To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Sylvia Carrillo, City Manager
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Subject: Weekly Memo, October 24 – October 28, 2022

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Personnel Updates

Caleb Smith began his employment as a Sergeant for the Bastrop Police Department on Monday, October 24. Welcome to the team!

Special Events

**Bastrop Chamber Luncheon**

The Convention Center will host the November Chamber Luncheon on November 2, at 11:15 am. This month’s luncheon will be honoring First Responders.

**Farm Street Opry**

Next month’s Farm Street Opry will be held Thursday, November 3, and will feature guest performances by Doug Boggs and our very own Recreation Manager, Terry Lyne Moore.

**Lost Pines Fall Festival**

The Lost Pines Art Center is having their Fall Festival 2023, Bastrop Art Fest, on Saturday, November 5. There will be opportunities to shop from regional arts and crafts vendors, watch artist demonstrations, and enjoy food from Southside Market and BBQ. Brazilian music from Paula Maya & Bossa Nova Plus will be featured from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Admission is free.

**2022 Veterans Day Car Show**

The 15th Annual Heroes and Hot Rod’s Veterans Day Car Show will take place November 11-12, in Downtown Bastrop. The Bastrop Area Cruiser’s Car Show is honoring American Veterans with its classic car display and Veterans ceremony.

**Anice B. Read Award of Excellence in Community Heritage Development**

We are pleased to announce that former Main Street Manager, Nancy Wood is being honored by the Texas Historical Commission with the Commission’s Anice B. Read Award of Excellence in Community Heritage Development. After approval by the Main Street Advisory Board, ACM Gleason submitted the nomination outlining Ms. Wood’s zealous dedication to community revitalization. Winners of the 2022 Texas Historical Commission (THC) Preservation Awards will be honored at the THC Awards Banquet as part of Real Places 2023 Conference. The Banquet will take place at the Doubletree by Hilton Austin on Thursday, February 2, 2023, commencing at 6:00 pm. If you are interested in attending the celebration, please let Ann know so we can purchase tickets for the event. The Main Street Advisory Board will also be invited to attend. Below please find a snip of the nomination form.
Since before the City of Bastrop’s Main Street Programs’ inception in 2007, Ms. Nancy Wood has served Downtown Bastrop with a zealous dedication to community revitalization through community building. The idea of the City of Bastrop becoming a Texas Historical Commission Accredited Main Street was championed by a small, passionate group of volunteers, the Bastrop Downtown Business Alliance of which Ms. Nancy Wood was a member. She was hired on as Bastrop’s first Main Street Manager in 2007 and humbly served the community until her retirement in 2015. Since that time, she has continued to volunteer at downtown events, mentor the Main Street Managers that served after her, and be a champion for small businesses. Today, Downtown Bastrop is a thriving destination hosting over 300,000 visitors a year and close to 200 businesses strong. Even while experiencing unprecedented growth, the City has retained its strong community feel as newcomers and current Bastropians have banded together to continue to love, honor, and protect our historic downtown. That fact has most recently been recognized by the Texas Municipal League through their Town & City magazine as well as Texas Highways Magazine. The success that Downtown Bastrop is experiencing today is because of the initiatives and traditions that Ms. Nancy Wood championed during her time as the Main Street Manager. Whether the project was investment in downtown infrastructure, or the hosting of a holiday parade that today hosts over 15,000 attendees, Ms. Nancy Wood continues to make a significant impact on Downtown Bastrop through the tenets of community revitalization.

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Board**

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Board had their first meeting on Monday, October 24, and is pending data from City staff, including the City Manager, to review before making a determination on future initiatives it will pursue.

**Ad Hoc Advisory Group**

An ad hoc advisory group composed of local developers met with the City Manager to discuss improvements to the B3 Code. The dialogue will continue through frequent meetings and a solution-oriented approach will be developed including both the customer and staff.

**Solid Waste Survey**

Next week we will open our solid waste survey questions through the link, [https://bit.ly/BastropSolidWaste](https://bit.ly/BastropSolidWaste). The survey will be published on utility bills going out next week, placed on a web banner on our homepage, as well as pushed through our social media channels. We plan to keep the survey open for thirty days to gather input.

