



City news,
features,
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updates

This Week in Huntsville

Mayoral Runoff Election December 12

The Huntsville City Council, at its November 10 special session, voted unanimously to hold the runoff election for the mayor's race on Saturday, December 12, 2015. Voting for all precincts, during early voting and on election day, will be at the Walker County Annex on Sam Houston Avenue.

The City Council voted to approve an Election Services Contract with Walker County to conduct the runoff election. Early voting for all city voters will be conducted at the Walker County Annex from November 25 through December 8. There will be no early voting on Thanksgiving or the day after Thanksgiving.

Councilmembers Andy Brauninger and Keith D. Olson garnered the two highest voting totals in the November 3 regular election, and will be the only names on the December 12 ballot.

The mayor is an at-large position that may be voted on by any qualified voter of the city of Huntsville. City voters whose registration is valid on the day they vote (early voting or election day) may vote in this election, regardless of whether they voted on November 3. Questions about registration or voting by mail should be directed to Diana McRae, the Walker County Tax Assessor/Collector and Voter Registrar, at 936-436-4950. Voting by mail, curbside voting, and voter assistance, under the guidelines of the Texas Election Code, as in any election, will be available to eligible voters.

The City Council will meet in another special session on Monday, November 16, at 6 p.m., to canvass the November 3 election results. Walker County Judge Danny Pierce will then swear in Ward 1 Councilmember Joe Emmett, Ward 2 Councilmember Tish Humphrey, Ward 3 Councilmember Ronald Allen, and Ward 4 Councilmember Joe Rodriguez, each of whom was unopposed and re-elected.

The City Council is expected to formally call the December 12 runoff election by ordinance at its November 17 regular meeting at 6 p.m.

For continuing information, visit the City's election page at www.huntsvilletx.gov/Elections, or contact the City Secretary's office at 936-291-5403 or citysecretary@huntsvilletx.gov.

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December 12 Runoff Election

EARLY VOTING INFORMATION

VOTACION TEMPRANA POR ASPECTO PERSONAL

Early voting will be conducted at the
Walker County Annex, 1301 Sam Houston Avenue, Suite 101
November 25th to December 8th, Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

(No early voting on Thanksgiving or day after)

There will be two twelve-hour days during early voting:

Tuesday, Dec. 1st and Tuesday, Dec. 8th

Early Voting Hours 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

When is Election Day?

Cuando es el Dia de Eleccion?

Saturday, December 12, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

***La Ciudad de Huntsville sostendran una eleccion unida
el Sabado 12 de Diciembre 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 City.

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 ciudad de Huntsville. Si no esta seguro si su registracion para votar esta vigente puede llamar (936) 436-4959 o visite <https://team1.sos.state.tx.us/voterws/viw/faces/Introduction.jsp>.

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

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

Thanksgiving Solid Waste Schedules

The Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling facility will be open
Saturday, November 28, 2015 from 7:30 am to 12:00 noon.

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.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY		RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CHANGES
Thursday, November 26, 2015	CLOSED	Residential Curbside Recycling Collection will be picked up on the <i>following</i> Thursday, December 3, 2015 Extra recycling on the side of blue cart will be picked up
Friday, November 27, 2015	CLOSED	Residential Curbside Recycling Collection will be picked up on the <i>following</i> Friday, December 4, 2015 Extra recycling on the side of blue cart will be picked up
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY		COMMERCIAL SERVICE CHANGES
Thursday, November 26, 2015	CLOSED	Commercial Garbage Collection customers with a scheduled Thursday dumpster/rolloff/compactor pickup will be serviced on WEDNESDAY, November 25, 2015
Friday, November 27, 2015	CLOSED	Commercial Garbage Collection customers with a scheduled Friday dumpster/rolloff/compactor pickup will be serviced on SATURDAY, November 28, 2015.

