

City of CASTROVILLE

Newsletter

October 2017



BUFFERS ADOPTED TO PROVIDE TRANSITIONAL SPACE BETWEEN ZONING DISTRICTS

On August 8, 2017, City Council adopted an amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to establish buffer yards. Buffer yards address incompatible land uses by providing for transitional space between different zoning districts. Four types of buffer yards are based on the intensity of the adjacent zoning district. Each type consists of a landscaped buffer strip, fence or wall, and a building setback. The landscaped buffer strip and wall/fence provide for a physical barrier and visual screening that reduce the noise and visual pollution of the adjacent use. The setback prevents certain uses from occurring adjacent to the property including buildings, structures, signs, dumpsters, garbage containers, grease taps and storage.

The code is applicable only if the property abuts a different zoning district and with the construction or placement of a new building or structure, the enlargement of a building/structure by 2500 sq. ft., the construction of a new parking lot, or enlargement of a parking lot by 2500 sq. ft. Exceptions to the code are:

- Occupied one- and two-family dwellings and lots zoned H-E or R-A
- Agricultural uses
- Uses adjoining uses of the same zoning classification
- Change of use that does not increase building footprint by more than 2500 square ft.
- Uses adjacent to river or creek; easement at least 50 ft. in width; or public street at least 50 ft. in width
- Temporary buildings in place for less than 5 years (contractor's office, school classrooms, etc.)

For more information: <http://www.castrovilletx.gov/2313/Ordinances>

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Public Works

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Castroville, TX 78009
830.931.4090
Castrovilletx.gov/2289/Public-Works

Police Department

411 London Street
Castroville, TX 78009
830.931.2222
Castrovilletx.gov/2225/Police-Department

Castroville Municipal Airport

10500 Airport Road
Castroville, TX 78009
830.931.0234
Castrovilletx.gov/2338/Castroville-Municipal-Airport

TEXTING & DRIVING

On Sept 1st, a ban went into effect making it a violation of the law to communicate by text on a mobile device while driving. Drivers may not use a phone to "read, write, or send an electronic message while operating a motor vehicle unless the vehicle is stopped."

Motorists may:

- Navigate using a global positioning system or navigation system; or
- To report illegal activity, summon emergency help, or enter information into a software application that provides information relating to traffic and road conditions to users of the application.

If you have any further inquiries please contact the Castroville Police or visit:

<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/tlodocs/85R/billtext/pdf/HB00062F.pdf>

BOO BASH

Saturday, October 28, 2017 @ 5pm

A family event featuring Trunk or Treating from 5pm-7pm at the Castroville Regional Park. To register your vehicle for Trunk or Treat, email Helen at lazyh@sbcglobal.net Parking for the event will be a \$5 donation.



For more info please text or call Helen @ **830.931.4176** or **830.931.2157**

FALL CITY WIDE YARD SALE

The Fall City Wide Yard Sale will be held on:

Saturday, November 4, 2017, from 8am to 4pm.

Register for the event in person at City Hall from **October 2, 2017 to November 1, 2017** to secure a spot on the CWYS Fall 2017 Map.

Registration Costs:

Residential Yard Sale: \$5

Houston Square: \$10

Vendors: \$20

All registration fees will benefit the Friends of Castroville Animal Control and homeless animals of Castroville.

For questions and more information please contact :

Casey Edstrom (FCAC) @ **210-446-0714**

Good luck at your sale!

BULKY WASTE PICK-UP

Bulky waste pick-up scheduled for **Monday, November 6th.**

Items that contain Freon will not be accepted without a tag from a qualified technician to show all Freon has been removed.

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS AT THE LIBRARY

Decorate a Sugar Skull with icing and festive materials to celebrate Dia de Los Muertos at the Castroville Public Library.

Friday, October 27, 2017 @ 4pm



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

- Always walk with an Adult.
- Carry a flashlight, glow bracelet or necklace for visibility.
- Plan your route in advance.
- Wear comfortable shoes.
- Check candy for signs of tampering
- Trick or treat at house with lights on.

DETERMINING SEWER CHARGES (WINTER AVERAGING)

Unlike the water service you receive from the City of Castroville, the discharge of wastewater from your home to the sewer treatment plant is not metered. Therefore, we use an average based on your household water use during the winter months of November, December, January and February (typically, customers use less water during the winter season). We discard the highest reading and average the other three. This average will be reflected on your bill in April and continue at that rate for a year, at that time, your average will be recalculated.

We should all practice water conservation every day. In addition to preserving a valuable resource, conservation helps reduce costs for everyone.



Don't forget to Fall Back!
Daylight Savings ends
Sunday, November 5th.

MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION

Mayor, Tim Kelley	210-844-3311	mayor@castrovilletx.gov
Mayor Pro Tem, District 4, Eric Cherry	210-391-6924	district4@castrovilletx.gov
Councilmember District 1, Phyllis Santleben	830-931-1729	district1@castrovilletx.gov
Councilmember District 2, Paul Carey	210-710-4861	district2@castrovilletx.gov
Councilmember District 3, Phil King	210-355-6546	district3@castrovilletx.gov
Councilmember District 5, Victor Ortiz Jr.	830-538-3687	district5@castrovilletx.gov

CITY COUNCIL & BOARD MEETINGS

City Council @ 6:00pm

- Oct 10 and 24
- Nov 14

Library Advisory Board

@ 6:30pm

- Oct 11
- Nov 8

Parks @ 6:30pm

- Oct 17
- Nov 21

Planning & Zoning @ 6:30pm

- Oct 11
- Nov 8

Historic Landmark @6:30pm

- Oct 17
- Nov 21

Airport @ 9:00am

- Oct 14
- Nov 18

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

CITY CLOSURES

The City of Castroville Offices will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

November 10, Veteran's Day

November 23 & 24, Thanksgiving Holiday

CHANGES FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT

For Code Enforcement complaints please contact 830-931-4070.

24 HOUR UTILITY EMERGENCIES (830) 931-4091