



COUNCIL FILINGS FOR 11/3 ELECTION

Ward races unopposed - 4 run for Mayor

City news,
features,
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This Week in Huntsville

At 5 p.m. on Monday, August 24, the filing period closed for the November 3, 2015 City of Huntsville General Election. The current Councilmembers for each of the City's four wards filed and are unopposed - Joe Emmett, Ward 1; Tish Humphrey, Ward 2; Ronald Allen, Ward 3; Joe Rodriguez, Ward 4. Each unopposed candidate must receive at least one vote to be declared elected.

Four candidates have filed for the at large mayoral race - current Councilmembers Keith Olson and Andy Brauning, former Councilmember Wayne Barrett, and resident John Smither (listed in order of filings). The City Charter requires a candidate receive a majority of all votes cast for the office. If this does not occur, the Council shall call a runoff election for the two candidates who received the highest number of votes on November 3.

Election information and campaign filing documents are available on the City web site at <http://huntsvilletx.gov/Elections>. As soon as they are available, the City will post sample ballots on the site and make them available at City Hall. For more information, contact the City Secretary's office at citysecretary@huntsvilletx.gov or 936-291-5403.

School's Back in Session!

HPD asks all citizens to be mindful of increased vehicular and pedestrian traffic this time of year. Lieutenant Jim Barnes said drivers should review the locations of school zones on their daily travel routes as well as the speed limits in effect during drop-off and pick-up hours.

"Local campuses will be back in session, and there will be a lot more traffic and kids to consider," Barnes said. "We're encouraging all citizens to be aware, plan accordingly when driving within the city, and be patient and cognizant of your surroundings."

Barnes said drivers on Sam Houston Avenue and 11th Street should be ready for an influx of university student drivers who are unfamiliar with the Huntsville area.

"We're asking that drivers remember many incoming freshman may be driving in Huntsville for the first time," Barnes said. "Again, please be patient, but if there is a situation which you feel may require law enforcement attention, make us aware of it."

Citizens are reminded that the use of cell phones in school zones when active is against City ordinance and punishable by a fine not to exceed \$200. This regulation applies to both calling and texting, and the same fine applies to speeding in school zones.

For more information or with any questions, contact Barnes at (936) 291-5496.

School zone period speed limits

Huntsville High School: FM 2821 - 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m./3:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - 35 miles per hour
Huntsville Intermediate & Scott Johnson Elementary: US 190 - 7:30 a.m. to 8:05 a.m./3:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - 30 mph

All five elementary campuses: 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m./2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - 20 mph

Huntsville Elementary: 87 Martin Luther King Drive **Gibbs Elementary:** 19th Street **Stewart Elementary:** 3400 Boettcher
Sam Houston Elementary: 1600 7th St. **Mance Park Middle School:** 8th Street

HPD's 1st Motorcycle Police Officer

The Huntsville Police Department recently purchased a 2015 Harley Davidson Road King FLHTP equipped with RADAR, LIDAR, Bluetooth communications, and a body camera for video coverage. The lucky officer who keeps this extravagant machine's heart beating and its body shining in the sunlight is Senior Officer Thomas Dawson.

Officer Dawson began his career at the City of Huntsville Police Department in September 1989. In 2001, he left the police department to pursue his dream of being an entrepreneur and opened a pizza parlor in Huntsville. But, in September 2010, he decided to return to his career as a police officer, and the Huntsville Police Department was happy to have him back on their team.

"We are pleased to offer this service. Motorcycle units have increased maneuverability and are much more affordable than additional vehicles." Director of Public Safety Chief Kevin Lunsford noted, "Also, like our bike teams, this allows Officer Dawson a different way to be visible to our community, and quickly stop and interact with the public. This is a good opportunity to try a policing alternative and evaluate its use for Huntsville."

Officer Dawson attends monthly motorcycle training sessions with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department, regularly trains with the College Station Police Department, and has attended the Harley Davidson Motorcycle School.

Officer Dawson and his wife Jackie have three children - 17-year-old son T.J., 15-year-old daughter Sarah, and 13-year-old daughter, Emily.



