



IT'S *STATE OF THE CITY* TIME

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City news,
features,
and
updates

What a great opportunity to meet your City Councilmembers, plot your favorite local spots with the GIS team, find out about community outreach through HPD, and, of course, to play a game at the Tourism and Cultural Services booth! Spend an evening getting to know the City staff better and hear what's happened and what's planned when City Manager Matt Benoit presents the annual address.

The third annual *State of the City* address will be hosted by the Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce and held Thursday, October 27, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Walker County Storm Shelter/Veterans Conference Center at 445 Highway 75 North.

This Week in Huntsville



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November 3, 2015 General Election

Voting information, key dates

EARLY VOTING INFORMATION/VOTACION TEMPRANA POR ASPECTO PERSONAL

Early voting will be conducted at the following location:
Walker County Annex, 1301 Sam Houston Avenue, Suite 101
October 19th to October 30th, Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

EXCEPTIONS:

There will be two twelve hour days during early voting:
Tuesday, Oct. 20th and Tuesday, Oct. 27th – Early Voting Hours 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Dates to Remember

*for the
November 3, 2015
election*

Last day to apply for ballot by mail (application received, not post-marked)

October 23 (reg ABBM)
October 27 (FPCA)

Early voting ends
October 30

Election Day
November 3
7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

CITY POLLING LOCATIONS/SITIOS DE VOTACION

Ward 1/Sala 1 –

Pct. 102 - Walker County Annex, 1301 Sam Houston Avenue Suite 101

Ward 2/Sala 2 –

Pct. 201 - Walker County Storm Shelter, 455 State Highway 75 North

Pct. 401 - University Heights Baptist Church, 2400 Sycamore Avenue

Ward 3/Sala 3 –

Pct. 101 - Walker County Annex, 1301 Sam Houston Avenue Suite 101

Pct. 301 - Huntsville ISD Transportation Building, 95 Martin Luther King Drive

Ward 4/Sala 4 –

Pct. 205 - Elkins Lake Conference Center, 634 Cherry Hills Drive

Pct. 206 - Huntsville Fire Station #1, 1987 Veterans Memorial Parkway

Pct. 401 - University Heights Baptist Church, 2400 Sycamore Avenue

(All Walker County polling locations are available at www.co.walker.tx.us
Map available at http://www.co.walker.tx.us/egov/docs/1377003789_401641.pdf)

Photo ID Required for Texas Voters

Voters are required to present one of the following forms of photo ID when voting in person:

- (1) Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- (2) Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- (3) Texas personal identification card issued by DPS
- (4) Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS
- (5) United States military identification card containing your photograph
- (6) United States citizenship certificate containing your photograph
- (7) United States passport

With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the identification must be current or have expired no more than 60 days before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place.



The voters name on the identification presented must match or be “substantially similar” to the name on the official list of registered voters (poll list).

Additional information, including material on further exemptions, is available through the Texas Secretary of State’s office at www.votetexas.gov.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR BALLOT!

There are five entities holding elections on November 3, 2015, including Walker County (State Constitutional Amendments), Walker County Hospital District, City of Huntsville, New Waverly ISD, and City of New Waverly (City of Riverside and Huntsville ISD were able to cancel their elections; political party primaries are in the spring of 2016). There are sixteen local voting precincts voting at thirteen local polling locations (on Election Day - all early voting is at the Walker County Annex) resulting in a total of 24 different ballot styles for this election.

Please be sure you are in the right location and be sure you have received the correct ballot before you vote it. There is information on all November 3, 2015 early voting and election day dates, times, and polling locations on the City website at <http://tx-huntsville.civicplus.com/395/ElectionsElecciones> and also on the Walker County website at http://www.co.walker.tx.us/egov/docs/1377003789_401641.pdf

The ballots have two sides, please read and vote both sides!

When is Election Day? (Cuando es el Dia de Eleccion?)

Walker County will hold a Joint Election including the City of Huntsville on Tuesday, November 3, 2015
from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m..

La Ciudad de Huntsville y el distrito independiente escolar de Huntsville sostendran una eleccion unida el Martes 3 de Noviembre del 2015 de 7 a.m. to 7 p.m..

