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**CASTROVILLE**  
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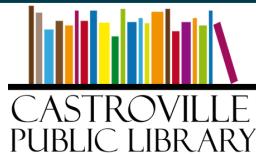


MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER



### 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>



CASTROVILLE  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

☀️ Get Ready for Summer Camps at the Castroville Public Library! 📚☀️

Join us for 9 weeks of exciting themed camps — everything from Cooking to Science and more! There's something for all ages, from Toddlers to Teens.

📅 When: Monday–Friday, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
📍 Where: Castroville Public Library  
📅 Registration: Must register in person between May 19th – May 24th

#### Teen Time!

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 2:00 – 4:00 PM  
Come hang out, play games, and get creative with fun art projects!

#### Summer Kick-Off Party!

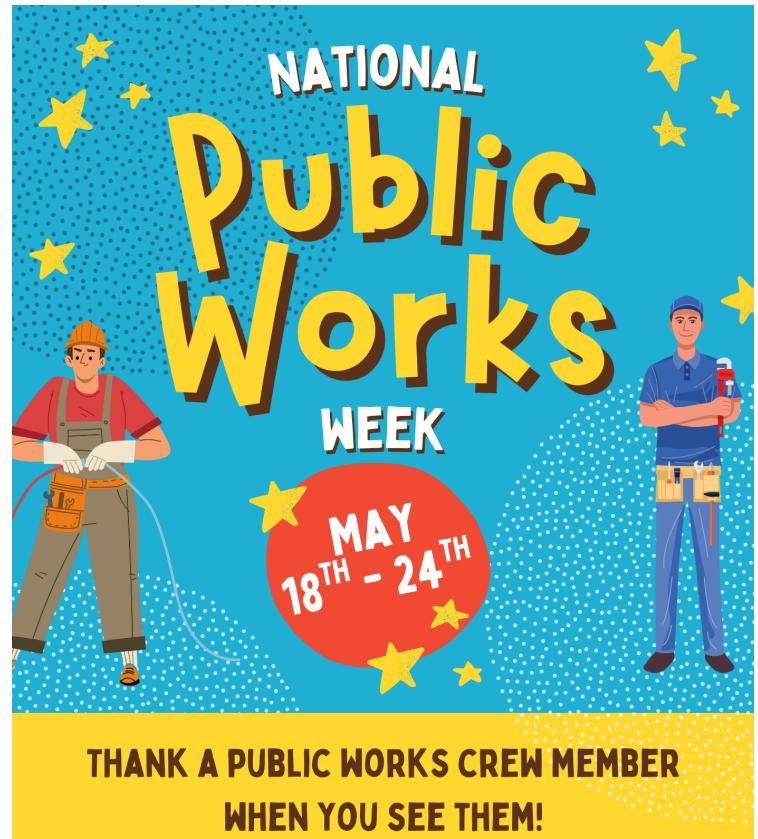
📅 Saturday, June 7th at 10:00 AM  
🎭 Featuring Mr. Balloon Guy – Songs, tricks, and a special surprise you won't want to miss!

Don't miss out on a summer full of fun, learning, and creativity. See you at the library!

### DID YOU KNOW?



You can support the Castroville Volunteer Fire Department by adding a monthly donation to your utility bill! Just stop by City Hall or Public Works to fill out a quick form – you can donate as little as \$1 or as much as you like. It's a great way to show your support, especially in honor of National Firefighter Day on May 4th!



THANK A PUBLIC WORKS CREW MEMBER

WHEN YOU SEE THEM!

### GRAND OPENING OF GAGA BALL PIT



We're so excited to announce that the Gaga Ball Pit at Regional Park is officially open! This awesome project was proposed by members of Girl Scout Troop 980 and received full support from the Friends of Castroville Regional Parks and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. We can't wait for everyone to come out and enjoy it!



## SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK!

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) invites your input in evaluating the historical significance of Texas' non-truss vehicular bridges and bridge-class culverts built on or before 1945, along with masonry structures constructed through 1950.

**THERE ARE TWO BRIDGES IN CASTROVILLE THAT ARE UNDER EVALUATION:**



The survey closes **MAY 31st**



### ALERT: Stage 4 Water Restrictions

Watering with irrigation system/sprinklers is allowed every other week on your designated water day. Watering days are based on the last digit of your address. For questions call public works at 830-931-4090



### MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION

Mayor - Darrin Schroeder  
210.232.4737

District 3 - Phil King  
210.355.6546

District 1 - Sheena Martinez  
830.931.1328

District 4 - David Merz, Jr.  
618.406.2940

# CASTROVILLE CITY WIDE YARD



**JUNE 7, 2025**

**VENDOR SPACES  
AVAILABLE**

**\$5.00-RESIDENTIAL-ADDED TO MAP**

**\$20.00-HOUSTON SQUARE**

**REGISTRATION AT CITY HALL STARTING  
ON MAY 1, 2025**

**ALL REGISTRATION FEES BENEFIT:  
CASTROVILLE NIP & TUCK**

## SUMMER CAMPS

at the Library!

Travel: 6/9 - 6/13

Science: 6/16 - 6/20

Art: 6/23 - 6/27

Cooking: 6/30 - 7/4

Christmas in July: 7/7 - 7/11

Bugs: 7/14 - 7/18

Nature: 7/21 - 7/25

Space: 7/28 - 8/1

Water: 8/4 - 8/8

**REGISTER NOW!**

District 2 - Houston Marchman  
512.773.9761

District 5 - Robert Lee  
830.931.9609



# MAYOR'S CORNER



mayor@castrovilletx.gov

## FAREWELL, BUT NOT GOODBYE!

Dear Castroville Residents,

As my time as Mayor comes to a close, I want to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for allowing me the honor of serving this remarkable community. Leading Castroville these past several years has been one of the most meaningful chapters of my life, and I will forever be proud of what we accomplished together.

We have worked through many challenges, celebrated milestones, and laid the groundwork for a future that stays true to our city's identity while embracing opportunities for progress. From launching the construction of the Community Center, to modernizing zoning ordinances that safeguard our neighborhoods, to investing in public parks, utilities, and infrastructure—we moved Castroville forward while listening to the voices of our residents every step of the way.

What I have always believed, and still do, is that the strength of a city lies in the strength of its people. Castroville is not just buildings and ordinances—it's our families, our volunteers, our city staff, and our shared desire to preserve something truly special. That's why I've always prioritized transparency, community involvement, and the careful stewardship of our city's resources and character.

We didn't always agree on every issue—and that's okay. In fact, it's healthy. But I believe with all my heart that we led with integrity, invited conversation, and made every decision with the best interest of Castroville at heart. And for that, I hope you'll look back on this term not by what was promised, but by what was delivered.

To the incoming leadership: you have my full respect and well wishes. I hope you will continue the work of protecting what makes Castroville unique while also addressing the opportunities and challenges ahead with courage and clarity. This community deserves nothing less.

As I step away from public office, I do so with a heart full of gratitude. Though I may no longer hold the title of Mayor, I will always be a faithful citizen of Castroville—ready to support, to volunteer, and to champion the town we all call home.

Thank you for the trust you placed in me. Thank you for the partnership. And thank you for allowing me to serve.

With deepest appreciation,

**Darrin Schroeder**

Mayor of Castroville (2020–2025)

