Lockhart

City NEWSLETTER

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CITY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

April 2: Good Friday May 31: Memorial Day July 5: Fourth of July (observed) September 6: 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 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, both in-person and virtually. 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) 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 *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

Pre-register now for COVID-19 vaccine

Caldwell County is focusing on providing the vaccine to vulnerable populations and communities.

At this time, the supply is limited. There is not enough vaccine to cover all of the people who meet the criteria for eligibility, but residents are encouraged to pre-register to facilitate distribution as supply allows. The link to the county's pre-registration can be accessed from the Caldwell County homepage: co.caldwell.tx.us.

Those with any questions may call the county's COVID-19 hotline: 512-359-4637.

WARNCENTRALTEXAS.ORG

Stay in the know: Sign up for notifications

With the spring storm season and hurricane season almost upon us, you are encouraged to sign up for Warn Central Texas (warncentraltexas.org). By registering, you'll receive regional emergency notifications and community alerts by phone, e-mail, text or mobile app.

Sign up at Warn Central Texas (warncentraltexas.org) to receive critical information about emergencies and community alerts regarding natural and man-made disasters. By registering you will automatically be enrolled to receive emergency notifications, but you can also opt-in to weather and community notifications. The definition of each notification type are:

- Emergency Notifications (or Emergency Warnings): Messages sent from local emergency response teams for natural and man-made disasters and events that could include actionable tasks such as shelter in place or evacuation instructions.
- Weather Notifications (or Weather Alerts): Automated messages from the National Weather Service for events such as tornado watches and warnings, flash flood warnings and severe thunderstorm warnings.
- Community Notifications: Non-emergency messages sent from your local government.

IN BRIEF

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event set for April 10

The Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event will be held at Lockhart City Park, Main/Central Pavilion Pool Parking lot on Saturday, April 10.

Bring a utility bill or any other proof of residence in the City of Lockhart.

What will we take: Cleaning products: drain cleaners, concentrates, degreasers, oven cleaners, solvents; polishers, pool chemicals, household batteries, paints, varnishes, etc ...

We will NOT take: Waste generated by businesses and commercial farming, tires, chemical containers larger than 5 gallons, medical waste and sharps, empty containers, compressed gas cylinders, ammunition, gun powder, metal, wire and PCBs. Electronics go to the Lockhart Recycle Center.

SAFETY TIPS

• Bring products in the original containers—Do not mix products!

• Make sure containers are properly sealed and labeled correctly.

• If the container leaks, pack in larger container and use absorbents, such as cat litter, to soak up leaks.

• If you do not know what it is, mark it "unknown."

• If possible, place materials in cardboard boxes—boxes with dividers make for good packaging.

• Place materials in areas away from drivers and passengers

For more information, visit www.lockhart-tx.org or call (512)398-3461

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City-wide clean-up on Saturday, March 27

The City of Lockhart and Central Texas Refuse on March 27 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.

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 Saturday, April 10.

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.

Eligible items

- Appliances such as washers, dryers and stoves
- Carpeting less than 4
 feet long
- Furniture
- Scrap metal less than 4 feet long
- Treated wood
- Mattresses

All materials must be out at the property line by 8 a.m. on the date of the pickup.

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.

Not allowed

- Freon appliances such as refrigerators, freezers and air conditioning units
- Televisions and computers
- Automotive products/fluids
- Paint
- Hazardous materials
- Demolition/construction debris and metal fencing
 Tires
- Tires
- Batteries, ammunition or explosives
- Concrete or rocks
- Railroad tie lumber
- Pianos, hot tubs, motorcycles or items larger than a typical appliance

IN BRIEF

Now hiring lifeguards for Summer 2021

The City is now accepting applications for Lifeguards and Pool Manager for the 2021 summer season. Lifeguard and CPR/First Aid certification is preferred.

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.

Help the City of Lockhart by serving on a volunteer board or advisory committee

Your local government depends on committed volunteers to serve on its boards and advisory committees.

The City of Lockhart has 15 boards and committees that advise the Lockhart City Council on a wide range of matters.

To serve on a board or advisory committee, simply submit an application for consideration by the seven-member city council, which votes on appointments.

Visit lockhart-tx.org to learn about the boards and download an application.

5 ways to pay your utility bill

The City of Lockhart offers the following easy methods to pay your bill in a snap:

- In person at Lockhart City Hall between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.
- At municipal court, utility payments may be made at the drive-thru window, 1914 W. San Antonio Street. Hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.
- Online: Visit this website ... https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/lockharttx
- By phone: Payments by phone can be made at no additional cost to the customer using our toll-free number: 855-340-0595.
- Drop box: A drive-thru drop box is located on Market Street outside City Hall.

COMING SOON: An electronic kiosk will be located outside City Hall for another easy 24/7 payment alternative.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Lockhart EDC closes on purchase of land for industrial park

On February 10, 2021, the Lockhart Economic Development Corporation acquired a 75-acre parcel of land for the development of a new industrial park for the City of Lockhart.

Located on the west side of SH 130 and the Union Pacific rail line along FM 2720, this new industrial park will provide shovel-ready land for prospective companies looking at Lockhart as a potential location for their business.

LEDC completed the sale of a sales tax revenue bond in December and, in partnership with the City of Lockhart and Caldwell County, will construct infrastructure to the park over the next few months.

LEDC is excited to market this new land in conjunction to other available land parcels for business and job growth in Lockhart.

Need help paying rent due to the COVID-19 pandemic?

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) has launched the Texas Rent Relief Program — a statewide rent and utility assistance program for qualifying households throughout Texas. To qualify, households must be at or below 80% of the area median income as well as meet other criteria. Per federal guidelines, TDHCA will prioritize applications for households at or below 50% of the area median income level and households where one or more members are currently unemployed and have been for at least 90 days. Landlords are encouraged to apply on behalf of tenants, who must co-sign the application.

Submit applications by calling 1-833-9TX-RENT (1-833-989-7368) or online at TexasRentRelief.com. The call center will be open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.