



NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

NEW DROUGHT SURCHARGE

We are in the worst drought in 70 years, and the second worst in recorded history. While the city is well prepared with a slight surplus of water to deal with situations like this, it is our responsibility as a community to reduce our water consumption and ensure there is plenty for everyone.

Not everyone takes this responsibility to heart, so we are implementing a surcharge only for the excessive users of water. For residences, this will only impact those who ignore the pleas to conserve and continue to waste. For our businesses, we will have exceptions in place for those who must consume additional water for justifiable reasons (for example, assisted living or nursing homes, etc.) and we encourage other businesses to implement water savings measures during this extreme drought.

Customer Class	Stage 3 Threshold by Gallons	Stage 4 & 5 Threshold by Gallons
Residential	20,000	12,000
Commercial	80,000	40,000

For every 1,000 gallons used above the thresholds shown above, a \$7.89 charge will be levied.

Please do your part in conserving.

For more information, go to:
<https://castrovilletx.gov/2289/Public-Works>

Or Contact Us at:
 (830) 931-4090.

GIVE YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON A JOLT!

Light Up CASTROVILLE

Decorate your home or business for the holidays for a chance to win a free credit to go towards your electric bill. Must register to win.

1st Place (Judge's Favorite) for Residential and Commercial will receive an electric utility credit up to \$500 on their electric use for December 2024.

Category winners will receive a \$50 credit on their electric utility bill. Pick up your registration form at City Hall and help us, "Light Up Castroville!"

Castroville 1844 Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce The Little Alsace of Texas

REGISTER ONLINE

Watch Your Water Consumption: Winter Averaging Begins with November 10th Bill
 Conserving water during the months of October thru January can lower your monthly sewer charge!

What is Winter Averaging?

Winter averaging is a method developed to give you the best possible break on sewer billing cost. This method takes the water consumption used during the meter readings cycles from October (November bill) to January (February bill) as the basis for billing sewer charges throughout the year. We eliminate the highest of the four months, then average the remaining three months to determine how the rate will be calculated.

We use winter averaging to determine each individual resident's rate. This rate will begin on the March 10, 2024, bill and will be your rate through February 10, 2025, bill.

If you watch your water consumption/usage, then you can reduce your sewer bill.

MVHS TRACK & FIELD



Santa's Sleigh 5K Fun Run

Fun Run will start & end at the
Castroville Lions Park Splash
Pad Area.

12/1/2024 8:00 AM

PLEASE DONATE AN
UNWRAPPED TOY

- RACE REGISTRATION
- RUNSIGNUP.COM

Spread the Joy!

Toys will be donated to the
Bluebonnet Children's
Advocacy Center



Holiday In the Park Christmas Card Project

Guidelines:

- Set up will begin Monday November 25
- Cards should be 4x8 FT
- Sites will be numbered
- Solar battery powered lighting are optional
- Upkeep from setup to take down will be your responsibility
- Cards must be picked up by January 20th

Registration is online at
castrovilletx.gov

830-931-0033



CITY OF CASTROVILLE
PARKS & RECREATION

Daybreak and Nightfall Book Groups

Please Call 830-931-4095 for
more details!

Adult Jar Crafts

November 23rd from 10:00
to 12:00

Must be 16+ to Sign Up

Magic the Gathering

Hosted by Will
November 1st and 15th
Must be 16+ to Sign Up

Toddler Story Time

Every Wednesday at 10:30

Dungeons and Dragons

November 7th and 21st from
5:00 to 9:00!
Must be 16+ to Sign Up

Needle Group

Every Monday from
10:00 to 12:00

Writers Group

Take some time to work on your
writing! November 16th from
11:00 to 1:00



CASTROVILLE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library Closed

The library will be closed on
November 11th, 18th,
and 29th

We wish everyone a very Happy
Thanksgiving!

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION

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MAYOR'S CORNER



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MAYORS REPORT ON EQUIPMENT THEFTS



Don't let your lawnmover go on a unplanned adventure! Lock it up, or it might mow someone else's lawn!!

Recently, the Castroville Police Department has been investigating a series of lawnmover and tool thefts in town. Thanks to vigilant citizens reporting suspicious activities and thorough police work, a significant breakthrough was achieved.

After an initial theft, a person of interest was identified, but there wasn't enough evidence to charge them. Castroville Police Detectives worked with additional details for local residents to drill in to identify who might be responsible.

Castroville PD worked with other cities to identify the potential suspect and were able to identify a likely suspect and where that suspect was selling the stolen items. With this evidence, our Castroville detective secured an arrest warrant for felony theft, as the suspect had prior theft convictions. After about a week of searching, the police located and arrested the suspect at their residence. The suspect had made over 60 pawn transactions in just five months.

How can you protect your property?

To prevent future thefts, the Castroville Police Department urges everyone to secure their property behind enclosures and to record serial numbers of valuable items. This information can be crucial in recovering stolen property, as businesses do not typically log serial numbers when selling items.

By working together, we can help protect our community and keep it safe.

Another way to help identify your property if it is stolen is to etch your drivers license number onto your property. DO NOT put your social security, phone number, or address onto the tools because that information can be used to scam you in the future. You can use any unique identifiers that don't put you at risk for scams but will help our officers to identify your property if it is stolen.

Stay Vigilant! If you see something, say something. Always report stolen property, even if it's minor.



**Castroville
Police**

Emergency Number: 911
Non-Emergency: 830-931-2222
Report Stolen Property: 830-931-2222

Community Workshop Notification

THE CITY OF CASTROVILLE IS HOLDING A HEARING THAT WILL DETERMINE WHETHER YOU MAY LOSE THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE USING YOUR PROPERTY FOR ITS CURRENT USE. PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY.

The City of Castroville is updating its Code of Ordinances to ensure Castroville remains Castroville and to create alignment with our policies and development standards for the future. The change in ordinances includes a new zoning ordinance called the Place Type Zoning Ordinance. **This modification to the Code of Ordinances requires a translation from existing zoning districts to the Unified Development Ordinance.**

The City of Castroville is hosting a community workshop to discuss these ordinance changes on December 10th, from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Landmark Inn. The Castroville Planning and Zoning Commission is hosting a workshop to discuss these ordinance changes with policy makers on December 11th, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers. Members of the public are invited to attend both the workshop and public hearing.



If you would like to learn more about the changes in zoning or Place Type details, more information is available online at this link: <https://castroville.mysocialpinpoint.com/share> or by scanning this QR code.

If you have questions or comments concerning this city-wide zoning change, please reach out to Breana Soto, Community Development Director, at 830-931-4090 or Breana.soto@castrovilletx.gov.



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OLD FASHION
Christmas

December 6 - 7, 2024

All applications are open-- Returning vendors have until **August 9, 2024** to register **AND**
pay to secure their spot.
All others will be notified after that date if they will have a spot.

Houston Square | Castroville, TX

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