

# CITY

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Submit requests for Heavy Trash pick-up  
before noon on Monday, the week of the pick-up  
at 294-5796.

Learn more about  
City events at  
[www.huntsvilletx.gov](http://www.huntsvilletx.gov)

# 2014 State of the City address

*October 21 - 5:30 p.m. - WC Storm Shelter*

The second annual State of the City address will be held October 21 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and all residents are encouraged to attend.

According to City Manager Matt Benoit, the event will be held at the Walker County Storm Shelter in partnership with the Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce.

"The State of the City address will focus on the goals of the City Council set out in their recent Strategic Plan and the steps staff has taken to achieve them," Benoit said. "As the event will be held at the beginning of the 2014-15 fiscal year, we feel it is an opportune time to share our recent and current efforts with the public and to discuss future possibilities."

According to Dr. Sherry McKibben, Neighborhood Resources Director, each of the departments will be putting out tables to showcase the year's projects and current initiatives.

"All of our City departments will be represented at the State of the City event," McKibben said. "Representatives will provide program information and be available throughout the evening to answer citizens' questions. This is a great opportunity to learn more about your local government."

For more information, contact the City of Huntsville at (936) 291-5400.

## City to hold two Halloween events

### Scare on the Square



Saturday, October 25

2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

\$1 admission

Event will include face painting, games, arts and crafts, candy, a costume contest and free food while supplies last.

Costume contest details: Four age groups - 0-3 yrs, 4-6 yrs, 7-9 yrs and 10 yrs and up - will be invited to participate. Registration will be located at event check-in, and the contest will begin at 3 p.m. A maximum of 15 children per age group will be allowed to register, and one male and one female from each age group as well as an overall best costume will be awarded prizes.

For more information, contact the Main Street Program at (936) 291-5920.

### Haunted Hayride

Saturday, October 25

6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

\$5 per ride

Event will include concessions sold at various prices.

An alternative Fire truck ride will also be available for \$3.



For more information, contact Recreation Services coordinator Natalie Reid at (936) 294-5725.

# November 4, 2014 General Election - Information, key dates

The Huntsville City Council passed Ordinance 2014-37 on August 5 calling a regular election for November 4, 2014.

The joint election, being facilitated by Walker County, will include races for four at-large City Council positions. The Council members to be elected will hold office for a period of two years. As stated in the Ordinance, "Each of the four Councilmembers shall be citizens of the United States, qualified and registered voters of the State of Texas; residents within the present corporate limits of Huntsville for at least twelve months immediately preceding the election; and current in payment of taxes and assessments due to the City."

The "Current Election(s)" tab on Walker County's home page will continue to be updated as information is announced and available

at [www.co.walker.tx.us](http://www.co.walker.tx.us) for all elections effecting Walker County's registered voters.

Sample ballots are available for review both on the Web site and at the Walker County Annex, located at 1301 Sam Houston Avenue Rm 114.

The last day to apply for a ballot by mail (received, not postmarked) is October 24.

The City of Huntsville Election information will also be available at the City's Web site, [www.huntsvilletx.gov](http://www.huntsvilletx.gov). The City will also make copies of sample ballots available at City Hall as well as on the Web site. Voter registration forms are available at the Walker County Annex, City Hall and other locations citywide.

## November 4, 2014 General Election information

### 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 4, 2014 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 4 de Noviembre del 2014 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.

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 entetidades que sera localizada en el Walker County Annex.)

#### Early Voting By Personal Appearance

**October 20 - October 31**

**8am—5pm**

**October 21 and October 28**

**7am-7pm**

**October 25 and October 26**

**1pm - 5 pm**

#### Votacion Temprana por Aspecto Personal

**Octubre 20 - Octubre 31**

**8am—5pm**

**Octubre 21 y Octubre 28**

**7am—7pm**

**Octubre 25 y Octubre 26**

**1pm - 5 pm**

### Where Do I Vote on Election Day? (Donde votare el dia de la eleccion?)

On Election Day, voters will report to their precinct polling places as set out below:

(En el Dia De Eleccion, votantes se reportaran a su lugar de votacion del recinto escrito abajo:)

#### CITY POLLING LOCATIONS FOR NOVEMBER 4 ELECTION

##### Ward 1 -

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

##### Ward 2 -

**Pct. 201** - Walker County Storm Shelter/Veterans Complex, 455 State Highway 75 North

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

##### Ward 3 -

**Pct.101** - Walker County Justice Center, 717 FM 2821

##### Ward 3 (continued) -

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

##### Ward 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](http://www.co.walker.tx.us) in the "Current Elections" tab, and will be included in future issues of the City Connection.

# Photo identification requirements, deadlines

The November 4 General Election is fast approaching, and the deadline to register to vote or make any changes to name or address information is October 6

Walker County Election Officer, Diana McRae, reminds voters that photo identification will now be required for voting in person.

In 2011, the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 14 (SB 14) creating a new requirement for voters to show photo identification when voting in person. While pending review within the judicial system, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its opinion in *Shelby County v. Holder*, which effectively ended all pending litigation. As a result, voters are now required to present an approved form of photo identification in order to vote in all Texas elections.

"In Walker County we are working to make sure our voters understand the ID requirements and have all the information they need to cast their ballots," said McRae.

A voter will be required to show one of the following forms of photo identification at the polling location before the voter will be permitted to cast a vote:

- Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS
- Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS
- United States military identification card containing the person's photograph
- United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph
- 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 at the polling place.

