

CITY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

Friday, Dec. 23: Christmas Eve (Observed)
Monday, Dec. 26: Christmas Day (Observed)
Monday, Jan. 2: New Year's Day (Observed)
Monday, Jan 16: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

CITY COUNCIL

Lew White, Mayor
Angie Gonzales-Sanchez, At-Large
Brad Westmoreland, At-Large
Juan Mendoza, District 1
John Castillo, District 2
Kara McGregor, District 3
Jeffrey 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

CALDWELL COUNTY, CITY OF LOCKHART ENTERS EMERGENCY AIR MEDICAL MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH PHI CARES

The City of Lockhart and neighboring cities within the county entered an interlocal agreement with Caldwell County to become members of the PHI Cares program. That means, Lockhart residents, along with those out in the county, are now eligible to receive free coverage on the unpaid portion of PHI Air Medical services, which include unlimited transports, no pre-existing conditions limit, on scene calls and inter-facility transfers, no co-pays, or out-of-pocket expenses. Also, under this program, should residents require air transport while in Lockhart or in any adjacent county--which include Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hays, Travis, Bastrop, and Fayette counties--they will be covered by PHI Cares membership benefits.

"Medical access continues to be an ongoing struggle for rural communities throughout the nation, including ours," said Lockhart Mayor Lew White. "Lockhart's participation in PHI Air Medical's Membership program helps change



that by ensuring our citizens have access to critical medical services at a lower cost, whether they are at home or in neighboring communities."

Residents should always call 9-1-1 first when they have a medical emergency. Dispatchers are well trained at assessing whether the emergency warrants an air ambulance. If a resident is transported by a PHI Air Medical Aircraft, once they are able, they should notify the PHI Cares membership department at **1-888-I-Fly-PHI (1-888-435-9744)** and provide them with the Caldwell County PHI Cares membership number, **#61002**, and their date of transport.

The membership number is also available through membership

cards from PHI Air Medical, which you may obtain from the following locations:

- **Lockhart City Hall** (308 W. San Antonio St., Lockhart, TX)
- **Dr. Eugene Clark Library** (217 S. Main St., Lockhart, TX)
- **Caldwell County Courthouse** (110 S. Main St., Room 101, Lockhart, TX)

***If you were not able to obtain a card, you can still receive PHI Cares benefits as long as you are Lockhart/Caldwell County resident.*

Questions? Contact PHI Cares Membership Department at membership@PHIAirMedical.com or call 1-888-435-9744.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Planning on traveling this holiday season?

More people will be hitting the roads this year to visit loved ones for the holidays. If you're one of those people, here are a few tips from the Lockhart Police Department:

- Leave early and plan ahead for heavy traffic.
- Get plenty of rest before taking the wheel.
- If you're heading somewhere cold, prepare your car for winter.
- Keep an emergency preparedness kit with you.
- Buckle up.
- Put your cellphone away.
- Don't drink and drive.
- Make sure your child's car seat is secure and installed correctly.

If you need car seat installation assistance, call Dell Children's Ascension Kids in Cars (512) 324 -TOTS.



Lockhart Fire Department: Don't set your house on fire! Here are some tips to make sure you don't:

- Place your Christmas tree at least three feet away from fireplaces, radiators, and other heat sources.
- If using an artificial tree, make sure it is fire resistant.
- Use outdoor lights outdoors and indoor lights indoors.
- Place candles where they won't be knocked down, or opt for flameless candles.
- Never leave candles and/or fireplaces burning unattended.
- Keep matches and candles out of reach of children.
- Turn off all the lights and decorations when you go to bed and when you leave the house.



Did you know...The City of Lockhart has "At-the-Door" garbage collection services?

Taking out the trash may be a simple, everyday task for many of us, but that's not the case for Lockhart residents with disabilities. To ensure all residents receive the same degree of service, the City of Lockhart provides "At-the-Door" valet garbage collection to our disabled customers at no additional charge.

Here's how it works:

- The garbage cart must be placed within 75 feet of the street and can't be enclosed in any manner.
- On collection day, Central Texas Refuse—the City's solid waste collection contractor—will take the

garbage cart to the street, remove the garbage, and then return the cart to its original location.

