

## APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER



### Community Survey

Your voice matters! Help shape Castroville's future by taking our quick community survey – just scan the QR code to get started or visit: <http://s.alchemer.com/s3/Community-Survey-Newsletter>



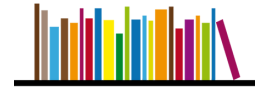
### Texercise Class Series at Castroville Library



A 10-week fitness program developed to educate and involve Texans and their families in physical activities and proper nutrition.

Join us on Mondays and Wednesdays starting April 14 - June 25, 2025 from 1:00 - 2:30

15 spots left! Call 830-931-4095 to reserve yours today!



Happy Spring and Happy Easter! The Castroville Public Library has tons of activities for every age in April. All of these programs are free of charge.

#### Daybreak Book Group

Meets on the first Monday of the month at 10:30. List of books are on the library website.

#### Nightfall Book Group

Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30. List of books are on the library website.

#### Rock Dotting Spring Tree

April 12th, reserve your spot at 830-931-4095

#### Toddler Storytime

Meets Every Wednesday and Saturday at 10:30.

#### Stitching Group

Meets every Monday at 10:00. Bring your own project and learn.

#### Word Wrangler's Writer Group

Meets the first and last Saturday of the month at 10:00. All writers welcome.

#### Bingocize

Partnering with AACOG to present a game of bingo, exercise, and/or health education class. Call 830-931-4095 to reserve a spot. Only 10 slots available.

#### D&D

Meets every other Thursday (4/3 and 4/16) from 5:00-9:00. Ages 15 and older.

Our Senior Matter of Balance Class is full, but if you would like to be put on the waiting list, please call the library and ask for Beth. This is a 9-week class presented by AACOG.

## BIG NEWS FOR CASTROVILLE!



We're proud to announce that Castroville has been officially recognized as Tourism Friendly and Film Friendly by the State of Texas! These designations highlight our commitment to

welcoming visitors, supporting local businesses, and showcasing our beautiful historic town on screen.

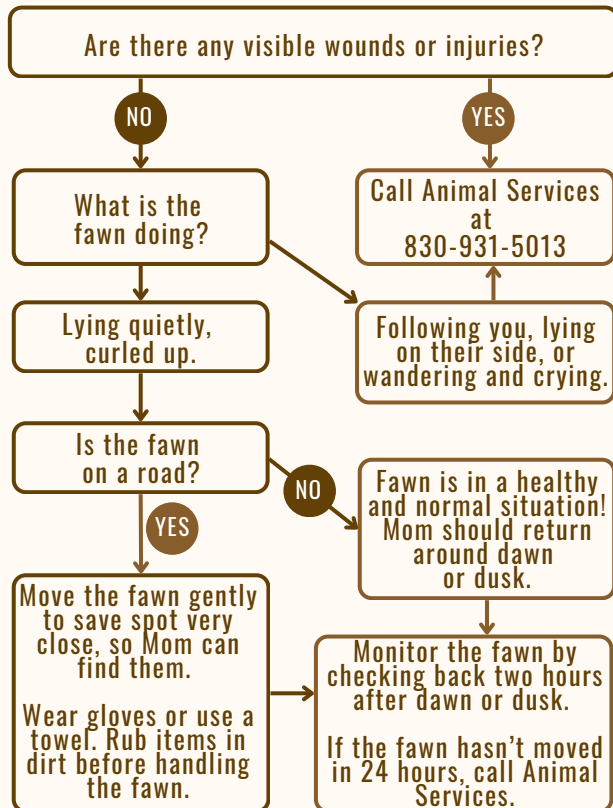
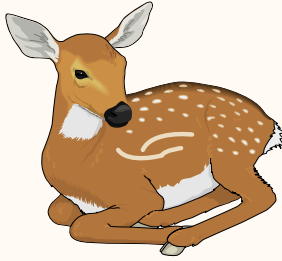
A huge thank you to our City Council, Mayor, and community for making this possible—great things are ahead for Castroville!



## I'VE FOUND A DEER FAWN!

## WHAT DO I DO?

It is common for a mother deer to leave her fawn alone for extended periods. Young fawns are not yet strong enough to keep up with their mother throughout the day. She returns only a few times to feed her baby, who remains quietly hidden to avoid predators. If you come across a fawn by itself, the best thing to do is leave it alone, as the mother is usually nearby. Picking it up can do more harm than good, as it may interfere with the mother's care.



