CITY OF Lockhart TEXAS

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CITY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

July 3: Fourth of July (observed) September 7: Labor Day

CITY COUNCIL

Lew White, Mayor Angie Gonzales-Sanchez, Mayor Pro-Tem Brad Westmoreland, At-Large Juan Mendoza, District 1 Derrick David Bryant, District 2 Kara McGregor, District 3 Jeffry 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

CONTACT INFORMATION

City Hall: (512) 398-3461

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 *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

Physical Address: 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

City-wide clean-up on Saturday, July 18

The City of Lockhart has rescheduled its city-wide residential cleanup for current residential utility customers on Saturday, July 18. The clean-up, which is sponsored by the city and Central Texas Refuse, was originally scheduled for April but was postponed due to unknown health safety concerns at the time. Bulky item pick-

up charges will not be applicable on certain eligible items. All loose materi-

als must be in bags or in containers that cannot weigh more than 60 pounds.

All materials must be out at the property line by 8 a.m. July 18. Please do not put your materials out prior to July 11. Do not put material in the street, where it could reduce visibility at intersections

Eligible items

- Appliances such as washers, dryers and stoves
- Carpeting measuring less than 4 feet long
- Furniture
- Scrap metal measuring less than 4 feet long
- Treated wood
- Mattresses

Not allowed

- Freon appliances such as refrigerators, freezers and air conditioning units
- Televisions and computers
- Automotive products/fluids
- Paint
- Hazardous materials
- Demolition/construction debris and metal fencing
- Tires
- Batteries, ammunition or explosives
- Concrete or rocks
- Railroad tie lumber
- Pianos, hot tubs, motorcycles or items larger than a typical appliance

and cause a traffic hazard Call Central Texas Refuse at 1-800-664-2833 for more information.

City resumes summer fan program for seniors

As temperatures rise to typical summer heights, the city has once again resumed its Summer Fan program, which provides electric fans to Lockhart residents 65 and over while supplies last.

To qualify, you must be

65 years old or older, a resident of Lockhart, and did not receive a fan during the 2019 Summer Fan program.

If you meet the qualifications and you need a fan, contact City Hall at (512)398-3461.

Election Day is November 3

Mayor, two council member spots on ballot

Three City of Lockhart elected official positions will be on the ballot on Election Day on Nov. 3.

- Mayor
- Council member District 3

• Council member District 4 Please contact the City Secretary at City Hall, 308 West San Antonio Street; by phone at (512) 398-3461; or, by email cconstancio@lockhart-tx.org if you have any questions pertaining to the election or filing for a place on the ballot. JULY 18 First day to file for a place on the ballot

AUGUST 17 Last day to file for a place on the ballot

OCTOBER 5 Last day to register to vote

Important dates

OCTOBER 19-30 Early voting by personal appearance

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.

Library's YouTube channel goes live

Are you looking for something to keep your children occupied while they're indoors?

The Dr. Eugene Clark Library has a YouTube channel that is the home of its new Virtual Storytime videos.

During Virtual Storytime, kind adults read books aloud, making sure to pause so your child can see the pictures. A new video is posted each week on the City of Lockhart - City Government Facebook page, but you can watch the videos anytime you like. Just go to youtube. com and search for Dr. Eugene Clark Library.

Loan program brings relief to business owners

The COVID-19 Recovery Loan program was created in April, making zero interest loans of up to \$5,000 or \$7,500 available to non-essential businesses.

All loans have a 36-month repayment schedule and will not be charged interest if paid in full by the maturity date. A promissory note must be executed. No payments are required prior to October 1, 2020.

The application period for the loan will remain open until September 30, 2020, until funding has been exhausted, or until the city determines the program goals have been satisfied.

For COVID-19 updates relevant to economic development, including links to available financial resources, visit https://lockhartedc.com/coronavirus-updates.

Keep grass short to avoid costly penalties, pests

City ordinances prohibit property owners and occupants from allowing stagnant water to accumulate on their properties and require grass and weed heights not to exceed 12 inches in yards and vacant lots.

High grass and weeds pose hazards that include increased risk of fires and creating a habitat for pests like rodents, snakes, mosquitoes and chiggers.

If your grass is taller than 12 inches, a code violation notice will be sent regular mail and a placard will be placed on the lot. The owner or occupant will have 10 days to comply.

Consequences for failure to comply can range from the city mowing the lawn and billing the resident to a complaint being filed in municipal court.

In most cases, if the owner does not comply within the 10-day period, the city will send a contractor to mow the property and send the owner the bill. The average charge to mow a residential lot is approximately \$190. The owner has 30 days to pay the bill to avoid a lien being placed on the property.

If a complaint is filed in municipal court and the owner or occupant is found guilty, the fine ranges from \$500-\$2,000 and can be assessed for each day the property is in violation of the ordinance.

These tips can help you prevent mosquitoes:

- Repair window and door screens
- Mow grass and tall weeds
- Cut back shrubs and vines
- Treat shaded areas with a professional pest control application or do-it-yourself spray treatment
- Remove tires and junk
 - Eliminate any place water can collect and be retained for 7-10 days, especially where piles of soil or leaves are present.

Ways to pay your utility bill

Need to pay your utility bill, but you don't want to walk into City Hall? The City of Lockhart offers the following easy methods to pay your bill in a snap:

- At municipal court, utility payments may be made at the drive-thru window, 1914 W. San Antonio Street. Hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.
- Online: Visit this website ... https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/lockharttx
- By phone: 512-398-3461
- Drop box: A drive-thru drop box is located on Market Street outside City Hall.