

CITY CONNECTION

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Calendar

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- 6 - Yard Waste Trimming Collection
- 7 - Planning Commission at 12 p.m.
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City Hall at 12:00 p.m.
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- 17 - City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 18 - Yard Waste Trimming Collection
- 19 - Planning Commission -
City Hall at 5:30 p.m.
- 25 - Heavy Trash & Large Yard Waste
- 30 - Memorial Day Holiday

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

Sister Cities Honor Sam Houston

At the City of Huntsville, we are very proud of our history and the great Texas hero, Sam Houston, who chose to make his home right here in town. What some may not know is that Houston lived in Maryville, Tennessee for the early part of his life. This is where he joined the U.S. Army and began his path to becoming an American hero.



On March 17 Mayor Andy Brauning and former Mayor Mac Woodward, the Director of the Sam Houston Memorial Museum, set off to take part in the unveiling ceremony of a statue of young Sam Houston in Maryville, Tenn. The group was given the chance to see the Sam Houston Schoolhouse where he taught when he was only 18, among other historic places that they had the privilege of visiting. All of the events led up to the group witnessing history with the unveiling of the young Sam Houston Statue. Houston's final words to the people of Maryville when he left for the U.S. Army were, "You Shall Hear of Me", which they



have honorably named the statue. Mayor Andy Brauning had the honor of proclaiming March 19 *Sam Houston Day*.

Upon return former Mayor Mac Woodward & Mayor Andy Brauning had nothing but positive feelings towards the statue and the events.

"The trip to Maryville was wonderful," said Woodward.

"The people could not have been nicer and more accommodating. It was great to celebrate Sam Houston at an early age and the importance of his time in Maryville. Huntsville and Maryville share the unique honor of both being the "Home of Sam Houston." I encourage anyone that is in the Maryville area to visit the Sam Houston Statue and School House." Woodward said.

"Our trip was great, I would say the best part of the trip was the people of Tennessee, they treated us so nicely the entire time. There were more than 300 people at the statue unveiling. The life of Sam Houston created a strong bond between our two communities." Brauning commented.

We are grateful to our sister city in Tennessee for sharing this special event in honor of Sam Houston.



May 7, 2016 Special Election

Voting information, key dates

Dates to Remember

Last day to register to vote or make name/address changes

April 7

Early voting begins

April 25

Last day to apply for ballot by mail (application received, not postmarked)

April 26

Early voting ends

May 3

Election Day

May 7

7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

EARLY VOTING INFORMATION/VOTACION TEMPRANA POR ASPECTO PERSONAL

Early voting will be conducted at the Walker County Annex, 1301 Sam Houston Avenue, Suite 101

April 25 through May 3, 2016 - Monday through Friday

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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

Tuesday, April 26th and Tuesday, May 3rd - Early Voting Hours 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

CITY POLLING LOCATION/SITIO DE VOTACION

All qualified registered voters of the City of Huntsville will vote at the
Walker County Annex
1301 Sam Houston Avenue , Room 101
Huntsville, Texas 77340

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.



2016-2017 City Calendars Arriving Soon!

They flew out the door last time, so we can't wait for you to enjoy the new calendars!
This time the theme was *You and the City*. You and your neighbors submitted fun shots of things you do at City events and facilities - thank you!

As soon as the calendars are here, we'll let you know how to get one, so stay tuned!

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

Saturday, May 7, 2016 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sabado 7 de Mayo del 2016 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 May 7 election is April 7, 2016.

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 será localizada en el Walker County Annex.)

PLEASE CHECK YOUR BALLOT!

Please be sure you have received the correct ballot before you vote it. There is information on all May 7, 2016 early voting and election day dates, times, and polling locations on the City website at <http://tx-huntsville.civicplus.com/Elections>. Information is also on the Walker County website at http://www.co.walker.tx.us/egov/documents/1458325746_05903.pdf

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 Abril.



City of Huntsville Recycling Guidelines

Direct questions to [\(936\) 294-5712](tel:9362945712)

Curbside recycling guidelines:

1. Rinse all plastics and cans to remove residue
2. Plastics 1-7 stamped with number and symbol accepted
3. Flatten items to save room inside of cart
4. Keep cart five (5) feet from all other objects including vehicles
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, loose shredded paper, glass/oil/filters, batteries, cell phones, electronics, Styrofoam, aluminum foil, or plastic bags of any kind.

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

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. 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. 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 which include a recycling logo, 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. 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

Drop-off Center also accepts: Used motor oil, oil filters, cooking oil & antifreeze.

Visit www.huntsvilletx.gov for curbside recycling schedules, full list of acceptable curbside items, and more recycling information.



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.