

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager
Date: July 15, 2022
Subject: Weekly Memo, July 11 – July 15, 2022



Personnel Updates

Oscar Hernandez began his employment on July 11 as a Police Officer.

Upcoming Training

Below are future training opportunities. 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-TAMCC Newly Elected City Officials' Orientation

Date: August 11 - August 12
Time: All Day
Location: San Antonio

Special Events

Corvette Invasion

The 9th Annual Corvette Invasion is Friday, July 15 – Sunday, July 17 at the Bastrop Convention Center. The event includes a private “meet and greet” event, Corvette car show, and parade laps at the Circuit of the Americans. Learn more at www.corvetteinvasion.com

River Loop Ribbon Cutting

To ensure the project’s completeness, the River Loop Ribbon Cutting Ceremony has been moved to August 11. The previous date was only shared with Council, so we would like to update you on the date change. We will begin pushing out more information to the public.

Bastrop Homecoming

The 75th Annual Bastrop Homecoming and Rodeo will be held August 3-6 at Mayfest Park. This annual event offers 4 nights of rodeo events with live music, food vendors, class reunions, a grand parade and more. The parade will be August 6 at 10:00 am.

Library News

The summer reading program Oceans of Possibilities is in its seventh week and still going strong. Despite the record heat, 285 people came to Fisherman’s Park Thursday morning to watch the Sky Kings falconry exhibition. Storytime, Coffee with Catherine, and Teen Thursdays continue to have above average attendance and folks are coming in daily to collect prizes for completing the program. Next week is the final week of the program. Statistics for the week: 835 registrations for reading and 358 of those registered have reached the 500-minute reading goal, 599 registrations for the Community Adventure, 2,108 books and other materials checked out, and 1,372 people walked through the doors.

The August newsletter is attached.



Please Enjoy The Bird Viewing Station

Design and installation of the Bastrop Bird City Project resulted from the collaborative efforts of the City of Bastrop, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), Bastrop County Audubon Society, and Texas Master Naturalist- Lost Pines Chapter. Funding for the project was provided by a grant from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) and TPWD. The station was built by Texas Master Naturalist volunteers using locally salvaged Eastern Red Cedar.

Boards & Commissions Volunteer Fair

Our annual Volunteer Fair for recruiting prospective Board & Commission members, as well as general volunteers for City programs, was held Thursday, July 14. Thank you to all of the board liaisons, members, and staff for their participation in this event.



Volunteer Opportunities

The Bastrop Chamber is looking for volunteers to help stuff bags for new teachers on July 28 from 9 am - 12 pm at the chamber.

Link to Economic Development Handbook

We've been asked how to access the Texas Municipal League Economic Development Handbook. The link to the handbook is:

<https://www.tml.org/DocumentCenter/View/1471/2020-Economic-Dev-HDBK- Final?bidId=>

Bastrop ISD Planning & Building Applications

BISD has several applications under review with the planning and building division currently.

Planning applications:

- Platting exemption request for the Mina Elementary site.
- Final Drainage Plan: the final drainage plan was resubmitted last week for a second review due to a lack of information on the type of pervious paver that will be used.
- Site Development Plan: the site development plan is currently in the second review cycle and will reviewed next week to clear staff comments.
- They have also submitted a neighborhood regulating plan, as part of the NRP city staff requested right of way be dedicated to extending Beech Street to Fayette Street to meet the 330' x 330' block requirement. BISD made a request to waive the ROW dedication requirement and city staff agreed dedication of the ROW wouldn't solve the traffic issues around Mina Elementary a meeting was held with BISD engineers and Police Chief, and a few options were discussed. The takeaway was no solution seemed great, but we would try to impact as few people as possible and are continuing to pursue alternatives.

Building Applications:

- One building application has been submitted.
 - The third-party review team has completed the Fire and Building review for the remodel of the existing Mina Elementary building. Items required have been posted in MyGov.
 - The building plan review for the new building to be constructed at Mina is expected to be completed by Monday and comments and items required if any will be posted to MyGov.

