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Calendar

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- 4 - City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 5 - Yard Waste Trimming Collection
- 6 - Planning Commission -
City Hall at 12:00 p.m.
- 12 - Heavy Trash & Large Yard Waste
- 18 - City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 19 - Yard Waste Trimming Collection
- 20 - Planning Commission -
City Hall at 5:30 p.m.
- 26 - Heavy Trash & Large Yard Waste

May 2017

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

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

Cleaning Up Huntsville

During the 2017 City Council Strategic Planning session, the Council identified their desire to focus on improving overall City appearance. *Goal #1, City Appearance - Provide policies, amenities, and events that enhance the City's already beautiful and historic natural environment.*

The City Manager and City staff went to work to achieve the goal.

City staff reviewed four possibilities for litter control strategies. One involved focusing on arterial streets, one focused on devoting similar time and effort in each Council ward, the third involved focusing on areas believed to have the highest volume of litter, and the fourth was combination of the first three.

After discussing the advantages and disadvantages of each of the four approaches, the Finance Committee allotted \$20,000 to the goal. There are adequate funds to do the arterials and high-volume areas once every three weeks through July 28, which allows the City time to measure how much trash is being picked up and whether or not this approach is effective.



Overall, the City of Huntsville is supportive of community efforts of cleanliness, and has encouraged it. In years past, the City has hosted community clean-ups in concert with local organizations to provide free services to various areas in Huntsville. The City is exploring options for more community clean-up in the city.

The City also participates in the Walker County Trash Bash, is a sponsor of the Electronics Recycling Day, and is almost finished with construction of a new Solid Waste Transfer and Recycling Center which will allow customers to recycle and dispose of items with ease!

We hope you will join us in keeping Huntsville beautiful and litter-free!

City Calendars Have Arrived!

Have you picked up your City Calendar?! They are now available at all City facilities. This year's theme is *Huntsville Over & Above*. Be sure to share with us how you are using your calendar on social media - tag the City of Huntsville on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook!

Outdoor Explorer

Join the Parks and Leisure Department on Saturday, May 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Eastham-Thomason Park for an outdoor adventure on one of the beautiful nature trails this park has to offer. Put on your hiking shoes and sunscreen, grab some binoculars, and get ready to explore nature at its best within the city limits! This program is free and refreshments will be provided. Contact Penny Joiner at (936) 294-5708 or pjoiner@huntsvilletx.gov to sign up. Pre-registration is required.



DOWNTOWN HUNTSVILLE

Farmers Market



Locally grown fruits & veggies, homemade crafts, jams, jellies & more!!!

Every Saturday
May through July
8am - noon

LOCATED ON UNIVERSITY AVE
BETWEEN 11TH AND 12TH ST.



For more information contact: The City of Huntsville Main Street Program
1203 University Ave Huntsville, Texas 77340 || 936.291.5920 || mainstreet01@huntsville.org

Support HPD

Join the Huntsville Police Department for the 3rd Annual *Five-O 5K/1-Mile Family Fun Color Run!* This is a great event to end the school year and start summer off in a colorful way. Snacks and drinks will be provided along with loads of FUN! The race will take place at 125 Medical Park Lane, behind Huntsville Memorial Hospital.

The money raised is given to the Huntsville Police Officers Association which provides support to youth initiatives in the community.

Registration is \$25 for the 5K and \$15 for the 1-Mile Race. Register before May 20 and you will be guaranteed a t-shirt. Visit <https://endurancecui.active.com/event-reg/select-race?e=42761452> to sign-up!

See you on May 20!

Upcoming Waterline Replacement Projects along 11th Street and Sam Houston Avenue

The City of Huntsville is ready to begin two waterline replacement projects along 11th Street and Sam Houston Avenue:

1) The project segment along 11th Street is between IH 45 and University Avenue. This project construction is scheduled to begin early April 2017 and expected to be completed by mid-August 2017.

2) The project segment along Sam Houston Avenue is between 11th Street and 22nd Streets. This project construction is scheduled to begin early May 2017 and expected to be completed by mid-October 2017.

The constructions mainly involve the installation of new 12" waterline along both project segments. "The existing line is an old cast iron line that has been breaking quite often. We do not have the exact number, but in the last five years it has been well over a dozen breaks." stated City Engineer, Ram Ramachandra. "Overall, upsizing from a 6-inch line to a 12-inch line, it will give it better circulation and better quality."

There will be lane closures at any given time throughout the construction period, however, traffic movement will be maintained in both directions at all times. Lane closures will be mainly limited to one outside lane. Please heed workers, equipment, warning signs, barricades, and directional signs that will be present during construction.

Your safety and the safety of workers is of primary importance during this project. The City thanks you for your cooperation and patience and apologizes for any inconvenience you may incur during construction. The City and the contractor will jointly strive to keep the inconveniences to a minimum. While through traffic is not expected to be impeded, please consider alternate routes, where possible, during peak traffic times, in order to avoid delays during the period of construction.

During construction, there will be water outages to businesses and residences in the vicinity of these project segments as water service is transferred to the new waterline. Notification of water outages will be given at least 24 hours in advance. The duration of water outages typically varies from 4 to 6 hours.

For questions, please contact Dustin Riley, City of Huntsville Project Manager, at 936-294-5789 or driley@huntsvilletx.gov.



Wine Down, Shop Small

Ready to explore all the unique shops in downtown Huntsville and taste some of the best wine from across the Lone Star State? Then come out to "Wine Down, Shop Small" on May 4, 2017, from 5-9 p.m., for an unforgettably fun evening!

This year is the BIGGEST event yet! There will be 10 wineries and more than 8 food vendors. You'll also enjoy fantastic shopping opportunities and live music.

Pre-sale tickets are available now for \$25 and can be purchased from participating downtown stores. Tickets can also be purchased at the event for \$30 - all tickets include a wine glass. For more information, contact the Main Street Program at 936-291-5920 or mainstreet01@huntsvilletx.gov.

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

Visit www.huntsvillex.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.