Am I registered to vote? (Estoy registrado para votar?)

In order to vote in this election, you must be a registered voter of the particular political subdivision.

The last day to register to vote for the November 3 election is **OCTOBER 7, 2013.**

If you are not sure if your voter registration is current you may call (936)436-4959 or visit:

<https://team1.sos.state.tx.us/voterws/viw/faces/Introduction.jsp>.

(Para poder votar en esta eleccion tiene que ser un votante registrado de la division politica particular. Si no esta seguro si su registracion para votar esta vigente puede llamar (936)436-4959 o visite nuestra pagina de web arriba.)

Where do I go for early voting? (A donde voy para votar temprano?)

There will be one Early Voting Polling Place for all entities:

Walker County Annex, 1301 Sam Houston Avenue, Suite 101, Huntsville, Texas.

(Habrá solamente un lugar para votacion temprana para todas entidades que sera localizada en el Walker County Annex.)

Identificación con Foto se Requiere para Votantes Tejanos

Ahora tiene que proporcionar una de las siguientes formas de identificación con foto cuando vota en persona:

- (1) Licencia de Conducir de Texas expedida por el Departamento de Seguridad Publica (DPS, según sus siglas en inglés)
- (2) Cédula de Identificación Electoral de Texas expedida por DPS
- (3) Tarjeta de Identificación Personal de Texas expedida por DPS
- (4) Licencia de Texas para Portar un Arma de Fuego Oculta expedida por DPS
- (5) Cédula de Identidad Militar de los Estados Unidos con fotografía de la persona
- (6) Certificado de Ciudadanía Estadounidense con fotografía de la persona o
- (7) Pasaporte de los Estados Unidos

Con la excepción del certificado de ciudadanía estadounidense, la identificación deberá estar vigente; si no la está, debe haberse vencido hace 60 días o menos en el momento de presentarla para calificar como votante en el sitio electoral.

El nombre del votante en la identificación presentada debe hacer juego o ser "considerablemente similar" al nombre en la lista oficial del certificado de votantes (lista de encuesta).

Los votantes son animados a actualizar su registro de votante para reflejar los nombres en sus tarjetas de identidad antes de la fecha límite del 7 de Octubre.





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 to volunteer as an actor or assistant for the events.

Story Drama Program with SHSU Department of Theatre

The Huntsville Public Library will be holding a Story Drama Program in the Children's Library, courtesy of the Sam Houston State University Department of Theatre and Musical Theatre and the Center for Community Engagement, led by Dr. Victoria Lantz and her students.

The program will be held weekly on Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The program is designed for elementary students and will feature pantomime, tableaux, rhythms, songs, gestures, movement, and acting out of story characters. "The goal of the program is for kids to become vested in the characters, language, plot, and lessons of the story," says Children's Coordinator Rachel McPhail. Each session will last 50 to 60 minutes and will run from October 20th through November 17th, featuring a new program each week. Sign-up is not required.

For more information, please contact Children's Coordinator Rachel McPhail at 936-291-5910.