Future Agenda Items

July 26, 2022

- Presentation of proposed FY2023 Budget and announce public hearing
- Appointment of Acting City Manager
- Appointment to Hunters Crossing Board
- Convention Center Hotel Letter of Intent
- Solid Waste Services Contract review

Attachments

- August Library Newsletter
- River loop Sidewalk Project Ribbon Cutting
- TML Legislative Update Number 28
- BISD Queuing



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RIVER LOOP SIDEWALK PROJECT RIBBON CUTTING

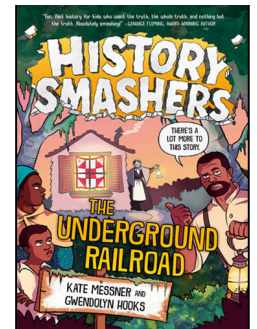
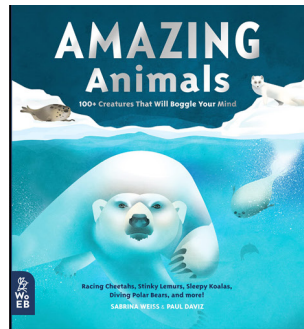
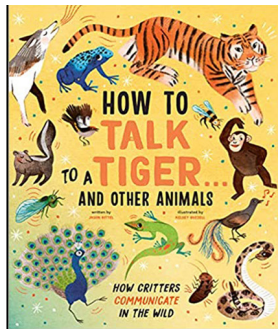
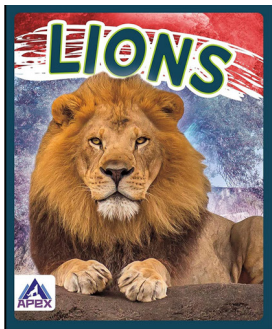
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We Suggest

Have you checked the bottom
of your receipt to see how
much money you've saved by
using the library?

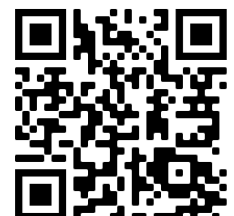
Lions, Tigers, and Bears: Oh, My!

Library staff and volunteers have been working diligently for nearly a year on a big project: refreshing the juvenile nonfiction books. We looked at all the kids' nonfiction books and identified the ones in poor condition, ones that aren't being read anymore, ones that are outdated (bye, bye, 80's sweaters!) so that there is room on the shelf for new books. Books still in decent condition were donated to the Friends of the Library for their book sale.

Books that already arrived are mostly in the natural sciences section, also known as the 500's according to the Dewey Decimal System, so animal books, space books, earth science and weather books, counting and simple math books, chemistry and science projects books, and other earth related topics. We've also added new books on religion (200's), social situations and manners (100's and 300's), history (900's), forensics (300's), holidays (300's), fairy tales(300's), and sports (700's). More books on additional topics will be coming soon. All of these books have been carefully selected for our community based on the credibility of the authors and the publishers, favorable reviews on titles, and data supporting topics of interest.

Browse for these new books in the juvenile nonfiction shelves, on the display in the Children's Area or online . We know you'll find something interesting!

Happy reading!



No Programs July 25- Aug. 6

After a summer full of fun, adventure, and so many possibilities, the library team is taking a bit of a breather. There will be no youth programs from Monday, July 25th through Saturday, August 6th. We appreciate your patience as we swim back to the surface, take a deep breath, and get set to tackle fall programs.



Return Your Books!

Our check-in slot is very hungry for any books you may have checked out this summer. Please return them in a timely manner so that others may check them out! Thank you!



Grab Your Paintbrushes!



The Noon Lion's Club and Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry are teaming up at First Friday Art Walks each month in 2022, and they need your help! Stop by their booth at 1110 Main Street (next to the post office) and paint a bowl. These bowls will be fired and then offered during the Food Pantry's annual Empty Bowl Project next spring.

If your teen needs volunteer hours, this counts! Just make sure they bring their documentation form and have someone from the Lions' Club sign in it. If your kid just likes art, bring them down! Any and all are welcome to decorate the bowls.

For more information about painting the bowls, visit Facebook. To learn more about the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry and the Empty Bowl Project, visit their website at bastropfoodpantry.org. And, if you'd like to join the Lion's Club, there is an evening group and a noon group on their Facebook pages.

Closed for Inventory

The library will be closed in order to conduct an inventory of our 50,000+ items from Monday, September 12th through Saturday, September 17th. We will re-open on Monday, September 19th at 10:00. Materials will not be due during this week, but the book drop will be open if you would like to return your items. eBooks and eaudiobooks will still be available through Libby 24/7; holds may still be placed through the online catalog, but they will not be filled until the library is re-opened. We appreciate everyone's understanding as we give a little special care to your community investment.



Inventory Time!



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Want to Grow Your Business?

The Texas State Libraries and Archives Commission has teamed up with Texas State University in San Marcos to help businesses—especially minority-owned businesses—grow and be successful. Together, they have created SCALEUP, a partnership to help local business grow.



SCALEUP is focused on researching the unique challenges affecting minority-business growth and developing practical tools to help overcome these challenges. The goal is to close the growth gap, which creates economic and employment opportunities for everyone in the region. Sign-up at scaleup.txstate.edu to receive more information and start your business's upward trajectory.

