



4th of July Celebration

Join the City of Huntsville Parks and Leisure Department at Kate Barr Ross Park to celebrate the 4th of July with family entertainment and a large-scale fireworks show.

City news, features, and updates

The celebration will be a fun and safe event for the entire family. Family entertainment will commence at 4 p.m. with the fireworks show beginning at 9 p.m. or at dark, weather permitting.



Enjoy family entertainment including a rock wall, face painter, air brush artist, leather crafts, bounce houses, and karaoke. The Patriot Guard Riders (sponsored by the H.E.A.R.T.S. Museum) will ride their motorcycles through the park around 5:30 p.m.

Attendants, please note: no alcohol or glass bottles will be allowed on the premises.

For more information call 936-294-5708 or visit our website at www.huntsvilletx.gov. You can also visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/COH-recservices.

The City wants to see your pictures from summer events. Share your celebration using the hashtag #homesweethuntsville.

This Week in Huntsville

Street Conversion Underway

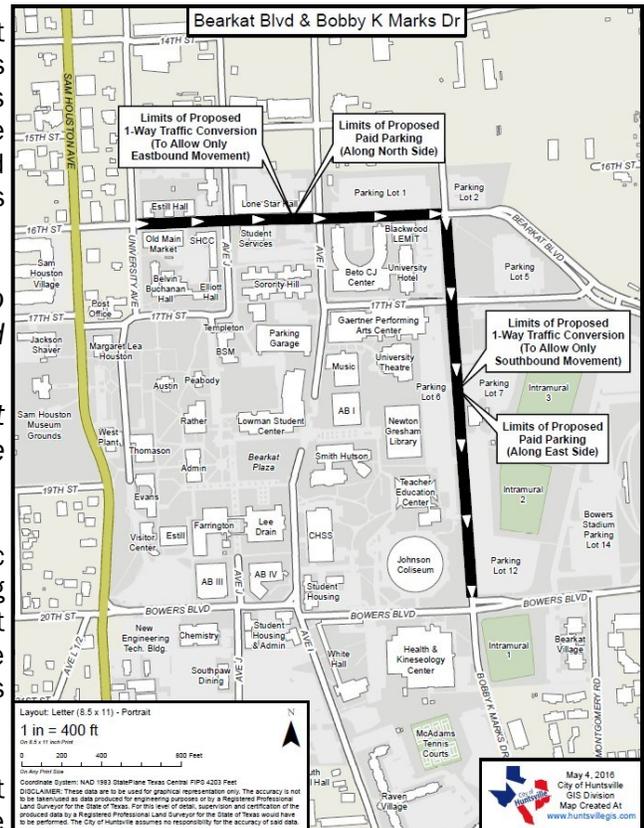
Construction is underway converting two street segments around SHSU to 1-way traffic. The City is working with Sam Houston State University on this project to provide safer, slower one-way traffic on the designated segments. The construction is scheduled to be finished by mid-July. The below street segments have changing street patterns:

A) *Bearkat Boulevard (from University Avenue to Bobby K. Marks Drive) - traffic will be restricted to eastbound only.*

B) *Bobby K. Marks Drive (from Bearkat Boulevard to Bowers Boulevard) - traffic will be restricted to southbound only.*

In addition to converting from 2-way traffic movement to 1-way traffic movement, paid parking spaces will be provided along these two street segments. The contractor has begun installing the necessary traffic poles and is beginning the process to re-stripe the road.

The conversion to 1-way traffic including pavement striping and traffic sign installation is expected to be complete by mid-July.



July 1, 2016

City Facility Closures on July 4

City Hall, the City Service Center, Municipal Court, the Public Library, and other City facilities will be closed on Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Please see below on Solid Waste and Recycling Services and facilities. Have a safe and happy Fourth!

City of Huntsville Solid Waste & Recycling Services

The City of Huntsville Solid Waste and Recycling Department will run regular residential **RECYCLING** and commercial garbage pick-up routes on Monday, July 4, 2016, the Fourth of July.

The Transfer Station and Scale House will be open on Monday, July 4, 2016.

