

# City of CASTROVILLE

## Monthly Newsletter

June 2016



### CASTROVILLE LIBRARY & CITY POOL INTERNET TO GET A BIG DOSE OF “ZOOMPPHH” FROM COMMZOOM™

Internet users at the Castroville Public Library and City pool will notice big increases in speed soon. commZoom, which is a local Internet, Cable TV, and VoIP phone provider and the official Internet provider for the City of Castroville, will complete installation of new Internet services in June at both locations supplying patrons with up to 100 Mbps in download speed and 10 Mbps upload, a huge increase over anything previously offered in Castroville. Library computer users will enjoy a richer, broader user experience, and the Castroville Public Library will be able to serve more patrons every day with the increased speed and capacity via wireline cable Internet from commZoom.

At the City Pool, after the commZoom upgrades, visitors can enjoy a cool family outing during summer hours and stay connected via pool Wi-Fi without dipping into their mobile carrier's data plan. The City expects the availability of FREE high speed Internet will encourage even more and longer visits and use of the city swimming pool by Castroville families. commZoom will provision City pool modems with up to 100 Mbps of download speed and 10 Mbps upload speed. The pool's outdoor routers will deliver Wi-Fi to the pool area as well as the City's RV Park.

### PROTECT YOURSELF FROM MOSQUITO BITES

Wear insect repellent: Yes! It is safe. When used as directed, insect repellent is the BEST way to protect yourself from mosquito bites—even children and pregnant women should protect themselves. Higher percentages of active ingredient provide longer lasting protection.

- DEET: Products containing DEET include Cutter, OFF!, Skintastic.
- Picaridin (also known as KBR 3023, Bayrepel, and icaridin): Products containing picaridin include Cutter Advanced, Skin So Soft Bug Guard Plus, and Autan outside the United States).
- Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or PMD: Repel contains OLE.
- IR3535: Products containing IR3535 include Skin So Soft Bug Guard Plus Expedition and SkinSmart. (<http://www.cdc.gov/features/stopmosquitoes/>)



#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- It's time to renew your flag subscriptions with the Friends of the Castroville Public Library and Boy Scout Troop 471.
- Learn how to help prevent mosquitos by visiting the City's website at [castrovilletx.gov/mosquitos](http://castrovilletx.gov/mosquitos).
- Did you know that with your Castroville Public Library card you can download e-books, learn a foreign language through film, and get one-on-one online tutoring help for you and your children? (more information on next page)

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## DO MORE AT THE CASTROVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY



With OverDrive, you can borrow and enjoy free eBooks, audiobooks, music, and movies. All you need to get started is an internet connection and a library card. Download the OverDrive app to your device or read from a computer. If you need help setting up your account contact Library staff or visit <http://help.overdrive.com/>



Mango is free for all library patrons and can be accessed anywhere with an Internet connection. Each lesson combines real life situations and audio from native speakers with simple, clear instructions. The courses are presented with an appreciation for cultural nuance and real-world application by focusing on the four key elements of language learning: vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar, and culture. Mango offers access to 60 foreign language courses and 17 English courses taught completely in the user's native language. Mango can be accessed at the library, remotely, or even on-the-go with apps for iPhone®, Android™, Kindle® and Nook®.



Brainfuse eLearning suite consists of HelpNow and JobNow. HelpNow offers a personalized, state standards aligned live homework help in core subjects (math, reading, writing, science and social studies) including the SAT preparation. Adult Learning Center is included in the HelpNow suite. JobNow is a real-time resume and interview coaching/career service. Brainfuse is available to all library patrons from the public computers at their local library or from any computer or mobile device with internet connection.



TexShare is a consortium of Texas libraries joining together to share print and electronic materials, purchase online resources, and combine staff expertise. TexShare services are available to patrons of participating member libraries all across Texas, regardless of institution type, size, or location. The consortium is administered by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. TexShare Databases are authoritative, ad-free, and available 24/7. The TexShare Databases are electronic resources licensed for the exclusive use of Texas libraries and their patrons. The TexShare CARD is a statewide library card that lets you borrow books and other physical materials from more than 500 libraries across the state!

Please contact the library staff for more information on the resources listed above and more!

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## CITY COUNCIL & BOARD MEETINGS

### City Council

June 14 & 28 at 6 pm  
July 12 & 26 at 6 pm

### Library Advisory

No Meetings in June or July

### Parks

June 21 at 6:30 pm  
July 19 at 6:30 pm

### Planning & Zoning

June 08 at 6:30 pm  
July 13 at 6:30 pm

### Historic Landmark Commission

June 21 at 6:30 pm  
July 19 at 6:30 pm

### Airport

No meeting in July

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

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24 HOUR UTILITY EMERGENCIES (830) 931-4091

# Old-Fashioned

Castroville, Texas

**Celebrate America!**



**Fun for the Whole Fami-**

**Saturday, July 2nd**

Castroville Color Run - 7:30am to 9:30am

Pet Faire on the Square - 8:00am to 11:00am

**Sunday, July 3rd**

Chili Cook-off and Tasting - 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Old-Fashioned Street Dance - 8:00pm to 10:00pm

**Monday, July 4th**

4th of July Parade - 9:00am to 11:00am

Concert and Picnic in the Park - 4:00pm to 10:30pm

**Come see the Fire-**

**Food, Drinks, Music &**

**an Old-Fashioned Great**

More information is available online at

[www.castrovilletx.gov/4thofJuly](http://www.castrovilletx.gov/4thofJuly)