Have you heard about Learning Express - Computer Skills Center? Use the materials in this center to learn the basics of a computer, from searching the Internet to using popular programs for words processing, creating spreadsheets and databases, implementing design, and more. Visit the information desk to learn more!

The TexShare Databases - Small Business Reference Center supports small business owners and entrepreneurs with reference books including Nolo do-it yourself guides as well as business videos, details on how to create business plans, and more.

¿Quieres crecer tu negocio?

La Comisión de Bibliotecas y Archivos del Estado de Texas se ha asociado con la Universidad Estatal de Texas en San Marcos para ayudar a las empresas, especialmente las empresas pertenecientes a minorías, a crecer y tener éxito. Juntos, han creado SCALEUP, una asociación para ayudar al crecimiento de las empresas locales.



SCALEUP se enfoca en investigar los desafíos únicos que afectan el crecimiento de las empresas de minorías y desarrollar herramientas prácticas para ayudar a superar estos desafíos. El objetivo es cerrar la brecha de crecimiento, lo que crea oportunidades económicas y de empleo para todos en la región. Regístrese en línea para recibir más información y comenzar la trayectoria ascendente de su negocio.

¿Has oído hablar de Learning Express - Computer Skills Center? Use los materiales de este centro para aprender los conceptos básicos de una computadora, desde buscar en Internet hasta usar programas populares para el procesamiento de textos, crear hojas de cálculo y bases de datos, implementar diseños y más. ¡Visite el mostrador de información para obtener más información!

TexShare Databases - Small Business Reference Center apoya a los propietarios de pequeñas empresas y emprendedores con libros de referencia que incluyen guías Nolo para hacerlo usted mismo, así como videos comerciales, detalles sobre cómo crear planes comerciales y más.



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Becky Bennet, library board member

***Last Dance on the Starlight Pier* by Sarah Bird**

Evie Grace escapes Depression-ravaged Houston and becomes the “nurse” for a dance marathon that has been running for weeks. Evie’s new career takes her to Chicago and eventually back to Galveston for the most spectacular dance marathon ever with a prize that will change her life. However, not everyone wants the marathon to continue. Author Sarah Bird has created another fast-paced historical novel with endearing characters and true-to-life dialog. The story is suspenseful, funny, and unputdownable.

Find it: NOV Bir (New)

Breda Smith, library volunteer

***The Night Shift* by Alex Finlay**

In this thrilling mystery, there are two mass murders, fifteen years apart, in the same small New Jersey town. One teenage girl survivor each time. Very pregnant FBI agent Sarah Keller will have to solve the shocking mysteries by delving into the lives of both survivors. Heart-wrenching at times, but quite satisfying in the end, I would have never guessed the murderer!

Find it: MYS Fin (New) + Libby ebooks

Dianne Tripp, Friend of the Library

***Happy-Go-Lucky* by David Sedaris**

David Sedaris’s new book of essays is in the same vein as his previous works: candid, acerbic, and hilariously observant on the absurdity of human behavior. This book, however, is a little darker since he covers the pandemic and the decline and death of his father, whom it seems was not a very nice person to others, including his children. If you enjoy dark humor, this one fits the bill!

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Mary McCormick, library patron

