

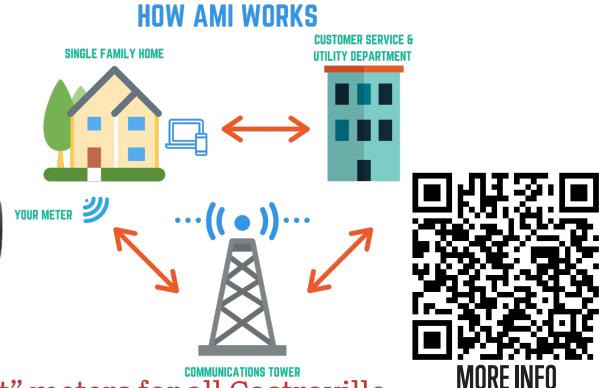
*the little Alsace of Texas*

# Castroville

★ NEWSLETTER ★

MARCH 2023

## YOUR METERS ARE GETTING SMARTER



The City of Castroville is installing new "smart" meters for all Castroville.

New meters will help keep utility rates from increasing and will be provided at no cost to the customer.

This will also benefit the city in the future as we grow since all new developments will be on this system. An integrated system will be more cost effective and efficient for the city and its citizens.

With this AMI utility meter project, customers will have access to more frequent detailed information about their water, electric and gas consumption, enabling them to have better control over their utility usage and monthly bills.

### Project Timeline

Ameresco and RTS will begin work during the week of April 17. Installation is expected to take approximately six months as the city replaces all water, gas, and electric meters throughout the City's utility system. Their crews will be properly identified with either the Ameresco or Envocore (RTS) company insignia on their vehicles and uniforms. Ameresco or RTS employees will not have to enter your home at any time.

If the meter is outside and accessible, you don't need to be available at the time of the installation. Most upgrades can take up to 30 minutes and there will be a brief service interruption while the technician changes the meter.

### What is "AMI"

AMI meters allow two-way electronic communication between the meter and the utility's systems. They enable automated meter reading and ensure accurate billing each month by virtually eliminating manual and estimated readings.

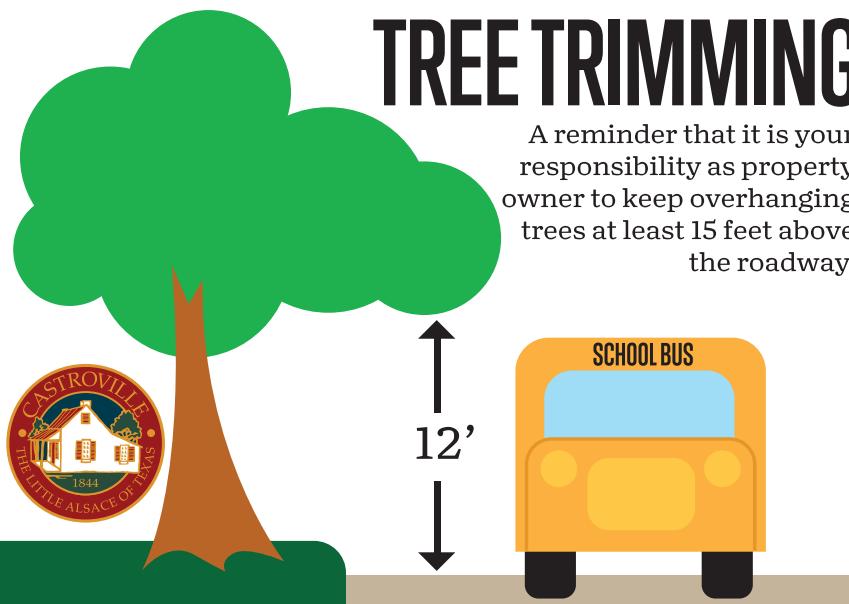
These new AMI meters consist of a water, gas or electric meter, a register, and a low-powered communication device/radio that is integrated in a single unit. The register is continuously recording usage and the radio sends a meter reading to a Base Station which is mounted on an elevated water storage tank. The Base Station transmits the read over a secure network every six (6) hours back to the meter data management software which is located in the cloud. With this upgrade and the integration of this data into customer portal software, you will have access to more frequent and detailed information about your water consumption, enabling you to have better control over your utility usage and monthly bills. This data will be available after the first billing cycle following installation of the new meters.

To learn more about the meter project, visit <http://castrovilletx.gov/2592/AMI-Meter-Project>. If you have any questions email them to [pwadmin@castrovilletx.gov](mailto:pwadmin@castrovilletx.gov) or call Public Works at (830)931-4090.

\*Note: About 30% of the gas meters in the city require full replacement. A separate crew will arrange meter replacement with the individual resident as it will require them to turn off the gas, make the installation then enter your home to re-light pilot lights.

# TREE TRIMMING

A reminder that it is your responsibility as property owner to keep overhanging trees at least 15 feet above the roadway.



## ALSATIAN FESTIVAL OF TEXAS RETURNS APRIL 29 AT KOENIG PARK

After over 175 years, the Alsatian culture still survives in the Castro Colonies and Medina County; and we want to keep it that way. Therefore, it's that time again to celebrate with the Alsatian Festival of Texas to commemorate the anniversary of the founding of Castroville. The sole purpose of the Festival is to highlight the Alsatian culture in the area, especially for the children.

Those, who have traveled to Alsace and experienced the warmth and camaraderie of our Alsatian hosts, want to share that same feeling of cultural identity and happiness here in Castroville. The Alsatian Festival of Texas will begin at 4:00 p.m. at Koenig Park in Castroville on Saturday, April 29, 2023. The Festival will include: Alsatian food, beer & wine; an Alsatian sing-along with accordion music; performances by the Alsatian Dancers of Texas; and children's activities. The Alsatian Festival of Texas is not a fundraiser. Any profit will help fund future Annual Alsatian Festival of Texas events. We do need volunteers to help run the Alsatian Festival. Please email HabyMark@gmail.com if you would like to help with the celebration.

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11AM -6PM

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