



City news,  
features,  
and  
updates

# This Week in Huntsville

September 23,  
2015

## City's Water Division Assists in SHSU Study

The City of Huntsville enjoys being part of the community, and working with organizations and individuals on many projects, events, and initiatives. Recently, staff members had the opportunity to assist on a research study with Sam Houston State University.

Associate Professor Dr. Tim Pannkuk and Assistant Professor Dr. Art Wolfskill, in the Department of Agricultural Sciences & Engineering Technology at SHSU, reviewed three years of water usage and lot data for over 1200 residential units in one local area (customer names and addresses were removed before the material was released to the researchers).

"We partnered with the City of Huntsville Public Works Department to study outdoor residential water use," Pannkuk said. "Specifically, we examined how much overuse of water might be occurring in the landscape...a documented common occurrence across the United States."

Titled Residential outdoor water use in one East Texas Community, the report found over-irrigation to be occurring at almost all of the units reviewed, based on the scientists' estimates of indoor water usage and outdoor irrigation. The study was recently featured in the Texas Water Journal, an online, peer-reviewed journal devoted to water resources management and policy issues, published in cooperation with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Texas A&M University.

Water conservation is a hot topic across Texas, and the study noted that it is often urged by municipalities, particularly in relation to landscape watering. The researchers found outdoor water use accounted for 64% of the total water use by the households studied, and determined that, "based on the data overall, greater conservation efforts in landscape irrigation are crucial for Texas residents if water demands are to be met in the 21st century."

"We would like to further study methods of developing better educational outreach opportunities to help homeowners understand how to better conserve this precious natural resource," added Pannkuk.

The professor went on to note that Robert Mace, Deputy Executive Administrator for the Water Science and Conservation Division of the Texas Water Development Board referenced the work in a presentation at the Texas Nursery and Landscape Association in Dallas in August.

"Mr. Mace was discussing the state of water in Texas, and more specifically the need for greater water conservation now, to help ensure a plentiful water supply in Texas' future," relayed Pannkuk. Mace, he said, used the study published in the Texas Water Journal as an example of the opportunity that exists for education in water conservation.

Carol Reed, Director of Public Works for the City, said staff were pleased to have an opportunity to assist the researchers, and were interested to hear the results and conclusions after the completion of the study. Pannkuk thanked Reed for the City's support.

"Working with the City on this endeavor was seamless and efficient," Pannkuk said. "Several City employees, led by Carol Reed, made the data available to us as researchers."

View the full article at <http://bit.ly/1ParhKA> or contact Reed at [creed@huntsvilletx.gov](mailto:creed@huntsvilletx.gov), Pannkuk at [agr\\_trp@shsu.edu](mailto:agr_trp@shsu.edu) or Wolfskill at [wolfskill@shsu.edu](mailto:wolfskill@shsu.edu).

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The City of Huntsville's Third Annual Haunted Hayride will take place at Kate Barr Ross Park on Saturday, October 24, at 6:30 P.M. Tickets will be \$5 per hayride and \$3 per fire truck ride. Concession prices will vary. Contact Penny Joiner in the City of Huntsville Parks and Leisure Department at (936) 294-5708 for more information, or if you are to volunteer as an actor or assistant for the events.

The SHSU Department of Theatre  
and Musical Theatre presents

# Story Drama Hour

an interactive program for  
elementary students

Tuesdays from 4 to 5 p.m.

Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>-Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015

In the Huntsville Public Library Children's Department



## Ongoing Events at the Huntsville Public Library!

### Yoga Classes –

Are you looking for a convenient way to try yoga for the first time? Attend our free six-week Adult Yoga Program for Beginners at the Huntsville Public Library Community Room on Tuesdays from 5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. (started September 8). It's a perfect opportunity to learn and practice yoga techniques with other enthusiasts.

Bring your own mat or towel. Please consult your doctor before starting any new exercise program. Sign up at the library, call Mary Kokot at 936-291-5471, or online at [www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com](http://www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com).

