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Calendar

June 2015

- 2 - City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 3 - Yard Waste Trimming Collection
- 4 - Planning & Zoning Commission -
City Hall at 12 p.m.
- 10 - Heavy Trash & Large Yard Waste
- 16 - City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 17 - Yard Waste Trimming Collection
- 18 - Planning & Zoning Commission -
City Hall at 5:30 p.m.
- 24 - Heavy Trash & Large Yard Waste

July 2015

- 1 - Yard Waste Trimming Collection
- 2 - Planning & Zoning Commission -
City Hall at 12 p.m.
- 3 - Independence Day Holiday -
City offices closed
- 7 - City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 15 - Yard Waste Trimming Collection
- 14 - Heavy Trash & Large Yard Waste
- 16 - Planning & Zoning Commission -
City Hall at 5:30 p.m.
- 21 - City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 29 - Yard Waste Trimming Collection
- 28 - Heavy Trash & Large Yard Waste

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

"New" Quilt at City Hall

The next time you are down at 1212 Avenue M, take a moment to stop outside the doors to the Council Chamber and remember when. The quilt hanger is now displaying a special item from Huntsville's 150th birthday (the birthday comes around again on July 12!). Wynne Home Coordinator Linda Pease shared a special story about how this quilt was created.

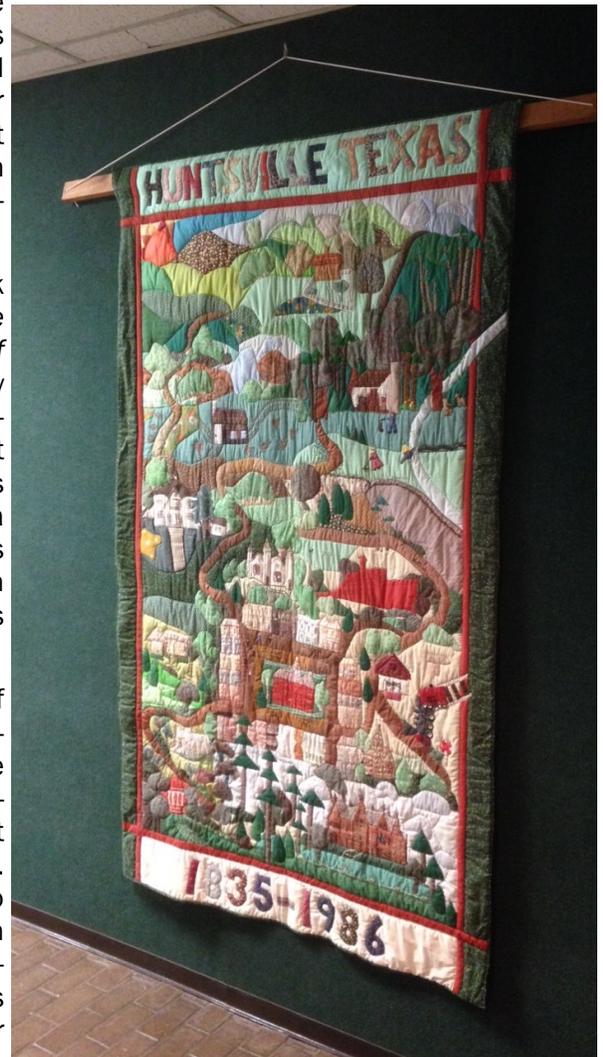
The Huntsville Arts Commission, Pease said, heard & approved a proposal for the Quilt of Huntsville, now approaching its 30th anniversary. It was lovingly created and completed in 1986 by the Grandpersons Center (now the Senior Center of Walker County) and Coordinating Artist Roberta Norris Burton, and presented to the City of Huntsville on the steps of the Steamboat House, at its Texas Sesquicentennial celebration in July of that year.

The Quilt features quilted squares by each of fourteen seniors in Walker County of their perceptions of downtown Huntsville and its surrounding historic sites: the downtown Square, early cabins of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, an infamous (of the time) train wreck, chickens and crops along with farmers, inmate field workers, early churches, Old Main (a special SHSU building lost in a fire), Sam Houston's home, and other elements. Burton designed the manner in which the individual pieces would be held together with a clever and meandering route of wooded roads and streams, so typical of Huntsville.

Additional funding for the project came from the Texas Commission on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts, along with support provided by the City through the Huntsville Arts Commission.

The 52" x 86" cotton work has been featured in *Lone Stars, Vol. II: A Legacy of Texas Quilts, 1936-1986* by Karoline Patterson Bresnahan and Nancy O'Bryant Puentes (University of Texas Press) and on the cover of a medical journal, and has been part of the Houston Quilt Show and Huntsville's Airing of the Quilts.

