

City of CASTROVILLE

Monthly Newsletter

January 2018



2018 General Election

Election Day: May 5, 2018

Open Seats: District 3, District 4, and District 5.

To be a candidate for one of these seats you must meet all of these requirements:



1. Be a citizen of the United States;
2. Be at least 18 years of age on the day of the Election;
3. Be a registered voter in the State of Texas for 12 months and in the city in which you reside for 6 months prior to the date of the regular filing date.
4. Resides in the district in which you wish to represent at least 6 months.

The information and Candidate packets will be available at City Hall and on the City Website at:

[http://castrovilletx.gov/2205/City-Secretary-Elections.](http://castrovilletx.gov/2205/City-Secretary-Elections)

Applications will be accepted from January 17th to February 16th until 5 pm at City Hall.

Please contact the City Secretary's Office at 830-931-4070 for more information.



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City Hall

1209 Fiorella Street
Castroville, TX 78009
830.931.4070
Castrovilletx.gov

Police Department

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

Public Works

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

Castroville Municipal

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

Be a Good Neighbor, Follow the Code

Junk and Abandoned Cars

An **abandoned motor vehicle** means a motor vehicle that:

1. Is inoperable, is more than five years old, and has been left unattended for more than 48 hours;
2. Has remained on private property without consent of the owner or person in charge of the property for more than 48 hours; or
3. Has been left unattended on the right-of-way of a designated county, state or Federal highway for more than 48 hours.

A **junked vehicle** means a vehicle that is self-propelled and:

1. Does not have lawfully attached unexpired license plate or valid motor vehicle inspection certificate;
2. Is wrecked, dismantled or partially dismantled, or discarded; or
3. Is inoperable and has remained inoperable for more than:
 - 72 consecutive hours, if the vehicle is on public property
 - 30 consecutive days, if the vehicle is on private property.

The Castroville Police Department may remove, preserve and/or store abandoned/junk vehicles that are in violation of City Code.

Be a Good Neighbor, Follow the Code

A friendly reminder from the Castroville Police Department Animal Control Division on Licensing of dogs and cats

A. Licensing Requirements:

1. Any person owning, keeping, harboring, or having custody of any dog or cat over three months of age must obtain a license.
 2. An application for a license must be made for any dog or cat over the age of four months.
 - a. The name, address, and phone number of the applicant, description of the dog or cat, the annual fee, and rabies certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian.
 - b. An application for a license must be made with 30 days after obtaining a dog or cat.
 - c. A dog or cat temporarily visiting the city is not required to be licensed unless the dog or cat's stay in the city exceeds 60 calendar days.
- B. The license is effective the day the dog or cat is vaccinated and remains valid:**
- a. For a period of one year, if the dog or cat is capable of reproducing; or
 - b. For the life of the animal, if the dog or cat has been spayed or neutered, or otherwise is incapable of reproducing due to age or

other factors, as established by a veterinarian certificate, lifetime licenses shall automatically be revoked which time license holders is allowed to become expired or more than 60 calendar days. In such event, a new license application fee shall be required after the dog or cat is revaccinated.

c. The License Fee is \$10.00, this does not include the cost of microchipping

Failure to have your dog or cat licensed subjects the owner to a Citation up to \$216.00

For more information contact the Animal Control Officer at 830-931-5013



Position Vacancies

The City of Castroville is currently seeking applications for the following positions:

- ◆ **Librarian:** Responsible for the full scope of professional library services for adults and children.
- ◆ **Police Officer:** Responsible for performing general duty police work in protecting life and property.
- ◆ **Meter Reader:** Follows prearranged routes in reading and recording residential, commercial and industrial water, electric and gas meters in all weather conditions.
- ◆ **Streets & Grounds Maintenance Worker:** Performs manual and semi-skilled grounds maintenance during the mowing season and assists in street and utility repair and maintenance.
- ◆ **Utility Worker:** Responsible for performing work involved in the maintenance, installation, repair and operation of the City's wastewater distribution system.

For a copy of the job announcement, additional information and the procedures required to apply for these positions, go to the City's website at <http://castrovilletx.gov/jobs.aspx>. All applicants must complete the designated employment application forms and successfully pass a criminal and drug/alcohol test if they are offered a position.

Equal Opportunity Employer

Paying Your Bill

Utility payments may be made by using one of the following payment options:

1. **In person-** At Castroville City Hall during regular business hours.
2. **On-line Payment Service-** Visit <http://www.castrovilletx.gov/> and click the Online Bill Pay link.
3. **Automated Draft-** This free service will electronically transfer funds from your checking account each month. To participate in this program you will need to complete the ACH Utility form and provide a blank voided check. The form is available at City Hall.
4. **Pay by Mail-** Payments may be mailed to 1209 Fiorella Street, Castroville, TX 78009. Remember to include the top portion of your utility bill along with a check, cashier's check, or money order. *Please do not send cash.*
5. **24-hour bill payment drop box-** A drop box is located outside the front door entrance of City Hall. *Please do not leave cash in box.*

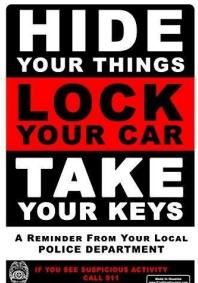
Utility payments are due by the 25th of each month. A penalty will be applied on the next business day. Unpaid utilities will result in disconnection and additional fees will be applied.

For further questions please contact The City of Castroville at 830-931-4070.

**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>

Enroll in I-Info to receive emergency information and updates regarding water and power outages. Please take a moment to visit <http://r.i-info.com/rc/arc> and register.



News from the Castroville Public Works Department

REGIONAL PARK RESERVATIONS FOR EASTER WEEKEND

Reservations for the Easter weekend (March 30—April 1, 2018) are still being accepted. All picnic areas, pavilions, and individual table require advanced reservation. Overnight camping will be allowed throughout the park for this event. Payment is due at time of reservation.



Spaces are limited, so reserve your space as early as possible.

To enter the Park for the Easter Weekend a daily fee of \$10 per vehicle will be charged.

For further questions please contact City Hall at 830-931-4070.

Mayor and 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 and Board Meetings

City Council

- January 9th at 6:00pm
- January 23rd at 6:00pm
- February 13th at 6:00pm
- February 27th at 6:00pm

Parks

- January 16th at 6:30pm
- February 20th at 6:30pm

Library Advisory

- January Cancelled
- February 6th at 6:30pm

Planning & Zoning

- January 10th at 6:30pm
- February 14th at 6:30pm

Airport

- January 13th at 9:00am
- February 10th at 6:30pm

Historic Landmark Commission

- January 16th at 6:30pm
- February 20th at 6:30pm

Meeting dates and times may change. Check the city's website for up-to-date information.

<http://castrovilletx.gov/AgendaCenter>

24 HOUR UTILITY EMERGENCIES 830.931.4091