**Police Department**

In preparation for the trick-or-treat crowds on Monday, the Police Department has increased patrol’s staffing by ten. Like last year, Pecan Street’s closure for Halloween has been extended one additional block to include Cypress Street north to Elm Street. Residents along Pecan Street and other addresses that may be impacted have been notified twice of this closure. Map attached.
Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings

October 25 at 12:00 pm Bastrop County Republican Party. Location is 443 W. Hwy 71
November 3 at 11:30 am JOL Healthcare. Location is 102 Commercial Dr., Ste. 300
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

November 8, 2022

• 2022 Tax Roll and Tax Levy
• Ordinance Amendment, First Reading – “Utilities”
• Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2023, First Reading
• Proposed Employee Count Amendment
• FY2022 Quarterly Report: July – September 2022
• Fairview Cemetery Section 9 Development Update and Recommendations
• Texas Community Development Block Grant – Administration Service Contract
• Potential Kimley Horn Engineering Contract for Quiet Zone study, design, and construction administration
• Electric Cabs Contract
• Veterans Day Proclamation
• Executive Session – Electronic Billboards
• Executive Session – Property discussed at last session

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

Attachments

• Halloween Street Closures - Map
• City of Bastrop Community Engagement Newsletter
• TML Legislative Update Number #42
PECAN STREET HALLOWEEN NIGHT CLOSURES

For public safety reasons, Pecan Street from Spring to Elm Streets will be closed to ALL vehicular traffic and not available for parking starting at 6:00 PM and ending at 8:00 PM on October 31st (Halloween Evening).

Cypress, Cedar, Buttonwood, Beech, and Farm Streets will be closed to all but residential traffic in a one block area east and west of Pecan Street during this time.

Pecan Street Residents: Please make parking arrangements during these hours if the entrance to your home is on Pecan Street.

We apologize for any inconvenience.
The City of Bastrop's newsletter helps keep residents and businesses connected to all that is going on in and throughout the City. You can connect with us and learn more about our community, cultural events, celebrations, and important news. Keep up to date with all the exciting happenings by reading this newsletter, visiting our website at cityofbastrop.org, and following us on our social media channels listed at the bottom of this email. We look forward to connecting with you!

New Membership Category at City of Bastrop Recreation

The City of Bastrop Recreation Center is happy to announce a new category of membership! Beginning

Fiscal Year 2022 3rd Quarter Report

Want a status update from a particular project the City is working on? Check out the third Quarter Report for Fiscal
October 1, 2022, military families can now join and participate at a discount rate. Military families, which includes two adults and any children that live in the household, may join the recreation center for $40 (Resident) if they live in the City of Bastrop. Those living outside the city limits have a rate of $45 (Non-Resident).

The center is located at 1008 Water Street. The building has quite a history with it being built in 1974 to serve as the public library. Since that time, the building has evolved and been used for many different purposes such as a Senior Center and now our very first Recreation Center.

Membership at the City of Bastrop Recreation Center is open to everyone. And with membership, everything is included. There are no extra fees. Opportunities offered at the recreation center include wellness, fitness, youth, senior and family programs. The center offers not only group exercise classes but also programs for youth development, healthy eating, and more. Also included with membership is a workout area with treadmills, exercise machines, and free weights.

Hours for the center are Monday through Saturday, 8am to 1pm, and Monday through Thursday, 4pm to 7pm. The building is also available to members afterhours between 6am and 7pm.

For more information about the programs offered, go to www.cityofbastrop.org/recreation or give the center a call at 512-332-8805.

ECABS PASSENGER SURVEY

The Electric Cab (eCab) team is seeking feedback from Bastrop residents and visitors regarding the service (whether they've used the service or not) since the summer of 2021.

Previous feedback has resulted in changes to the eCab service, so the survey responses are impactful!

