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# Castroville

★ NEWSLETTER ★

AUG 2023

# 2024 BUDGET PROPOSED

One of the single most important document adopted by the Castroville City Council is the annual budget because it funds all of the city's core services including streets, policing, parks, and the public library.

The City's annual budget, fee schedule, and tax rates are currently going through the process of review and approval by the city council. All of these budget items will be adopted at the September 12th meeting. In its efforts to leverage future growth to improve the quality of life through capital investment, the city council has committed to maintaining the tax rate of \$0.5233 by increasing the amount dedicated to debt service each year.

Since 2003, the City has increased the portion of the tax rate for capital investment from \$0.03 cents to the current proposed rate of \$0.1553. The current proposed general fund budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1st, 2023 is \$4,070,750. This is an increase of \$292,960 or roughly 7.75% over the current adopted budget. The largest increases are in Police, Parks & Recreation, and Streets. Copies of current and past budgets and other financial documents as well as public hearing and meeting schedules can be found on the City's website.

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## CASTROVILLE REGIONAL PARK POOL 2023 LIFEGUARDS AND INSTRUCTORS

Left to Right:

Isaiah Mellon, Garrett Davis, Ambrose Pubillones, Emmett Yeagley, Emily Jaquez, Christina Hester, Addie Guinther, Robert Gilmore, Jack Gerdes, Caytan Chang

Not Shown: Pool Manager, Stefanos Tzivopoulos

Critical Care:  
Do you have a medical need for electricity?



All City of Castroville customers count on the City to provide reliable electric service, but none more than those who rely on life-sustaining electrically powered medical equipment. If this is you or someone who permanently resides at your home, you may be eligible for our Residential Critical Care and Chronic Condition Program.

Call Public Works at (830) 931-4090 for more information.



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- **SAVE TIME** Receive your bill same day. No longer having to wait for the mail
- **SAFE** Reduce the amount of private information in your mailbox
- **FLEXIBLE** Pay your monthly bill online by credit card, at the kiosk (library), or in person (City Hall)
- **FREE** We do not charge for this service

To go paperless call 830-931-4070

Mayor - Darrin Schroeder  
210.232.4737

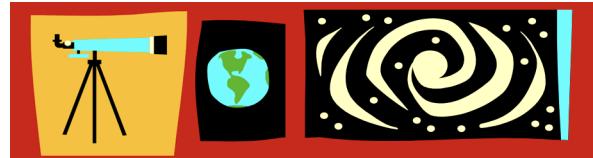
District 3 - Phil King  
210.355.6546

District 1 - Sheena Martinez  
830.931.1328

District 4 - David Merz  
618-406-2940

District 2 - Paul Carey  
210.710.4861

District 5 - Herb Dyer  
830-931-6354



# WANTED!

Science Educators  
and Astronomers

The Friends of the Castroville Regional Park are planning to host an educational program at the Amphitheater before and during the October 14th Annual Solar Eclipse.

If you're planning to observe the solar eclipse in the Castroville area, and have a background in Science Education or Astronomy, we would appreciate your help in providing the public with information or demonstrations about the eclipse.

Specifically, you would be asked to provide 5 to 10-minute presentations on subjects such as: solar-viewing safety, what causes solar eclipses, the differences between annular and total solar eclipses, or any other subject you feel would increase the public's understanding and appreciation of this event.

In the event of inclement weather in the Castroville area that day, we understand if you need to travel to another viewing site. We thank you in advance for your interest in this historic event.

Call or text Helen at 830 931 4176 if you have questions or are interested in knowing more.

**141ST ANNUAL**  
**ST. LOUIS DAY**  
**Celebration**

**Sunday, August 20, 2023**  
**Koenig Park • Castroville, Texas**

9:30 am Mass St. Louis Catholic Church with the Liederkranz Choir  
Alsatian Sausage/BBQ Brisket Plates served 11 am-2 pm

Live Bands and Dance Groups Throughout the Park  
Featuring Julie & Michele, the Alamo City Community Marching Band, Mariachis, The Vinyl 45s, Garrett Talamantes and Jeremy Richards

Large Silent Auction • Food & Drink Booths • Ice Bucket Challenge  
St. Louis Day BOARDWALK Games • Fun for All Ages!

**SUPER SATURDAY BIERGARTEN**  
Saturday Evening, Aug 19 • 6:30 pm-11 pm

An old fashioned Biergarten with food, friends, music and fun!

**Biergarten**

**SaintLouisDay.com** 

Live music featuring:  
Mark Odom Band  
and Texas Tempo



FREE Parking & Air Conditioned Shuttle from St. Louis Catholic Church





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