

CITY OF CASTROVILLE

City launches newsletter to help inform residents

I am pleased to introduce the newest edition of the City of Castroville citywide newsletter. Last month the City Council voted to publish this newsletter to better communicate with the City of Castroville residents. Our goal is to publish this monthly. We will distribute it into your utility bill, post to the city web page, and social media accounts. In each edition of the newsletter, we will provide information about city services from specific city departments that will help our residents. The newsletter will also include upcoming events occurring throughout the city. If you have any suggestions about what you would like to see included in our newsletter, please contact me at 830.931.4070 ext. 310 or email leroy.vidales@castrovilletx.gov
 Leroy Vidales Interim City Administrator



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Public Works Emergency Contacts



New After Hour Answering Service for Public Works:

- Dial 830-931-4090 (public works number)
- Speak with a live person
- Person answers, transfers, or takes a message for on-call personnel
- Has knowledge of calls considered emergencies and calls that will be addressed when normal business hours resume

Sign up for emergency alerts via Info

<http://r.i-info.com/rc/arc>

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Did you know that you can:

- **Pay your utility bills online at**
<https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/castrovilletx/utilities>
- **Pay your citation in full**
<https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/castrovilletx/court/search>
- **To make partial citation payments**
<https://www.officialpayments.com>
 (click on local payments section and enter Jurisdiction code: 6964)

Utility Billing

The City of Castroville has reinstated all utility disconnections for non-payment at the July 1st city council meeting. We highly encourage customers to stay current on their bills or work with the utility billing department on payment arrangements. Payment arrangements must be made in-person. Payments can be made in-person at city hall or paying online at

<https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/castrovilletx/utilities>

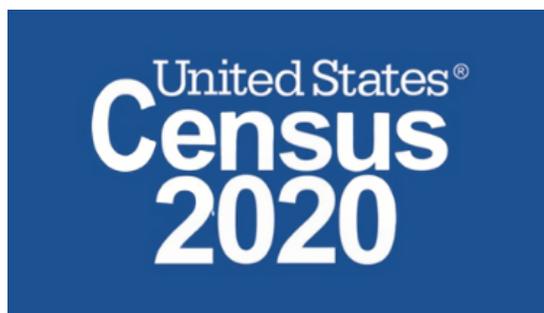
Please update your contact information, including your address, phone number, and email address on the back of your remittance bill. We must have the most up to date information in our system.

Tour de Castroville

The 9th Annual Tour de Castroville Walk/Run/Ride that was postponed due to the COVID-19 virus will be held on Saturday, September 19th. For details on the events and the restrictions due to the virus, go to this link to find current information and for registration if you haven't already registered.



<https://www.active.com/castroville-tx/running/distance-running-races/9th-annual-tour-de-castroville-rescheduled-date-2020>



Shaping Your Future

The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade. That funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size, no matter the location. Below are the rate of responses for Medina County. Please continue to support the 2020 Census and encourage participation among your colleagues, family and friends. You can learn more about the 2020 Census by visiting 2020census.gov or calling **844-330-2020** to speak to a representative.

Medina County- 46.8%
 Hondo- 49.3%
 Castroville- 61.3%

WATER MAIN BREAK ON LAFAYETTE STREET

What:

Around 9:45 AM on Saturday, Aug. 1, city workers arrived at the site of a reported water leak at Lafayette and Algiers. Water crew members enlisted the assistance of the On-Call Electric crew member to assist in holding a leaning electric pole. Once utility locates (811 dig notification) were cleared, crew members dug down to expose the pipe and analyze the type of leak. Initially, the plan was to install a full circle clamp around the beam break in the pipe. This would have kept water service to customers active. While digging around the pipe to be able to place the clamp, a two-foot section of the line blew apart. Historically, crews have not been able to isolate the block of Lafayette, so they isolated the ground storage tank and shut down the city water wells. Standard repair procedure is to repair under pressure, but this does not work when it is necessary to cut and splice in a section of pipe. The crew prepped the hole and used two four-inch pumps to keep the worksite clear of water. Considering the working conditions – hand digging, keeping the worksite clear of water and debris, getting parts and materials – the crew was able to make the repair.

Why:

As the soil around a water main settles over time, it can stress the pipes running beneath the ground. If the ground settles enough, the stress can break the pipe. Ground settling over time can cause water mains to break. Another cause is age. The pipes were placed in the 1950s – the life span of pipes from that era is approximately 30 years. Castroville has an antiquated water system and incomplete utility maps or misleading – this will happen again and in other locations in the city.



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What's Next:

- (Immediate) Install cutoff valves to isolate the breaks from the rest of the system in already identified areas.
- (Immediate) Develop a pre-notification policy when working on any system that has any possibility of city-wide impact.
- (Short Term) Review city-wide waterlines to identify any other areas that have the possibility of impacting city-wide water.
- (Short Term) Install as many isolation zones as the budget and manpower allows.
- (Mid Term) Develop full isolation plan and associated budget and project timelines.
- (Mid Term) Identify any critical replacements and develop associated budget and project timelines.
- (Long Term) Continue to implement and monitor plans stated above
- (Long Term) Water Looping



BROKEN PIPE BEING CUT OUT



CUT-OUT SECTION WITH TOOLS



PREPARING THE COUPLINGS TO REPAIR

Limited City Services Due to COVID-19

Like you, we are actively monitoring the latest news about COVID-19 and assessing each day, which, if any, actions need to be taken next to best preserve and support our community. Out of an abundance of caution, we are limiting some City services at this time until further notice.

City Hall

- Open to the public
- All City Public Restrooms are closed

Castroville Regional Park

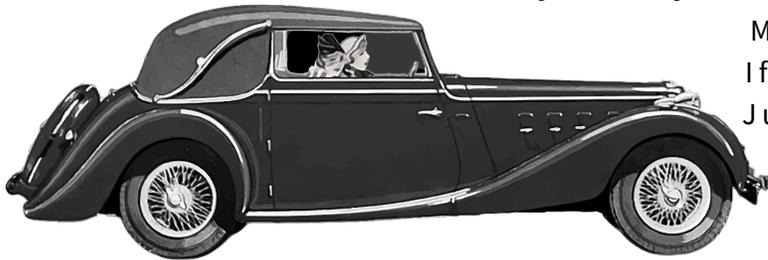
- The City pool, park trails, and restrooms are still available for patron use.
- Additional parking available
- No gatherings of groups over 10 unless approved by the City for rentals, pool, trails, etc.

Castroville Public Library

- Offering curbside services and providing online programming via Facebook Live

**Mandatory face masks are required at all businesses and are to be worn by employees and patrons especially when all other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.*

Due to the popularity of our Curbside Services, The Castroville Public Library will be extending the days when you can pick up materials.



Monday through Friday, 10 am to 5 pm.
If you haven't tried it yet, check it out!
Just log into the Library catalog using your Library card at castroville.biblionix.com
For question call 830-931-4095 or email library@castrovilletx.gov

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Upcoming Events

- **August 11th** – Budget Workshop @2:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting @5:00 p.m.
- **August 25th** – City Council Meeting @5:00 p.m.
- **September 3rd** – Municipal Court @1:00 p.m.
- **September 8th** – City Council Meeting @5:00 p.m./
Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate
Airport Advisory Board Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.
- **September 15th** – Special Called Meeting
Public Hearing on Budget and Tax Rate @5:00 p.m.
- **September 18th** – Municipal Court @9:00 a.m.
- **September 22nd** – City Council Meeting @5:00 p.m.