

CITY CONNECTION

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Calendar

March 2016

- 1 - City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 2 - Yard Waste Trimming Collection
- 2 - Sam Houston Birthday & Texas Independence Day events
- 3 - Planning Commission at 12 p.m.
- 5 - Trash Bash, 8-noon - Transfer Station
- 9 - Heavy Trash & Large Yard Waste
- 15 - City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 16 - Yard Waste Trimming Collection
- 17 - HUB Vendor Show, County Shelter
- 17 - Planning Commission at 5:30 p.m.
- 23 - Heavy Trash & Large Yard Waste
- 30 - Yard Waste Trimming Collection

April 2016

- 2 - E-Recycling Day - Transfer Station
- 5 - City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 6 - Yard Waste Trimming Collection
- 7 - Planning Commission at 12 p.m.
- 13 - Heavy Trash & Large Yard Waste
- 19 - City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 20 - Yard Waste Trimming Collection
- 21 - Planning Commission at 5:30 p.m.
- 27 - Heavy Trash & Large Yard Waste

Submit requests for Heavy Trash pick-up
before noon on Wednesday,
the week prior to pick-up,
at 294-5796.

Learn more about
City events at
www.huntsvilletx.gov

Get Prepared!

March is Severe Weather Awareness Month

The Texas Division of Emergency Management, the National Weather Service and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have joined in urging all citizens to prepare for severe weather events and to educate themselves on safety strategies in anticipation of Severe Weather Awareness Week in Texas, February 28 through March 5, 2016.

City of Huntsville Emergency Management Coordinator John Waldo encourages the public to plan for early spring weather, which may change without much notice.

"I hope citizens will take time to consider their options and preparations in the event of severe weather," Waldo said. "We think about hurricane season a lot, but planning for these spring events is just as important."

A variety of resources and documents are available from the National Weather Service (<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/brochures.shtml>) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (<https://www.fema.gov/plan-prepare-mitigate>) such as the graphic below explaining the terms often heard in alerts.

WARNING A warning is issued when a hazardous weather or hydrologic event is occurring, imminent or likely . A warning means weather conditions pose a threat to life or property. People in the path of the storm need to take protective action.
WATCH A watch is used when the risk of a hazardous weather or hydrologic event has increased significantly, but its occurrence, location or timing is still uncertain . A watch means that hazardous weather is possible. People should have a plan of action in case a storm threatens and they should listen for later information and possible warnings especially when planning travel or outdoor activities.
ADVISORY An advisory is issued when a hazardous weather or hydrologic event is occurring, imminent or likely . Advisories are for less serious conditions than warnings , that cause significant inconvenience and if caution is not exercised, could lead to situations that may threaten life or property.
OUTLOOK An outlook is issued when a hazardous weather or hydrologic event is possible in the next week. Outlooks are intended to raise awareness of the potential for significant weather that could lead to situations that may threaten life or property.

Mayor Brauninger will issue an annual proclamation to EMC Waldo at the March 1 City Council meeting at 6 p.m.

For more information, contact John Waldo at 936-291-5945.

Sign up for our digital newsletter *This Week in Huntsville*

Just go to the City's web site, www.huntsvilletx.gov, click on the blue Stay Notified button, enter a current email address, and select "This Week in Huntsville" under the News Flash listings - it's that easy! You can also access the page by scanning the QR code to the right.

You'll receive our free online publication twice a month. The newsletter includes news, features, photos, event information, and more!

For questions or assistance signing up, contact the City Secretary's office at (936) 291-5403.



Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

Take part in Sexual Assault Awareness Month activities

Every year in the United States alone an estimated 1,270,000 women experience rape. April is a time to take a stand against sexual assault, and local organizations are asking you to help raise awareness. As seen on the right, Mayor Andy Brauningger has committed to the *Walk a Mile in Her Shoes* event and is challenging other men in our community to demonstrate their support and bring attention to the issue. Payless ShoeSource™ is supplying shoes for the event which will be held at 3:30 p.m. on April 19 in the LSC Theater on the SHSU campus.

