

CITY OF CASTROVILLE

BACKFLOW-PREVENTION

The Texas Commission in Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requires all public water systems to maintain a cross-connection control program that protects the distribution system delivering drinking water to your home or business.

What is cross-connection?

A physical connection between potable (drinking) water and an actual or potential contamination hazard that could make the water unsafe to drink. Wherever there is a cross-connection, there is a potential threat to public health from contaminants.

How can backflow be prevented?

Backflow into a potable-water system can be prevented by using a backflow-prevention assembly, or an air gap, which is a physical separation between the water supply and a potential source of pollution. Licensed professionals, as well as Public Works staff, are responsible for determining the type of backflow-prevention assembly required, based on the degree of hazard.

Common residential cross-connections:

Garden hose:

Backflow can occur at your home if you leave a garden hose turned on submerged in a swimming pool, inserted into your car's radiator to flush out the antifreeze, or attach it to an insecticide sprayer. That material could siphon back into your potable water.

Lawn sprinkler system:

Regulations by the TCEQ require that all lawn sprinkler systems are connected through a backflow-prevention assembly.

**Please see details regarding
Backflow & Cross Connection
Alert Per City Ordinance 2016-
005, on the city website
<http://www.castrovilletx.gov/>
or call Public Works at
830-931-4095**

Common cross-connections at commercial/institutional locations:

- Fire Sprinkler Systems
- Irrigation Systems
- Beverage systems using CO2 tanks (carbonated drink dispensers)
- Dishwashers
- Icemakers
- Coffee machines
- Steam cooking systems
- Preparation areas
- Water fountains
- Swimming pools, saunas, Jacuzzis, whirlpools

Commercial & Institutional facilities that typically require backflow prevention:

- Auto repair, body shops
- Health Clubs & Spas
- Restaurants and Clubs
- Beauty, Barbers & Nail Salons
- Commercial Laundries
- Medical Facilities
- Food/Meat Processing Sites
- Veterinarian & Kennels
- Schools
- Mortuaries
- Car/Truck Wash facilities

Testing backflow-prevention assemblies

Because backflow-prevention assemblies are mechanical assemblies that can fail, the TCEQ requires testing all backflow-prevention assemblies at installation by a TCEQ-licensed tester. Backflow-prevention assemblies installed to protect against any health hazard must be tested annually.

Backflow & Cross Connection Alert

Per City Ordinance 2016-005, all backflow devices in the City need to be tested regularly. If the City has not notified you, please contact the Public Works department for more information on your responsibilities.

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FROM THE CITY SECRETARY/ELECTION COORDINATOR

THANK YOU FOR SHOWING YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE AND PROVIDE LEADERSHIP TO THE COMMUNITY TO ALL OF THE CANDIDATES WHO FILED FOR A PLACE ON THE BALLOT.

THE MAY 1ST GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MAYOR
J. DARRIN SCHROEDER – 269
MICKEY GALLEGOS – 78
TOTAL VOTES CAST – 347

DISTRICT 1
SHEENA MARTINEZ – 52
PHYLLIS SANTLEBEN – 7
TOTAL VOTES CAST – 59

DISTRICT 2
PAUL CAREY WAS UNOPPOSED

These results are considered unofficial until canvassing and acceptance of the results. The canvassing will be on May 11th at the regular council meeting beginning at 5 p.m. The City Council will be accepting applications for the open seat in District 5. For an application and information, go to the city website or contact Debra Howe, City Secretary, at 830-931-4070.

The deadline to submit is May 20, 2021. This term will end in May 2022.



May 1st - May 31st

The Code Enforcement Department will be organizing a community spring clean-up.

Our Code Enforcement officer, Kerl Brooks, will be out and about in the community to educate, inform, and identify residents in need of volunteer assistance.