Senior Officer Thomas Dawson, HPD



HPD Special Needs Program

The Huntsville Police Department is pleased to offer the community a helpful service to give greater peace of mind to the city's senior and special needs populations, their families, and caregivers. From time to time, the officers are called upon to assist a lost senior citizen or dependent person. Often these individuals are disoriented and unable to remember their names or where they live.

Citizens of Huntsville can now register a family member with the police department by providing personal information, medical information, emergency contact numbers for relatives, and a photograph of the registrant. This will greatly aid the police department should an Alzheimer's or special needs person become missing or be found by the police and be unable to provide information.

To register a special needs person of ANY age, please complete and mail the special needs registry form to the Huntsville Police Department, 1220 11th Street, Huntsville, TX 77340. These forms can be found on the police department website, <http://huntsvilletx.gov/208/Special-Needs-Registry>, or can be picked up at any of the following locations: The Huntsville Police Department, The Senior Center of Walker County, The Heritage Program through Huntsville Memorial Hospital, or Tri-County Mental Health Services. All information will remain confidential and will only be accessed by law enforcement to locate or return a loved one.

The Special Needs Program was developed in 2007 by former HPD Sergeant (and former Councilmember) James Fitch, and has been overseen by Sergeant Eric Scott since 2012. The Huntsville Police Department strives to continue to provide quality service and protection to our citizens. For additional information or to participate, please contact the Huntsville Police Department Community Services Officer at (936) 291-5480, or Sergeant Eric Scott at escott@huntsvilletx.gov.



Sgt. Eric Scott, HPD

Electronic HR Applications Available

Effective September 8, 2015, job seekers will find a modernized application process in the Human Resources (HR) Department. Online applications will then be available through www.huntsvilletx.gov, and the City will no longer accept paper applications.

Julie O'Connell, HR Director, is excited about the new opportunity for applicants.

"This is something that has been in the "works" for a very long time, and we have now been able to complete it as part of the new website" she said. "HR will also have two computers available to complete online applications in the HR office."

The new process will provide benefits to applicants, as they will be able to apply for more than one position without having to complete additional forms, and they can track the jobs they're interested in easily and at any time. It will also be easier to attach additional documentation such as resumes and certifications.

Because the City's website is designed to adapt to use on tablets, smartphones, and other electronic devices, applicants can access the system with greater convenience. Current City employees, volunteers, and interns will have specialized applications through the online process.

The process will also enable HR to better and more quickly communicate with candidates on their application status, scheduled interviews, and follow up notifications.

For more information, contact Sandra Cuevas, HR Coordinator, at 936-291-5914.

No Change to Solid Waste Pick-up Routes on Labor Day, Sept. 7 - City Facilities Closed

The City of Huntsville Solid Waste Services Division will run regular residential and commercial garbage pick-up routes on Monday, September 7, 2015, Labor Day. The Solid Waste Transfer Facility will also be open for business on Monday, September 7.

The Recycling Drop-Off Center, located at 590 IH-45 North, will be closed to the public on Monday, but will open as usual on Tuesday, September 8.

If you have any questions about the garbage collection, the Solid Waste Transfer Facility, or the Recycling Drop-Off Center, please call the Solid Waste Division at 936-294-5712.

Most other City facilities will be closed on Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day, but the Sam Houston Statue and Visitors Center will be open all weekend.

Outdoor Explorer Come Hike/Bike/Kayak with us!

Join the City's Recreation Services Division at the Huntsville State Park as they partner with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to learn basic safety for biking, hiking and kayaking. Then enjoy the rest of the day exploring the State Park with backpacks, bikes and kayaks provided for use. Class size is limited to twenty participants and pre-registration is **required**. Classes are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Youth ages 12 - 17 can register with an attending parent or guardian.

The last program date for 2015 is September 19. There is no charge for the program but there is a \$5 admission fee into the park for each participating adult (no cost for those 12 and under). For more information call 936-294-5725 or visit the website on Facebook at COHrecservices or on the City web site at <http://www.huntsvilletx.gov/182/Recreational-Events>.

