



# SEPTEMBER 2018 CITY NEWSLETTER



## UPCOMING EVENTS

BASTROP YMCA PRESENTS THE 2018  
**HALLOWEEN NIGHT**  
10/31/2018 | 5 PM UNTIL 8 PM  
**BOB BRYANT PARK**  
FUN \* GAMES \* TRICKS & TREATS

**Bastrop 1832 Farmers Market**  
1302 Chestnut Street  
Saturdays 10:00—2:00pm

**First Friday Art Walk**  
Stroll historic Main Street to see  
works of local artist.

**Larryland's Pickin' on the  
Porch**  
Larryland in the Crossing  
Recurring monthly on the 1st  
Friday

**Farm Street Opry**  
Bastrop Convention Center  
1st Thursday of each month

City of Bastrop offices will be  
closed for the following holidays:  
**September 3** - Labor Day  
**November 12** - Veteran's Day  
**Nov. 22 & 23** - Thanksgiving  
**December 24 & 25** - Christmas

In an emergency, every second counts!  
That's why it's crucial to have a game plan.  
September is National Preparedness  
Month and this year the focus is on  
planning with an overarching theme:

### **DISASTERS HAPPEN. PREPARE NOW. LEARN HOW.**

#### **General Preparedness**

- Make a family emergency communication plan, include pets.
- Identify an out of town emergency contact to coordinate information with family/friends.
- Get to know neighbors and check on them during emergencies.
- Keep copies of important documents in a secure place (digital or waterproof location).
- Build or restock your emergency preparedness kit, including a flashlight, batteries, cash, and first aid supplies.
- Create a rainy day emergency savings fund and keep cash on hand for emergencies.
- Download the FEMA App and set up local alerts.
- Listen to local officials by radio, TV, or social media and take action.

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH 2018



**PREPARE NOW** **LEARN HOW**



#### **Financial Preparedness**

Plan for out-of-pocket for lodging food, gas and more.  
Review your insurance policy and update your coverage if necessary.  
Be prepared for the cost of deductibles for insurance and medical co-pays  
Complete an "Emergency Financial First Aid Kit" (see Ready.Gov)

#### **Lifesaving Skills**

Practice preparedness plans with a drill or exercise  
Take "Until Help Arrives" training and a first aid class to be able to help until first responders arrive  
Know how to shut off utilities where you live  
Know all emergency exits where you live, work and places you often visit.

## Average Monthly Payments (AMP)

The City of Bastrop is pleased to offer the Average Monthly Payment (AMP) plan which allows residential customers to average their utility costs over a period of 12 months. The AMP plan enables you to budget your yearly utility costs with an average. Our AMP plan is a running average, it does not stay the exact same amount monthly—it continues to average each month. Your monthly bill will be within a \$10—\$15 range month over month.

#### **HOW DO I ENROLL IN THE PLAN?**

The Plan requires 12 months of good payment history (no past due amounts). To enroll in the AMP Plan, complete the form on our website or ask the Utility Customer Service Office (512-332-8830)



1311 Chestnut Street  
PO Box 427

**City Telephone Numbers:**

- City Hall (512) 332-8800
- Utilities (512) 332-8830
- BP&L (512) 332-8900
- Water Dept. (512) 332-8960
- Public Works (512) 332-8920
- Planning Dept. (512)332-8840
- Police Dept. (512) 332-8600
- Fire Dept. (512) 332-8670
- Municipal Court (512) 332-8650
- Library (512) 332-8880
- Convention Ctr. (512) 332-8984
- Hospitality& Downtown (512) 332-8994
- Human Resources (512) 332-8812

**OUTAGES**

**512-332-8800**

[www.cityofbastrop.org](http://www.cityofbastrop.org)

**TRASH TALK**

Solid Waste Service will not run on the following holidays:

- Labor Day, September 3
- Thanksgiving, November 22
- Christmas Eve, December 24
- Christmas Day, December 25

*If your regular service falls on one of these holidays, please note that your service will continue on the following business day of each holiday.*

**KEEP FATS, OILS AND GREASE OUT OF THE SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM**

**PROPER GREASE DISPOSAL**

DO'S

Allow grease and cooking oils to cool completely on the counter or in the refrigerator.

Place in a covered container or zip-lock baggie, then place in the garbage.

Prewash greasy dishes and pans with cold water, not hot, before putting into the dishwasher.

Cover kitchen sink with catch basket and empty into garbage as needed.

DON'TS

Don't pour cooking oil, grease or food scraps down the drain.

Don't flush food scraps or grease down the toilet.

Don't use cloth towels or rags to clean plates, pans or greasy dishware. When you wash them, the grease will end up in the sewer collection system.

- Fats, Oils and Grease poured down drains or flushed in toilets
- accumulates inside sewer pipes,
- restricting the flow in the pipe and
- can cause backup.

The Bastrop Area Cruisers car club is honoring American veterans with its



Heroes & Hotrods: Bastrop's 13th Annual Veterans Weekend Car Show. You're probably going to want to head downtown - hop in your ride and roll on over for live music, tribute and award ceremonies, and a showcase of flashy classic cars. Proceeds benefit veterans' organizations, auto tech scholarships and various charities. Enjoy the show from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10. And the Cruise in on Friday evening.

**Movies in the Park**



Saturday, September 8th

Fisherman's Park

**“CARS”**

Movie will begin 8 p.m.

Saturday, October 20th

Fisherman's Park

**“SING”**

Movie begins at 7:30 p.m.

BRING YOUR BLANKETS, CHAIRS & PICNICS!

FISHERMAN'S PARK IS LOCATED AT  
400 FARM STREET

**BASTROP PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**SAMPLING of EVENTS FALL 2018**

- 1st Tuesday of each month: Legal Aid 5:30 - 7:30 pm
- 10:30 am Wednesday & Friday: Preschool Story Time
- (Adults Only) 3rd Tuesday of each month: Crafters Anonymous 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- Every Wednesday (10 & Up) 4:00 - 6:00 pm: Chess Club
- 1:00 - 3:00 pm 3rd Saturday of each month: Maker Days

Something for EVERYONE!  
1100 Church Street  
Bastrop, Texas  
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