This photo ID requirement is for voters casting a ballot in person, not by mail. Voters age 65 and older may vote by mail. However, you still may be required to show identification, even voting by mail, if the Secretary of State's Office was unable to verify your driver's license, personal identification, or last four digits of your Social Security at the time of registration.

"All registered voters in Walker County must have one of the seven forms of identification listed," McRae said. "Alternative forms of photo identification, such as student IDs, out-of-state IDs or employee IDs, will not be accepted."

## Matching requirements

Election officials are encouraging voters to update their voter registrations to reflect the names on their IDs. Voters may use IDs that do not exactly match the name on their IDs if the names are substantially similar but will have to sign an affidavit stating they are the same person.

Voters may look up their registration at [votetexas.gov](http://votetexas.gov) and if their name is not an exact match they can update their voter registration online at [votetexas.gov](http://votetexas.gov) or come by the Voter Registration Office in Room 114 at the County Annex Building located at 1301 Sam Houston Avenue.

October 7 is the deadline to change or correct their name and/or address on their voter registration for the November 5 election.

"By preparing now, voters can help make sure voting goes smoothly when it comes time for the election," said McRae.

To check and update their registrations, voters can visit [VoteTexas.gov](http://VoteTexas.gov) or call the Voter Registration Office at (936) 436-4959 for more information.

For more information about photo ID requirements including exemptions, visit [www.votetexas.gov](http://www.votetexas.gov).

## 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.**



# City of Huntsville Recycling Guidelines

Direct questions to (936) 294-5743

## **Curbside recycling guidelines:**

(1) Rinse all plastics and cans to remove residue; (2) Only plastics 1-7 stamped with number and symbol; (3) Flatten items to save room inside of cart; (4) Keep cart five (5) feet from all other objects including vehicles; and (5) Carts must be placed at the curb or street's edge no later than 6:00 a.m. on the day of collection. Carts must be removed from the street's edge by the end of the collection day (*carts cannot be stored at the street's edge*)

## **Items that cannot be placed in the City cart:**

Garbage, food waste, yard waste, shredded paper, glass/oil/filters, batteries, cell phones, electronics, Styrofoam or aluminum foil.

## **Recycling Drop-Off Center Information:**

The Recycling Center accepts self-hauled recyclable items and is located at 590 I-45 North. The Recycling Center Attendant will be onsite to assist customers from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. Drop-offs can still be made Monday - Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and holiday closings are posted.

## **Recycling Drop-off Center Guidelines:**

Aluminum - Soda cans, beer cans: Flattened/unflattened, place in plastic trash bags.

Keep aluminum cans separate from steel cans. NO FOIL, BAKING PANS OR FOOD TRAYS.

Steel Cans - Food cans, pet food cans, aerosol cans: Rinse out the can, you can leave the label on. Put the cans in plastic trash bags. Aerosol cans must be empty.

Newspaper - Whatever comes inside the newspaper can be recycled. Stack and put in paper bags or cardboard boxes. Throw away plastic rain sleeves and rubber bands.

Magazines - catalogs, phone books: Keep separate from newspaper. Place in brown bags or small cardboard boxes. DO NOT place in plastic bags.

Paper - White or colored paper, remove paper clips, rubber bands and staples if possible. Put in small boxes or paper stacks.

Glass - Clear, green or brown only: Throw away lids, rinse out. You can leave the label on. Place glass in separate containers. NO window panes, light bulbs or dishware.

Cardboard - Toilet/paper towel cores, food boxes, medicine boxes, shoe boxes, shipping/moving boxes, sugar bags, dog/cat food bags, paper bags. NO packing materials, plastic liners or foam.

Plastics - Numbered 1-7: Recycling symbol and number are required.

Milk Jugs and Water Jugs - Throw away cap/lid. Rinse with warm water and try to flatten. Place these items in plastic trash bags by themselves. Keep these jugs separate from soda bottles or colored plastic.

Other #1 and #2 Plastic Containers - Examples of other recyclable containers: syrup bottles #3, snap-on coffee lids #4, cottage cheese containers #5, yogurt containers #6, and ketchup bottles #7

Plastic bags - Must have recycling symbol visible on the bag. These can be some grocery bags, shopping bags, dry cleaning bags, etc. Place all plastic bags into one and tie shut.

No plastic wrap, shrink wrap or bubble wrap. No Styrofoam, even if it has a recycling number and symbol on item.

Drop-off Center Also Accepts: Used motor oil, oil filters, cooking oil and antifreeze.



Have you noticed the option to donate to the Community Outreach for Missionary Endeavor, Inc., a.k.a. the COME Center, on your monthly utility bill?

Every dollar donated to the COME center is used to assist others with their utility bills.

Every dollar will help!

Donations are also needed at the thrift center for the free clothing program, special service assistance program, and the new building. Tax donation receipts are available.

The COME Center is located at 350 State Highway 75 North.

Donations may be sent by mail to:

P.O. Box 1965

Huntsville, TX 77342

For more information, call  
(936) 295-0671.

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## **New drop box available at Huntsville Public Library**

The staff of the Huntsville Public Library is happy to announce the completion of a new drop box located at the back of the facility, facing 14th Street.

According to City Librarian Linda Dodson, the box will be open 24 hours a day for library patrons to utilize when returning materials. The drop box is accessible both from vehicles and by pedestrians.

"We hope our customers will find it even easier to return their library items now that we have a drop box on each side of the library," Dodson said. "The only materials which patrons are asked to return at the front desk are interlibrary loans."

The library is located at 1219 13th Street. For more information, call (936) 291-5472.