holidays fast approaching, the Lockhart Police Department would like to remind all citizens to keep valuables secure and out of sight. Please remember to lock your car doors as well as your residence when not at home. From all at the Lockhart PD, we want to wish you a great Holiday Season and Please Do Not Drink and Drive.

**Detective Jesse Bell  
2018 Charles Kimbrough  
Law Enforcement of the Year Award**



City of Lockhart's police officer, Detective Jesse Bell, has been selected to receive the 2018 Charles Kimbrough Law Enforcement of the Year Award for his outstanding support and dedication to investigating and deterring domestic violence; for going above and beyond his normal duties to help victims of family violence and actively participating in ending violence in our community. This award is presented biennially by the Caldwell County Family Violence Task Force.

Detective Bell is a seven year veteran of the Lockhart Police Department, serving as a Detective for the past five years, investigating major crimes and specializing in crimes against children. He served as the President of the Lockhart Police Association from 2015-2017. He currently serves as the Director for the Blue Santa Program, a position he has held since its inception in 2013. Those who work around him see his passion and dedication in working his cases. He does an outstanding job providing services in a compassionate manner.

**Budget Billing Payment Program**

A customer may apply to participate in an optional payment plan, designed to make monthly bills more manageable throughout the year. Under this plan the customer will be charged each month for actual consumption, but will pay an amount each month based upon their average. The average is calculated as a rolling average based on a customer's current bill plus their last 11 bills. When a customer finalizes their account, payment of the balance owed on their utility account will be due.

It is not intended to be used to defer payment of delinquent bills.

There is no cost to participate. You may discontinue your enrollment at any time.

To be eligible for Budget Billing, you must meet certain requirements. For a complete list of eligibility requirements and to apply, please contact the Utility Customer Service Department at (512) 398-3461.

**Semi Annual Cemetery Cleanup**

Beginning March 4, 2019, Park/Cemetery staff will be cleaning up areas throughout the City Cemetery. All deteriorated, weathered, and unsightly items, artificial and real flowers, vases, containers, flags, and miscellaneous articles will be removed. If you wish to keep items that may have sentimental value, they must be removed by March 4, 2019. All items that are not in compliance with Chapter 14, Cemeteries, of the Code of Ordinances shall be removed without further notice.

Questions or comments may be addressed to the Cemetery Manager at 512-398-6452.

**Upcoming Events**

- Nov. 22nd—Thanksgiving Day (City offices closed)
- Nov. 23rd—Day after Thanksgiving Observed (City offices closed)
- Nov. 30th—Dickens' Christmas Lighted Parade
- Dec. 1st—Dickens' at the Library
- Dec. 9th—Light Up Lockhart
- Dec. 24th—Christmas Eve (City offices closed)
- Dec. 25th—Christmas Day (City offices closed)
- Jan. 1st—New Year's Day (City offices closed)

**HOLIDAY GARBAGE  
COLLECTION**

REGULAR COLLECTION	HOLIDAY COLLECTION
Thurs, Nov 22	Fri, Nov 23
Fri, Nov 23	Sat, Nov 24
Mon, Dec 24 (no change)	Mon, Dec 24 (no change)
Tues, Dec 25	Wed, Dec 26
Wed, Dec 26	Thurs, Dec 27
Thurs, Dec 27	Fri, Dec 28
Fri, Dec 28	Sat, Dec 29
Tues, Jan 1	Wed, Jan 2
Wed, Jan 2	Thurs, Jan 3
Thurs, Jan 3	Fri, Jan 4
Fri, Jan 4	Sat, Jan 5

**Light Up Lockhart**

Light Up Lockhart is a community supported endeavor to raise funds for the improvement of holiday light displays in Lockhart. Join us, December 9, 2018 3:30pm—6:00pm on the courthouse lawn for crafts and pictures with Santa, followed by a tree lighting ceremony at 6:00pm.

**Looking for Assistance?**

Caldwell County Christian Ministries offers assistance with utility bills and an emergency food pantry when funding is available. To inquire about eligibility requirements, please call (512) 376-6661.

**Blue Santa**

Blue Santa will be accepting applications and donations November 12—December 7, 2018. Applications for the program are available at the Police Station and Lockhart school campuses. New unwrapped toys for children ages 2-14 can be left at any of the donation barrels located at the Police Department, Wal-Mart, and HEB. To make a monetary donation, please contact Detective Jesse Bell at (512) 398-4401 or mail the donation to the Lockhart Police Association, P.O. Box 1136, Lockhart, Texas 78644.