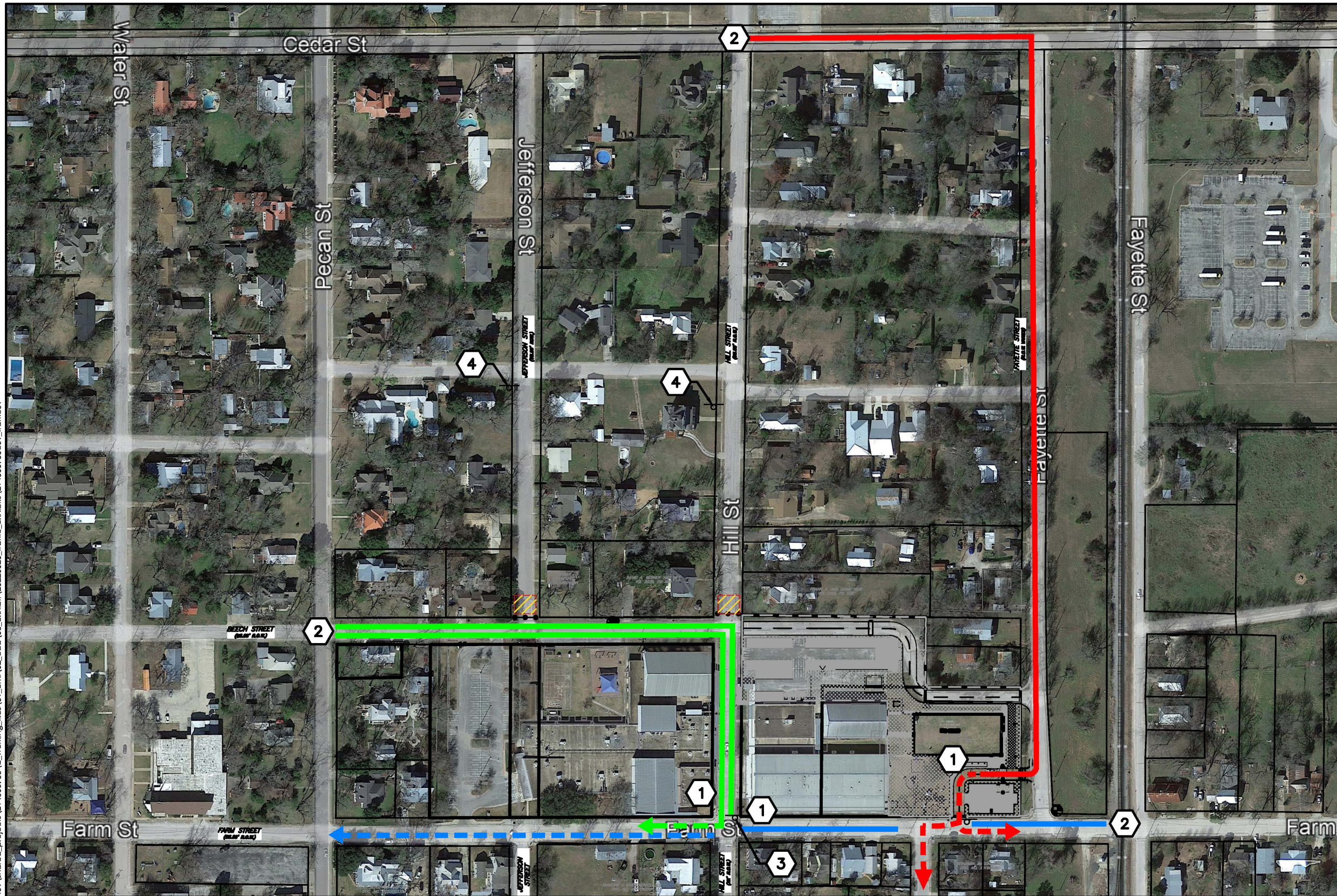
***The Hurricane Sisters* by Dorothea Benton Frank**

This entertaining book presents three generations of women from the South Carolina Lowcountry: Maisie, the 80-year-old, quirky but controlling matriarch; Liz, Maisie’s daughter who runs a nonprofit for abused women (to the consternation of her husband); Ashley, the lovely artist granddaughter who aspires to be the next Jackie O; and Mary Beth, Ashley’s roommate and best friend. These women are constantly in each other’s lives with their joys, sorrows, and grievances. In the end, a hurricane drives them together to solve and resolve their pasts and futures.


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- ① PICK-UP
DROP OFF
- ② END QUEUING
- ③  R3-2
7:00-9:00 AM
2:00-4:30 PM
MON-FRI
- ④ ROAD CLOSED TO THRU TRAFFIC R11-4
7:00-9:00 AM
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MON-FRI

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

-  LOWER ELEMENTARY PICK-UP
DROP OFF QUEUING
-  UPPER ELEMENTARY PICK-UP
DROP OFF QUEUING
-  SCHOOL BUS PICK-UP
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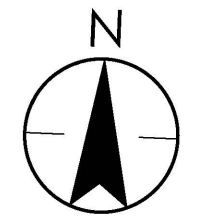


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LEGEND

-  TRAFFIC CONES (7:00-9:00 AM & 2:00-4:30 PM)
-  ROAD CLOSED (7:00-9:00 AM & 2:00-4:30 PM)



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Franchise Fee Elimination Bill Ruled Unconstitutional

This week, the 53rd State District Court in Travis County ruled in favor of a coalition of cities, led by the Cities of McAllen and Dallas alongside Houston, challenging the constitutionality of [S.B. 1152](#), the “franchise fee elimination bill” passed by the Legislature in 2019. The legislation eliminated over \$100 million+ annually in municipal rights of way (“ROW”) fees from cable and telecom providers. The Court granted the cities’ motion for Summary Judgment and declared that S.B. 1152 violates the Texas Constitution Article III, Section 52 prohibition on “public gifting” of things of value to corporations or private entities. S.B. 1152 allowed private cable and telecom providers to unilaterally stop paying franchise fees to cities for either telecom or cable service even if those providers used the public ROWs to provide such service.