### Essential Oils –

What are essential oils and how can they benefit you and your family? A five-week series is planned at the Huntsville Public Library, commencing with a class to demonstrate how you can use essential oils in many ways, from cleaning to health.

Future class dates are scheduled for Mondays September 28 and October 5, at 5:45 p.m. Instructors Melissa Gonzalez and Amber Gilman will feature topics on healthy and happy kids, mood enhancement, pain management, and keeping a safer, cleaner home. Learn how to make your life more environmentally friendly using essential oils for everyday use.

Try the KEY RING app!  
Tired of trying to keep up with your library card?



Download the KEY RING app for your smartphone and we scan your library card directly from your phone!



Huntsville Public Library and Texas Children's Health Plan  
Presents:

## Family Movie Night Series

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month @ 5:30  
In Community Room

Two orange admission tickets with "ADMIT ONE" and "5007210" printed on them are positioned on either side of a central marquee sign. The sign is red with white text that reads "FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT".

Ask for specific titles.

Movies sponsored by Texas Children's Health Plan

## HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY SCHEDULE FOR RECURRING EVENTS

### September Events

Story Time - Every Wednesday at 10:45 a.m. at the library. This complimentary program promotes emergent reading skills for young children. Story Hour includes stories, songs, dance and finger plays and concludes with a craft activity. September 30

Read With the Dogs - This is an excellent program that helps children who experience anxiety when reading out loud or in a group setting. The dogs are trained and friendly, and make excellent reading companions. Read With the Dogs takes place on the 3rd Monday of every month.

Family Movie Night Series - Huntsville Public Library, in partnership with Texas Children's Health Plan, is offering a free monthly family night movie. All movies are rated PG or G. Complimentary popcorn and drinks will be served.

Lego Club - The Lego Club for ages 5-12 is held the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month, at 5 p.m., in the Children's Room at the Huntsville Public Library.

### October Events

Story Time - Every Wednesday at 10:45 a.m. at the library. This complimentary program promotes emergent reading skills for young children. Story Hour includes stories, songs, dance and finger plays and concludes with a craft activity. October 7, 14, 21, and 28.

Read With the Dogs - This is an excellent program that helps children who experience anxiety when reading out loud or in a group setting. The dogs are trained and friendly, and make excellent reading companions. Read With the Dogs takes place on the 3rd Monday of every month. October's READ is Monday the 19th from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Family Movie Night Series - Huntsville Public Library, in partnership with Texas Children's Health Plan, is offering a free monthly family night movie. All movies are rated PG or G. October's Family Movie night will be Friday, October 9, at 5:30 p.m. Complimentary popcorn and drinks will be served.

Lego Club - The Lego Club for ages 5-12 will be the 1st Thursday and 3rd Thursday of every month. They will meet on Thursday October 1st at 5:00 and Thursday October 15th in the Children's Room at the Huntsville Public Library.

Special Events - Scare on the Square, Saturday, October 31, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Stop by our booth for special prizes!

For more information on all events, call the Library at (936) 291-5472 or visit at 1219 13th Street.

# Scare on the Square

Saturday, October 31st

3:00pm-5:00pm

Downtown Huntsville

\$1 admission

Pizza & Hot Dogs *Candy*  
**Games** *Arts & Crafts*  
Costume Contest **Raffle**  
Moonwalk **FACE PAINTING**

## November 3, 2015 General Election - Important Dates to Remember

First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail - Friday, September 4, 2015  
(does not apply to FPCA (Federal Postcard Application for Military/Overseas))

Last Day to Register to Vote - Monday, October 5, 2015

First Day of Early Voting - Monday, October 19, 2015

Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)  
Friday, October 23, 2015 (regular ABBM (Application for Ballot by Mail))  
or Tuesday, October 27, 2015 (FPCA)

Last Day of Early Voting - Friday, October 30, 2015

Last Day to Receive Ballot by Mail - Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.  
(unless overseas deadline applies)

