

CITY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

April 10: Good Friday

May 25: Memorial Day

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

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) 376-3336
*after hours call (512) 398-4401

Animal Control: (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
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on Spectrum Cable

Census Day is April 1

In March, Lockhart residents will begin receiving packets in the mail containing detailed information concerning participation in the 2020 U.S. Census. By April 1 - Census Day - every home in the United States will have received a form inviting those inhabiting it to participate.

Getting a complete count in the Census, which occurs every 10 years, is important to residents of every community for myriad reasons that include:

- How many representatives each state gets in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- How the lines are drawn that define congressional and state legislative districts.
- It provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data.

Some Census FAQs

Why is it conducted?

It's in the U.S. Constitution and is required every 10 years. The last one was performed in 2010, so the time has come.

When does it start?

The U.S. Census Bureau's awareness campaign in which many local governments participate



Starting around mid-May, Census workers will begin visiting households that have not yet submitted their 2020 U.S. Census form. Interested in what questions appear on the Census? Visit <https://2020census.gov/en/about-questions.html>.

becomes more visible in January. Forms will start hitting residents' mailboxes in March. The Bureau's plan is to begin getting people to fill out the forms on April 1. Follow up notices will be sent to households between April and July.

Do I have to participate?

Yes. It's mandatory. Those who don't participate may be subjected to fines.

Is it for U.S. citizens only?

No. You only need to be a resident. The questionnaire asks about citizenship but does not ask for a Social Security number or about any financial matters.

What does it ask?

The questions include the names, ages, sex and dates of birth of people living in the household.

Will the U.S. Census Bureau share my answers with law enforcement or any other entities?

No. The information you share with the U.S. Census Bureau is confidential. The Bureau says there are safeguards built in to protect private information.

How can we

fill it out?

The form can be filled out online, by mail and by phone. If you don't have Internet at your home, computer access is available through the Dr. Eugene Clark Library.

How is it tied to money?

According to the Texas Demographic Center, the distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants and support to states, counties and communities are based on Census data. The money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other programs. An undercount of the Texas population of just 1 percent could translate to a statewide loss of about \$300 million in federal funding for those programs in communities within the state, according to the Center.

How about representation in the U.S. Congress?

The trend has been that the state has gained representation in Congress after each Census. Texas received two additional seats in 1990 and 2000, and four seats following the 2010 Census.

City-wide clean-up program in April

The City of Lockhart and Central Texas Refuse in April will sponsor a city-wide clean up program for current residential utility customers.

Bulky item pickup charges will not be applicable for allowed items picked up during this special clean up on the assigned days.

Items not accepted during this special clean-up: household garbage, brush/limbs, tree trunks, tires, batteries, pesticides, oil, paints, chemicals, varnishes, thinners, wire and lumber longer than 4 feet.

Household hazardous waste will not be accepted. A special Household Hazardous Cleanup for chemicals, pesticides, paints, etc.

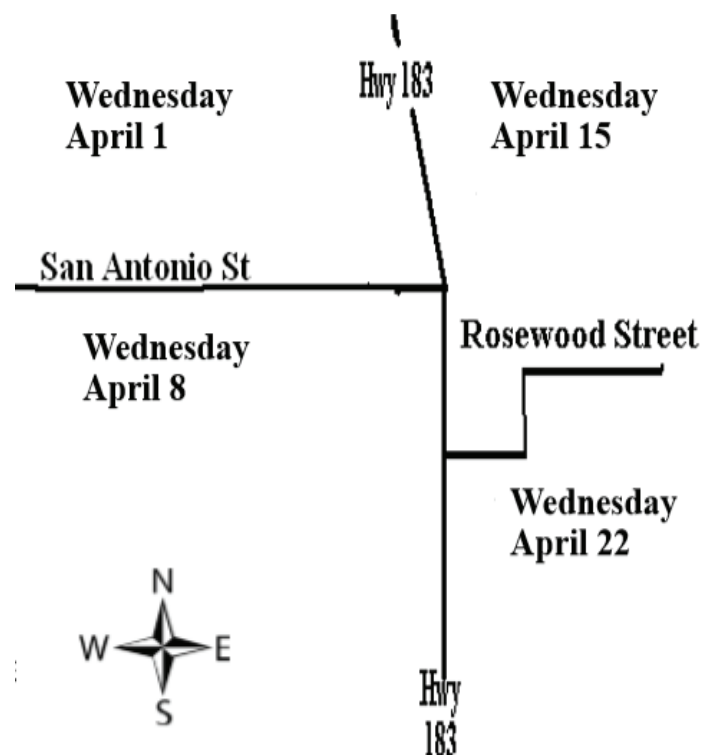
will be held March 14.

