

City of

CASTROVILLE

Monthly Newsletter

November 2016



Library Closed November 17-28 due to Renovations

In March 2016 the City of Castroville was awarded \$50,000 Tocker Grant. The Tocker Foundation began in 1964 to implement the philanthropic interests of Phillip and Olive Tocker. Phillip Tocker was a practicing attorney, but changed careers in his later years by purchasing the Waco outdoor advertising plant and later expanded to own outdoor advertising plants throughout the United States. His vocational career culminated to the position of President of the Outdoor Advertising Association of America. After Retiring to Austin, Texas in 1973, Phillip and Olive Tocker actively pursued their avocations.

Phillip and Olive Tocker endowed the foundation with their estates in 1994 and 1993 respectively. After years of supporting a wide range of community-based causes, the foundation discovered a need in small, rural, Texas libraries serving populations of 12,000 or less. In 1992 the foundation board then began focusing their grant distribution in this way. The foundation partners with community libraries to meet the particular needs of the community.

Thanks to the Tocker Foundation the City of Castroville will receive some much needed updated furniture for our patrons. Improvements to the children's area, teen, adult and staff will be made. With the hard work of our Executive staff and our past Library Director we were granted the award.

Due to the installation of the furniture, **the Library will be closed November 17 through November 28. Open to the public November 29.**

If you have any questions please call 830-931-4095.



On September 3, 2019 Castroville will be celebrating their 175th anniversary since its founding.

City Closures

**Library
November 17—28**

City Holidays

**Veterans Day
November 11**

**Thanksgiving
November 24—25**

**Christmas
December 23 & 26**

CASTROVILLE PUBLIC WORKS

WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

On September 5, 2016 the Water Line Replacement Project began in the City of Castroville. The planned schedule for the next month is as follows:

	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Constantinople	October 31st	November 4th	Washington St.	Vienna St.
Vienna St.	November 7th	November 11th	Constantinople St.	Amelia
Amelia	November 11th	November 18th	Vienna	Washington

Work hours for this project are scheduled to be from 7:00am to 6:00pm, Monday through Friday. At this time, there are no planned complete closures of City streets. The contractor plans at least one lane of traffic to be maintained, while the work is being completed during the day. Flagmen will be present to assist with traffic movement. Both lanes will be open at night barring any unforeseen problems that may arise. Parking restrictions will be implemented in the immediate area of the construction zone throughout the work activity. The City reminds motorists to drive slowly and with caution through the construction zone. The Contractor at this time is not planning any water outages. If an outage is required, the Contractor and the City will notify affected areas in advance as soon as possible.

As with all major projects of this size the construction schedule is subject to change due to weather, equipment failure and unforeseen site conditions.

Moving forward, the City will update the contractors schedule in multiple venues. Monthly in the City Newsletter, weekly on the City's website www.castrovilletx.gov and for daily issues or unexpected occurrences the City will be using the I-info information system. If you desire to sign up for the I-info system to receive these updates and other notifications contact the staff at Public Works at 830-931-4090, and they will be happy to help you through the process.

The City of Castroville apologizes for any inconvenience this work may cause and thanks everyone for their patience and cooperation during this project.

WORK ZONE SAFETY

Roadway work zones are hazardous, both for workers and motorists who drive through the complex array of signs, barrels and lane changes. Please keep the following tips in mind when driving through work zones:

- Slow down and always follow posted work zone speed limits. Speeding is one of the major causes of work zone crashes.
- Pay attention. Workers and heavy equipment may only be a few feet from passing vehicles.
- Be patient. Delays from road construction can be frustrating, but it only takes a few extra minutes to slow down for a work zone.
- Plan ahead. Leave a few minutes early when traveling through a work zone in order to reach your destination on time.

Signing up for Online Bill Pay

To sign up for online bill pay for utility and airport payments. Go into the online bill pay site <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/castrovilletx>, click Utility & Airport, register, enter an email, name, password and confirm your password. To add 1 or multiple accounts begin by entering your account number along with the amount of your last bill. If it is your first bill enter 0 for your last bill. This new payment site allows your to view your consumption history. If you have any questions you can call 830-931-4070.

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RESIDENTS!
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OLD FASHION CHRISTMAS



Friday & Saturday, December 2 & 3, 2016

On Houston Square

Friday 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.  Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Friday Night Christmas Tree Lighting
Ceremony in Houston Square



Over 200 Vendors & Entertainment

Eat, Drink,
Shop & Enjoy!



Santa Claus arrives
12:30 pm Saturday!

Pictures at 1 pm



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CITY COUNCIL & BOARD MEETINGS

City Council

- November 8th at 6pm
- December 13th at 6:00 pm

Library Advisory

- November 12th at 6:30 pm
- December 14th at 6:30 pm

Parks

- November 18th at 6:30 pm
- December 20th at 6:30 pm

Planning & Zoning

- November 9th at 6:30 pm
- December 7th at 6:30 pm

Historic Landmark

- October 18th at 6:30 pm
- December 20th at 6:30 pm

Airport

- November 1st at 6:30 pm
- December 10th at 9:00

Meeting dates and times may change. Check the city's website for up-to-date information.
castrovilletx.gov/AgendaCenter

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