### Mother and Daughter Acrylic Flower Painting

Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
at the Castroville Public Library  
Must be 14+ to participate  
Call 830-931-4095  
to register today!



## Regional Park Needs Volunteers: Saturday, February 15, 2025 Saturday, March 29, 2025 Saturday, April 12, 2025 Saturday, May 17, 2025

WHERE: **Castroville Regional Park**  
(Sign in at the Pool)

TIME: **8:00 AM – 10:00 AM**

#### MAIN PROJECTS:

- Landscape work in the Butterfly Garden
- Landscape work in the Botanical Garden
- General Trail Maintenance
- Other, as determined!

WHAT TO BRING: Gloves and hand pruners, if you have them.  
Even if you cannot come, you can help by forwarding this email to everyone you know and by telling everyone you see. **You can also donate a case of water.**

For more information, call or text Helen at 830 931 4176 or email at [lazyh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lazyh@sbcglobal.net)



## CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDER: HOUSE NUMBERS

**Is your house number clearly visible from the street?**



#### Seconds Count in an Emergency

- Protect your family and your property by having large visible house numbers.
- Firefighters, law enforcement and paramedics will find you faster when your home is properly marked.
- A visitor, child or injured person may be unable to provide clear directions.

#### Use Large Visible Numbers

- Numbers need to be at least 4 inches tall and be facing the street.
- Put house numbers under lighting so they are visible at night.
- Post house number on both sides of mailbox at the end of driveway.

**On the House:** Away from obstruction and with proper lighting



**Near the Road:** Visible from both sides

### MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION

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## MAYOR'S CORNER



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# CONNECTING CASTROVILLE: THE VISION FOR THE NORTHERN ROUTE

I think that everyone can agree that the last decade has challenged us with a volume of traffic that nobody truly expected. The growth around Castroville has created a daily traffic count of nearly 35,000 cars per day in a town of just 3,500 people.

Since the moment I started in the role of Mayor, I have been working with city council, city staff, the county, TXDOT, US Department of Transportation (USDOT), and other volunteers to find ways to alleviate this traffic.

One major piece of that puzzle is the “Northern Route” – a connector between Hwy 90 at Victory Lane and FM 471 north of Fitwell. The design includes sidewalks and pedestrian access, balancing vehicle flow with mobility for all. You can find renderings on the following page.

This project will be completed in stages and the majority will be paid for by the developers as their developments continue to be built out, but we are asking the county to help with the small sections that are outside city limits, since most of the traffic is county traffic. The roadway will initially be built as a 60’ corridor with one lane in each direction and a center turn lane. Sufficient Right-of-Way (ROW) is being acquired to expand to a 120’ thoroughfare in the future. For context, Hwy 90 is only 100’ wide between the river and the hill, so the Northern Route street sections will be similar, but with enhanced pedestrian access and extremely limited driveway access.

Without this arterial, all of the growth happening north of Castroville, all the way up to Rio Medina, will continue to crash down on Hwy 90 from 471 – or continue to cut through Country Village as a “Short Cut.” This is just one part of the city’s thoroughfare plan. Other projects include a re-design of the Hwy 90 and 471 intersection. TxDOT has developed preliminary designs to add turning lanes and expand the intersection to allow for greater capacity and improved safety.

I have travelled to Austin to work with TXDOT leadership, and to Washington DC to work with USDOT many times to advocate for our little town and find ways to alleviate the ever growing traffic issue. I was able to participate in a USDOT study over the last couple of years that was studying how to deal with US 90. One of the most significant successes in that was that we identified the need to identify routes to go around all the cities from 211 west to Uvalde, starting with Castroville. It will take years to design and decades to build, but you have to start somewhere and it will take continued work to bring this to reality.

While growth is never easy, please rest assured that your city leadership is working tirelessly to face this challenge head on. My request of each one of you is to get involved. I know it’s stressful to deal with this growth, but we’re stronger when we work together. I encourage you to work with your elected leaders – both in the city and the county – to learn more about what’s happening and how you can lean in and help.