BRODERICK DAVIS

Veteran Huntsville Police Department officer loves his job



Officer Broderick Davis of Huntsville Police Department stands by his police vehicle in Wednesday afternoon at the Huntsville Police Department. Davis has been on the force for more than 22 years and has a reputation for being a fair and calming presence at the department.

HPD officer recognized for great service

The Huntsville Police Department is fortunate to have many exemplary officers, who take the adage *To protect and serve* as a way of working and living. One of them was recently highlighted in *The Huntsville Item's* annual Invested and Committed supplement (left, or page 18/28 at http://issuu.com/huntsvilleitem/docs/invested__committed_rs_).

An officer and a gentle friend

By Greg Scott
greg@huntsvilleitem.com

There's more to being a law enforcement officer than putting on a uniform and heading out to work.

Not only are officers trained to serve and protect the community, but also to be a friend to someone in need when the situation calls for it. The latter is what Senior Officer Broderick Davis, a 22-year veteran of the Huntsville Police Department, tries to do every time he goes to work.

"When I first started out, I almost respect and handle situations because that was what I was supposed to do," Davis said last week. "Over time, especially after someone has the trauma, I do, you change. You find out that sometimes people don't need to go to jail, that what they need is a hug or a handshake. The majority of the calls we make are just people dealing with life situations and they need somebody to help out."

Not just most people come into contact with police officers, it is usually because something serious has happened.

Seldom do citizens get in contact with police officers in an uneventful way, like National Night Out, an annual event that allows people to mingle with emergency responders to promote crime prevention and awareness.

But anyone who has crossed paths with Davis knows he has "attended" to every day.

"I see people and I get out and talk to them. I'm a people person and I like making personal contact. When I put on that uniform I'm representing the Huntsville Police Department, the City of Huntsville, myself and my family. If you represent well and make good decisions and respect the citizens, you earn their respect."

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BRODERICK DAVIS / Patrol officer with the Huntsville Police Department



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and is a great ambassador for the department," Davis said. "He enjoys interacting with the public and is willing to help in whatever manner possible."

Davis' path to Huntsville began with his interest in the football field. An all-star running back at Geneva High School in 1993.

Davis graduated from college in Dallas, but Broderick has not been still working. "I knew we were going to have a good team that fall and I wanted to play," Davis said. "I decided to pass on Dallas and get an internship at HPD. I graduated that summer, took some graduate classes, and a year before starting in becoming an officer with the HPD."

Twenty-two years later, he is still running the streets in his uniform. He has been noted to someone higher in the ranks, but Davis isn't ready for a desk job. "I love patrol because of the people I come into contact with."

Notice of Public Hearing on City Budget

The City of Huntsville will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget on September 15, 2015, at 6:00 P.M., at City Hall, 1212 Avenue M. Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

View the proposed budget on the City web site at <http://www.huntsvilletx.gov/193/Budget>



The City of Huntsville's Third Annual Haunted Hayride will take place at Kate Barr Ross Park on Saturday, October 24, at 6:30 P.M. Tickets will be \$5 per hayride and \$3 per fire truck ride. Concession prices will vary.

Contact Penny Joiner in the City of Huntsville Parks and Leisure Department at (936) 294-5708 for more information, or if you are to volunteer as an actor or assistant for the events.



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Upcoming Events at the Huntsville Public Library!

Yoga Classes –

Are you looking for a convenient way to try yoga for the first time? Attend our free six-week Adult Yoga Program for Beginners at the Huntsville Public Library Community Room on Tuesdays from 5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., starting September 8. It's a perfect opportunity to learn and practice yoga techniques with other enthusiasts.

Bring your own mat or towel. Please consult your doctor before starting any new exercise program. Sign up at the library, call Mary Kokot at 936-291-5471, or online at www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com.

Essential Oils –

What are essential oils and how can they benefit you and your family? A five-week series is planned at the Huntsville Public Library, commencing with a class to demonstrate how you can use essential oils in many ways, from cleaning to health. Join us in the Community Room on Thursday, September 10, for one of two introductory sessions, at 10:30 a.m. or 5:45 p.m.

