

SEPT 2024 NEWSLETTER



CODE RODEO TAKES PLACE AS WE CHART OUR COMMUNITIES FUTURE



Building on the discussions held so far, the Code Rodeo event took place at Legion Hall with around 24 participants over two days. This gathering marked the beginning of the analysis of Place Type development standards and the overall structure of the Unified Development Code. Participants delved into the proposed Place Type zoning categories and explored potential standards for signage, civic spaces, and streets.

The meeting continued at the St. Louis Braden Keller Community Center on Tuesday, August 6th, with an introduction and open house aimed at reviewing draft development code standards through informal conversation. On Wednesday, August 7th, updates based on Tuesday's input were presented, followed by further opportunities for feedback on Place Type, signage, and civic space standards.

Feedback on the draft Place Type zoning standards will be accepted through Fall 2024. To learn more and share your thoughts, visit the project website at castroville.mysocialpinpoint.com.

Next Public Meeting: At the September 9th Community Roundup, draft maps will be available to show where these Place Types could be implemented across Castroville. Community input on the Place Type standards and rezoning map will continue through the Fall. The final Unified Development Ordinance, including all revisions, will then be presented to the Castroville Planning and Zoning Commission before moving on to the Castroville City Council for approval.

MAYOR'S CORNER





POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

CASTROVILLE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

5:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.

CASTROVILLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

10500 AIRPORT ROAD, CASTROVILLE TX. 78009

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN

FOOD VENDORS

CAR SHOW

HOMELAND SECURITY HELICOPTER

MEDINA COUNTY ESD 1 FIRE/EMS

MUSIC ★ SKYDIVING ★ AND MORE



**9 PM ROUTINE
LOCK UP. MAKE IT A HABIT**



LOCK UP

YOUR CAR, HOUSE, WINDOWS, GARAGE AND SHED



TURN ON

EXTERIOR LIGHT, SECURITY CAMERAS, ALARM SYSTEM



BRING IN

VALUABLES FROM YOUR CAR, YARD, PATIO



Notice

to all
Businesses, Organizations &
Individuals

Sign Up Early

Because Lots of "Trunks" will be
needed

For the 2024 **FCRP Boo Bash**

A Free Family Event

On

Sat., October 26th from 4:30 – 7:30 PM

At the

Castroville Regional Park

Prizes for Best Decorated Trunk

Call or text Helen at 830-931-4176

A NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR CAME ON BOARD AUGUST 8.

Beth Farley is our new Library Director. She had these thoughts to share with the community:



"Thank you for the opportunity to serve the community and staff of the Castroville Public Library. I started my career as a part-time library staff member many years ago and from there moved into the Library Director position. I also worked for the Mid-Continent Public Library System in Kansas City, MO. I not only worked at the circulation desk, but I facilitated many adult programs and provided outreach in the community. One of my goals is to bring more awareness to the programs and services we provide here and to bring new programs to the library soon."