**Mark your calendar  
Kidfish  
coming to City Park  
March 16, 2019**




**Senior Citizen Discount (65 or older)**

The City of Lockhart offers a senior citizen discount to residential customers that are 65 or older. The \$6.50 discount applies to monthly refuse (garbage) fees. The discount is allowed only on services that are in your name and you pay directly to the City of Lockhart. Senior citizens that own more than one residence or have rental property or other accounts in their name can claim the discount only for the dwelling in which they live.

If you would like to claim a Senior Citizen Discount, please contact Utility Billing staff by calling (512) 398-3461 or visit us in person at Lockhart City Hall, 308 W San Antonio Street, Lockhart, Texas.

**\*\*\*\*TIME TO CONSERVE\*\*\*\***

Residential customers are charged a fixed sewage rate. This rate is determined during the months of **December, January, and February**. An average is taken of the customer's water consumption during these 3 months and this becomes their sewage rate for the next 12 month billing period of April-March. A new average is then recorded each year to establish the customer's sewage charge. **KEEP YOUR SEWAGE COSTS DOWN BY CONSERVING WATER USAGE DURING THESE 3 MONTHS.**



**Economic Development Updates**

Times are changing throughout the Austin region and Lockhart is the next frontier to realize growth. KB Homes and DR Horton are contributing to over 500 new housing units that will attract more residents, as well as give our existing residents some new housing options. The upcoming Lockhart Springs and Stanton Apartment communities will also add some new housing options. There are also large scale housing developments being considered just outside the city.

The downtown historic district continues to attract boutique businesses, as well as an increasing number of events. The addition of The Culinary Room, Caracara Brewing and the Southwest Museum of Clocks & Watches, and others are attracting folks from throughout the region to Lockhart. And of course, new events like First Friday, the Old Settler's Music Festival and the Hot Rods and Hatters Car Show, continue to bring big crowds to downtown Lockhart.

These new synergies have resulted in Lockhart being a part of a 2018 Super Bowl commercial at the Balsler Farm, more TV and radio commercials, and The Pearl Lockhart on the cover of the August issue of Texas Monthly. What a year it has been as we introduce the next Frontier, Lockhart, to Austin and the world.

2018 was a good year in terms of jobs created. Here's a short list of some of the projects and the anticipated jobs they will create:

Company	# of jobs
The Turner Company	100
Fresh Box Farms	50
Visionary Fiber	70

For more information please contact the Lockhart Economic Development Department at (512) 398-3461.

**Looking for a Pet?**



If a new pet is on your Christmas wish list, stop by the Lockhart Animal Shelter. The Shelter has lots of wonderful dogs and cats from which to choose. You'll discover the advantages of adopting rather than buying an animal, and get to visit with lots of different breeds of dogs and cats to help you determine what type of pet is right for you. Check out the Lockhart Animal Shelter located at 547 Old McMahan Road or call (512) 376-3336. Visit [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com) or the Lockhart Animal Shelter on Facebook to see animals available for adoption.



**Steven Lewis, City Manager**



In October Steven Lewis joined the City of Lockhart team as the City Manager. Mr. Lewis brings with him 37 years of experience in local government. Prior to coming to Lockhart he was the City Manager for the City of Norman, Oklahoma, and, Lee's Summit, Missouri. Other public service includes approximately ten years as City Manager of the City of Joplin, Missouri. His educational background includes a B.S. from Texas A & M University and a Master of Public Administration with a concentration in City Management from the University of North Texas.

Mr. Lewis is a member of the International City/County Management Association. He also completed the Senior Executive Institute program at the Cooper School of Public Service at the University of Virginia. Mr. Lewis also serves as President of the Lockhart Economic Development Corporation.

Mr. Lewis is married to his wife of 37 years, Lesa, and they have three grown children and four grandchildren.

Mr. Lewis can be contacted at Lockhart City Hall, 308 W. San Antonio Street, by phone at (512) 398-3461, or by email at [slewis@lockhart-tx.org](mailto:slewis@lockhart-tx.org).

**“At-The-Door” Garbage Collection**

Disabilities can make taking your garbage out to the curb each week a real chore. Did you know the City can help? For qualified disabled customers, at-the-door garbage collection service is available. The garbage cart must be within 75 feet of the street and can't be enclosed in any manner. On collection day, Central Texas Refuse will take the garbage cart to the street, remove the garbage, and then return the cart to its original location. Disabled residents that would like to request at-the-door service must contact City Hall at (512) 398-3461 or in person at 308 W. San Antonio Street. Residents will be required to provide acceptable proof of disability. This service is offered to residents at no extra charge.

