

City of CASTROVILLE

Newsletter

May 2017



WHAT'S YOUR BIG IDEA FOR HOUSTON SQUARE?

The Houston Square Ad Hoc Committee invites you to share your "Big Idea" on how to reimagine or improve this important civic space in the heart of Castroville. Houston Square is a time-honored space around which Castroville developed that can become a place where civic life flourishes. The Committee is busy evaluating ideas focusing on low-cost strategies that can be phased over time to implement a greater vision, and is interested in hearing from YOU! Submit your "Big Idea" to Nina Nixon-Mendez by email at Nina@castrovilletx.gov or call Nina at 830-931-4090 ext. 409.

MAY IS NATIONAL PRESERVATION MONTH

On April 25, 2017, City Council proclaimed May as National Preservation Month. Initiated in 1973 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Preservation Month draws national attention to historic preservation by encouraging community residents to visit the historic sites that make their neighborhoods meaningful places to live. The City of Castroville's Proclamation acknowledged the dedicated individuals and community partners preserving Castroville's heritage for future generations: Castro Colonies Heritage Association, Castroville Conservation Society, Castroville Garden Club, City of Castroville Historic Landmark Commission, Friends of the Landmark Inn, Friends of the Steinbach House, Medina County Historical Commission and the Texas Historical Commission.

Historic preservation in Castroville began in 1933 when 18 properties were documented by the Historic American Buildings Survey. (Continued on pg 2)



CITY CLOSURE

Monday, May 29, 2017

City Offices are closed in observance of Memorial Day.

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(Continued from pg 1) In 1969, the Texas Historic Commission identified 96 properties of national significance which became the basis for a National Register District in 1970. Not long after that, the City established a Historic Review Board, today's Historic Landmark Commission, that administers the preservation of Local Historic Landmarks.

In 1999, Castroville became a Certified Local Government which recognizes the City for its exceptional preservation programs. 21st century preservation efforts produced an updated Historic Resource Survey, Historic Preservation Action Plan, Downtown Vision Plan, and Historic Design Guidelines. The City is a recipient of the First Lady's Texas Treasures Award and is a nationally recognized Preserve America Community.

CITY WIDE YARD SALE

It's almost City Wide Yard Sale time!

Saturday, June 3rd from 8am-4pm

Registration has begun & **ends at 5 pm on May 31, 2017, at City Hall.**

- Residents can register their home sale for \$5.
- Houston Square booths will be available for yard sale items for \$10
- Vendors booths, \$20.

All registration fees benefit Friends of Castroville Animal Control (FCAC).

All registered names will be entered into a drawing for 1 of 6 gift baskets!

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

Maps will be available June 3rd @ 8am, and will be available at businesses around Castroville and the Public Library.

BOOTS & PAWS FUNDRAISER

Join Girl Scout Troop 76 and Castroville Area Pet Shelter (CAPS) on Saturday, May 27, 2017, from 4-7pm @ the Braden Keller Community Center for: Dancing & Music, Karaoke, Line Dancers, Silent & Live auction to raise funds to benefit the Castroville Area Pet Shelter.

Pulled Pork Plates \$7 & dessert bar will be available.

CASTROVILLE BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Castroville Boards & Commissions are looking for a few talented & conscientious volunteer board members. To discover what service opportunities are available and apply, please visit: <http://castrovilletx.gov/2163/Boards-Commissions>

4TH OF JULY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The City of Castroville is recruiting volunteers for the 2017 4th of July. By volunteering, you can give back to your community while enjoying the fun-filled patriotic activities such as the Parade, the Chili and Brisket Cook-off and Street Dance, and the Concert and Fireworks in the Park. Volunteer opportunities range from greeters to set up or cleaning crews. Register to volunteer by June 9th to receive a free T-shirt.

To register please visit:

<http://castrovilletx.gov/FormCenter/4th-of-July-2/Volunteer-Signup-33>

4TH OF JULY PARADE

Applications are now being accepted for the Annual 4th of July Parade. The parade will be held on Tuesday, July 4, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Downtown Castroville. This year's theme is "Music of America". Parade entries will be judged on (1) Theme Adaptation (2) Patriotic Influence (3) Originality. Participation is FREE. Trophies will be awarded in all categories.

Applications are available for pick-up at City Hall, the Library, and MVISD Central Office. Applications are also available on the event webpage at <http://www.castrovilletx.gov/2390/Parade>. You must be registered by **June 23rd** to participate in the judging. Registrants will receive staging/setup information by email prior to the parade.

For more information regarding the parade, email: castrovilleparade@gmail.com.

MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Abandoned Property Sale – N8403W Piper PA-28-180

The City of Castroville and the Castroville Municipal Airport (CVB) are selling an abandoned 1965 Piper PA-28-180, fixed wing single-engine aircraft. The airplane is being auctioned for three weeks on **GovDeals.com** beginning May 5, 2017.

The successful bidder will be given the necessary paperwork to file with the Federal Aviation Administration to transfer the title of the airplane.

For more information, please call the Airport Manager at **(830) 931-0234**.

Airport Leasing Available

1 Hail Shed - Leasing for \$126/mo.

For more information call The Municipal Airport at **830.931.0234**.

Public Works

CASTROVILLE SEMI-ANNUAL BULKY WASTE PICKUP

June 12 thru June 16 is Bulky Waste Pick-up Week

In conjunction with this campaign, all discarded items such as old furniture, hot water heaters, appliances and other bulky items, will be picked up by Waste Management. Please put all the discarded items in a clear area in front your residence to avoid damages to fences, utility meters, telephone boxes and fire hydrants. Avoid discarding anything under power lines or trees as Waste Management's equipment cannot pick up under these areas.

