

## **NEWSLETTER**

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### CITY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



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

Sept 2—Labor Day Nov 11—Veteran'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
Kara McGregor, District 3
Jeffry Michelson, District 4

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

Sept 3 Oct 15 Sept 17 Nov 7 Nov 19

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Please contact the City Secretary for a detailed agenda listing items to be discussed during each meeting or visit us at www.lockhart-tx.org. Council meetings are also streamed online.

# CITY CONTACT INFORMATION

(512) 398-3461

(512) 398-3615

City Hall

Animal Shelter	(512) 376-3336
Animal Control	(512) 376-3336
after hours call	(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

City of Lockhart 308 West San Antonio Street Lockhart, Texas 78644 Phone: (512) 398-3461 Fax: (512) 398-5103

Website: www.lockhart-tx.org
Television: City Access Channel 10

on Spectrum Cable

Water Department

# Welcome Back to School from the Lockhart Police Department

The Lockhart Police Department would like to welcome all Teachers, Students, and Staff back for another school year. We would like to remind everyone that State Law prohibits the use of cell phones while driving in marked school zones – this includes text messaging. We would also like to remind folks that the speed limit in School Zones is 20 miles per hour. There will be an increase in bicyclist, motor vehicle, and pedestrian traffic in and around the schools starting bright and early Wednesday morning, August 14th, 2019. Please slow down and drive safe.

The Lockhart Police Department, in partnership with the Lockhart ISD, will have two officers assigned to the school district as school resource officers. The School Resource Officer is a sworn officer assigned to a school on a long-term basis trained to perform three major roles: law enforcement officer, law- related counselor and law-related educator. In addition, the officer works in collaboration with the school and the community as a resource for safety and security issues.

The police officer assigned to the High School this year is Officer Stephen Parra. The police officer assigned to the Junior High School is Officer Chad Corbitt. Please feel free to contact Officer Corbitt or Officer Parra at (512) 398-4401 or the Lockhart High School at (512) 398-0300 for questions or concerns.

#### November 5, 2019—General Election

The November 5, 2019 General Election is just around the corner. The following City of Lockhart elected official positions will be on the ballot:

- Councilmember District 1
- Councilmember District 2
- Councilmember At-Large
- Councilmember At-Large

Please contact the City Secretary at City Hall, 308 West San Antonio Street or by phone at (512) 398-3461 if you have any questions pertaining to the election.

Below are key dates pertaining to the election: JULY 20, 2019 First Day to File for a Place on the Ballot AUGUST 19, 2019 Last Day to File for a Place on the Ballot OCTOBER 7, 2019 Last Day to Register to Vote OCTOBER 21, 2019 thru November 1, 2019 Early Voting

#### **Register to Vote**

Before voting, please ensure that you are properly registered as a voter in the District in which you reside by calling the Election Administrator's Office at (512) 668-4347.

#### "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.



#### **Water Quality**

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has assessed our water system and determined that the drinking water meets or exceeds all federal and state water quality standards. To view the City of Lockhart 2018 Water Quality Report visit www.lockhart-tx.org/page/water quality.

For more information please call (512) 398-6452.

#### **CONSERVATION TIPS**

Use Less Water One simple step is to take a shorter shower. A 7-minute shower uses less water than a full bath. Also consider trying a new, low-flow showerhead. Instead of letting the water run while shaving or brushing your teeth, run it just to wet and rinse your razor or toothbrush. This could save you thousands of gallons of water each year.

Avoid Over-Watering Your Lawn Watering too heavily or too often weakens your lawn and causes erosion and runoff pollution. A general rule is to water up to one inch, once a week, when needed, but always comply with the City of Lockhart's watering restrictions. Shrubs, and other perennials generally need less because of their deeper root structure.

Mow Your Grass Higher How you cut your lawn matters. Set your lawn-mower blades one notch higher. That keeps the grass blade longer which provides shade to the roots, prevents greater evaporation, and inhibits weed growth. Also keep your mower blades sharp. Lawns cut with dull blades lose moisture faster and are more subject to disease.

**Use Fans** Fans allow you to raise the thermostat setting about four degrees without discomfort. A ceiling fan cools people, not the room, so be sure to turn it off

when you leave the room. In the winter, reverse your fan to force warm air near the ceiling down into the room; the blades should be set on a low speed and spin in a clockwise direction.



Conservation tips provided by the courtesy of TCEQ: TakeCareofTexas.org & the City of Lockhart.

# Mandatory Outside Watering Restrictions \*\*\*SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\*

Outside watering can only take place between 7pm & 10am on the following days as designated by customer type:

Customer Type Outside Watering Day

Commercial, Multi-family (four-plex and above)

Residential odd-numbered address (last # in address)

Residential even-numbered address (last # in address)

Tues. and/or Fri.

Wed. and/or Sat.

Thurs. and/or Sun.

-Outside watering can only be done with sprinklers and/or automatic irrigation systems of any type between 7pm and 10am on the above scheduled days.

-Outside watering with an attended hand held hose or bucket at any time and on any day is allowed.

-Washing of sidewalks, driveways, parking areas or other paved surfaces is prohibited except to alleviate an immediate health or safety hazard.

-Restriction variances can only be considered after receipt of reasons in writing addressed to the City Manager or designee and shall not be considered solely on the basis of convenience of the customer.

Like many communities in Texas, water restrictions have become a reality during the summer months and for some, it is year round. The City of Lockhart has sufficient water sources, but conservation is essential to ensure that these resources will be there for years to come. Violators are subject to citations and fines if found guilty.

### **Outdoor Warning Siren Testing**

Beginning Monday, October 7, 2019 the City of Lockhart outdoor warning system will be routinely tested on the first Monday of the month at 1 p.m.

The 5-siren outdoor warning system is used to alert Lockhart residents of impending severe weather and/or chemical emergencies. Activation criteria for the system include:

- National Weather Service (NWS) issues a Tornado Warning;
- National Weather Service (NWS) issues a Severe Thunderstorm Warning and indicates the potential for destructive winds of 70 mph or greater;
- Observed hail of 1.5 inches in diameter (ping pong ball size) or greater;
- Any observed weather condition, which is judged to be hazardous to people and early warning would potentially save lives.

#### **How to Receive Indoor Warnings**

Lockhart residents are encouraged to register cell phones and/or home phones at www.WarnCentralTexas.org. This is a Regional Notification System developed for Central Texas and administered by CAPCOG. The warning system can notify citizens of Lockhart by phone call, text or email for emergencies such as tornados, severe weather, flooding, and local emergency information.

For more information, contact the Lockhart Fire Department at (512) 398-2321.

### **Utility Payments**

City of Lockhart utility payments are now accepted in the drive-through of the Lockhart Municipal Court, 1914 W. San Antonio St. and in the Court night depository, as well as at City Hall, 308 W. San Antonio St.

For account related questions and all other utility related inquires, please visit City Hall, 308 W. San Antonio Street or call (512) 398-3461.

#### Semi Annual Cemetery Cleanup

Beginning October 1, 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 these items that may have sentimental value, please remove them by September 30, 2019.

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