Future class dates are scheduled for Mondays September 14, 21, 28, and October 5, at 5:45 p.m. Instructors Melissa Gonzalez and Amber Gilman will feature topics on healthy and happy kids, mood enhancement, pain management, and keeping a safer, cleaner home. Learn how to make your life more environmentally friendly using essential oils for everyday use.

Huntsville Public Library and Texas Children's Health Plan
Presents:

Family Movie Night Series

2nd Friday of the month @ 5:30
In Community Room



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The Huntsville Public Library will again be offering free Spanish classes on Tuesdays beginning September 8, 2015. Instructor Beth Williamson will be teaching Intermediate and Advanced classes this coming Winter semester. Register now to reserve your spot – *only 35 students maximum*. Classes will meet weekly in the Community Room and materials are provided.

Intermediate classes – 1 to 3 p.m. & Advanced classes – 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Register online at www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com or call Mary at 936-291-5471 for additional information.



Fall Teen Programs

- Friday, September 4, 2015 - Teen Movie Friday - 4:30 p.m.
- Friday, September 12, 2015 - Comic Book Club - 4:30 p.m.
- Friday, September 18, 2015 - Poetry Slam - 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, October 3, 2015 - Teen Book Club - 1:00 p.m.
- Friday, October 23, 2015 - Wii@ Tournament - 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, November 14, 2015 - Poetry Slam - 1:00 p.m.
- Friday, November 20, 2015 - Board Game Day - 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, December 12, 2015 - Teen Arts & Crafts (Sharpie® mugs) - 1:00 p.m.

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"Building the Legend" Wins Video Award

The City's new animated video, "Building the Legend," was submitted to the Idea Fair at the Texas Association of Convention and Bureaus Annual Conference, held at the Woodlands Conference Center August 11-15. The special project, created by a team from the SHSU Animation Department, won first place in the \$350,000 to \$900,000 budget category. A plaque will be presented to the City of Huntsville Tourism Department at the Mid-Winter Education Conference in January 2016.

Ideal Fair submissions are voted on by peers in the convention and visitor bureau industry. Watch the video at <http://bit.ly/1JmJctu> or at the Sam Houston Statue Visitor Center.



HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY SCHEDULE FOR RECURRING EVENTS

September Events

Story Time - Every Wednesday at 10:45 a.m. at the library. This complimentary program promotes emergent reading skills for young children. Story Hour includes stories, songs, dance and finger plays and concludes with a craft activity. September 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30.

Read With the Dogs - This is an excellent program that helps children who experience anxiety when reading out loud or in a group setting. The dogs are trained and friendly, and make excellent reading companions. Read With the Dogs takes place on the 3rd Monday of every month. September's event will be on Monday, the 21st, from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Family Movie Night Series - Huntsville Public Library, in partnership with Texas Children's Health Plan, is offering a free monthly family night movie. All movies are rated PG or G. September's Family Movie night will be at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, September 11, in the Community Room. Complimentary popcorn and drinks will be served.

Lego Club - The Lego Club for ages 5-12 is held the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month, at 5 p.m. Upcoming dates are September 3 and 17 in the Children's Room at the Huntsville Public Library.

Special Events - The Big Bad Wolf, performed by Express Children's Theatre, will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 19. Come and enjoy a twist on this classic tale! Great for all ages.

Teen Events

- Teen Movie Night will be at 4 p.m. on Friday, September 4, in the Library Community Room. Come chill with kids your age and enjoy popcorn and a movie. For more information, contact Ashley Newsome at 936-291-5912.

- The Teen Comic Book Club will meet at 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 12, in the Library Community Room. Come join in a discussion of current comics and classics. This is an opportunity to expand your comic horizons. For more information, contact Ashley Newsome at 936-291-5912.

- A Teen Poetry Slam will take place at 4 p.m. on Friday, September 18, in the Library Community Room. The HPL Teen Poetry Slam is an opportunity for local young poets to read or recite original work. For more information, contact Ashley Newsome at 936-291-5912.

Adult Events - Intermediate and Advanced Spanish Classes begin September 8. Classes are free, but registration is encouraged. Contact Mary Kokot at 936-291-5472 for more information.

