

CITY OF CASTROVILLE

2021 FY BUDGET

It has been said that a City's operating budget is the most critical policy document that a city adopts in any given year. On September 14th, the City Council adopted a balanced budget of several hundred thousand dollars less than the prior year's budget. Council also approved a tax rate of \$0.5233, similar to the 2016 rate of \$0.5213. The new tax rate allows for a substantial investment in the quality of life for the citizens of Castroville through the commitment of capital improvements for roads, parks, and drainage improvements over the coming years.



It is exciting to work with the elected officials and help them identify and fund significant capital improvements. 2022 will be a year of change as the City begins a multi-year commitment to fix the broken streets, invest in Parks improvements, and partner with a dedicated group of people to restore and rejuvenate the historic downtown district. The Council is also working with staff to adjust the City's utility rates so that Castroville can finally address the water leaks and pressure issues and better prepare the system for cold weather so that we don't experience what happened this past February ever again.



DID YOU KNOW?

A city permit is required to burn within the City limits of Castroville. The penalty as stated in Section 1-4 of the Code of Ordinances, violation of any provision of this section shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$2,000 and remedies the City may have. For questions, contact Community Development at 830-931-4090 or visit www.castrovilletx.gov to download a burn permit form.

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Castroville Events



BBQ COOKOFF Porkin' in the Park

October 23, 2021

Come out for a good cause at the Castroville Police Department's IBCA sanctioned BBQ cook-off (Porkin in the Park) that raises money for the Bluebonnet Children's Advocacy Center. Register for a chance to show off your BBQ skills for prizes or buy a \$10 wristband to sample all the competitor's fixings. Gates will open at 3:00 pm. The entrance fee to the park is \$5 per carload. Bring your lawn chairs to enjoy live music by Gabe Garcia. Call 830-931-2222 or visit castrovilletx.gov for more information.

CASTROVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY CELEBRATES
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ALL ages welcome!

SUPPLIES INCLUDED!

OCTOBER 29TH
FROM 3:30 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

CASTROVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
802 LONDON ST. CASTROVILLE, TX, 78009

JOIN US FOR SUGAR SKULL DECORATING.
AN ADULT MUST ACCOMPANY CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF TEN. SUGAR SKULLS WILL BE GIVEN OUT ONE PER PERSON ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE BASIS WHILE SUPPLIES LAST. ALL SUPPLIES ARE FREE.

For more information, call (830) 931-4095.

CASTROVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

FALL PUMPKIN PAINTING

OCTOBER 15TH
FROM 3:30 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

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The City Wide Yard Sale (CWYS) will be held on Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021. The proceeds from the CWYS benefit CAPS (Castroville Area Pet Shelter) for the homeless animals of Castroville. Registration is currently ongoing through Friday, Oct. 29, 2021.

Residents can register their yard sale for \$5.00 or reserve a spot at Houston Square for \$10.00 (yard sale items only). Vendors (food and non-food items) can set up in Houston Square for \$20.00. Applications can be obtained at City Hall. All registration payments must be made at City Hall. Cash or Check Only.

Please contact Kyle McVay at (830) 931-2525 for information.

Haunted Highway Trunk or Treat Halloween Event At The Park

Instead of our usual Boo Bash and because of Covid 19, the FCRP (Friends of the Castroville Regional Park) plans to host a stand-alone Haunted Highway Trunk or Treat Event at the Regional Park on Saturday, October 30th, from 5-8 PM. It was initially planned as a “Drive-Thru” only Event, but...due to several requests, we are making it a guided family “Walk Thru” Event instead. To keep everyone as safe as possible, we will be “distancing” families and discouraging prolonged contact with the “Trunks.” Dozens of high school students have already volunteered to help with this, but.....suppose our businesses, organizations, and individuals do not step up and host enough trunks. In that case, the Event will not be as much fun for the kids as we want it to be. We are hoping for between 30 – 50 “trunks.” If you are a business, hosting a trunk will be an excellent free advertising opportunity. If you are an organization, it will promote your cause.

If an individual, it will be an enjoyable way to support your community. As an extra incentive, there will be prizes for the best-decorated trunks. All you will need to do is drive your decorated vehicle to the park, open up the trunk (or tailgate) and hand out candy or treats to kids. You can have a theme....or not! The success of this Halloween event is not up to us. It is up to YOU!! To sign up and/or ask questions, just call or text Helen at 830 931 4176.



Tips for Trick or Treating Safety



Safety Tips for Motorists

- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians, and curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.
- Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween.

Safely Tips for pedestrians

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. Look left, right, and left again when crossing, and keep looking as you cross.
- Put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.



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

City Council & Board Meetings

City Council

- Mayor - Darrin Schroeder
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
- District 5- Herb Dyer

City Council at 5:00 pm

- October 12th **CANCELLED**
- October 26th, 2021
- November 9th, 2021
- November 23rd **CANCELLED**
- *City Hall
- 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month

Airport at 5:00 pm

- November 1st, 2021
- *Airport
- 1st Monday of the month

Historic Landmark

- Commission at 6:30 pm**
- October 19th, 2021
- *City Hall
- 3rd Tuesday of each month

Library Advisory at 6:30 pm

- October 13th, 2021
- November 10th, 2021
- *Library
- 2nd Wednesday of the month

Parks at 6:30 pm

- October 19th, 2021
- November 16th, 2021
- *Park
- 3rd Tuesday of each month

Planning & Zoning 6:30 pm

- October 13th, 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 will be closed October 11, 2021