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

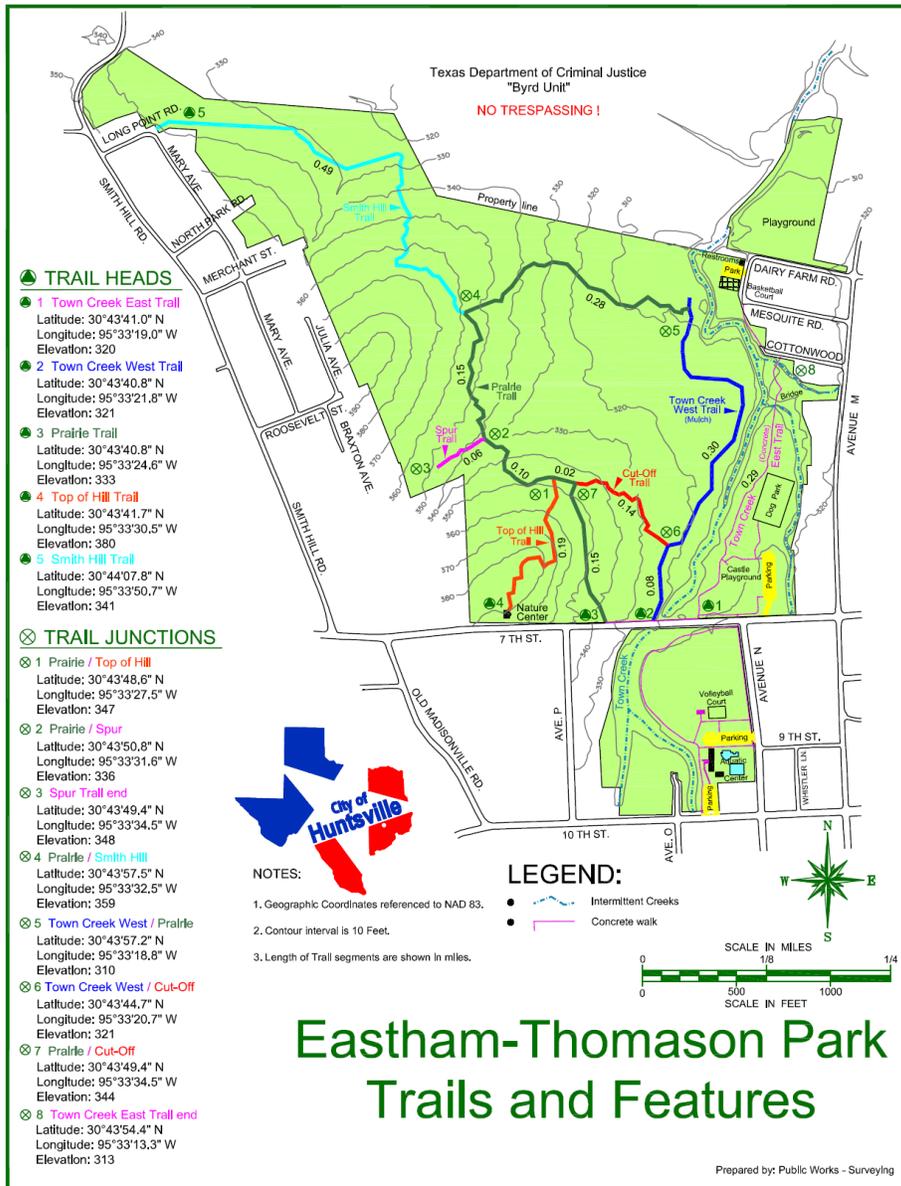


Take a Hike!

Have you noticed the fabulous fall weather? Thought about getting outdoors and mixing up your exercise regimen? Why not hit the trails at Eastham-Thomason Park?

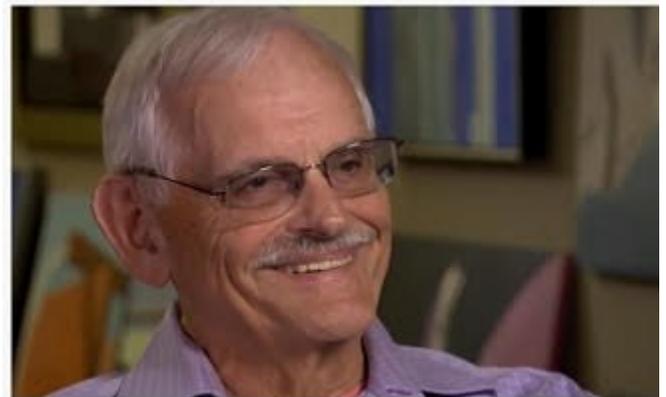
This wooded area is a wilderness oasis in the city. A little hilly, just like Huntsville, it offers serenity and natural beauty. Pets love it, and it is easy to connect from the trails to the adjacent dog park, playground, and frisbee golf areas of Eastham-Thomason.

The City's Parks and Leisure Department does a great job of clearing and mulching along the trails, although there can be some muddy spots after a big rain. There's a nice bench at the highest point of the park, and remember to check your Geocaching app to see what else may be around!