Beth Farley, Director, Castroville Public Library

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION

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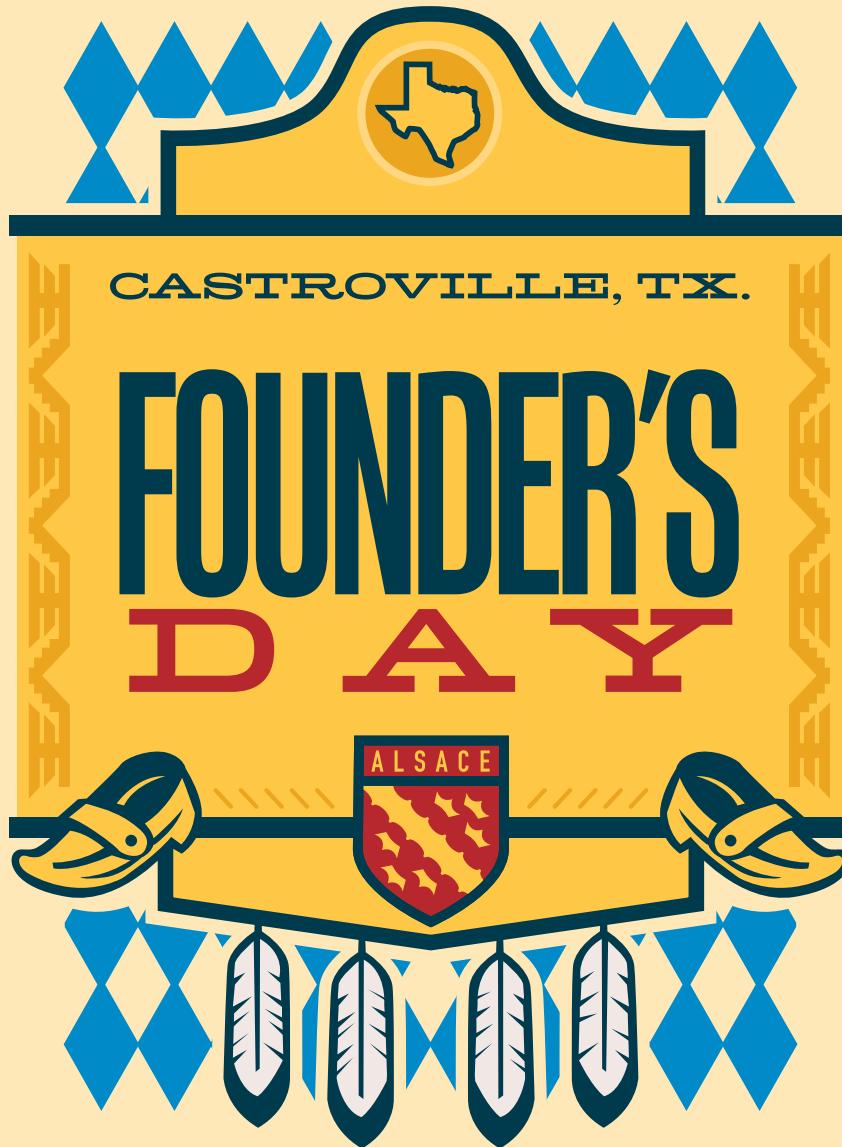
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SEPTEMBER 14



SEPTEMBER SQUARE

4:00 P.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

FOUNDER'S CEREMONY
PROCESSIONAL TO THE PARK

CASTROVILLE REGIONAL PARK
816 ALSACE AVENUE

5:00 P.M. TO 9:30 P.M.

CULTURAL CELEBRATION

Bring the entire family out to experience the various cultures that make Castroville great. There will be cultural food, dance, song and traditional dress from Alsatian, German, Belgian, Hispanic, Indigenous, and more.

MAYOR'S CORNER

Recognizing the critical importance of effective policing, the City Council of Castroville has taken significant steps to enhance the local police department for the benefit of the community. In April 2022, the City hired Jim Kohler as Interim Police Chief, bringing over thirty-five years of law enforcement experience. The City Council recognized Chief Kohler's expertise and tasked him with increasing the effectiveness of the police force.

POSITIVE CHANGE: When Chief Kohler started, we only had 60% of the approved officers, and half of what we have today. Chief Kohler collaborated with the outstanding officers already in place, set higher standards of professionalism, and diligently informed the City Council of the department's needs. He recommended specific training, equipment, and software, and hired exceptional new officers. With his leadership and the City Council's support, the police department has made tremendous progress.

CITY'S INVESTMENT: The safety and security of Castroville is a top priority, with the police department representing over 1/4 of the City's annual budget. As the city grows and faces new challenges, it remains committed to providing the police with the necessary resources to protect its citizens. Over the past two years, the City has invested in new equipment and technology, and secured a grant to fund two additional officers.

HOW THAT IMPACTS US: A quality community-oriented police force fosters trust and cooperation between law enforcement and residents, leading to more effective crime prevention and a stronger sense of security. Recent successes, such as solving a rash of car burglaries and apprehending a fugitive on the loose, highlight the effectiveness of this approach. These cases were resolved through the commitment of both our police force and the residents who worked with them to find the offenders and bring them to justice.

Investing in a community-oriented police force enhances the overall quality of life in Castroville, encouraging community engagement, supporting local businesses, and contributing to the area's social and economic vitality. A strong, community-focused police department is essential for a thriving, resilient community.

Next time you see our police officers in the community, take a moment to say hello and thank you. Your support and appreciation mean a lot to those who work tirelessly to keep Castroville safe.



“My office has seen a substantial improvement in criminal case volume and report quality that has resulted from the dedication of the Castroville Police Department. This effort has brought more criminals to justice and helps ensure justice for victims and foster a safer community.”

— Mark Haby, District Attorney