The SHSU Department of Theatre and Musical Theatre presents **Story Drama Hour**

an interactive program for
elementary students

Tuesdays from 4 to 5 p.m.
Oct. 20th-Nov. 17th, 2015

In the Huntsville Public Library Children's Department



Author Angela Williams to appear at HPL

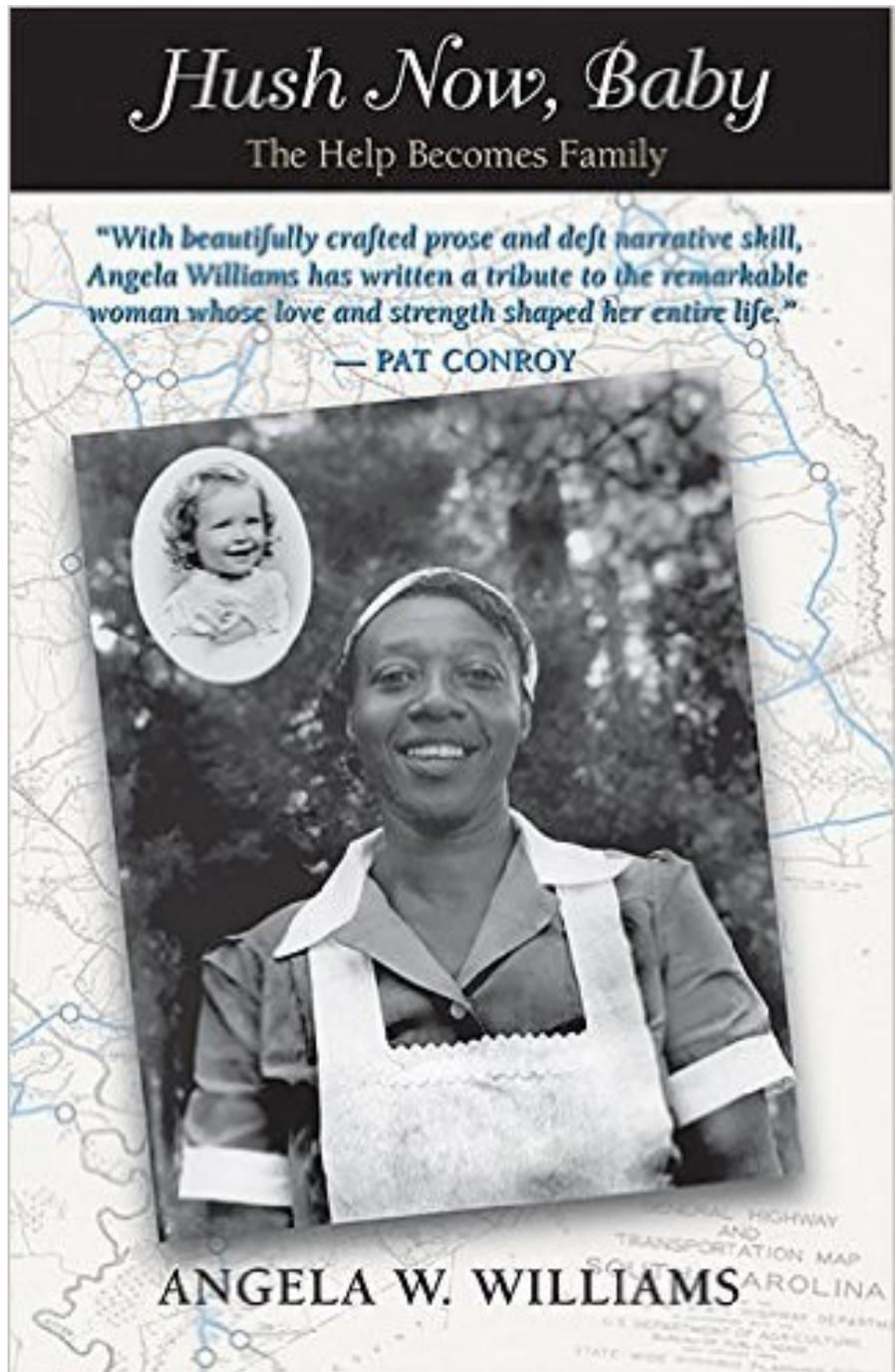
Southern writer tells family story

With her memoir, *Hush Now, Baby* (Texas Review Press, May 2015), Angela Williams honors Eva, a central and vital figure in her life from birth...until Eva stepped out of the shadows with a move that sent shock and awe into the heart of the author's world. Williams will be recounting her transformative childhood experiences and autographing copies of her book on Wednesday, October 28th at the Huntsville Public Library from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

As classically Southern as a glass of sweet tea, Angela Williams grew up in a family with deep roots in the Lowcountry of South Carolina. Like others, Williams' family employed African American domestics to keep house and raise children. But unlike most families, the deep affection between Williams and caretaker Eva Aiken bonded them for life, even as the Civil Rights movement shook their worlds, propelling them – and the country – down a rocky path that changed history.