For more information, contact the Solid Waste Transfer Facility, or the Recycling Drop-Off Center at 936-294-5712.



Reminder - No Fireworks within City limits

According to City ordinance, it is not permitted to possess, use, transport or purchase fireworks within City limits.

Violators will be charged with a Class C misdemeanor, which carries a fine not to exceed \$500.

The exceptions are fireworks available for purchase at retail department stores, commonly referred to as "poppers." These products contain an amount of black powder below the regulated amount.

Parties interested in holding their own fireworks show must apply for, receive and adhere to the permit requirements from the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Please keep this in mind while planning for the Fourth of July, New Year's Eve and any other major event which traditionally integrates fireworks displays.

For more information or clarification, contact the City of Huntsville Fire Department at (936) 291-3047.

July's Park Spotlight is Emancipation Park

Location: 300 Martin Luther King Boulevard

Picnics in the park are what summer is all about! The City of Huntsville is the proud home to Emancipation Park, the perfect spot for an afternoon picnic.

This park features a full size basketball court, playing fields, a covered pavilion, playground equipment, grills, an enclosed restroom facility and the City's very own orchard!

Emancipation Park is home to the Martin Luther King Jr. Recreational Center. The Center is available for rental by calling 936-294-5708.

We would love for you to share your photos with us on social media using the hashtag *#homesweethuntsville*.



3 Actions to Take Now to Be Prepared

It's Hurricane Season, but we are not powerless against the threat of these disasters.

1) Know your evacuation zone. Evacuation zones are areas that may be impacted by hurricane flooding. Many communities have designated evacuation zones and routes to get citizens to safety. This information can often be found on the websites of your state, county, or town emergency management offices. If a hurricane threatens your community and local officials say it's time to evacuate, don't wait.

2) Download the FEMA app. With the FEMA smartphone app you'll have all the information you need to know what to do before, during, and after a hurricane. You can also receive weather alerts in your area from NOAA's National Weather Service, find lifesaving safety tips, and have access to disaster resources should you need them. You can download the app from the Apple App store or the Google Play store. The FEMA app is also available in Spanish.

3) Make a plan and build a kit. When a hurricane hits, communications systems can go out, transportation can be limited, and it could be days before emergency responders are able to reach your community if you need help. Making a plan - and practicing that plan - helps to ensure you and your family are safe and ready for these challenges. Your plan should include:

-Family communication plan: Talk with your family members about how you will contact one another in an emergency. Know how you will check in with family members in different locations, how you will care for children or members with access and functional needs, and how your family will get in touch if cell phone, internet, or landlines don't work.

-Emergency Supply Kit: A 'go kit' is a bag that contains basic items you and your family may need during an emergency. Kits should contain non-perishable food, water, and other supplies, such as flashlights, local maps, and a battery-powered radio, to last you and your family for at least 72 hours. Visit Ready.gov for a complete list of items.

-Pets: Many local shelters do not permit pets, but laws require them to accept service animals. Know what you will do with your pet if you need to evacuate.

We want everyone to enjoy the summer without having to worry about what to do when severe weather threatens. The best way to do that is to prepare now. Planning ahead gives you more options and better control over situations that could become chaotic at the last moment if you're not ready. To learn more about how to prepare for a hurricane visit www.ready.gov/hurricanes.



Huntsville Recycles!

Hopefully you have heard of the Electronic Recycling Day hosted every year by the Recycling Division. If you haven't, now is the time to learn about the great benefits this program has brought to the City. Solid Waste/Recycling Superintendent Esther Herlotz told us about where the idea started and how successful the program has become over the years.

"Electronics Recycling Day was an idea inspired by hearing what other cities do with electronics at a Houston-Galveston Area Council quarterly meeting. We reached out the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) Wynne Unit Computer Recovery Program and together we developed a plan which included many staff volunteers from both TDCJ and the City, non-profit organization volunteers, the Walker County Jail and even Texas A&M student volunteers visiting their families in Huntsville for the holidays. We decided to hold the event after Christmas since many people receive electronics as gifts and then may have old electronics which are no longer used or non-functional. Our advertisement efforts in the Huntsville Item and on K-SAM radio and the City webpage along with posted fliers, yielded 271 visitors and over 20 tons of electronics at the January 2008 initial event."