No items from residential or commercial construction sites will be accepted. Appliances, metal objects, and furniture must be stacked separately; appliances will be picked up separately. All loose materials 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. on the date of your assigned pickup. Check the map for your pickup date.

Do not put material in the street, where it could reduce visibility at intersections and cause a traffic hazard.

Call Central Texas Refuse at 1-800-664-2833 for more information.



In Brief

SAVE THESE DATES

Sunday, March 8:

Daylight Saving Time begins. Set your clocks one hour ahead and remember to change the batteries in your smoke detector.

Saturday, March 14:

Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event, Lockhart City Park, Main/Central Pavilion Pool Parking lot. Bring your unwanted cleaning products, drain cleaners, household batteries, paints, pool chemicals and more for safe disposal, as well as a utility bill or any other proof of residence in the City of Lockhart. **Check out www.lockhart-tx.org for more details,** including what items won't be accepted as well as some safety tips. Call (512)398-3461 with any questions.

Friday, March 20-Saturday, March 21: Tolbert Texas State Chili Championship & BBQ Cookoff at City Park. For information, call (512)216-7202.

Saturday, March 21:

Kid Fish and Welcome Spring Day, Lockhart City Park. Free to the public and includes activities for all ages. For information, call (512)398-6452.

Saturday, March 28:

Lockhart Kiwanis 5K Stampede, 8 a.m., First Lockhart Baptist Church, 315 Prairie Lea Street. To register, contact <https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/Lockhart/5KStampede>. For information call (512) 398-2318 or (512) 398-2421.

Friday, April 10:

Good Friday. All City offices are closed for the holiday and will reopen Monday, April 13.

May 1-2: Cinco de Mayo celebration, Downtown Lockhart. Entertainment from 6-midnight May 1 and continues noon-midnight May 2. Call (512)921-8000 for additional information. 5K-10K race at 8 a.m. May 2. For details, contact (512)787-1642.

May 16-17: Lockhart Grand Prix Kart

Race, Downtown Lockhart. Skilled racers will drive vehicles that fit in the bed of the average half-ton pickup at speeds of roughly 90 mph through downtown city streets, which will be temporarily converted into a closed race track. Follow P1 Promotions on Facebook for updates at <https://www.facebook.com/P1promo>.

Saturday, July 18:

Last day to file for a place in the general election ballot in a local election. This year, Lockhart City Council positions that will be decided on November 3 include Mayor, District 3 and District 4. Visit http://www.lockhart-tx.org/page/gov_election or call (512) 398-3461 for more information.

GOING ON NOW

OUTDOOR WARNING SIREN TESTING:

The outdoor warning siren testing is conducted every first Monday of the month at 1 p.m. The sirens emit a steady noise and are automatically activated when the

NOW HIRING - SUMMER LIFEGUARDS:

The City is now accepting applications for Lifeguards and Pool Manager for the 2020 summer season. Applicants must be certified as a lifeguard and in CPR/First Aid. **Call to discuss opportunities to obtain certifications.** For information, call City Hall at (512)398-3461 or stop by in person at 308 W. San Antonio Street.

National Weather Service issues a tornado warning to warn people who are outdoors. For information about the city's five-siren system, visit http://www.lockhart-tx.org/page/community_news.

SEMIANNUAL CEMETERY CLEANUP:

Beginning March 23, 2020, staff will be cleaning up areas throughout the city cemetery. All articles - including artificial

and real flowers, weathered items, vases, containers and flags - will be removed. If you wish to keep items that have sentimental value, please remove them by March 23. Questions? Call 512-398-6452.

RESOLVE OUTSTANDING TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS:

Law enforcement agencies across the state of Texas are stepping up efforts to actively serve Class C warrants. If you believe you have outstanding violations, contact the Lockhart Municipal Court to voluntarily resolve your case before you are compelled to appear by arrest. Under Texas Law, if you appear before the court and make a good faith effort to resolve your outstanding Class C warrants you are afforded safe harbor and not subject to arrest. The court is located at 1914 W. San Antonio St. in Lockhart. Call (512) 398-8330 from 8-5 p.m. Monday-Friday or visit www.lockhart-tx.org for information.