Waste Management will provide a dumpster at the park from May 22nd - May 23rd, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. OR until the dumpster is full. Waste Management is now picking up bulk leaves with your monthly bulk service. Any 30-gallon outdoor paper lawn and leaf compostable bag placed with your bulk will be serviced. Monthly Bulk Pick-up is the second full week of each month. Please see the prohibited items list on the City Website. Have a Question? Call 830-931-4070

**PUBLIC WORKS AFTER HOUR ANSWERING SERVICE:
 DIAL 830-931-4090**

City Council & Board Meetings

City Council

- Mayor - Vacant
- Mayor Pro Tem-
DarrinSchroeder
(District 5) 210.232.4737
- District 1 – Sheena Martinez
830.931.1328
- District 2 – Paul Carey
210.710.4861
- District 3 – Phil King
210.355.6546
- District 4-Todd Tschirhart
210.413.7008

City Council at 5:00 pm

May 11th & 25th, 2021
 June 8th & 22nd, 2021
 *City Hall
 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month

Airport at 5:00 pm

June 7th, 2021
 *Airport
 1st Monday of the month

Historic Landmark

Commission at 6:30 pm

May 18th, 2021
 June 15th, 2021
 *City Hall
 3rd Tuesday of each month

Library Advisory at 6:30 pm

May 12th, 2021
 June 9th, 2021
 *Library
 2nd Wednesday of the month

Parks at 6:30 pm

May 18th, 2021
 June 15th, 2021
 *Park
 3rd Tuesday of each month

Planning & Zoning 6:30 pm

May 12th, 2021
 *City Hall
 2nd Wednesday of the month

*Meeting dates and times may change. *Check the city's website for up-to-date information.
 All city offices closed May 31, 2021*

CASTROVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER CAMPS 2021

IN-PERSON CAMP SESSIONS

JUNE 7-11

IT'S A BUG'S LIFE

Have you ever wondered about the life cycle of your favorite insects? Then, join us as we make a garden that a ladybug can call home.

JUNE 14-18

HARRY POTTER

Calling all wizards and witches! This magical week will be full of potions, sorcery, and Quidditch.

JUNE 21-25

SECRET AGENT

Go on missions with the specialized skills you will learn to become the world's top spy.

Space is limited to 10 campers per session.

VIRTUAL CAMP SESSIONS

JULY 12-16

ART

Learn the basics of art using different mediums to create one-of-a-kind masterpieces.

JULY 19-23

MYTHS AND LEGENDS

Have you ever wondered if the lock-ness monster, bigfoot, or UFOs are real? Well, now is your chance to find out!

Space is limited to 15 campers per session.

CAMP F.A.Q.S

- In-person Summer Camps will adhere to all CDC recommendations for the campers' safety and the library staff.
- Virtual Summer Camps keep kids busy while in the safety of their home
- Camps are recommended for children and teens in 3rd-8th grade.
- Each camp is Monday-Friday from 10 am-12 pm.
- You must register each child/teen individually at the Library

Registration begins May 10th and ends till full

EACH CAMP FEE IS \$10

The Camp fee covers the cost of supplies one camper needs to participate in the camps. Please make checks payable to the Friends of the Library.

SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM

The library will be serving free take-home meals to children under the age of 18 starting in June.

Monday-Friday

Lunch 12 pm

Snack 3 pm



CONTACT

library@castrovilletx.gov

830-931-4095

For more information on the summer programs.

CASTROVILLE PARKS & RECREATION + SKYHAWKS PRESENTS...



YOUTH SPORTS SKILL-BASED PROGRAMS

Skyhawks Sports Academy provides sports programs where children discover and develop athletic skills and social values, such as teamwork, respect and sportsmanship. We offer children a positive sports experience while promoting a healthy, active lifestyle.



NEW FOR SUMMER 2021: SKYHAWKS SPORTS PROGRAMS

Skyhawks Sports Academy provides sports programs where children discover and develop athletic skills and social values, such as teamwork, respect and sportsmanship. We offer children a positive sports experience while promoting a healthy, active lifestyle.

Programs are available for registration! Camps will be held at Castroville Parks & Recreation in a wide variety of sports, including: basketball, soccer, flag football, volleyball and multi-sport programs!

Visit skyhawks.com for program
dates and times!



 **SPACE IS LIMITED!
REGISTER TODAY»**

Online:
skyhawks.com

Questions? Call:
210.952.6629