Your neighbor,  
Darrin Schroeder  
Mayor of Castroville



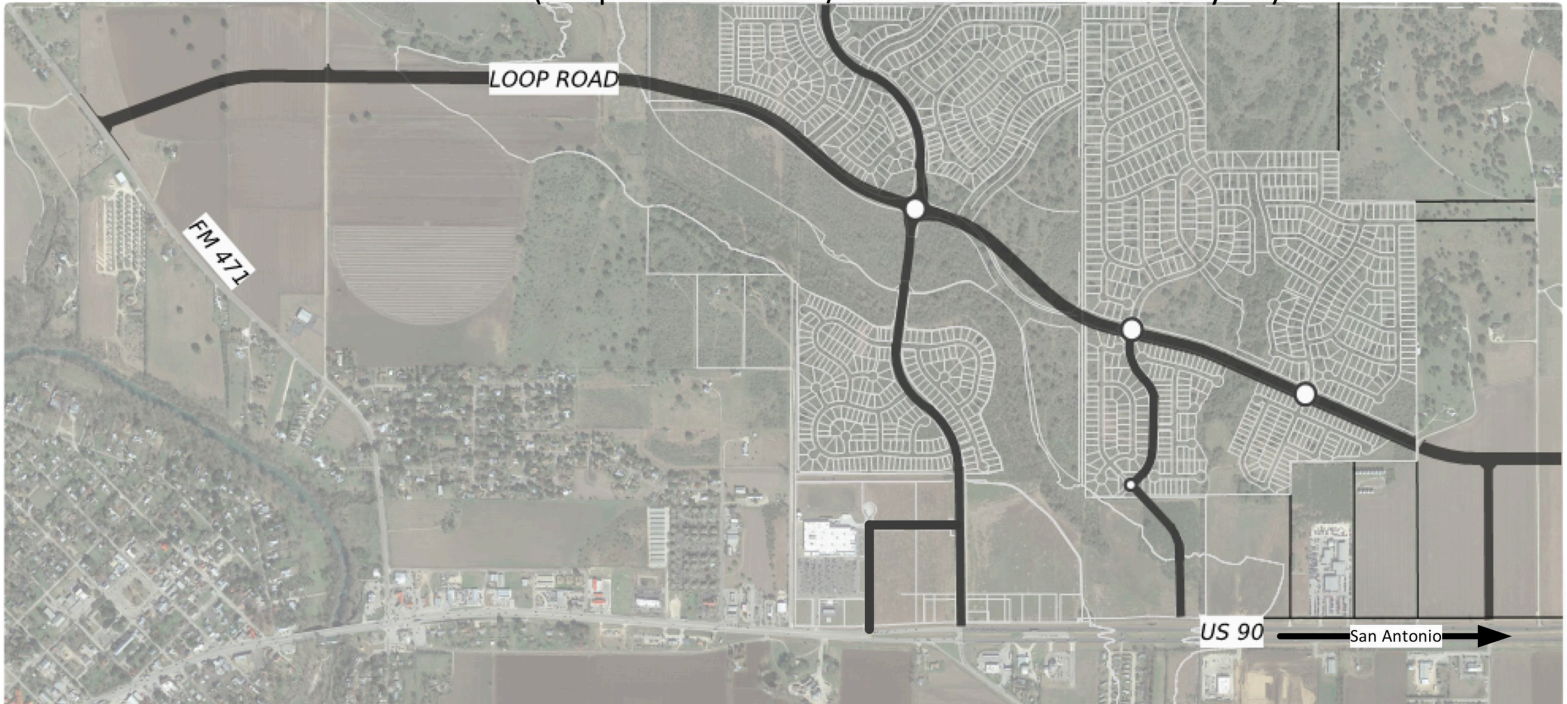


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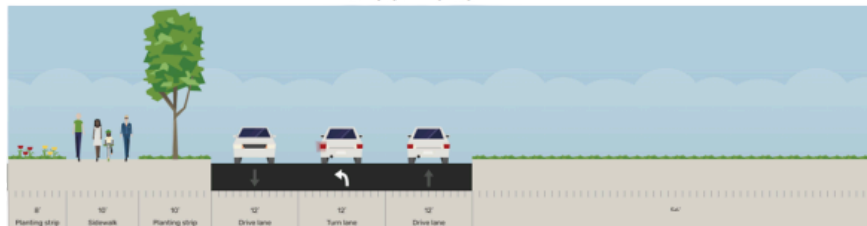


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## Northern Route (Loop Road + North/South Connectors to Hwy 90)



### Initial Build



- One lane each direction
- One Left Turn Lane
- Limited points of access
- One sidewalk with green buffer (south side of road)
- 40-45 MPH Speed Limit

### Final Build



- Two lanes each direction
- Separated by green strip except at cross streets
- Limited points of access
- Two sidewalk with green buffer (each side of road)
- 40-45 MPH Speed Limit