

City of CASTROVILLE

Monthly Newsletter

May 2016



CITY WIDE YARD SALE ON JUNE 4TH!



The City Wide Yard Sale (CWYS) is a bi-annual event that happens the first Saturday in June and the first Saturday in November. All proceeds for the CWYS benefit the Friends of the Castroville Animal Control and the homeless animals of Castroville.

Registration for June 4, 2016, yard sale is currently ongoing through June 2, 2016. Residents can register their yard sale for \$5.00 or reserve a spot at Houston Square for \$10.00 (yard sale items only). Forms may be filled out online, but all payments must be made in person at City Hall.

Vendors (food and non-food) can pick up applications at Castroville City Hall to set up at Houston Square for \$20.00. Vendor applications must be picked up at City Hall.

If you have any questions, please call Casey Edstrom of the FCAC at (210) 446-0714 ext. 702.

SUMMER CAMPS & SUMMER READING

The Junior Friends of the Library's Summer Camp & Summer Reading program started registration on April 23rd and spots are filling up quickly.

This year, we're offering Summer Reading activities for all ages - babies through adults! Come find out what we have planned for you and your family!



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- It's time to renew your flag subscriptions with the Friends of the Castroville Public Library and Boy Scout Troop 471.
- City Offices, including the library, will be closed for Memorial Day on May 30, 2016.
- Learn how to help prevent mosquitos by visiting the City's website at castrovilletx.gov/mosquitos.
- Give us your feedback: The Library has anonymous surveys available through the month of May. Comment cards are always available.

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CITY COUNCIL & BOARD MEETINGS

City Council

May 10 & 24 at 6 pm
June 14 & 28 at 6 pm

Library Advisory

May 11 at 6:30 pm
June 08 at 6:30 pm

Parks

May 17 at 6:30 pm
June 21 at 6:30 pm

Planning & Zoning

May 11 at 6:30 pm
June 08 at 6:30 pm

Historic Landmark Commission

May 17 at 6:30 pm
June 21 at 6:30 pm

Airport

June 04 at 9:00 am

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

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24 HOUR UTILITY EMERGENCIES (830) 931-4091



Know what's below. Call before you dig.

Natural Gas is delivered to more than 60 million customers by 2.4 million miles of underground pipelines in the United States. Even if you don't use natural gas you may have pipelines located near your residence or place of business.

Natural Gas is a naturally abundant gas found as deep as five miles beneath the earth's surface. It is odorless and colorless and produces very few emissions. It is the cleanest fuel used and is the most popular energy used for home heating.

The leading cause of damage to buried pipelines is the failure to call and obtain the pipelines' exact location. Damage to pipelines may cause them to leak. Before you begin any excavation activity - planting a tree, installing landscaping, building a fence or installing a pool - **Texas Law requires you to call the One-Call Notification Center at 811.** Before you call, outline the project site area with a white perimeter. After your first call, please allow 48 working week hours for the location to be marked. If the site is not marked after 48 hours from your first call, please make a second call. Customers will be contacted within 4 hours. The location service is free. Please do not excavate within 24 inches on either side of the markings.

Pipeline markers are used to help in the identification of underground pipelines. They are found where a pipeline intersects a street, highway, or railway. While markers are helpful, they provide very limited information such as approximate location of the pipeline, products transported across the line, the name of the natural gas operator and their emergency phone number.

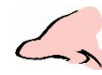
If you suspect unauthorized activity call (830) 931-4090 to notify the Castroville Public Works Department.

RECOGNIZING A LEAK

* USE YOUR SENSES



SIGHT - dead or dying vegetation in areas of otherwise healthy growth, bubbling in water or blowing dirt.



SMELL - distinctive gaseous odor is added to natural gas to make it easier to detect.



SOUND - hissing, whistling, or roaring noise.

* DO NOT

- ⇒ Touch, breathe in, or make contact with the leak.
- ⇒ Use anything that might create a spark (light a match, turn on or off light switches, use cell or home phones).
- ⇒ Extinguish any fire.
- ⇒ Operate any valves.

* DO

- ⇒ Leave the home, building and/or area of the suspected leak.
- ⇒ Call 911 to notify police and fire.
- ⇒ Call Castroville Public Works at (830) 931-4090.
- ⇒ Warn others to stay out of the area.



Determina lo que está bajo tierra. Llama antes de excavar.

El gas natural se distribuye a 60 millones de usuarios por medio de 2.4 millones de millas de gasoductos subterráneos en Estados Unidos. Aunque usted no use gas natural, las tuberías de gas pueden pasar por su propiedad o su negocio.

El gas natural es un gas que se encuentra en abundancia hasta cinco millas debajo de la tierra. No tiene olor ni color y produce muy pocas emisiones. Debido a su limpieza, es el combustible más común para la calefacción residencial.

La causa principal de daños a las tuberías enterradas es que la gente excava sin llamar para que vengán a localizarlas y marcarlas. Los daños pueden causar fugas o escapes de gas. Antes de que comience a excavar - ya sea para plantar un arbolito, hacer una alberca o un jardín, o para levantar una cerca - la ley de Tejas exige que primero llame al **Centro de Notificación de Servicios, al 811.**

Antes de llamar, marque con pintura blanca el perímetro del área donde planea excavar. Después de llamar, espere 48 horas hábiles para que localicen y marquen las líneas. Si no las marcan dentro de esas 48 horas, llame otra vez. Entonces le deben devolver la llamada dentro de 4 horas para darle luz verde o decirle si debe esperar un poco más. El servicio de localización es gratuito. Por favor, no excave dentro de 24 pulgadas a los lados de los indicadores o marcas.

Los indicadores de las tuberías se utilizan para ayudar a identificar tuberías subterráneas. Se encuentran donde los gasoductos cruzan por debajo de calles, carreteras o vías de ferrocarril. Aunque las señales son útiles, su información se limita a la ubicación aproximada de las tuberías, los productos que transportan, la compañía responsable y su número telefónico de emergencia.

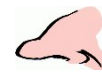
Si observa actividades sospechosas llame al (830) 931-4090 para notificar a la Ciudad de Castroville.

RECONOZCA UNA FUGA

* UTILICE SUS SENTIDOS!



VEA - si hay una mancha de vegetación descolorida o seca, burujas en un charco o polvo volando cerca de una tubería.



OLER - Al gas se le agrega un olor fuerte y repulsive para detectar fugas



ESCUCHE - Si oye un sonido de siseo silbido o rugido.

* LO QUE NO DEBE HACER

- ⇒ No respiregases derramados, ni tenga contacto con éstos
- ⇒ No haga nada que pueda hacer chispas (No encienda cerillos, no use el teléfono de la casa o celular, no encienda ni apague luces)
- ⇒ No trate de apagar un incendio
- ⇒ No accione válvulas

* LO QUE SÍ DEBE HACER

- ⇒ Aléjese de la casa, edificio o área de la fuga.
- ⇒ Llame al 911 para avisar a la policía y a los bomberos
- ⇒ Llame al (830) 931-4090 para notificar a la Ciudad de Castroville.
- ⇒ Advierta a los demás para que no se acerquen.