

City NEWSLETTER

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CITY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

July 4: Independence Day September 4: Labor 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 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) 398-4401; ext. 2

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

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; ext. 1

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; ext. 1

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 Project Design Phase nears completion

The City's consulting engineer and architects, TRC Engineering and Rialto Studios, respectively, will soon provide City Council with the 100% Design Phase update on the Downtown Revitalization Project. They, along with City Staff, will make the presentation in the August 15 City Council meeting, at 6:30 p.m.

Previously, Council accepted the 90% Design Phase on the May 16 meeting, which included an updated cost estimate, a draft of the arborist report on downtown trees, State Antiquities Landmark (SAL) permit to be submitted to the Texas Historical Commission, parking count update, revised curb bumpouts to accommodate delivery/service trucks, and an update on the truck re-route on SH 142.

Upon the acceptance of the 100% Design Phase, the Downtown Revitalization Project will move on to its Permitting Phase.

Downtown Revitalization Project Schedule:

- Design Phase (June 2022-July 2023)
- Permitting (July October 2023)
- Bidding (October November 2023)
- Construction (January 2024-January 2026)

For more updates on the Downtown Revitalization Project, visit: https://www.lockhart-tx.org/page/Downtown%20Revitalization%20Project

Maple St. Splash Pad now in operation



The long-awaited Maple St. Splash Pad is now open to the public. The new facility features a playscape, seating, sidewalk connections, and, soon, shade canopies.

HOURS:

Tuesday - Sunday: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday: CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE

City of Lockhart General Election:

November 7, 2023

Lockhart's Municipal Election is coming up on **November 7, 2023**. Early voting for this election begins October 24, and ends November 4.

Several City Council positions will be on the ballot:

- Councilmember District 3
- Councilmember District 4
- Mayor

Candidate filing period runs from July 22 - August 21, 2023. To file, you must contact the interim City Secretary by e-mailing jbowermon@lockhart-tx.org, or calling Lockhart City Hall at (512)398-3461.

To register to vote, stop by the Caldwell County Elections Office at the Scott Annex:

1403 Blackjack Street, Suite C Lockhart, TX 78644.

City Council amends Impact Fees for future developments in Lockhart

In the May 2nd City Council Meeting, Councilmembers approved amendments to the City's Impact Fee Ordinance, which involve increasing impact fees for water, wastewater, and roadways, as recommended by the City's roadways impact fee consultant Freese & Nichols, water/wastewater impact fee consultant TRC Engineering, and citizen-led Impact Fee Committee to match anticipated ten-year growth. In the case of a single-family dwelling, the total impact fees would increase from \$4,558 to either \$12,140 or \$12,503, depending upon which roadway service

area the residence is located.

An impact fee is a tool that cities can use to recoup, from property developers and builders, some of the costs that new development places on city infrastructure. The fees are based on land use assumptions, expected population growth and corresponding capital improvements and expenditures necessary to support that growth. Without impact fees, existing and future taxpayers will shoulder the costs for new developments.

Impact fee updates are conducted every five years as required by

Lockhart City Ordinance and State Law. New single-family or duplex dwellings on lots in subdivisions recorded prior to January 1, 1970 or in the Original Town of Lockhart subdivision are exempt from impact fees if they are located in areas with adequate paved streets and existing direct access to water and wastewater utilities.

While Lockhart's impact fee increase is notable, the city's new fee levels would be mid-range compared to peer cities in Central Texas. **To learn more visit** www.lockhart-tx.org.

City kicks off Comprehensive Plan process

The City of Lockhart has officially kicked off its Comprehensive Plan update process with the first meeting of the citizens Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee at the end of June. The Committee, which represents various aspects of the community, will hold public meetings on the current state of the city and gather community input regarding goals, objectives, and strategies to guide the next 20 years of Lockhart's growth.

The city's current Comprehensive Plan was drafted in 2000. The updated Plan--once adopted by City Council--will serve as a guide for policy decisions relating to the

physical development of Lockhart in the next 20 years.

Stay tuned for public hearing announcements through the City of Lockhart's website (www.lockhart-tx.org) and social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and NextDoor).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 8 Movies in the Park
- July 11 Kids in Cars Car Seat Check
- July 21 Courthouse Nights Music Series
- July 14 Movies in the Clark Library
- July 25 Evenings with the Songwriter
- July 27 Adult Craft Night at the Library
- August 9 Kids in Cars Car Seat Check
- August 12 Movies in the Park
- August 16 Lockhart ISD First Day of School
- August 18 Courthouse Nights Music Series
- September 4 Labor Day (City offices closed)
- September 13 Kids in Cars Car Seat Check

Registration is OPEN for Skyhawks Sports Academy Summer Camps!

The City of Lockhart has partnered up with Skyhawks Sports Academy to provide skill-based summer camps for children, ages 4 - 12. These week-long camps began June 5 and continues through August 7. Participants may choose from nine different camps: golf, basketball, capture the flag, ultimate frisbee, baseball, flag football, soccer, dodgeball, and swimming.

SIGN UP by scanning the QR code provided or visiting <u>skyhawks-satx.click/Lockhart.</u>

Questions? Call the Parks and Recreation Department at (512)398-6452.



MANDATORY OUTDOOR WATERING RESTRICTIONS

Outdoor water restrictions are in place for Lockhart under the Water Conservation Plan or Drought Contingency Plan in order to maintain the city's water supply. Outside watering can only take place between **7 p.m. and 10 a.m.** on the following days, as designated by customer type listed below:

- Commercial, multi-family (apartments, four-plex units and above): Tuesday and/or Friday.
- Residential odd-numbered addresses (last # in address): Wednesday and/or Saturday
- Residential even-numbered addresses (last # in address): Thursday and/or Sunday
- Outdoor watering can only be done with sprinklers and/or automatic irrigation systems of any type between 7 p.m. to 10 a.m. on the above scheduled

- days.
- Outdoor 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 to the customer.

The City of Lockhart has sufficient water sources, but conservation is essential to ensure these resources will be there for years to come.



If you are:

- 65+ years old and/or disabled
- A Lockhart Resident
- Did not receive a fan in last year's Summer Fan Program...

COME BY LOCKHART CITY HALL TO PICK ONE UP!

308 W. SAN ANTONIO ST., LOCKHART, TX

OPEN: 8 A.M.- 5 P.M.

MONDAY-FRIDAY

Lockhart