

CITY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

September 7: Labor Day
November 11: Veterans 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

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

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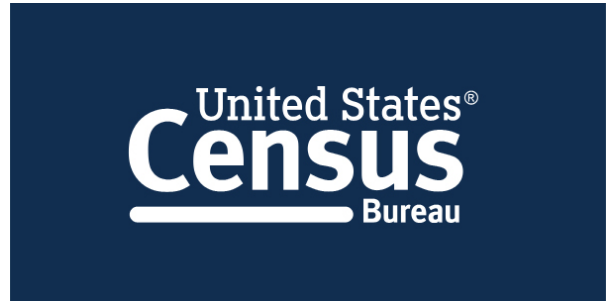
Website: www.lockhart-tx.org

Television: City Access Channel 10
on Spectrum Cable

Complete the Census by September 30

The last day to respond to the 2020 US Census is Sept. 30, which is also the day Census enumerators are scheduled to stop going door to door.

Over the next decade, lawmakers, business owners, and others will use 2020 Census data to make critical decisions. The results will show where communities need new schools, new clinics, new roads, and more services for families, older



adults, and children.

The results will also inform how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding are allocated to more than 100 programs, including Medicaid, Head Start, block grants for commu-

nity mental health services, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as SNAP.

The Census can be completed by phone at (844)330-2020, by mail or online at 2020census.gov.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Sojak to preside as judge

The Lockhart City Council has appointed an experienced local attorney to preside as judge at Lockhart Municipal Court.

Red Rock lawyer Darlon Sojak, whose work as a lawyer includes serving the public as a court-appointed defense attorney in Caldwell County and managing his own law firm for more than a decade, was appointed as presiding judge for the Lockhart Municipal Court at Tuesday night's meeting of the Lockhart City Council.

Sojak's law experience also includes working as a municipal



court prosecutor for the City of Sundown, Texas.

Sojak graduated in 1993 from The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and taught ninth-grade English for five years before pivoting into law. He graduated from Texas Tech University School of Law in 2002.

Sojak will succeed Frank Coggins, who recently retired.

Lockhart Municipal Court is located at 1914 W. San Antonio Street. The phone number is (512)398-8330 and the hours of operation are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Street improvements in progress

A project to improve several city streets in Lockhart is currently underway.

The approximately \$383,000 project, which was approved in July by Lockhart City Council, involves enhancements that include resurfacing to South Main Street from Center Street to State Park Road, South Commerce Street from Pin

Oak Street to Blackjack Street, South Blanco Street from West San Antonio Street to Prairie Lea Street, West Prairie Lea Street from South Blanco Street to South Church Street, and Bee Street from South Guadalupe Street to South Commerce Street.

The project is expected to be complete by late September.

Program brings COVID relief to businesses

The COVID-19 Recovery Loan program was created in April, making zero interest loans of up to \$5,000 or \$7,500 available to non-essential businesses. The application period for the loan will remain open until Sept. 30, 2020, until funding has been exhausted, or until the city determines the program goals have been satisfied. All loans have a 36-month repayment schedule and will not be charged interest if paid in full by the maturity date. A promissory note must be executed. No payments are required prior to Oct. 1, 2020. For COVID-19 updates relevant to economic development, including links to available financial resources and news about potential changes to this program, visit <https://lockhartdc.com/coronavirus-updates>.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

City announces fall clean-up for city cemetery

Beginning Oct. 5, 2020, 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 Sept. 30. Questions or comments may be addressed to the Cemetery Manager at 512-398-6452 during regular business hours.

Local election information: What to know

Three City of Lockhart elected official positions will be on the ballot on Election Day on Nov. 3.

- Mayor
- Council member District 3
- Council member District 4

The deadline to file for a place on the ballot was Aug. 17. Aug. 21 was the last day to file as a write-in candidate. Please ensure that you are properly registered as a voter in the District in which you reside by calling the Election Administrator's Office at (512) 668-4347. Contact the City Secretary at City Hall, 308 West San Antonio Street; by phone at (512) 398-3461; or, by email cconstancio@lockhart-tx.org with any questions.

SAVE THESE DATES

OCTOBER 5
Last day to register to vote

OCTOBER 13-30
Early voting by personal appearance

Ways to pay your utility bill

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

- 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: 512-398-3461. An automated 800 number is coming soon. Stay tuned to lockhart-tx.org for updates.
- Drop box: A drive-thru drop box is located on Market Street outside City Hall.

LOCKHART POLICE DEPARTMENT

Back-to-school reminders

While Lockhart ISD instruction will begin online on Aug. 24, students are scheduled to begin returning to campus on Sept. 14. With an expected increase in bicycle, motor vehicle and pedestrian traffic in and around the schools, the Lockhart Police Department would like to remind everyone that State Law prohibits the use of cell phones while driving in marked school zones – this includes text messaging. Remember, the speed limit in school zones is 20 miles per hour. Please slow down and drive safely. The Lockhart Police Department, in partnership with the Lockhart ISD, will have two officers assigned to the school district as school resource officers. The School Resource Officer is a sworn officer assigned to a school on a long-term basis trained to perform three major roles: law enforcement officer, law-related counselor and law-related educator. In addition, the officer works in collaboration with the school and the community as a resource for safety and security issues. The police officer assigned to the High School this year is Officer Stephen Parra. The police officer assigned to the Junior High School is Officer Phillip Felan. Please feel free to contact Officer Felan or Officer Parra at (512) 398-4401 or the Lockhart High School at (512) 398-0300 for questions or concerns.

What's new at the library?

The Dr. Eugene Clark Library has been closed to the public due to the pandemic, but offers storytime and more online. Visit www.clark-library-lockhart.org for more information.