To be eligible for this service, you are required to provide acceptable proof of disability. You may pick up an application form from the Utilities Billing Department or CALL: (512) 376-2475. That application is also available online: <https://www.lockhart-tx.org/upload/page/0085/AT%20THE%20DOOR%20application.pdf>. Print it out, fill it up, and submit it with supporting documents (i.e. a doctor's note) at Lockhart City Hall (308 W. San Antonio St.) or FAX: (512) 398-4196.

ENERGY-SAVING TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Decking the halls with Christmas lights and other decor can get you into the holiday spirit, but that upcoming electric bill can also make you feel anything, but merry. In fact, many utility providers have found that energy use goes up during the holidays due to cooler weather, increased use of appliances, and lights staying on longer.

Here are some conservation tips from the Public Utility Commission of Texas that will help ensure your holidays stay 'merry and bright:'

- Set your thermostat at 68°F or lower - every degree of extra heating will increase energy usage six to eight percent.
- Dress warmly.
- Use more blankets at night.
- Set ceiling fans on reverse to re-circulate the heat that builds up near the ceiling.
- Always turn lights off in rooms you are not using.
- Lower the thermostat on your hot water heater. For each 10 degrees of reduction, you can save 3-5 percent in energy costs. 120°F is suggested unless your dishwasher does not have its own water heater, in which case 130°F - 140°F is suggested for optimal cleaning.
- Wrap the hot water heater in an insulation blanket.

What to do with your live Christmas tree once the holidays are over...We can help take care of that!



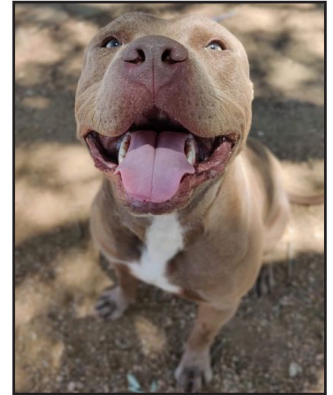
The City of Lockhart offers tree recycling for FREE! So, when you are ready to say 'goodbye' to your live Christmas tree, call our Public Works Department at (512) 398-6452 to arrange for collection.

Once you've set up a time, make sure the tree is free of ornaments, lights, tinsel, nails, screws or tree bases before placing it curbside. Then, we'll pick it up and take care of the rest!

LOCKHART ANIMAL SHELTER

WANTED: A Home for the HOWL-idays

'Twas the weeks before Christmas when all through the Lockhart Animal Shelter, all creatures are stirring, both cats and dogs, with hopes of finding their forever homes. Our shelter is seeking adopters and/or fosters to help make that holiday wish come true.



Interested? Contact the Lockhart Animal Shelter by calling (512) 398-4401, ext. 2, or e-mail lockhartanimal-services@lockhart-tx.org for a pet adoption application.

***If you've never adopted or fostered a dog or cat before, our Shelter Staff is more than happy to assist.*

LOCKHART ANIMAL SHELTER HOURS:

Tuesday-Friday: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday: 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday-Monday: CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

TIME TO CONSERVE

KEEP YOUR SEWAGE COSTS DOWN BY CONSERVING WATER USAGE IN DECEMBER, JANUARY, AND FEBRUARY!

Residential customers are charged a fixed sewage rate, which is determined by taking the average of a customer's water usage in those three months. That average becomes their sewage rate for the next 12-month billing period of April to March.

A new average is recorded each year to establish the customer's sewage charge.

Blue Santa Is Coming To Town!

It's that time of the year again! The Lockhart Police Association is accepting donations for the Blue Santa Program. The program helps ensure Lockhart's children have presents under the Christmas tree. **Drop off new and unwrapped toys for kids aged 2-15 years at the Lockhart Police Department (214 Bufkin Ln.).**

Need a present? Stop by the Lockhart High School cafeteria (906 Center St.), Saturday, December 17, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. with proof of Lockhart residency (ex: your driver's license or any government issued ID or utility bill). Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to pick up a toy. Toy availability is based on a first come, first served basis.

Questions? E-mail palockhartbluesanta@gmail.com or check the Lockhart Police Association's Facebook page.

