

City of

# CASTROVILLE

Monthly Newsletter

October 2016



## Public Meetings for Comprehensive Plan Update

The City of Castroville Community Development Department is working in conjunction with the University of Texas at San Antonio to update the City's Comprehensive Plan. The comprehensive plan is a document designed to guide the future actions of our community. It presents a vision for the future, with long-range goals and objectives for all activities that affect the local government. The UTSA Team and the Master Plan Steering Committee along with City Staff will be holding public meetings to hear community input regarding the items to be included into the Final Draft of the Comprehensive Plan Update.

The first public input meeting will be held on October 20, 2016, at 2:00pm and 6:00pm at the American Legion Hall (1305 Fiorella). The purpose of this meeting is to have a work-session with community stakeholders to evaluate the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) regarding this Comprehensive Plan Update. The City encourages residents to attend this meeting so that we can get as much feedback from the community as possible; so your voice can be heard.

Following the public input meeting, a new draft of the Comprehensive Plan will be prepared by the UTSA Team and presented at open meetings to City Council on November 8, 2016, and to Planning and Zoning Commission on November 9, 2016. City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission will review the draft and take final action at a later date.

We look forward to hearing from you!

## City Wide Yard Sale

November 5th, 8am to 4pm is the city wide yard sale. Registration is currently ongoing until November 3rd at 5pm. Residents can register their yard sale for \$5. Houston square spots are also available. For \$10, you can reserve a spot for your yard sale items. For \$20, vendors (food and non-food) can reserve a spot. Register at City Hall and pay by cash or check. Or you can register on FCAC's website: [www.FriendsofCastrovilleAnimalControl.com](http://www.FriendsofCastrovilleAnimalControl.com) and pay by PayPal. If you have questions please call Casey Edstrom (FCAC) at 210-446-0714 ext 702.

## City Wide Mosquito Abatement

Weather permitting, the City of Castroville will be performing citywide mosquito abatement Wednesday, October 19, 2016, from 8:00 pm until 10:00 pm. Spraying is considered to be an effective and safe way to kill adult mosquitoes. Although the pesticide is approved by the Environmental Protection Agency, residents are advised to take the following precautions:

- Do not follow the truck while it is spraying.
- Avoid being outside during spraying, close windows and keep pets inside.
- If skin or clothes are exposed, wash them with soap and water.
- Rinse homegrown fruits and vegetables with water as a general precautionary measure.
- Cover small ornamental fish ponds and bird baths.
- Because the chemical breaks down quickly in sunlight and water, no special precautions are suggested for outdoor swimming areas.

If you do come into contact with the mosquito spray, please refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet for first aid instructions. It is posted on the City Public Notice page.

Residents are also urged to reduce outdoor activity during evening and nighttime hours. When outside, cover arms and legs and use a mosquito repellent. Standing water should be eliminated promptly, as mosquitoes can grow from egg to adult as little as seven days. Breeding places for mosquitoes include swimming pools that are not kept clean, stagnant ponds, pet watering dishes, birdbaths, potted plants, old tires, empty containers, toys and clogged rain gutters and French drains.

### For Emergency, Water or Electric Outage Notification

The City Emergency Notification System is I-Info. Enroll in I-Info to receive emergency information and updates during water and power outages. Please take a moment and visit the I-info website at <http://r.i-info.com/rc/arc> and register to receive emergency notices and updates. If you have any questions please contact us at 830-931-4090.

### New Online Payment

The City has a new site for Utility, Airport, and Court payments. The site is <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/castrovilletx>. The new site allows for graph detailing of consumption history, along with view of real-time balances. If you have any questions please contact us at 830-931-4070.

## Trick or Treat Safety Tips:



### A message from Castroville Police Department:

- Have each child carry or wear something lit, such as a flashlight, glow bracelet or necklace, or flashing attire for visibility.
- Adults should plan out a route in advance and check it during the daylight for such obstacles as broken sidewalks (or no sidewalks), construction timber, or other obstacles that could trip up trick or trickers. Trick or treat in familiar neighborhoods or areas.
- Recommend well-fitting shoes to be worn.
- Avoid costumes that drag on the ground. While cute initially, costumes that drag can trip up little feet, get caught on bushes, and create a tussle that sometimes results in the child wanting to remove the costume.
- Only carry flexible props, such as knives, swords, ninja items, etc., that can cause injury if a kid accidentally falls.
- Only trick or treat at houses that are lit. Residents who do not wish to be bothered by trick or treaters often leave off their lights as a sign.
- Feed your kids a healthy meal prior to going trick or treat. Your children will be happier, and it will help reduce the temptation of kids wanting to devour candy from the first trick or treat stop.
- Children of any age should be accompanied by a parent.

# BOO BASH

**SATURDAY**

**OCTOBER 29, 2016**

**AT THE**

**CASTROVILLE REGIONAL PARK**



#### Activities include:

**PONY RIDES**

**TRUNK OR TREAT 5-7 PM**

**GAMES & KIDS ACTIVITIES 5-7 PM**

**COSTUME CONTEST 5PM**

**(Adult Level First on Stage this year)**

**BEST DECORATED TRUNK AWARDS**

**5:30PM**

**FACE PAINTING 5-7PM**

**PHOTO BOOTH 5-7 PM**

**WITCH'S DEN 7:15PM**

**FOOD BOOTHS**

**(Reasonable prices)**

**HALLOWEEN MOVIE 7:15 PM**

**(The Witches)**

**FREE POPCORN & DRINKS AT MOVIE TIME**

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## CITY COUNCIL & BOARD MEETINGS

### City Council

- October 11th at 6:00 pm
- October 25th at 6:00 pm
- November 8th at 6pm

### Library Advisory

- October 12th at 6:30 pm
- November 9th at 6:30 pm

### Parks

- October 18th at 6:30 pm
- November 15th at 6:30 pm

### Planning & Zoning

- October 12th at 6:30 pm
- November 9th at 6:30 pm

### Historic Landmark

- October 18th at 6:30 pm
- November 15th at 6:30 pm

### Airport

- October 1st at 9:00 am
- November 1st at 6:30 pm

Meeting dates and times may change. Check the city's website for up-to-date information.  
[castrovilletx.gov/AgendaCenter](http://castrovilletx.gov/AgendaCenter)

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24 HOUR UTILITY EMERGENCIES (830) 931-4091