Richard Haas Exhibition

Save the Date! The Huntsville Public Library and the Huntsville Arts Commission invite you to join them on Thursday, November 19 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to meet muralist artist Richard Haas and view his works in the Library's Community Room. Haas, known for his architectural mural works, as well as his use of the trompe l'oeil style, will be making his remarks at 5:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.



Cultural Services Coordinator Linda Pease said, "Last year, Haas donated his working drawings from the Huntsville Project to the City of Huntsville. We were very fortunate to have received more than 60 drawings which include sketches and some framed pieces of art. This is a treasure for the City of Huntsville. We are honored that he will travel from New York City, where he lives, to be present at the public reception. This is a great opportunity to meet Richard Haas and hear him speak about his work."

For more information, please contact the Huntsville Public Library at 936-291-5472.

CITY SPOTLIGHT

City to Build New Transfer Station

What's a transfer station, you ask? Good question! For municipalities that collect refuse/trash but don't operate a landfill of their own, residential and commercial vehicles pick up trash and recycling across the community in trucks and deliver it to the transfer station, where the trash is "tipped" out onto the station's *tipping floor*. A solid rubber-tire front loader and a stationary knuckle boom are used to move the material across the floor and into a waiting 18-wheeler transfer trailer. The trailers are then hauled to contracted landfills.

After closure of the City's landfill in 1994, a 9,000-square foot metal transfer station building was designed and built for a capacity of 125 tons of trash per day. The amount received now exceeds that amount and is expected to continue to increase. The facility accepts all refuse from inside the city limits including SHSU and TDCJ, as well as areas surrounding the City of Huntsville (such as New Waverly and Bedias). This is done for a low fee based on the weight of debris brought in. Due to age and use, the concrete tipping floor is showing significant wear and is in need of replacement. The safe transfer of material from garbage trucks to the tipping floor has become an issue as the building and area have deteriorated and been damaged over time.

In March 2013, the City Council approved a feasibility study to be performed by J. R. Miller and Associates at the Solid Waste Transfer Station Facility, to determine whether to rehabilitate the existing structure or replace it with a more efficient one, with increased space and more cost effective processing. Also located on the property are the recycling drop-off center, the TIPS (Trash Into Plowshares) Warehouse, the administration building, a welding shop, an area for repair of commercial containers, and parking for both employees and City vehicles. After review of Miller's recommendations, the City Council approved an agreement in January 2015 with Anchor Construction to provide Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) services to design and construct a new Solid Waste Transfer Station.

The entire area will be re-planned and improved as part of the project, to meet the following aims:

- all vehicles have adequate and well-marked traffic routes
- non-municipal (public) drop offs are safe and efficient
- building layout allows adequate area to store waste on the tipping floor and eliminates current blockages
- current construction of exit ramp on load out tunnel which increases wear to transfer trailers is redesigned
- office and break space for staff and drivers are appropriately located and facilities are brought up to proper standards

Assistant Superintendent Natalie Mimms said, "The Solid Waste Department is extremely pleased that a new building is in the near future. The new building will not only consolidate the work areas at the facility but will give staff the means to better track diverted materials. When the building is completed, it will increase efficiency in how refuse is collected and allow customers to unload inside a building, rather than out in the open weather."

So, what will a new transfer station mean to the City of Huntsville and Walker County? The answer is clear. The City of Huntsville will be able to continue providing high-quality sanitation services to the area. Since everything funnels through the Transfer Station, it is arguably the single most important facet of the community's trash pick-up and disposal system. As the greater Walker County area grows, so too must the Transfer Station's ability to handle trash volume. Simply put, it is an investment in Huntsville's future.



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

NO FOOLIN' STRING BAND

playing a style of traditional music that predates Bluegrass

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14

4PM-6PM = BAND JAM SESSION

6PM-7PM = SUPPER BREAK

(\$8 PLATE UNTIL IT'S GONE)

7PM-TIL = BAND PLAYS

FREE ADMISSION

for more info 936-291-5424 or www.thewynnehome.com

2015 Walker County Heart Walk

Co-Chairs

HMH CEO Mr. Shannon Brown

Walker County Judge Danny Pierce

City of Huntsville Mayor Mac Woodward

November 21st

Saturday, 9:00 am

SHSU Bowers Stadium

Why join the fight against heart/stroke disease?

Life is Why



Free registration! Free T-shirt for participants raising \$100 or more.

Join in the fun and accept the challenge to help fight heart disease and stroke by becoming a team, walker, donor and/or volunteer.



Booths ~ Snacks ~ Awards

Register online: www.walkercountyheartwalk.org

Pick up your team packets at Huntsville/Walker County Chamber of Commerce now!!!

For more information, call (936) 291-4599