The Wynne Home Arts Center  
1428 Eleventh Street  
Huntsville, TX 77340

# LIBERTIES

## AREA ARTIST SHOW

September 17, 2015 - January 9, 2016

OPENING RECEPTION

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 17

4PM - 7PM

REMARKS @ 5PM

For more info 936-291-5424 or [www.thewynnehome.com](http://www.thewynnehome.com)

# Wynne Home Happenings!

The Wynne Home's Day of the Dead events will be held on Friday, October 23, including a showing of the animated children's movie *The Book of Life* (still from the film at right), and a craft/art project involving sugar skulls.

*Liberties - Area Artists Show* opened September 17 and runs through January 9.

The *No Foolin' String Band* is confirmed for the Wynne Home's afternoon and early evening events on November 14.

The Wynne Home will hold a book signing and author talk on September 24th with resident Kermit Cummings on his *A Backyard Birding Adventure: What's in Your Yard?*.

The book features a downloadable app with bird calls. Find out more by visiting <http://www.kermitcummings.com/>

For all events and lots more, regularly check in with the Wynne Home on the City web site at [www.thewynnehome.com](http://www.thewynnehome.com)



The Wynne Home Arts Center  
1428 Eleventh Street  
Huntsville, TX 77340

Join us Thursday September 24  
for a book signing with  
local author Kermit Cummings



A BACKYARD BIRDING  
ADVENTURE



## Downtown *Save the Dates* for Fall!

**Downtown Farmers Market - Fall Edition** - Saturdays from 8 a.m.-noon, the 2nd Saturday in October until Thanksgiving (same place as summer market, on University Avenue between 11th and 12th Streets). Call the Main Street office at 936-291-5920 for more information.

**Fair on the Square** - Saturday, October 3 - contact the Chamber of Commerce at 936-295-8113 for more information

**Scare on the Square** - Saturday, October 31, from 3-5 p.m. downtown. Booth applications are now available through the Main Street office at 936-291-5920.

**Downtown Christmas Fair and Winter in the Park** - events held together this year, on Saturday, December 5, from noon-5 p.m. Booth applications are now available through the Main Street office at 936-291-5920.

# WALKER COUNTY NEEDS ELECTION WORKERS!

Election workers are fully trained to (1) prepare the area for voting and open the polls on time, (2) process voters during check-in on the electronic poll books, (3) provide assistance to voters when called upon, (4) and properly close the polls by completing and returning all required paperwork to Election Central.



## WHO CAN BE AN ELECTION WORKER?

You are eligible to work elections if you are:

- ✓ Registered to vote in Walker County
- ✓ You are not an elected official
- ✓ You have good computer skills
- ✓ You have good customer service
- ✓ You enjoy meeting other people and serving the public

## WHAT TYPE OF PEOPLE WORK AS ELECTION WORKERS?

Just about everyone! We have everyone from retired citizens to high school students. We have professional individuals that work full-time or part-time; those who are self-employed and stay-at-home parents. Election workers are a very diverse workforce. We are always in need of bilingual election workers as well!

## WHEN ARE ELECTIONS HELD? WHAT ARE THE HOURS?

- **General Elections** are held each year on the first Tuesday in May and November
- **Primary Elections** are held in even years on the second Tuesday in March
- **Runoff Elections** are held as necessary
- **Special Elections** are held as necessary
- **Polls are open on Election Day from 7:00am to 7:00pm**

*Election workers arrive an hour early for set-up and stay an hour late for closing.*



## WHAT DO ELECTION WORKERS DO?

Election workers work in their own home precinct. Duties include:

- ✓ Arriving at the poll place at 6:00am to set up voting area and prepare for voting;
- ✓ Greeting voters with a friendly smile;
- ✓ Qualifying and checking in voters using electronic poll books;
- ✓ Assisting voters when asked, including those with special needs;
- ✓ Ensure that all laws are followed and the election process is honest as well as organized;
- ✓ Closing polls at 7:00pm (or once the last voter in line has voted), then close out poll place properly;
- ✓ And returning all required forms and equipment to Election Central.