“My Eva and I shared a love that knew no color, knew no bounds, and for that, I'm very grateful. *Hush now, Baby* emanates from personal reflections of Eva's influence on my life, an exploration of Civil Rights issues, and the subsequent embarrassment that I *knew* so little, *did* so little,” says Williams, a former Citadel professor and published academic and communications coach. She continues, “The urge to do something, if nothing more than to reach back and touch the “Eva wisdom,” plagued me for years. This re-seeing, this re-weaving, gives tribute to the Evas of our country—the long-delayed mourning and glorying of the host of African-American women whose physical strength and courage permeated the lives of Southern families.

This is, as they say, ‘the rest of the story.’ And I've waited 50 years to tell it!” Naturally, Williams acknowledges the seemingly obvious but in reality, only topical comparisons between *Hush Now, Baby* and *The Help*. “That simply wasn't my experience. Eva is a major character in my coming-of-age story of how a little white girl climbed out of an uneasy childhood in the segregated South...on the backbone of a black woman who loved me unabashedly.”



Yoga Class at the Library

Are you looking for a convenient way to try yoga for the first time? Try attending our free Adult Yoga Program for Beginners at the Huntsville Public Library each Thursday from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. It's the perfect opportunity to learn and practice yoga techniques with other enthusiasts. All we ask is for you to bring your own mat or towel. The program will take place in the Library's Community Room on Thursday, December 3, 10, and 17 and will continue after the holidays on January 7, 14, and 21. Please consult your doctor before starting any new exercise program. Sign up at the library, online at www.mylibrary.com, or call Mary Kokot at 936-291-5471.

HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY SCHEDULE FOR RECURRING EVENTS

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.

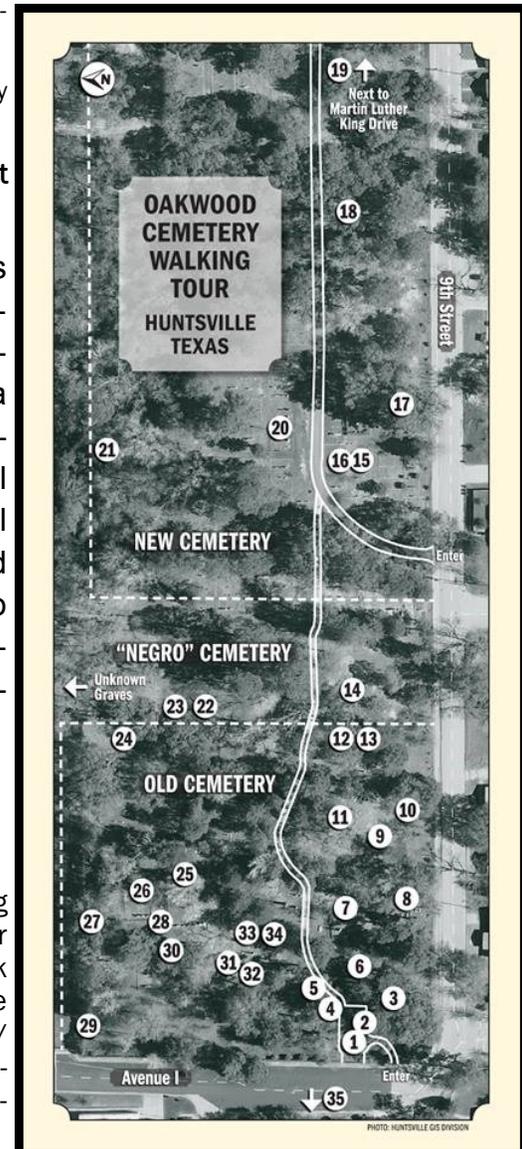
Special Events - Scare on the Square, Saturday, October 31, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Stop by our booth for special prizes!

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

Whether you have been attending the Essential Oils (EOS) classes these past few weeks, or have just heard about them, then you'll be excited to learn about the special holiday event being held on Monday, November 30th from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Library's Community Room. Melissa Gonzalez, EOS instructor, will demonstrate several "recipes" for attendees who will then be able to create their individual essential oil beauty product, natural health remedy, or cleaning product. Essential Oils have long been used for food preparation, beauty treatment, and health-care practices. Refreshments will be served and everyone who attends will have an opportunity to win a grand door prize. Please register for this event online at www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com or call Mary Kokot at (936)291-5471.