For more information, please contact City Hall at (512) 398-3461.



## Conservation Tips—Winter 2018

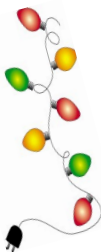
**Holiday Recycling:** As we enter the holiday season, keep the following tips in mind (these tips are also helpful when shopping for birthdays or other special occasions):

- Take reusable cloth bags for holiday gift-shopping.
- Save or recycle used wrapping paper & gift bags; sometimes just putting a big bow on the gift can take the place of wrapping paper.
- Many battery sales occur during the holiday season. Consider buying rechargeable batteries to accompany your electronic gifts and include a battery charger as well. Rechargeable batteries reduce the amount of potentially harmful materials thrown away, and can save money in the long run.



### Holiday Suggestions

- Turn off or unplug holiday lights during the day. Doing so will not only save energy, but will also help lights last longer.
- Wash and reuse empty holiday glass, plastic jars, and other similar containers that would otherwise get thrown away. These containers can be reused in a variety of ways such as for leftovers.



**Window A/C Units** can allow cool air to sneak through the cracks. During winter, you most likely won't be using your window A/C unit so consider removing it from your window or purchase a quality tarp to cover the outside of the unit to reduce drafts.

**Pipes** that are not insulated can cause you to use more hot water. Insulating pipes can help keep water warm as it travels from the water heater. It can also help decrease the chance of pipes freezing, which can be disastrous. Check to see if your pipes are warm to the touch. If so, consider adding insulation. You can get pre-slit

pipe foam at most hardware stores. Cut it to size and fasten in place with duct tape.

**Insulate Your Water Heater Tank** Insulating your water heater tank is fairly simple and inexpensive, and it will pay for itself in about a year. You can find pre-cut jackets or blankets available for around \$10 - \$20. Choose one with an insulating value of at least R-8.

You can probably install an insulating pre-cut jacket or blanket on your electric water heater tank yourself. Read and follow the directions carefully. Leave the thermostat access panel(s) uncovered. Don't set the thermostat above 130°F on electric water heaters with an insulating jacket or blanket—the wiring may over heat.

The installation of insulating blankets or jackets on gas and oil-filter water heater tanks is more difficult than those for electric water heater tanks. It's best to have a qualified plumbing and heating contractor add the insulation. If you want to install it yourself, read and follow the directions very carefully.

**Cooking Meals at Home** can help heat your home. When you stick a meal in the oven, you're not just heating the food. You're also adding a bit of heat to the rest of your house. Your oven is not a perfect insulator—some of the heat does escape. When you pull out the food, the heat from the oven slowly dissipates into your house.

**Dishes** Scrape, don't rinse, off large food pieces and bones. Soaking or pre-washing is generally only recommended in cases of burned or dried on food. Air dry dishes instead of using your dishwasher's drying cycle, consider propping the door open slightly so the dishes will dry faster. Wash only full loads of dishes.

**Weatherize Windows** Windows provide a view to the outside, day lighting, ventilation, and solar heating in the winter. Unfortunately, they can also account for 10% to 25% of your heating bill.



You can use a heavy-duty, clear plastic sheet on a frame or tape clear plastic to the inside of windows during the winter months. The plastic must be sealed tightly to the frame to help reduce infiltration.

Open curtains on your south-facing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home, and close them at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows.

Quilted curtains cover drafty windows, making your room feel warmer at a lower temperature.

Add caulking around window seals.

**Laundry Water Usage** Wash only full loads. Match the load setting with the amount of laundry to be washed if you must wash partial loads.

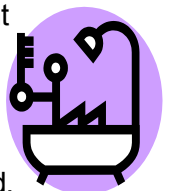


Use the shortest wash cycle for lightly soiled loads as it uses less water than other cycles.

**Bathroom Water Usage** Don't use your toilet as a trash can for paper and facial tissues.

Use only as much water as you really need.

Take shorter showers instead of a bath—a water-efficient showerhead often uses less water than a bath. Bathing uses the most hot water in the average household.



**Bundle Up Your Home** Hidden gaps and cracks in a home can add up to as much airflow as an open window. The more heat that escapes, the more cold air enters, causing your system to work harder and use more energy. Home Sealing can improve your home's efficiency. Start by sealing air leaks and adding insulation, pay special attention to your attic and basement, where the biggest gaps and cracks are often found.

*Conservation tips provided by the courtesy of the U.S. Department of Energy, EPA, Tx Water Development Board, and the City of Lockhart.*