



# City of Castroville Newsletter January 2017

## *Happy New Year 2017*

### **Comprehensive Plan Update**

In February of 2016, the City of Castroville entered into a Sponsored Research Agreement with the University of Texas at San Antonio to update the City of Castroville’s Comprehensive Plan. The agreement provided for updating several elements of the Comprehensive Plan including land use analysis and proposals, thoroughfare update, recreational open space improvements, and demographic trends and analysis.

The City of Castroville, along with the City’s Master Plan Steering Committee, has worked in conjunction with the Center for Urban and Regional Planning Research and the Rural Business Program at UTSA 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 community.

On December 13, 2016, the City Council, at their regularly scheduled public meeting, adopted the changes to the City’s Comprehensive Plan. This plan update, titled *A Vision Plan for Castroville, Texas – Where History Shapes the Future*, is available for public viewing on the City’s website at:

<http://www.castrovilletx.gov/2475/Comprehensive-Plan>

#### **Be a Good Neighbor:**

#### **Follow the Code**

Property owners/ occupants are responsible for cleaning and maintaining driveway culverts, bar-ditches or other drainage facilities on their property.

#### **Online Bill Pay**

Sign up for online bill pay for

**Utility & Airport Payments @:**

<https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/castroville>

For assistance **Customer Service:**  
**830.931.4070**

#### **Easter Weekend**

#### **Reservations**

Reserve today ... Spots are still available!

Payment due @ time of reservation.  
Call for info:  
**830.931.4070**





## Castroville Municipal Airport Hosting Drone Information Session

The Castroville Municipal Airport (CVB) is hosting a drone education and information session presented by hobby enthusiasts and industry professionals on **Saturday, January 14, 2017, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Presentations will be made regarding the basic do's and don'ts when flying a drone, governing FAA rules, and additional State of Texas regulations regarding drone flight. Information on licensing for commercial use will be offered as well. There will be flying in a safe zone to give attendees the opportunity to experience operating a drone vehicle.

On event day, signs will be posted at the Airport to direct attendees to the information session location.

For more information, please call the Airport Manager at 830.931.0234.

## Castroville Public Library

### Grand Re-Opening

**February 16, 2017 @ 6:30pm**

Show your love for the Library as we unveil our new layout and furniture courtesy of a grant from the Tocker Foundation.

We will be raising funds to develop the collection to provide the community with new materials and programming.

It will be a fun filled evening with a silent auction, library tours and so much more.

If you are interested in sponsoring the event or would like to make a donation please contact the Library to find out how you can make a difference. Please contact the Library @ 830.931.4095



## January Meetings

Airport Board	January 7	9am
City Council	January	6pm
Court	January 5	1pm & 3pm
Historic Landmark Commission	January 17	6:30pm
Library Advisory Board	January 11	6:30pm
Parks & Recreation	January 17	6:30pm
Planning & Zoning	January 11	6:30 pm

## Meet The Council

Mayor, Jeff Gardner	210.557.6169	mayor@castrovilletx.gov
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## 2017 General Election

**Open Seats:** Mayor, District 1 & District 2

First Day to file applications for place on the ballot is **January 18, 2017 through February 17, 2017 at close of business day (5 p.m.)**.

**Election Day** is May 6, 2017.

Qualifications for a position are shown on the city website <http://castrovilletx.gov/elections>.



Candidate packets will be available after January 16th in the City Secretary's office and on the City Website.

**ATTENTION  
MEDINA COUNTY  
RESIDENTS!**

**Please Sign Up Today**

**To Receive  
Emergency Notifications  
From Medina County and all 5 Cities!**



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

### How to Sign up

Go to <http://r.i-info.com/rc/arc>  
Click on STRAN card in the Residents section.

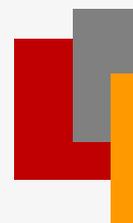
Click on Medina County.

Check on Desired Notifications (County, Weather, Veterans or City).

Click on New i-Info Registration.

Input your information, Choose any or all  
"Notifications of Interest."

Complete registration.



## News from the Castroville Public Works Department

### WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT - WORK PLANNED FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY OF 2017

The following is the list of areas the contractor for the Waterline replacement project will be working in January: Lorenzo from Washington to Petersburg, Petersburg from Mexico to San Jacinto, Amelia from Houston to Petersburg, and the bore under Hwy 90 at Mexico. February work will be in the following areas: Paris from Mexico to Lorenzo, San Jacinto from Petersburg to Alamo, Alamo from San Jacinto to Hwy 90, London from Geneva to Mexico, Mexico from London to Lisbon and Lisbon from Constantinople to Mexico. A color map of the completed areas and future work is located on our website at:

<http://castrovilletx.gov/2487/Waterline-Updates>.

### RESERVATIONS FOR EASTER WEEKEND

Reservations for the Easter weekend celebration at Regional Park for April 14-15-16 of 2017 have begun. Be sure to get your reservations in as soon as possible as spots throughout the Park fill up quickly. Payment is due at time of registration. You can reserve your areas in person at City Hall. For more information call: 830.931.4070

### HIKING TRAILS CLOSED DUE TO WWTP CONSTRUCTION

The following hiking trails in the Regional Park system will be closed until further notice due to the construction at the City of Castroville's Wastewater Treatment Plant, these trails are **Helen's Way, Pond Trail and Birding Trail**. The effected trails will be posted with barriers and warning signs, for your own safety, please do not cross or dismantle these barricades. We apologize for any inconvenience, but will endeavor to restore trail usage as soon as construction needs allow.

### Meet The City Staff

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