Tour Oakwood Cemetery

Have you visited Huntsville's historic cemetery lately? You can take a great walking tour and step through time. Visit Sam Houston's gravesite, learn of the yellow fever epidemic, and more. The Oakwood Walking Tour brochure is available in the kiosk brochure rack located behind the Sam Houston Monument at the entrance of the cemetery (corner of 9th Street and Avenue I/Huntsville, Texas) or visit <https://www.facebook.com/Oakwood.Huntsville.TX>. Special thanks to the Huntsville Cemetery Advisory Board, Scotty Cherryholmes, and the City of Huntsville Parks and Leisure Department.



Go, U.S.A.!

Mayor Mac Woodward knows leading the City is really like taking on another job in addition to the career you already have, overloading the calendar and being available to one and all day and night. However, there are lots of great opportunities to meet members of the public, support community events, and share special occasions with all kinds of groups. Recently, Mayor Woodward had such a special afternoon, visiting the local Karolyi Ranch to applaud the wonderful athletes of the USA Women's Artistic Team, including gold medalist Gaby Douglas. The team is training in preparation for the World competition and then the upcoming summer Olympics.



Scare on the Square

Saturday, October 31st

3:00pm-5:00pm

Downtown Huntsville

\$1 admission

Pizza & Hot Dogs *Candy*
Games *Arts & Crafts*
Costume Contest **Raffle**
Moonwalk **FACE PAINTING**

Halloween safety

Check out this list of tips compiled by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for a fun and safe Halloween!

- S** Swords, knives, and similar costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.
- A** Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- F** Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- E** Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.
- H** Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see others and others see you. Always WALK and don't run from house to house.
- A** Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin/eye irritation.
- L** Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.
- L** Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
- O** Only walk on sidewalks when possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.
- W** Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.
- E** Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Do not eat homemade treats made by strangers.
- E** Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit homes. Do not stop at dark houses or accept rides from strangers.
- N** Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

The Wynne Home Arts Center
1428 Eleventh Street
Huntsville, TX 77340

LIBERTIES

AREA ARTIST SHOW

November 3, 2015 General Election - Dates to Remember

Friday, October 23, 2015 (regular ABBM
(Application for Ballot by Mail))

or

Tuesday, October 27, 2015 (FPCA)

Last Day of Early Voting - Friday, October 30, 2015

Last Day to Receive Ballot by Mail - Tuesday, November 3,
2015 at 7:00 P.M.
(unless overseas deadline applies)

Wynne Home Day of the Dead Events

The Wynne Home's Day of the Dead events will be held on Friday, October 23, including a showing of the animated children's movie *The Book of Life* (still from the film below), and a craft/art project involving sugar skulls.



Vote for the Visitor Center!

The Sam Houston Statue Visitor Center has been nominated for the 2015 ConventionSouth Readers' Choice Award.

Nominations are grouped by state on the ballot, for the most creative and professional convention and visitor bureaus, convention centers, hotels, and other meeting sites across the southern United States.

Voting will end Sunday, October 25th at midnight. Winning destinations and venues will be featured in the ConventionSouth December 2015 issue, one of the most highly valued issues to meeting planners.

To support the Statue and vote, go to <http://www.conventionsouth.com> and click on the Cast Your Vote Here badge.



Downtown *Save the Dates* for Fall!

Downtown Farmers Market - Fall Edition - Saturdays from 8 a.m.-noon until Thanksgiving (University Avenue between 11th and 12th Streets). Call the Main Street office at 936-291-5920 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 - Saturday, December 5, from noon-5 p.m. Booth applications are now available through the Main Street office at 936-291-5920.

Downtown Huntsville

FARMERS MARKET

FALL EDITION



7 WEEKS ONLY!

Saturdays 8am - Noon

OCT. 10TH - NOV. 21ST



Fresh Produce

tomatoes, squash, cucumbers, green beans, bok choy, cabbage, preserves, spices, honey, yard eggs, herbs

PLUS

metal art, leather & wood working goods, dog cookies, natural bath & beauty products, handmade jewelry

University Avenue East side of the Courthouse Square

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