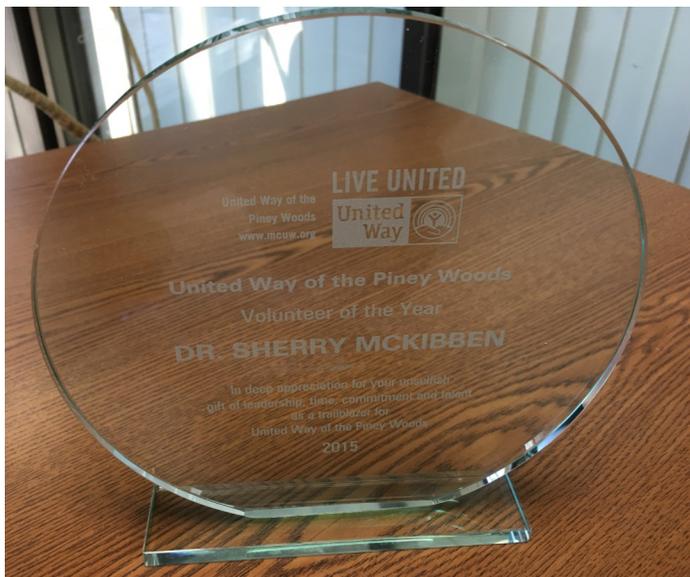
The Mayor will be presenting a City proclamation at the March 15 City Council meeting at 6 p.m. The community is invited to attend to underscore the importance of the issue and hear more about the need for all to aid in raising awareness of the prevalence of sexual assault.

Other activities will be held throughout April including the *Ignite the Night* event on April 5 at the Gaertner Performing Arts Center. Starting at 4:45 p.m., food, live music and entertainment will be provided as the public gathers. Afterwards, all will march to the Walker County Courthouse for a rally and proclamation from Judge Pierce.



United Way Honors City Director Dr. Sherry McKibben named 2015 Volunteer of the Year

A very special award was presented to one of the City's Directors on February 24. Dr. Sherry McKibben, Director of Neighborhood Resources, was recognized by the United Way of the Piney Woods as its 2015 Volunteer of the Year. Piney Woods Coordinator, Sheila Cannon, was complimentary of McKibben's contributions.



"She was chosen because of her ongoing commitment with United Way of the Piney Woods, and her extreme amount of passion she has shown towards our community. She has evolved so much on this committee and shown how much she is willing to lead United Way of the Piney Woods to greater expectations. Her efforts in the Socks and Undies drive have grown over the past 3 years, with her most current drive with the City of Huntsville raising over \$1000."

Featuring
Mary Anne
Burkhalter



Free

**"Remember When...
Texas Trail Ride!"
Songs
and stories
about Texas history!**



**Huntsville Public Library
Monday, April 18th
10:30-11:30 a.m.
936-291-5471
www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com**

Spring events!

As is true every month, there is lots going on! This month will include the unveiling of the art contest winners and spring break activities and some special events like a teddy bear tea, Easter egg hunt and Jedi Academy - all at the Huntsville Public Library (HPL). Check the main library webpage and the Children's page to see what's happening each week.

In April at HPL, be sure to mark your calendar for a special financial literacy series and a new six-week Tai Chi class taught by instructor Gary Readore. Tai Chi classes begin on Wednesday, April 13, and will be held on following Wednesdays from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the library. Class size is limited so sign up early at www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com or 936-291-5471.

Warmer weather means more activity at Main Street, too, including the April return of the Huntsville Music Festival (see below left) and May will bring the annual Wine Down Shop Small event and the spring restart of the Farmers Market. To stay updated on Main Street activities please follow along at Facebook.com/COHmainstreet.

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Roadblocks and Dead Ends got you down?

Meet with an experienced Genealogist for individual research assistance.

First and Second Saturdays in March, April, and May From 12 P.M. to 2 P.M.

Sign Up Now or call Mary Kokot at 936-291-5471

SPACE IS LIMITED!!



Huntsville Music Festival 2016

LAST TWO THURSDAYS IN APRIL!!!



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday April 2, 2016

9th Annual Electronic Recycling Day



City of Huntsville Disposal - Recycling Facility, 590 IH45 N

9:00 AM to 12:00 noon

City of Huntsville Solid Waste-Recycling Services

Acceptable Items:

- Laptops / Notebooks
- Printers / Scanners
- Copiers / Projectors
- Plasma Screens / LCD / LED Screens
- Computer Accessories
- Telecommunication / Networking Equipment
- Stereos, radios
- Cell Phones / Pagers / Cameras
- PDA / Palm Pilots
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Vehicle Batteries

For Information, please call Solid Waste & Recycling Services at 936-294-5712



Yard Waste Specifics

Collection Service: 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesday of each month - No call-in required!