October Events

Story Time - Every Wednesday at 10:45 a.m. at the library. This complimentary program promotes emergent reading skills for young children. Story Hour includes stories, songs, dance and finger plays and concludes with a craft activity. October 7, 14, 21, and 28.

Read With the Dogs - This is an excellent program that helps children who experience anxiety when reading out loud or in a group setting. The dogs are trained and friendly, and make excellent reading companions. Read With the Dogs takes place on the 3rd Monday of every month. October's READ is Monday the 19th from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Family Movie Night Series - Huntsville Public Library, in partnership with Texas Children's Health Plan, is offering a free monthly family night movie. All movies are rated PG or G. October's Family Movie night will be Friday, October 9, at 5:30 p.m. Complimentary popcorn and drinks will be served.

Lego Club - The Lego Club for ages 5-12 will be the 1st Thursday and 3rd Thursday of every month. They will meet on Thursday October 1st at 5:00 and Thursday October 15th in the Children's Room at the Huntsville Public Library.

Teen Events

- Teen Book Club - Saturday, October 3, at 1:00 p.m.

- Teen Wii Tournament - Friday, October 23, at 4:30 p.m.

Special Events - Square on the Square, Saturday, October 31, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Stop by our booth for special prizes!

For more information on all events, call the Library at (936) 291-5472 or visit at 1219 13th Street.

CITY SPOTLIGHT

The *Huntsville Item* asked the City to begin a series called *City Spotlight*, which will highlight projects and provide information on staff, services, and more. *City Spotlight* is expected to run every other Sunday. Below is a recent article. If you happen to miss them in the *Item* we hope you enjoy reading them here!

“Can you hear me now?” Your City is trying to reach you!

The City of Huntsville has lots of ways in which it seeks to inform, educate, and communicate with the public. Using digital content, social media messages, cablecasting on Channel 7, and more, your city government and staff are trying to make contact!

The Web Site - www.huntsvillex.gov - What a great place to start! The home page features services with the prominent blue buttons (especially Stay Notified); the main tabs for City News (including all press releases), Events & Meetings, and Publications; and the web site's secret weapons - the mega menus accessed through the Government, Community, Services, Business, and I Want To... headings across the top.

The Publications

The City Connection - This four-page newsletter goes out with every utility bill. Because half of the customers are mailed in the first half of the month and the others at the end of the month, this has more of the stories and information you are likely to clip and save on the fridge for future reference. The back page is usually devoted to Solid Waste and Recycling content. The current issue and the archives are available on the City's website.

This Week in Huntsville - The City's digital newsletter is issued twice a month, in full color. Get the latest news on what's happening at City facilities and what's coming up! Periodic special issues delve into greater detail. Find the current issue and archives or get it sent directly to your email inbox by subscribing on the Publications tab at www.huntsvillex.gov.

Between the Pages - The Huntsville Public Library newsletter is full of information on programming, staff, and services, and all the great resources they make available to patrons. Subscribe or read archived issues on the City's website at www.huntsvillex.gov.

The Rest of the Story

City Spotlight in The Huntsville Item - You've found it! It's this column, which generally appears every other Sunday to highlight a City service, project, event, staff or Council member, or related topic.

Social media - Like us on Facebook as a whole City, or specialize with Main Street, HPD, Recreation Services, the Huntsville Public Library, or the Wynne Home Arts Center. Follow the City, HPD, and/or the Huntsville Public Library on Twitter.

Channel 7 - A City cable channel run by the Mass Communications Department at SHSU, where students hone broadcast and technical skills. City Council meetings are cablecast live and later repeated, and bulletins on City jobs and events are posted to run between programming.

City calendar - The City will issue its second annual calendar near the end of the year (still have a few of the first one, if you somehow missed it!), a great resource for solid waste schedules, facts on City departments, and some great photos from your friends and neighbors.

Council meetings & Items of Community Interest - The first and third Tuesdays of the month are surely already marked on your annual City calendar, so why not come on down to City Hall at 6:00 p.m. and catch a City Council meeting with your kids? A cute youngster will lead the pledges, there might be proclamations issued, members of the public can comment on agenda items, and the Mayor and Councilmembers will share Items of Community Interest at the end.

