

City NEWSLETTER

September 2021

Two pages

Published by the City of Lockhart

CITY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

September 6: Labor Day November 11: Veterans 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) 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

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

Downtown revitalization planning process begins

Improvements are in store for Downtown Lockhart.

In the August 3rd City Council meeting, Councilmembers gave TRC Engineers, Inc. the green light to move forward with conceptual design alternatives focusing on the nineblock area around the Caldwell County Courthouse. That area is defined by Walnut St. to the north, Colorado St./U.S. 183 to the east, Prairie Lea St. to the south, and Church St. to



the west. Proposed upgrades include utilities, drainage, sidewalks, pedestrian access, parking, and landscaping. There will also be a traffic study done on N. Main St. between San Antonio and Walnut Streets.

TRC will host two public forums to gather feedback from the community and property owners. The dates will be announced soon.

Lockhart Fire Department

New LFD fire truck en route to Lockhart



The Lockhart Fire Department's newest fire truck is on its way!

The new pumper is currently being built and is on schedule to arrive late-September. It will replace Fire Engine 4, which has been deployed to numerous fires, medical calls, and wrecks since 2010. According to the National Fire Protection Association, it is considered best practice to place

a fire truck on reserve after 10 years in the front lines. Therefore, Engine 4 will be kept on reserve, while the new vehicle will be used in emergency response.

While similar to Engine 4, the new fire truck features three pre-connected fire hoses for quick water deployment, air bags for firefighter safety, and a cab intercom system.

Looking for COVID-19 tests and vaccines in Lockhart?

- Check with your doctor/medical provider: Your doctor may be enrolled to be a COVID-19 vaccine provider and have doses available.
- Check local pharmacies: Walmart, Walgreens, H-E-B, and Express Pharmacy.
- Search online: Log on to Vaccines. gov and enter your zip code and vaccine preference. You can also visit the Texas Vaccine Scheduler at getthevaccine.dshs.texas.gov.
- Visit the Caldwell County Office of Emergency Management's website, or call (512) 398-1822.

Street improvements underway this month

Twelve City Streets are about to get some needed repairs.

Lockhart City Council awarded Lone Star Paving of Austin the contract to resurface those streets.

The streets included in the project are:

- Pendergrass St. from San Jacinto St. to Bluestem
- Lakeview Drive from San Jacinto St. to Bluestem Dr
- Bluestem Dr. from Pendergrass St. to Lakeview Dr.

- Nueces St. from W. San Antonio St. to Bois D'Arc St.
- Sunset Dr. from S.
 Colorado St. to end.
- La Feliciana Dr. from Clearfork St. to end.
- Aransas St. from White Oak St. to south end.
- Laredo St. from N.
 Commerce St. to N. Colorado St.
- 2nd St. from Neches St. to Chihuahua St.
- 3rd St. from Neches St. to Chihuahua St.
- 4th St. from Neches St. to Chihuahua St.

 Monterrey St. from Neches St. to Chihuahua St.

The \$488,740 project also includes repaying the Municipal Court's parking lot.

If your street is included in the project, the City will notify you of upcoming construction ahead of time. Once roadwork begins, please take the necessary safety precautions to keep yourself, your neighbors, and work crews safe:

- Slow down
- Pay attention to road signs, construction equipment, and person-

- nel
- Allow for extra travel time
- Plan an alternative route

Weather permitting, the City anticipates the project to be completed by October.



CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Fall city cemetery clean-up date set

Beginning Oct. 4, 2021, 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 Sept. 30.

Questions or comments? Call the Public Works Department at 512-398-6452 during regular business hours.

Upcoming Events

- September 6: Labor Day (City offices closed)
- September 17-18: Diez y Seis
- September 17: Courthouse Nights Music Series, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
- October 4: City Cemetery Cleanup begins
- October 15: Courthouse Nights Music Series,
 7 p.m. 10 p.m.
- October 15-17: Hill Country Cook-Off
- October 16: City-wide Bulk Cleanup October 22-23: Speaking of the Dead
- October 23: Lockhart Kiwanis 5K Stampede
- November 5: Dia de los Muertos Celebration
- November 6: Keep Lockhart Beautiful Fall Cleanup
- November 7: Daylight Saving Time Ends (Fall Back)
- November 11: Veterans Day (City offices closed)

Need after hours utility help?

Call: (512) 398-4401

Solid waste services UPDATE: New pick up time and no glass for recycling

Starting August 16, trash and recycling carts will need to be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on collection days. You may also have up to seven bags, in addition to your cart, ready for pick up--for no extra charge. Also, make sure your items are placed within five feet of the roadway without obstructing traffic flow for both vehicles and pedestrians.

At that same date, glass will no longer be accepted for recycling. This applies to both curbside and drop offs at the Lockhart Recycling Center.

Instead, here are some ways you can dispose of glass safely:

- Wrap the item in duct tape, cloth, or an old newspaper to keep them from breaking during transit.
- If it's broken glass, place it in a cardboard box or a container.
- Place glass items in your brown cart.
- Give them away to a friend or donate it to a charitable organization.
- Take them to the 130 Environmental Park landfill.

**Even with these changes, "At-the-Door" valet garbage services will still be available to our disabled customers at no additional charge. If you are eligible, you may pick up an application from our Utilities Department, then submit it with a doctor's note. That application is also available on our website: lockhart-tx.org. Questions? Call: (512) 376-2475.

November 2021 election: Are you registered to vote?

While Lockhart's municipal election is not until next year, this November, voters will be deciding on eight proposed state constitutional amendments. You can read about those amendments on the Texas Secretary of State's website: www.sos.state.tx.us.

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

October 4, 2021

ELECTION DAY:

November 2, 2021

You can register to vote at the **Caldwell County Elections Office** at the Scott Annex:

1403 Blackjack Street, Suite C Lockhart, TX 78644 Or call: (512) 668-4347

For more information on voter registration, head over to your local voter registrar or visit **vote-texas.gov**.