Yard waste is classified as leaves, grass, pine needles, yard clippings and small brush, items referred to as “green waste.”

The total number of paper compostable-bagged, canned, or bundled yard waste items is limited to twelve (12) per household per collection day. All yard waste materials must be placed within two (2) feet of street's edge no later than 6:00 a.m. on the morning of the scheduled pick-up.

Yard waste such as leaves, grass, pine needles or small clippings must be:

- (1) Bagged in paper compostable bags or placed in personal garbage cans (not to exceed 32 gallons);
- (2) Cannot exceed 50 pounds each;
- (3) City-issued garbage and recycling carts cannot be filled with yard waste.

Tree limbs and brush must be:

- (1) No longer than four (4) feet in length;
- (2) Limbs no larger than four (4) inches in diameter;
- (3) Must be tied securely in bundles which cannot exceed two (2) feet in diameter and can't exceed 50 pounds each.

The following items and locations DO NOT qualify for Yard Waste pick-up:

- (1) Household garbage of any kind;
- (2) Anything other than green waste: NO flower pots, fertilizer, mulch, bags, dirt, potting soil, sand, rock, gravel, etc.
- (3) Commercial businesses or commercially generated yard waste.

Bring your City utility bill showing that you pay for garbage service and dispose of your yard waste at the City Transfer Station free of charge. This excludes commercial customers, yard waste contractors, and any lawn service providers. The customer must be present with their current City garbage bill at the time of disposal. For more information on yard waste trimming collection services, contact the Solid Waste Services Division at (936) 294-5712.



Especificaciones de Desechos de Jardín

El servicio de recolección de desechos de jardín residencial se proporciona dos a tres veces al mes: El primer, tercer y quinto miércoles de cada mes. Esto es automático y no se requiere llamada.

Los desechos de jardín se clasifican como hojas, hierbas, hojas de pino, recortes de patio y arbustos pequeños (desechos naturales). Decoraciones de jardín, cerámica, o muebles de jardín NO califican como desechos de jardín.

El número total de sacos, botes o bultos de desechos de jardín se limita a doce (12) por hogar por día de recolección. Todos los materiales de desechos de jardín deben colocarse dentro de 2 pies de la orilla de la calle antes de las 6:00 am de la mañana del día asignado.

Los desechos de jardín como hojas, hierbas, agujas de pino o restos de poda deben ser:

- (1) Embolsados en bolsas biodegradables de papel, cuáles pueden se encuentran en su tienda local (bolsas no pueden exceder más de 32 galones) Colocados en botes de basura personales (botes que no excedan 32 galones)
- (2) No puede exceder más de 50 libras cada uno
- (3) Los contenedores de basura y reciclaje proporcionados por la ciudad no se pueden llenar con desechos de jardín

Ramas de árbol deben ser:

- (1) No más de 4 pies de largo
- (2) No más de 4 pulgadas en diámetro
- (3) Atadas de forma segura en bultos que no excedan más de 2 pies en diámetro y que no exceda más de 50 libras cada uno

Las siguientes NO califican como desechos de jardín:

- (1) Basura doméstica de cualquier tipo
- (2) Cualquier cosa que no sea desecho natural: No se aceptaran macetas de flores, fertilizante, mantillo, bolsas, tierra, tierra para macetas, arena, piedras, grava, etc.
- (3) Desechos generados por negocios comerciales. Desechos de jardín en lotes vacantes

Traiga su factura de servicios públicos de la ciudad que muestre que usted paga sus servicios de basura y podrá deshacerse de sus desechos de jardín en la Estación de Transferencia de la ciudad GRATIS. Esto excluye a clientes comerciales, contratistas de desechos de jardín y cualquier proveedor de jardinería. El cliente debe presentarse con una factura vigente al momento de descargar. Al descargar, los restos de poda deben estar embolsados. Para obtener más información sobre la recolección de desechos de jardín, comuníquese con la División de Servicios de Desechos Sólidos al 936-294-5712.