Also, the eCab shuttle service has been funded by the US Department of Energy, and they would like to know what our community thinks of the service. Please take a few moments to complete the survey by clicking the button below.
November Events

Docent Tours
Monday 12:30pm - 4:00pm
Thursday 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Saturday 12:30pm - 3:00pm
Bastrop Museum & Visitor Center
904 Main Street

Museum Scavenger Hunt
Monday - Saturday
10-5
Bastrop Museum
904 Main Street

Coffee With Catherine
every Wednesday
4:00pm - 6:00pm
Bastrop Public Library
1100 Church Street

Storytime
Wednesday & Fridays
10:30am
Bastrop Public Library
1100 Church Street

Teen Thursdays
Thursdays
4:15pm - 6:15pm
Bastrop Public Library
1100 Church Street

Lost Pines Christmas
November 25 - January 2
Downtown Bastrop

River of Lights
November 25 - January 2
Dusk - 10:00pm
June Hill Pape Riverwalk
The Farm Street Opry
November 3, 2022
(Every 1st Thursday)
7:00pm
Bastrop Convention Center
1408 Chestnut Street
$7.50 Admission

Main Event's First Friday Art Walk
November 4, 2022
6:00pm - 8:00pm
Main Street

Movies in the Park - Homeward Bound
November 5, 2022
6:00 pm
Fisherman's Park
1200 Willow Street

16th Annual "Heroes & Hot Rods" Veterans Day Car Show
November 11-12
Downtown Bastrop

City Friends Storytime
- City Engineer
November 16, 2022
10:30am - 11:30am
Bastrop Public Library
1100 Church Street

Wassail Fest & Small Business Saturday
November 26, 2022
11:00am - 3:00pm
Downtown Bastrop

City of Bastrop Christmas Tree Lighting
November 26, 2022
6:00pm - 7:00pm
Fisherman's Park
1200 Willow Street

For more events, go to www.visitbastrop.com/events/.
BDO Hosts Monthly Local Government Roundtable

The comptroller’s Broadband Development Office (BDO) is hosting a monthly roundtable discussion for local governments on broadband readiness and funding. The next roundtable will be on November 3 at 10:00 a.m. The last roundtable focused on the proposed rules governing the BDO and an overview of broadband efforts. The roundtable provides an opportunity for city officials to engage directly with the BDO on any broadband concerns. Subsequent meetings will be the first Thursday of every month at 10:00 a.m.

Interested city officials can join the discussion using this meeting link. City officials can send broadband questions or future agenda ideas to broadband@cpa.texas.gov.

Reminder: TML Survey on General Fund Revenues and Expenditures

TML recently sent out a survey related to general fund revenues and expenditures. The League is requesting your assistance in providing this data so that the results will be as comprehensive as
possible. The full survey can be found [here](#). You can also complete the survey online [here](#). TML requests that the survey is completed by the person best suited to respond to the questions. Please complete the survey questionnaire no later than **October 31, 2022**.

If you’d rather fill out a paper copy of the survey instead of responding online, please email JJ Rocha the completed survey at [jj@tml.org](mailto:jj@tml.org).

The Texas Municipal League has several motives in asking for your help on this survey. First, of course, is TML’s concern for the financial well-being of Texas cities. By collecting and analyzing information on revenues and expenditures, we can best serve the interests of the cities in our advocacy efforts.

In addition, we use software applications that will enable us to look at data from different perspectives; for example, comparing population levels with types of revenues. The results of this analysis will help cities, legislators, and others understand the complexities of municipal government.

### NLC Seeks Input to Improve 2030 Census

The National League of Cities (NLC) is seeking input from cities on ways to reshape and improve the 2030 Census. The U.S. Census Bureau recently issued a [notice seeking input](#) from stakeholders on the development and implementation strategies that improve the way people participate in the 2030 Census. NLC will be providing comments to the Bureau on this topic and is currently collecting feedback from cities on the following issues: reaching and motivating people, technology, contacting and providing support to the public. A recent [NLC blog post](#) provides a more in-depth description of the issues the Bureau is hoping to solve. Cities may provide input to NLC [here](#).

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