State of the City event - The City Manager takes time each fall to provide a thorough recap of the closing fiscal year and the priorities and areas of emphasis for what's to come. This fun event begins with a meet and greet with City staff and Council members, so the public can put faces with names and learn which department does what. (It's also a great opportunity to learn how to find your house and use other neat features of the City maps from the fabulous GIS team!) This year's is scheduled for October 27 at 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Veterans Conference Center on Highway 75 North. See you there!

Wynne Home Happenings!

The Wynne Home's Day of the Dead events will be held on Friday, October 23rd. They are still finalizing the activities list, but it is to include a showing of the animated children's movie *The Book of Life* (still below from the film), and a craft/art project involving sugar skulls.

September 17th will be the opening for the Area Artists Show (see info. at right), and the *No Foolin' String Band* will play during reception.

The *No Foolin' String Band* is also confirmed for the Wynne Home's afternoon and early evening events on September 19th and November 14th.

The Wynne Home will hold a book signing and author talk on September 24th with resident Kermit Cummings on his "A Backyard Birding Adventure: What's in Your Yard?" The book also features a downloadable app with bird calls. Find out more at <http://www.kermitcumplings.com/>

For all events and lots more, regularly check in with the Wynne Home on the City web site at www.thewynnehome.com

ARTIST OPPORTUNITY

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Calling All Huntsville Area Artists!
Don't forget to submit your artwork for
The Wynne Home Arts Center's
Biennial Community Art Exhibition
"Liberties"

We will be accepting one entry per artist on
Saturday, September 5th 10am-2pm
@ The Wynne Home Arts Center
1428 Eleventh Street

for more info or to download entry form
www.thewynnehome.com or call 936-291-5424



Downtown *Save the Dates* for Fall!

Downtown Farmers Market - Fall Edition - Saturdays from 8 a.m.-noon, the 2nd Saturday in October until Thanksgiving (same place as summer market, on University Avenue between 11th and 12th Streets). Call the Main Street office at 936-291-5920 for more information.

Fair on the Square - Saturday, October 3 - contact the Chamber of Commerce at 936-295-8113 for more information

Scare on the Square - Saturday, October 31, from 3-5 p.m. downtown. Booth applications are now available through the Main Street office at 936-291-5920.

Downtown Christmas Fair and Winter in the Park - events held together this year, on Saturday, December 5, from noon-5 p.m. Booth applications are now available through the Main Street office at 936-291-5920.

WALKER COUNTY NEEDS ELECTION WORKERS!

Election workers are fully trained to (1) prepare the area for voting and open the polls on time, (2) process voters during check-in on the electronic poll books, (3) provide assistance to voters when called upon, (4) and properly close the polls by completing and returning all required paperwork to Election Central.



WHO CAN BE AN ELECTION WORKER?

You are eligible to work elections if you are:

- ✓ Registered to vote in Walker County
- ✓ You are not an elected official
- ✓ You have good computer skills
- ✓ You have good customer service
- ✓ You enjoy meeting other people and serving the public

WHAT TYPE OF PEOPLE WORK AS ELECTION WORKERS?

Just about everyone! We have everyone from retired citizens to high school students. We have professional individuals that work full-time or part-time; those who are self-employed and stay-at-home parents. Election workers are a very diverse workforce. We are always in need of bilingual election workers as well!

WHEN ARE ELECTIONS HELD? WHAT ARE THE HOURS?

- **General Elections** are held each year on the first Tuesday in May and November
- **Primary Elections** are held in even years on the second Tuesday in March
- **Runoff Elections** are held as necessary
- **Special Elections** are held as necessary
- **Polls are open on Election Day from 7:00am to 7:00pm**

Election workers arrive an hour early for set-up and stay an hour late for closing.



WHAT DO ELECTION WORKERS DO?