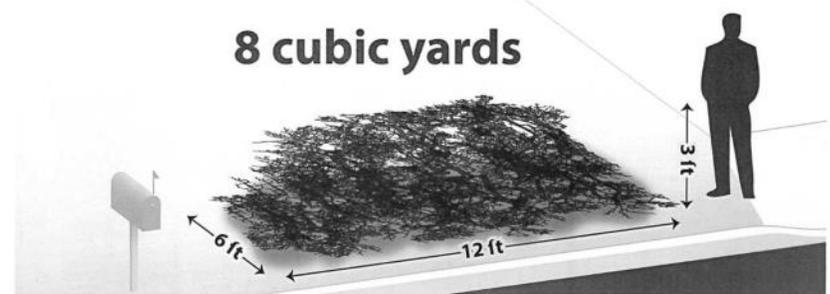
NO ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP FROM VACANT LOTS OR COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers or other appliances containing Freon will NOT be accepted without a tag from a qualified technician to certify that all Freon has been removed and properly discarded. No tires will be accepted. Pickup is proposed to begin Monday, June 12, 2017 at 6am. The pickup vehicles will pass each street once. Please ensure all discarded items are in place at this time.

BRUSH PILE GUIDELINES

- Brush pickup is the **2nd week of every month**. Please do not set out brush earlier than one week before scheduled pickup.
- Please limit brush to 8 cubic yards (see Figure 1)
- Brush must be placed with in 8 feet of your curb.
- Bulk pick-up is in June and November. Do not place bulky items out during this collection.
- Do not place brush under low-hanging tree limbs or wires, on top of water meters, in front of parked cars, near fences or mailboxes, or other obstructions.
- Brush will NOT be collected from vacant lots.

Fig.1: Measurements of 8 cubic yards for brush pick up.



MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION

Mayor, Jeff Gardner	210-557-6169	mayor@castrovilletx.gov
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Councilmember District 4, Eric Cherry	210-391-6924	district4@castrovilletx.gov

CITY COUCIL & BOARD MEETINGS

City Council

- May 9 at 6:00 pm
- May 23 at 6:00 pm
- June 6 at 6:00 pm
- June 20 at 6:00pm

Planning & Zoning

- May 10 at 6:30 pm
- June 14 at 6:30 pm

Library Advisory

- May 10 at 6:30 pm
- June 14 at 6:30pm

Historic Landmark

- May 16 at 6:30 pm
- June 20 at 6:30pm

Parks

- May 16 at 6:30 pm
- June 20 at 6:30pm

Airport

- May 13 at 9:00 am
- June 10 at 9:00 am

Meeting dates and times may change. Check the City's website for up-to-date information.
castrovilletx.gov/AgendaCenter

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24 HOUR UTILITY EMERGENCIES (830) 931-4091



**CASTROVILLE
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Castroville Public Library Summer Camps 2017

Register today @ the CPL!

<p>June 5-9: Growing Up Wild (ages 5-7)</p> <p>Early childhood education program that builds on children's sense of wonder about nature and invites them to explore wildlife and the world around them.</p>	<p>July 17-21: Rube Goldberg Buildshop (3-12 grade)</p> <p>Put your engineering skills to the test. Create a Rube Goldberg machine and test it against other teams.</p>
<p>June 12-16: Sports (3-12 grade)</p> <p>A recreational sports camp for children of all ability levels. Campers will learn and compete in team sports including croquet, basketball, tennis, amazing race and Olympics style competitions.</p>	<p>July 24-28: Librarian for a Week (3-12 grade)</p> <p>We will blind you with Library Science while you learn the ins and outs of running the CPL.</p>
<p>June 19-23: Movie Making (6-12 grade)</p> <p>Participants will learn the creative process of film making such as screenwriting, storyboarding, editing, sequencing, cooperation and critical thinking.</p>	<p>July 31-Aug 4: Culinary Exploration (all)</p> <p>Explore nutrition and diet by creating a culinary cabaret of foodie confections.</p>
<p>June 26-30: Independence Day Parade Prep (all)</p> <p>Help to build a float with the Friends of the Library for Old Fashioned 4th of July. Library holds two awards for our fantastic floats.</p> <p>Let's create something wonderful.</p>	<p>August 7-11: Maker Space (3-12 grade)</p> <p>Craft, build, paint and create! Let your inner artists out this week as you make works of art to take home.</p>
<p>July 5-7: Project Clean-up Castroville (3-12 grade)</p> <p>Building a better world starts with our own town. We'll volunteer around Castroville to do clean up projects, planting, have a hot potato plant exchange and scavenger hunt.</p>	<p>August 14-18: Kinder Camp (K-2nd) (AM Session)</p> <p>K-2nd graders this is your week to shine and have fun. We will be making kinetic sand, cotton-ball shooters, bubble bombs, and other STEM and STEAM projects.</p>
<p>July 10-14: Middle School ONLY (6-8 grade)</p> <p>Middle Schoolers only week will feature crafts, video game history, anti-bullying workshop.</p>	<p>August 14-18: Cyber in the Library (PM Session)</p> <p>Middle school thru high school students will learn the basics of computer networking, cyber security and how cyber security affects our world.</p>

Camp Passes

Single Camp	\$15
Mini-Pass (3 camps)	\$35
Full Pass (6 Camps)	\$75
Family Pass (12 Camps)	\$150

- **Camps are held Monday thru Friday from 10am - 1pm.**

- **To Register Please visit the Library.**

830.931.4095

www.castrovilletx.gov/library