## IS TRAINING PROVIDED?

Yes! All election workers must complete (1) online poll-worker training, (2) a mandatory DVD training, (3) electronic poll book training, (4) and an in-person state mandatory training (*normally held the Saturday before the election*). Additional training sessions could be required.

ARE ELECTION WORKERS PAID? YES! All election workers are paid \$9.00 per hour.

PLEASE CALL (936) 436-4959 FOR MORE INFORMATION.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN BECOMING AN ELECTION WORKER!

# November 3, 2015 General Election

## Voting information, key dates

### EARLY VOTING INFORMATION/VOTACION TEMPRANA POR ASPECTO PERSONAL

Early voting will be conducted at the following location:

Walker County Annex, 1301 Sam Houston Avenue, Suite 101

October 19th to October 30th, Monday through Friday

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

#### EXCEPTIONS:

There will be two weeks hour days during early voting:

Tuesday, Oct. 20th and Tuesday, Oct. 27th - Early Voting Hours 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### CITY POLLING LOCATIONS/SITIOS DE VOTACION

#### Ward 1/Seala 1 -

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

#### Ward 2/Seala 2 -

Pct. 201 - Walker County Storm Shelter, 455 State Highway 75 North

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

#### Ward 3/Seala 3 -

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

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

#### Ward 4/Seala 4 -

Pct. 205 - Elkins Lake Conference Center, 834 Cherry Hills Drive

Pct. 208 - Huntsville Fire Station #1, 1887 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)

Map available at [http://www.co.walker.tx.us/egov/docs/1377003788\\_401641.pdf](http://www.co.walker.tx.us/egov/docs/1377003788_401641.pdf))

### Dates to

### Remember

for the  
November 3, 2015  
election

First day to apply  
for ballot by mail  
September 4

Last day to  
register to vote or make  
name/address changes  
October 5

Early voting begins  
October 19

Last day to apply for ballot  
by mail (application  
received, not postmarked)  
October 23 (reg ABBM)  
October 27 (FPCA)

Early voting ends  
October 30

Election Day  
November 3  
7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

## 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](http://www.votetexas.gov).

## **PLEASE CHECK YOUR BALLOT!**

There are five entities holding elections on November 3, 2015, including Walker County (State Constitutional Amendments), Walker County Hospital District, City of Huntsville, New Waverly ISD, and City of New Waverly (City of Riverside and Huntsville ISD were able to cancel their elections; political party primaries are in the spring of 2016). There are sixteen local voting precincts voting at thirteen local polling locations (on Election Day - all early voting is at the Walker County Annex) resulting in a total of 24 different ballot styles for this election.

Please be sure you are in the right location and be sure you have received the correct ballot before you vote it. There is information on all November 3, 2015 early voting and election day dates, times, and polling locations on the City website at <http://tx-huntsville.civicplus.com/385/ElectionsElecciones> and also on the Walker County website at [http://www.co.walker.tx.us/egov/docs/1377003789\\_401641.pdf](http://www.co.walker.tx.us/egov/docs/1377003789_401641.pdf)

**The ballots have two sides, please read and vote both sides!**

## **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 3, 2015  
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 3 de Noviembre del 2015 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 November 3 election is OCTOBER 7, 2015.

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/vlw/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.)