See the photo on page 3 of this issue, picturing participants in the making of the quilt - the appliqueing, embroidering, and quilting - at the presentation in 1986. Then drop by City Hall to take a moment to reflect on your memories of our community, soon to celebrate its 180th birthday - anyone for the novevicennial?



City Water Division Wins Prestigious Statewide Award



TMUA President Rodney Taylor, Assistant Director of Utilities for the City of Abilene (far left) and TMUA Region 2 Director Kevin Scalley, Assistant Director of Utilities for the City of Brownwood (far right) present award to City of Huntsville Water Services Superintendent Joyce Hubbard and Assistant Water Services Superintendent Kyle Matthews.



The Water Division of the Public Works Department has been honored as the 2015 Outstanding Municipal Utility by the Texas Municipal Utilities Association (TMUA). The award, given each year, is a special recognition of leadership in municipal utilities across the state of Texas.

City of Huntsville Water Services Superintendent Joyce Hubbard nominated the City for the prize, based on work done to improve water quality.

"The Water Division is very pleased and honored to win this award. The hard work and dedication of the employees made it possible," said Hubbard. "The water division will continue to focus on improving water quality and customer service."

The Texas Municipal Utilities Association was organized in 1925 to promote the proficiency of the utility management profession and utility operations. It promotes communication between managers and provides a forum for professional development of employees, officers, and governing officials having an interest in or responsibility for municipal utilities. It develops and upgrades the quality and mutual respect of utility managers, and promotes the general welfare of all municipal utility employees.

Municipal utilities operate in concert with other functions of local government to provide vital community services. The principal emphasis of the association is the management and the direction of municipal utilities, including the special relationship of city managers, members of governing bodies, and boards of directors related to municipal utilities. It is a forum where members can learn from each other and benefit from professional association with other municipal utility managers in Texas.

TMUA is an affiliate organization of the Texas Municipal League (TML), which represents some 98% of Texas' urban population through its over 1,000 member cities and towns. Organized in 1913 as an informal association of 14 municipalities, TML today is a progressive, multi-million dollar enterprise offering a wide variety of services to Texas cities.

To qualify, TMUA recommends a nominee: should be widely recognized as a leader in the municipal utility industry; has enhanced the prestige of all municipal utility systems; has made a measurable improvement to customer services; or has developed innovative solutions to any utility problem.

Solid Waste customers: Look for “Greener Huntsville” Twitter posts

Citizens are encouraged to follow the City of Huntsville Twitter feed, @HuntsvilleTexas, for updates on the City’s curbside recycling and solid waste efforts.

According to Carol Reed, Public Works Director, additional material is being made available for residents via the City’s existing Twitter page as part of the “Greener Huntsville: Easy Recycling” initiative.

“We have activated curbside recycling in all eight areas of the City and have had changes to yard waste and heavy trash pickup policies, so we want to provide our residents with as much information as possible about how to take advantage of these services correctly and easily,” Reed said. “By providing how-to guides, tips and reminders about curbside recycling and important dates to remember, our hope is to make recycling a quick and convenient part of our citizens’ daily lives.”

The tweets address not only recycling, Reed said, but also assist customers in pinpointing Heavy Trash, Yard Waste, and regular garbage pickup dates and requirements. Specific items which are accepted for recycling are also listed.

“We are using Twitter to remind people to put their blue or green carts at the street’s edge both at the right time and on the right day,” Reed said. “For example, for customers in Areas 1, 3, 5 and 7, we send a tweet out on Sunday evening to remind them their garbage pickup is the next day, Monday. That way, they have plenty of time to get their carts out before the next morning at 6 a.m. when pickup begins. We do the same thing for recycling later in the week; these messages are sent on a set schedule so citizens always have an extra reminder. Occasionally, we will also tweet about other services provided, like the TIPS Warehouse, and on other ways residents can recycle, compost, or otherwise reduce waste.”

Reed said the “Greener Huntsville” Twitter initiative will also include energy conservation tips for residential and commercial entities, methods for saving water and more. For more information, contact Reed at (936) 294-5768 or Solid Waste Superintendent Esther Herklotz at (936) 294-5724 or email her at eherklotz@huntsvilletx.gov. The City’s Twitter feed can be viewed at <https://twitter.com/HuntsvilleTexas>.



Quilters at the Huntsville Grandparents Center: *left to right,* Bennie Sue Murray, Eleanor Russell, Evelyn Mosley, Fannie Mae Bass, Mable Goodin, Joyce Hilliard, Ruth Cass, Iona Andrea, Lillie Crockett, and Roberta Norris

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!