"Beginning with the fourth annual event, we partnered with Technocycle of Houston which is a U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) certified. This certification is intended to protect individuals from identity theft and prevent transportation of collected materials to third-world countries." Herlotz added.

Since beginning the partnership with Technocycle in 2011, the City of Huntsville has collected and recycled almost 58 tons of electronic recycling. Through the help of our community we have been able to make a positive impact in the environment. Keep a watch for the next E-recycling Day and hang on to your old electronics until then to dispose of them in a correct and responsible way!



Brown Bag Lecture Series



The Huntsville Public Library continues its Brown Bag Lecture Series at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 28th. The lecture will be presented by Pamela Zelbst, who will speak about Medical 3D Printing. Lunch time begins at 11:30 a.m. (attendees may bring a brown bag lunch) and the lecture will begin at noon.

The lecture series is planned for the fourth Thursday of each month and will explore interesting and novel topics of general appeal. Beverages will be provided and admission is free. For more information, please contact Mary Kokot at 936-291-5472.

Independence Day at the Huntsville Public Library

Start celebrating America's Independence Day early at the Huntsville Public Library on Friday, July 1 at 12:00 p.m. in the Community Room. Noted author, historian, and speaker Dr. Caroline Crimm will explain the sequence of events that resulted in the American Revolution. Do you know the difference between the Boston Massacre and the *Shot Heard 'Round the World*? Was that shot the beginning of the war? Is it time to go back and relearn our beginnings? See you at the library!



Let's Talk About Nutrition

Make plans to attend an informative session about G-BOMBS+T with Doctor Kathy Bottroff, who will speak about nutrition. She will be focusing on the benefits of a nutrient-dense, plant-rich (NDPR) diet based upon the research of Dr. Joel Fuhrman. The lecture will begin at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 13 in the Huntsville Public Library Community Room. For more information, please contact Mary Kokot at 936-291-5472.

Friday, Aug. 5th:
9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Lock-in with light
supper provided.
Saturday, Aug. 6th:
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Silent auction ends



Huntsville Public Library
Community Room
1219 13th St.
Huntsville, Texas: 77340

Frances Sprott Goforth

Memorial Genealogy

Weekend August 5 & 6, 2016

HOSTED BY WALKER COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
& HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

“RESEARCHING TEXAS”

- Texas State Library & Archives
- Clayton Library
- Texas General Land Office
- Sam Houston Regional Library & Research Center
- Montgomery County Memorial Library
- Sam Houston Memorial Museum
- Rosenberg Library
- Sam Houston State University Thomason Room/Archives

Register online at www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com or
contact Mary Kokot, Adult Services Coordinator, at (936)291-5471
for more information. www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com

Huntsville Public Library is a
FamilySearch Affiliate Library

A movie poster for 'Kung Fu Panda 3'. It features the main characters: Po the panda, Tigress, and Shifu. The title 'KUNG FU PANDA 3' is prominently displayed in large, stylized letters. The background is a bright blue sky with sun rays. At the bottom, it says 'Family Movie Night Friday, July 8, 2016 5:30pm'.

July Library Events

Come to Story Time, a fun early literacy program for kids 5 and under. Join us for interactive stories, songs, rhymes and crafts. The early literacy programs featured each week help build the foundation for a lifelong love of reading and learning. For parents and caregivers, story time offers an opportunity to experience early literacy programs in action, discover great books and resources for home use and socialize with other parents after Story Time. Each session has its own theme. Story Time is sponsored by Amerigroup and sign-up is not required. Story Time is held on Wednesday and Friday at 10:45 a.m. July dates are the 1st, 6th, 8th, 13th, 15th, 20th, 22nd, 27th and 29th.



It's a Duplo Party at 11:30 a.m. (after Story Time Wednesdays) at the Huntsville Public Library, for ages 5 and under. This program encourages hands-on and imaginative play and early learning through building with large blocks. Sign-up is not required.