Election workers work in their own home precinct. Duties include:

- ✓ Arriving at the poll place at 6:00am to set up voting area and prepare for voting;
- ✓ Greeting voters with a friendly smile;
- ✓ Qualifying and checking in voters using electronic poll books;
- ✓ Assisting voters when asked, including those with special needs;
- ✓ Ensure that all laws are followed and the election process is honest as well as organized;
- ✓ Closing polls at 7:00pm (or once the last voter in line has voted), then close out poll place properly;
- ✓ And returning all required forms and equipment to Election Central.

IS TRAINING PROVIDED?

Yes! All election workers must complete (1) online poll-worker training, (2) a mandatory DVD training, (3) electronic poll book training, (4) and an in-person state mandatory training (*normally held the Saturday before the election*). Additional training sessions could be required.

ARE ELECTION WORKERS PAID? YES! All election workers are paid \$9.00 per hour.

PLEASE CALL (936) 436-4959 FOR MORE INFORMATION.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN BECOMING AN ELECTION WORKER!

WHAT'S COOLER THAN BEING COOL?

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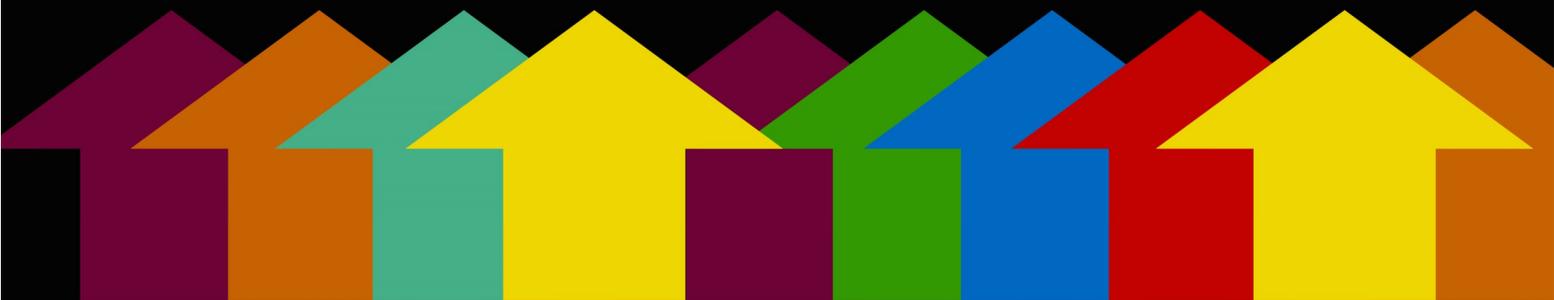


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Feel the STING!

Get a Flag!



Citizens across the community are stepping up to share the good news in our school district, and demonstrate their support for our kids, teachers, and administrative staff. You can join them by donating for Hornet Pride flags flown around the Square and downtown (to assist with flags, poles, and supplies), or by purchasing flags to fly at home or your business on football game days, or any time! It's a simple way to stand together and let the Hornets know we're all pulling for them!



I'm going to help fill the downtown with Hornet Spirit! \$35 or more _____

I want to join the Swarm at home & work with extra flags! \$25 X _____

(For each \$25 flag, note whether you need side pocket or grommets, please!)

Total: \$ _____

Donated by: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email address: _____

If you prefer to donate by mail, please send to:

Hornet Flag Project
c/o Chamber of Commerce
Post Office Box 538
Huntsville, TX 77342

For information or to pay by credit card: 936-291-8113



The City of Huntsville Solid Waste and Recycling Division is working hard to ensure that residents who wish to recycle using the single-stream curbside recycling program do so responsibly.



Putting any type of film plastic (which includes items like grocery bags, garbage bags, cling wrap, and zip lock bags) in the recycling bin increases recycling costs. These items can become stuck in the machines that sort the recycling. Unfortunately, not all items with a recycling logo on it are appropriate for single-stream recycling. Place film plastics in your green cart, or take grocery bags back to the grocery store for recycling. Do not place recycling in a plastic bag. Recycling needs to be placed loose in your blue recycling cart.



For more information about the single-stream recycling process, please visit

<http://bit.ly/1yUjgn0>

to watch a five-minute video that explains the single-stream process and the importance of removing plastic bags from your recycling bin.

Thank you for making the program a success!