

CITY OF CASTROVILLE

STAYING SAFE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

We want to remind you to be safe this holiday season. With the increasing number of COVID-19 cases, please celebrate safely by taking steps to protect yourself from getting or spreading COVID-19. The CDC recommends celebrating virtually or with members of your household. To slow the spread of COVID-19, wear a mask, stay at least 6 feet apart, avoid crowds, large gatherings, and wash your hands often. The more steps you take, the more you are protected against COVID-19.



BEFORE YOU CONSIDER TRAVELING FOR THE HOLIDAYS



The COVID-19 pandemic may be stressful for people. Traveling with family or friends can be a stress reliever, but it also increases your chances of getting and spreading COVID-19. You don't want to miss out on a planned trip, but there are situations when canceling or postponing travel makes sense for you and those you care about. Delay your travel if you are sick with a fever, cough, or other symptoms of COVID-19.

Don't travel if you have recently tested positive, even if you are not having symptoms. If you have had close contact or are waiting for the results of a COVID-19 viral test, staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others. Check your state or local health department for information about local quarantine requirements. From our family to yours, safely enjoy this holiday season.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Castroville Public Library offers free online resources! Does your student need a little extra help with their virtual school work? Check out Brainfuse HelpNow, a free real-time tutoring program. Could you use access to video courses taught by industry experts in software, business and creative skills? Then Lynda LinkedIn Learning is for you! Maybe you would like to learn a new language? We have that too! The best part is access to these fantastic programs is FREE and you can do it from the comfort of your home. All you need is a Library Card to sign up for one just visit castroville.biblionix.com/catalog today! Need help, or for more information about all these amazing catalog resources, Call the Library at 830-931-4095



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A Message from Public Works Department

The Public Works Utility Department exists to keep the daily functions and operations of the City moving along at a fast pace and responds to the needs of the citizens and the community.



The Electric department maintains service to commercial and residential customers while also serving City buildings and parks. The primary responsibilities include clearing and maintaining power lines, responding to outages, accomplishing routine repairs, and continually providing upgraded service to meet our 1,500-plus electric customers' needs. The Electric Section is comprised of a supervisor and three developmental linemen that are entrenched in the Dan Merchant's Power Line Job Training & Safety Program – a nationally recognized system designed to develop electrical power transmission careers.



The Wastewater Treatment department operates the recently modified Treatment Plant and Main Lift Station located in Regional Park. The supervisor and two operators participate in revolving assignments monitoring wastewater collection, lift stations, water distribution systems, and participate in emergency repair activities. The supervisor holds a Wastewater Treatment Operator certification. Staff currently have or are working towards Groundwater and Surface Water certifications and are involved in additional studies toward more advanced Wastewater certification. There are approximately 1,200-plus sewer accounts.



The Water department consists of a supervisor and two technicians. They monitor the water wells, lift stations, distribution systems, accomplish water and wastewater service taps and service repairs as required. They acquire license-level training from numerous sources to attain and/or secure license levels. The supervisor and senior technician hold water certification and are currently involved in additional training to advance their license levels. The junior technician recently completed an introductory study course and will be challenging initial water certification before the new year. There are approximately 1,300-plus water accounts.

Every day the administrative support staff at City Hall and the Public Works Annex performs administrative functions to assist citizens. The staff's top priority is to keep all departments informed to ensure that the facilities operations are productive and run efficiently.

City Council

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Mayor Pro Tem – Darrin Schroeder

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District 1 – Sheena Martinez

830.931.1328

District 2 – Paul Carey

210.710.4861

District 3 – Phil King

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District 4-Todd Tschirhart

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Upcoming Events

- **December 22nd** – Council Meeting
Cancelled
- **December 24th-25th** - All City Offices
Closed in observance of the holidays
- **December 31st - January 1st** - All City
Offices Closed
- **January 12th** -Council Meeting 5:00 pm
- **January 18th** - All City Offices Closed in
observance of MLK day
- **January 26th** -Council Meeting 5:00 pm

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