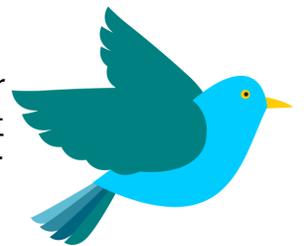
Do you have children ages 2 or under? Then Mother Goose Lapsit is a story time designed for you! Each Monday at 10:30 a.m. enjoy a half hour of developmentally appropriate play featuring stories, songs and rhymes. This program introduces little ones to the story time experience and is perfect for their language development and developing vocabulary. Sign-up is not required. July dates are the 11th, 18th, 25th.

Beat the heat by coming to our Elementary Craft time for ages 5 - 12. Make a craft to take home and enjoy. Sign-up is not required. July Elementary Craft days are the 1st, 5th, 14th, 21st and 26th at 3 p.m.

Children 5 and under are invited to Crafts for Tots, an enrichment craft hour on select Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m. Sign-up is not required but supplies are limited. Dates for this program are July 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th.

Camp Invention is coming back to the Huntsville Public Library at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, July 18th for a second exciting program called "Gassy Experiments." Camp Invention is a nationally recognized multi-day summer program focused on creativity, innovation, real-world problem solving and the spirit of invention. These programs challenge the creativity of young minds. Sign-up is not required but supplies are limited. This program is best suited for ages 5-13.

Wild about Birds! Join Huntsville Audubon members to experience *Birds in Our Backyard* at 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 12th. Learn how to identify birds by their different sizes and shapes, colors, sounds, and behaviors. This program is best suited for elementary-aged students through adult.



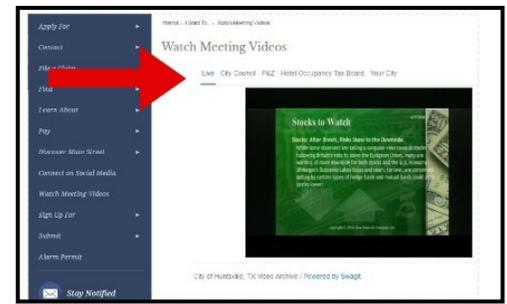
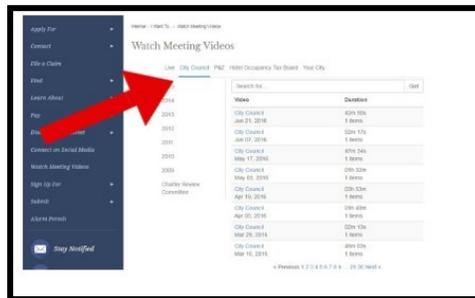
Readers 13 years old and younger—don't forget! **Turn in your current 2016 Summer Reading Program log now for your first prize pack, sponsored by local businesses.** Turn in your final reading log the week of July 18th - 22nd to receive your second prize pack. Those who complete the program may enter the Huntsville Public Library's Grand Raffle. Raffle winners will be announced the week of July 25th - 29th.

For more information, please contact Rachel McPhail at 936-291-5472.

Watch Huntsville Live!

Did you know you can watch meeting videos live as they happen or for up to a year after they occur?

If you cannot make it to a City Council meeting but still want to be an informed Huntsville resident you can do that right from the City's homepage. Access it at <http://huntsvilletx.gov/550/Watch-Meeting-Videos> or follow these instructions.



1) Go to Huntsvilletx.gov and click on the fifth blue button that says Meeting Video.

2) The first screen of video is the live streaming of meetings. Tune in here during a scheduled time of a City Council or Planning and Zoning, meeting to be able to watch them live.

3) The next tabs will be the archived videos from all recorded meetings. The links to each video will be archived for one year after being recorded.

Summer Art Classes

Wynne Home Summer Sessions

The Wynne Home Summer Session of Art Classes will begin July 11 and end July 23. There will be two separate weeks of Art Camps for ages 6-13. The first week of Art Camp will be Monday July 11- Friday July 15 from 9am-noon, the second week will be Monday July 18 - Friday July 22 from 9am-noon.

Additionally there will be some classes offering programs for adults and teens. Registration is now open!!! For more info about this or any of the programming please call 936-291-5424 or email lpeace@huntsvilletx.gov.