In addition to challenging the constitutionality of S.B. 1152, the city coalition lawsuit originally challenged the constitutionality of [S.B. 1004](#) passed in 2017. S.B. 1004 capped what cities could charge for “small cell” wireless nodes placed in the public ROWs at \$250 per site. Previously, many municipal ROW ordinances charged \$1,000-\$2,000 per site. Unfortunately, the Court ruled in favor of the State of Texas and denied summary judgment as it related to S.B. 1004. It should be noted that the issues related to S.B. 1004 small cell wireless deployment are currently being considered before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The FCC will likely play a

deciding role in resolving the issues such as allowable fees and land use authority by political subdivisions over small cell deployment.

The League's Board previously approved financial and legal support to the City of McAllen and the coalition to bring the challenge forward. Additionally, the League in conjunction with numerous cities vigorously opposed S.B. 1004 and S.B. 1152 when the bills were originally filed. Those in opposition testified that the bills violated Texas Constitutional protections against giving away public resources to for-profit entities and eroded local land use authority to respond to citizen concerns to the legislature. There is a strong likelihood that issues raised by S.B. 1004 and S.B. 1152 could be brought back next session.

The ruling declaring S.B. 1152 unconstitutional is expected to be appealed by the State of Texas to the 3rd Court of Appeals. It is anticipated that the city coalition will likely consider appealing the denial of Summary Judgment as it relates to S.B. 1004. The League will continue to report on the case as it develops.

Comptroller Updates Revenue Estimate by Nearly \$14 Billion

Yesterday, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar [released](#) the revised Certification Revenue Estimate (CRE) that was previously released late last year by an upwards of \$13.75 billion. The comptroller announced the state will have \$149.07 billion in General Revenue funds available for general-purpose spending for the 2022-2023 biennium. This will result in an extra \$26.95 billion heading into the 2023 legislative session. The Economic Stabilization Fund (the "Rainy Day Fund") will also have \$13.6 billion in the account.

Several factors contribute to the extraordinary CRE including inflation that has aided in the increase of revenues from sales taxes and oil and gas production taxes. The comptroller will release the Biennial Revenue Estimate (BRE), the basis of the state budget, in January 2023 at the start of the 2023 session.

Governor Announces Operation Lone Star Grant Program

Last week, Governor Abbott [announced](#) an additional \$30 million in Operation Lone Star (OLS) grant funding for cities and counties to enhance border security operations. The grant includes \$14 million for border-adjacent counties and \$16 million for any county or city. The grant application for cities opened on Monday, July 11. Interested cities can learn more information on the grant program [here](#).

Census of Governments

Every five years, the U.S. Census Bureau [conducts](#) a Census of all state and local government called the [Census of Governments](#). Data is obtained about how governments are organized, how

many people they employ, payroll amounts, and the finances of governments. The program is set to release data between July 2023 and September 2023. Currently, Phase 1, Government Organization, is completed. Phase 2, Employment, is underway. The last phase, Phase 3, Finance, will start in the fall of 2022.

The Bureau of Economic Analysis and the Federal Reserve Board uses the data collected to measure the nation's economic and financial performance. State and local governments use the data to develop programs and budgets, assess financial conditions, and perform comparative analyses. In addition, analysts, economists, market specialists, and researchers use the data to measure the changing characteristics of the government sector economy to conduct public policy research.

Cities can learn how to respond to program online [here](#).

Don't Forget: Resolutions for 2022 Annual Conference Due August 22

Resolutions for consideration at the annual conference are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on **August 22, 2022**. The TML Constitution provides that resolutions must be submitted by any member city, TML region, or TML affiliate to the TML headquarters 45 calendar days prior to the first day of the Annual Conference.

The League's advocacy efforts are based on a legislative program that is developed by member city officials in two ways.

First, a member city, TML region, or TML affiliate may submit a resolution for consideration at the business meeting of each year's annual conference. Each city is asked to provide one delegate to serve as its liaison at the meeting. The representatives will be briefed on the content of the resolutions and given a chance to discuss and vote on whether they merit inclusion in the legislative program. The resolutions form the basis of a fixed legislative program, under which – each session – modifications to the program will be made only if needed.

Second, member city officials can participate in the League's Municipal Policy Summit during the summer of 2022. The report of the Summit takes the form of a resolution that is submitted to the annual conference in interim years. The summit participants were appointed by the TML President based on volunteers and others chosen to balance the demographics of the TML membership at large.

Details on the submission process can be found [here](#).

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