

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Sylvia Carrillo, City Manager  
Date: November 4, 2022  
Subject: Weekly Memo, October 31 – November 4, 2022



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## **Personnel Updates**

Jennifer Tomaszycski began her employment as the Evidence Technician for the Bastrop Police Department on Monday, October 31. Welcome to the team!

David Juarez successfully completed the Certified Stormwater Inspector (CSI) Recertification course conducted by the National Stormwater Center. Michael Hoffman was promoted to Water & Wastewater Operator and Robert Hilcher was promoted to Senior Equipment Operator. Both promotions are effective October 31.

## **Upcoming Training**

Below are future training opportunities through the calendar year. If you are interested in attending any of the trainings, please notify the City Secretary and she will take care of the registration for you.

### **TML Ethics and Integrity in City Government**

Date: November 10, 2022  
Time: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
Location: Webinar

### **TML Economic Development Conference**

Date: November 17-18, 2022  
Time: All Day  
Location: Hyatt Lost Pines

### **TML Legislative Webinar #1: Preview – What’s Ahead for Texas Cities**

Date: January 12, 2023  
Time: 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM  
Location: Webinar

### **TML Legislative Webinar #2: Keep Your Finger on the Pulse**

Date: March 16, 2023  
Time: 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM  
Location: Webinar

## **Special Events**

### *Movies in the Park*

Movies in the Park has been cancelled for Saturday, November 5, due to the uncertain amount of rain we are expecting.

## Library News

This week the library's new language database, Mango Languages, went live! The database offers an adaptive learning program and native-speaker audio for seventy languages to assist patrons who want to learn a new language. This database subscription was paid for by The Friends of the Bastrop Library and is available for all library members. Access to the database through the library's webpage and catalog will be available next week. Additionally, Library Director Bonnie Pierson provided Halloween Storytime at the Bastrop County Museum and Visitor Center as part of the museum's Halloween programming. The event brought fifty-five people to the museum for stories and a scavenger hunt to familiarize the families with the museum's exhibits.



## Planning Excellence

The City of Bastrop has been recognized by the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association with the 2022 Planning Excellence Certificate of Achievement. Evaluation criteria include the level of training of Planning Commissioners and professional staff, professional qualifications of the planning staff, breadth and currency of master plan components, and completion of other planning related projects.

## Administrative Support

Starting Monday, Traci Chavez will return to the front desk at City Hall and Rachel Klaus will return to the Police Department.

## Lost Pines Ground Water Conservation District

On October 27, the Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District (LPGCD) placed a temporary moratorium on the issuance of new ground water permits until July 1, 2023. According to the District

General Manager, “The District is the process of developing new rules regarding the issuance of permits which require some extensive hydrogeologic backing. The District also just signed a contract with a new hydrogeology consulting group and it’s going to take some time to get them up to speed. The temporary suspension is meant to give the District time to get the new rules developed and incorporate any changes to Chapter 36 made by the legislature during the upcoming session. There will likely be a limited rules update this fall to do some rules clean up and set up the larger changes anticipated for next year.” The City will continue to monitor and work in conjunction with LPGCD.

## Halloween Recap

When a community feels safe, they gather. On Halloween night, the Police and Public Works Departments kept thousands of trick-or-treaters safe. The Communications team saw comments within several social media groups thanking BPD for having a presence in every neighborhood Halloween night.



## Texas Arbor Day and Tree Dedication

Family members of Barbara Wolanski gathered along with members of the Parks Board, Mayor Schroeder, Council Member and Parks Board Liaison John Kirkland, City staff, and other members of the public to dedicate a newly planted tree in Bob Bryant Park. The tree is dedicated to the memory of Barbara Wolanski, recognizing her many years of service to parks in Bastrop.



## Commercial Certificates of Occupancy - Issued October 28 – November 3, 2022

- 623 W SH 71, Suite 203 - Garner & Riley office space
- 913 Main Street - Sage and Company
- 623 W SH 71, Suite 108 - Texas Aces Tumbling and Cheer
- 513 W SH 71 - Omar and Ismael Tire Shop
- 488 W SH 71 - Best Friends Pet Care
- 601 Chestnut Street, Bldg. H, Suite 1 - Pines and Needles Tattoos

## Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings

November 9 at 4:00 pm *Bastrop Kids Teeth*. Location is 622 W Hwy 71, Ste. 101

November 15 at 4:00 pm *HOTWORX*. Location is 494 Hwy 71, Ste. 108

November 17 at 4:00 pm *RE/MAX Bastrop Area*. Location is 807 Main St.

## Future Agenda Items

December 13, 2022

- Financial Report
- Ordinance Amendment, Second Reading – “Utilities”
- Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2023, Second Reading
- FY2024 Strategic Planning Calendar Presentation
- Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Ad Valorem Tax, Surplus Revenues
- Focused Advocacy Contract
- Public Works Building Rehabilitation
- Sewer Line Replacement and Tunneling for Bastrop Police Department

- Parks Riverwalk Outlooks Rehabilitation
- 2023 Uniform Submittal Dates Ordinance, First Reading
- 2023 Council Meeting Schedule
- Award Contract for Future Land Use Plan and 5-Year Comprehensive Plan Update
- Main Street Agreements between City and BEDC
- Parks and Recreation Master Plan

### **Attachments**

- TML Legislative Update Number #43

# TML LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



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## **TWDB Opens Applications for Flood Mitigation Assistance Grants**

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) announced the availability of \$800 million in Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grants and is currently accepting applications. The FMA grant program under the Federal Emergency Management Agency, provides federal funding to states and cities to pay for cost-effective ways to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss structures that are insured under the National Flood Insurance Program.

TWDB will accept applications until December 2, 2022. Interested city officials can find more information [here](#).

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