Lockhart

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CITY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

September 5: Labor Day November 11: Veterans Day November 24: Thanksgiving 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) 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

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 Council OK's additional School Resource Officer at LISD

In the August 16th Council meeting, the Lockhart City Council provided final approval of an agreement with Lockhart ISD creating an additional School Resource Officer (SRO) at Lockhart ISD school campuses. There are now three SROs at the school district, instead of two.

The new SRO, who is a member of the Lockhart Police Department, will supervise existing SROs and provide additional support in the elementary schools. This will allow current SROs to spend more time on their designated campuses, increase presence and visibility, and work closely with the school district to further improve existing security measures, help implement new measures, and coordinate safety training. The City of Lockhart has provided support for Lockhart ISD's safety and security protocols through the Lockhart Police and Fire Departments, which are part of the Lockhart ISD Safety Task Force. The addition of another SRO provides another layer of security to LISD's existing safety protocols, which include requiring

all visitors to present a valid ID before entering school buildings, increasing the number of counselors to address the emotional well-being of students, regular safety audits for all LISD campuses, and the new Lion Guard—a community watch program where eligible volunteers, who complete **Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events** (CRASE) and Stop the Bleed trainings, assist in monitoring and checking for any potential safety concerns.

OCTOBER IS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

Don't forget your smoke alarms!

In a fire, a few seconds could be the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy. With Fire Prevention Month coming up in October, the Lockhart Fire Department wants to emphasize the importance of having working smoke alarms in your home:

- Smoke alarms can sense smoke before you can, alerting you to upcoming fire danger.
- Smoke alarms need to be in every bedroom, outside of sleeping areas, and each level of your home, including the basement.
- Choose an alarm that is listed with a testing laboratory, meaning it has met certain standards for protection.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month by pressing the "test" button to make sure they are working.
- Replace all smoke alarms if they are at least 10 years old.



**Stay tuned for road closures and traffic alerts leading up to the event.

People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms, which have strobe lights and bed shakers.

Need help installing your smoke alarm? CALL THE LOCKHART FIRE DEPARTMENT: (512) 398-2321



NOVEMBER 5, 2022 BBQ World's Fair in Downtown Lockhart NOVEMBER 6, 2022

Top 50 Picnic at City Park (504 City Park Rd.)

For tickets, visit: https://www.texasmonthly.com/ event/2022-tm-bbq-fest-lockhart/

Water Conservation encouraged even after recent rains

Central Texans welcomed much needed rainfall after experiencing higher-than-average temperatures this summer with lower to no precipitation. However, water conservation measures are still encouraged even with recent relief from Mother Nature.

While Lockhart has sufficient water sources, conservation remains essential to ensure the community continues to have these resources through the summer and beyond. Here are a few water conservation tips from the Texas Water Development Board to help you get started:

- Only water your lawn when necessary and follow the City's odd/even watering schedule based on the last number of your street address:
- <u>Even</u> street addresses (2, 4, 6, 8, 0)

may water on Sundays and Thursdays from midnight to 10 a.m., and/or 7 p.m. to midnight.

 <u>Odd</u> street addresses (1, 3, 5, 7, 9) may water on Saturdays and Wednesdays from midnight to 10 a.m., and/or 7 p.m. to midnight.

NOTE: Irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted at anytime if it is by means of a hand-held hose, a faucet-filled bucket or watering can of five gallons or less, or drip irrigation system.

This alternating watering schedule significantly reduces the peak effect of everyone wanting to water at the same time and is a proactive strategy for helping your water utility meet current and future water needs.

Take short showers, instead of baths.

- Repair leaky faucets, indoors and out.
 - Repair leaky toilets.
- Only run the dishwasher when it's full.
- Run full loads of laundry.
- When washing a car, wet it quickly, then use a bucket of water to wash the car. Turn on the hose to final rinse.



Fall city cemetery clean-up date set

October 3-7, 2022, 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.

Questions or comments? Call the Parks Department at (512) 398-6452 during regular business hours, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- September 5: Labor Day (City offices closed)
- September 16: Courthouse Nights Music Series, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
- September 16 17: Diez y Seis
- September 27: Evening with the Songwriter, 7 p.m.
- October 3 7: City Cemetery Cleanup
 October 21: Courthouse Nights Music Series, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
- October 15: City-wide Bulk Pickup
- October 25: Evening with the Songwriter, 7 p.m.
- October 29: Lockhart Kiwanis 5K Stampede
- October 29: Keep Lockhart Beautiful Fall Cleanup
- November 4: Dia de los Muertos Celebration
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 November 5 6: Texas Monthly BBQ Fest
- November 6: Daylight Saving Time Ends (Fall Back)
- November 8: General Election Day
- November 11: Veterans Day (City offices closed)
- November 24: Thanksgiving Day (City offices closed)
- November 25: Day after Thanksgiving (City offices closed)



CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Fall Citywide Bulk Pickup event, October 15

It's that time of the year again! Lockhart will have its City-wide Bulk Pickup event on **<u>Saturday, October 15, at 7 a.m.</u>** This event is FREE and open to Lockhart residents ONLY.

Central Texas Refuse (CTR), the City's solid waste contractor, requires participants to place bulk items at the curb **<u>BY 7 a.m.</u>** the day of collection.

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- Non-freon appliances (Please provide 2-feet of side clearance for appliances)
- Carpeting (Cut and rolled less than 4'x 4' x 40 lbs.)
- Furniture
- Scrap metal (less than 4' long)
 - Wooden fencing material/ treated wood (bundled less than 4' x 4' x 40 lbs. & free of nails, screws, concrete & metal)
 - Mattresses

NOT ELIGIBLE ITEMS:

- Freon appliances (refrigerators, freezers, A/C units)
- Televisions & computers
- Automotive products/fluids
- Hazardous chemicals
- Demolition/construction debris or metal fencing
- Tires
- Batteries, ammunition, or explosives
- Railroad tie lumber
- Pianos, hot tubs, motorcycles, vehicle parts, or items larger than a normal sized appliance
- Tree limbs and brush

The City-wide bulk pickup event does not include apartment complexes and commercial businesses.

QUESTIONS? Call Central Texas Refuse at (512) 243-2833

General Election Day: November 8, 2022

The City of Lockhart will have its Municipal Election on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>November 8, 2022</u>. Four Council seats are up for votes: Districts 1 and 2, along with two at-large Councilmember positions.

For more information on the candidates, visit the City's Elections website (https://www. lockhart-tx.org/page/gov_election) or call the Caldwell County Elections Administrator's Office at (512) 668-4347. VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 11, 2022

EARLY VOTING: October 24 - November 4, 2022

Scott Annex (1403 Blackjack St.) ELECTION DAY:

November 8, 2022 <u>Polls open:</u> 7 a.m. - 7 p.m