## **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.

# FAIR on the SQUARE

HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS

- ★ 380 Booths & Merchant Shops
- ★ Wine Tasting
- ★ Food Court
- ★ Kids Korner
- ★ Live Entertainment
- ★ Beer Garden
- ★ Classic Cars
- ★ Pre-Fair Concert

**Saturday, October 3rd!**  
**9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.**

Downtown Huntsville  
 Check out our new website  
[www.faironthesquare.com](http://www.faironthesquare.com)  
 And like us on facebook



**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**



Friday Night Concert  
 October 2



Featuring Aliados del Norte  
 8- Midnight \* Happy Hour 8-9 p.m.  
 Tickets on sale at event \$5

## NEW THIS YEAR... A WINE TASTING AREA!

- \*The Wine Knot is located in the parking lot between First Bank and Cloud 9
- \*\$20 Ticket on sale at event
- \*Commemorative Wine Glass
- \*Food & Wine Pairings
- \* 8 Tastings

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Downtown Huntsville

# FARMERS MARKET

FALL EDITION



7 WEEKS ONLY!

Saturdays 8am - Noon

OCT. 10TH - NOV. 21ST



## Fresh Produce

tomatoes, squash, cucumbers, green beans, bok choy, cabbage, preserves, spices, honey, yard eggs, herbs

**PLUS**

metal art, leather & wood working goods, dog cookies, natural bath & beauty products, handmade jewelry

University Avenue East side of the Courthouse Square

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# WHAT'S COOLER THAN BEING COOL?

HAVING A LIBRARY CARD.  
GET YOURS TODAY!



## September is Library Card Sign-up Month!

[ilovelibraries.org/library-card](http://ilovelibraries.org/library-card)

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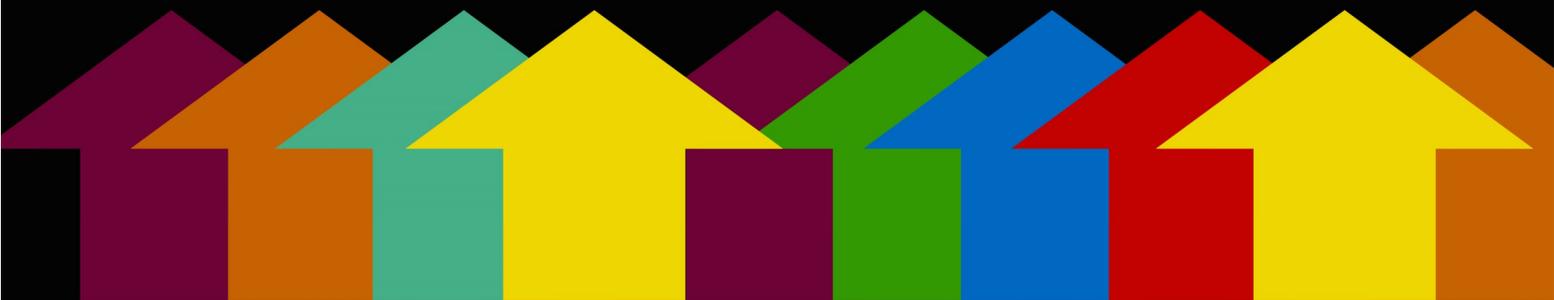


# FIRST THURSDAYS

**Downtown businesses will be open until 7pm OR LATER!**

**Come out and support your local Huntsville businesses!**

OPEN LATE



COME ON IN



**[facebook.com/COHmainstreet](https://facebook.com/COHmainstreet)  
For more details**

# Feel the STING!

## Get a Flag!



Citizens across the community are stepping up to share the good news in our school district, and demonstrate their support for our kids, teachers, and administrative staff. You can join them by donating for Hornet Pride flags flown around the Square and downtown (to assist with flags, poles, and supplies), or by purchasing flags to fly at home or your business on football game days, or any time! It's a simple way to stand together and let the Hornets know we're all pulling for them!



I'm going to help fill the downtown with Hornet Spirit! \$35 or more \_\_\_\_\_

I want to join the Swarm at home & work with extra flags! \$25 X \_\_\_\_\_

(For each \$25 flag, note whether you need side pocket or grommets, please!)

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

If you prefer to donate by mail, please send to:

Hornet Flag Project  
c/o Chamber of Commerce  
Post Office Box 538  
Huntsville, TX 77342

For information or to pay by credit card: 936-291-8113



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!**