

City of

CASTROVILLE

Newsletter

July 2017



MOSQUITO SPRAYING

Weather permitting, the City of Castroville will be performing citywide mosquito abatement Monday, July 10, 2017, from 8:00pm until 10:00pm. Spraying is considered to be an effective and safe way to kill adult mosquitos. Although 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 Material Safety Data Sheet for first Aid Instructions:

Peramone Insecticide Material Data Safety Sheet

<http://www.myadapco.com/product/permanone-rtu/>

FourStar Briquets 45 Material Data Safety Sheet

<http://www.myadapco.com/product/fourstar-briquets/>

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 mosquitos can grow from egg to adult in as little as seven days. Breeding places for mosquitos 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.



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DO I NEED A PERMIT?

For many different improvements to homes and businesses, permits are required. Most simple repairs usually don't require permits; however, additions or major changes, especially those that involve structural work, or electrical, heating, or plumbing systems, require permits. Generally speaking, the following types of work will require the issuance of a construction permit prior to starting work.

- Alteration or replacement of structural building components that involves wall framing, floor or ceiling joists, rafters, or roof decking.
- Additions to existing buildings.
- Accessory buildings greater than 200 sq. ft. on residential property or greater than 120 sq. ft. on commercial property, or if there will be any electrical, plumbing, or mechanical systems.
- The addition, relocation, or replacement of plumbing, fuel-gas piping, electrical circuits, meter loops, or panels.
- Replacement, relocation, or addition of a water heater.
- Installation or replacement of an HVAC system or a major component, such as an air-handler or condensing unit.

Exemptions from Construction Permits

Some projects that are exempt from a construction permit under the code. Historic properties or properties within the Regulatory Floodplain may require separate permits or approvals even if the project does not require a construction permit. The following list identifies some projects that are exempt from construction permits.

- One-story detached accessory structures 200 square feet or less on residential property or 120 square feet or less on commercial property not including electrical, plumbing or mechanical work.
- Fences not over 7 feet high.
- Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
- Sidewalks and driveways on private property not more than 30 inches above grade at any point (Note that driveway approaches and flatwork/paving on the right-of-way requires a permit unless a part of a public works project).
- Swings and other playground equipment accessory to one and two-family residences.
- Window awnings which do not project more than 54 inches from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.
- Open decks not exceeding 200 square feet in area, that are not more than 30 inches above grade and that are not attached to a dwelling.

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- Reinstallation/replacement of plug receptacles, switches and light fixtures of the same rating in existing locations without replacement of the wiring or alteration to their location.
- Clearing of stoppages or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves or fixtures, and the removal and reinstallation of water closets, sinks and lavatories, provided such repairs do not involve or require the replacement of valves or pipes or the rearrangement of piping, valves, or fixtures.
- Minor repair work, including the replacement of lamps or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles.

If you are unsure if a permit is required, please call the Community Development Department at 830-931-4090 before starting a project.

CASTROVILLE CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORTS

The City of Castroville, Medina Valley Water Supply, and the Airport's 2016 Consumer Confidence Reports are now available for viewing via the internet. The direct links are:

The City of Castroville: <http://castrovilletx.gov/CCRCastroville>

Medina Valley Water Supply: <http://castrovilletx.gov/CCRMolinaValley>

Castroville Municipal Airport: <http://castrovilletx.gov/CCRAirport>

This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. For a translation of the water quality report, to speak with someone about the report or request a hard copy, please call 830.931.4090. You may also view the report in any of the following locations: City Hall, The Castroville Post Office, Public Works the Castroville Public Library or The Castroville Chamber of Commerce.

Si necesita ayuda en español, por favor llame a 830-931-4090.

ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCES UPDATES

The City of Castroville has updated many of its Animal Control ordinances. Some of the newest changes are as follows:

- Pet owners must clean up immediately after their pets.
- Animals riding in the rear of a pickup must be secured.
- All road side animal sales are prohibited within the City limits.
- The Animal Control officer will have direct authority to check on animal living conditions within the City limits and issue citations necessary to command compliance.

The City reminds pet owners, and those thinking of becoming pet owners, of a few requirements and suggestions for your safety and the safety of your neighbors:

- All dogs and cats must be vaccinated for rabies.
- They must also be registered with the City.
- A maximum of 4 pets (dogs and/or cats) per household are allowed in the City limits. A kennel permit is required for more than four pets.

For further detail regarding Animal Control please visit the following website for the ordinances in detail:

https://library.municode.com/tx/castroville/codes/code_of_ordinances

WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Following is the list of streets and cross streets under construction for the Waterline

WORK PLANNED FOR JULY

Replacement Project:

- Lorenzo St. from Geneva St. to Hwy 90
- Geneva St. from Florence St. to Gentilz St.
- Lisbon St. from Alsace St. to Athens St.
- London St. from Geneva St. to Mexico St.
- Mexico St. from Paris St. to Lisbon St.

These streets will be unavailable to thru traffic. Please plan your route accordingly.

For an updated project map, please visit The City of Castroville website.

EASTSIDE LIFT-STATION PROJECT

The new 10" force main from the Eastside Lift-station is complete from the lift station location to the Wastewater Treatment Plant except for a section to be bored under the Medina River at the Constantinople low water crossing. This bore will not occur until after the 4th of July holiday. Work on the lift-station itself is underway with the floor and 10 feet of the sidewalls already in place. If you are at the ball fields and are amazed by how large of a hole they are digging for this station, it is to follow all safety rules to protect the workers. This project is ahead of schedule and is expected to be complete by September 1, 2017.

MEDINA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY CAMPAIGN

The Medina County Food Pantry has been providing emergency food to Medina County residents in need since 1990 when it was established by the local Ministerial Alliance. The pantry is open each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 am to 11:30 am and is staffed by long-time volunteers from area churches. The Food Pantry operates out of an original WWII barrack provided by the City of Hondo. The aging building is rapidly deteriorating and has significant structural, safety and functional deficiencies; therefore, a new building is an urgent need.

Financial support has always come from the local churches, individual donations, and bequests, and more recently from fees paid in lieu of Community Service. The Food Pantry serves about 80 families a month. The Food Pantry asks that you consider helping to provide a functional and progressive building for the collection, storage, and distribution of food in a safe and healthy environment. Your donation will honor all who respect the tradition of volunteering, serving, and giving help to those in need. The Medina County Food Pantry is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit entity, donations may be tax deductible. Generous support gift givers of \$500 or more will be recognized in a permanent display in the Food Pantry Reception Area.

Donations may be made payable to: Medina County Food Pantry Building Fund, P.O. Box 674, Hondo, TX 78861

For further information please contact:

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CITY COUNCIL & BOARD MEETINGS

City Council

- July 11 at 6:00 pm
- July 25 at 6:00 pm
- Aug 8 at 6:00 pm
- Aug 22 at 6:00 pm

Library Advisory Board

- July Meeting cancelled.
- Aug 9 at 6:30pm

Parks

- July 18 at 6:30 pm
- Aug 15 at 6:30 pm

Planning & Zoning

- July 12 at 6:30 pm
- Aug 9 at 6:30 pm

Historic Landmark

- July 18 at 6:30 pm
- Aug 15 at 6:30 pm

Airport

- July 8 at 9:00 am
- Aug 12 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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