



HASLET HAPPENINGS



City of Haslet Monthly Newsletter

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CITY HALL HOURS:

Monday thru Friday

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This Month's Meetings:

- Parks and Recreation Board
Wed. 12/9/2020 @ 7 p.m.
 - City Council
Mon. 12/14/2020 @ 7 p.m.
 - HEDC Type A
Wed. 12/16/2020 11:30 a.m.
 - HCEDC Type B
Wed. 12/16/2020 @ 6:00 p.m.
 - Library Board
Thurs. 12/17/2020 @ 6:30 p.m.
 - Planning & Zoning Commission
Mon. 12/21/2020 @ 6:30 p.m.
- All Meetings will be Virtual**

CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Bob Golden
Mayor Pro Tem Warren Robb
Council Member Patricia Hilborn
Council Member Tanya Morrow
Council Member Harold Williams
Council Member Jessica Clarke

MAYOR'S UPDATE

(Nov. 20, 2020) Although there is very encouraging news regarding vaccines for the Coronavirus, most of us in Haslet will not begin receiving those shots until the April/May timeframe. All of us are suffering from COVID-19 Fatigue but we cannot afford to let our guard down. The 3 W's remain our best defense against this pandemic – Wear a mask, Watch distancing, & Wash hands. Another recommendation is to get a flu shot. I sat in on a medical briefing yesterday and along with the recent surge of positive cases across our country and the diminishing number of hospital beds available to accommodate those most in need, the real problem that hospitals face is the inability to mount any kind of surge in medical personnel to attend to patients. Our medical folks are exhausted and unlike previous surges wherein medical personnel would shift to high threat areas to assist local hospitals, this surge is so widespread across our nation, that surge capacity no longer exists. The data collected from contact tracing and shared at the briefing yesterday shows that approximately 40% of the recent positive cases originated from congregate settings – intimate gatherings of family and friends. I see very few folks out and about in the Metroplex who are not wearing masks when in public. However, I think most of us relax a little in those more private settings and don't do as good a job of following the 3 W's. Please try to curtail your activities and restrict the size of your gatherings to protect yourselves and your loved ones. We all want to get "back to normal" and have a traditional holiday season but we are not there yet. Be safe and have smaller group gatherings so we won't have any empty seats at the table when we approach the 2021 holidays. Happy Thanksgiving to you and stay vigilant.

Bob Golden

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING & DRIVE THRU LIGHT SHOW

Gammill Park is annually transformed to a Holiday Wonderland & despite the current Covid-19 pandemic the tradition will continue. In the interest of public health and continued limitations on the size of public gatherings, this year's annual Christmas Tree Lighting festivities will take place virtually and be available for viewing beginning Saturday, December 5th. On the same day, the 2020 Holiday Light Display will begin and includes a limited number of lighted wireframe images and messages, trees wrapped in lights, and premiering a new lighted 22-foot tree with over 100,000 glowing LED lights. It's a true whimsical holiday wonderland! This year's dazzling show of 1.5 million lights dancing to the music has been staged to be enjoyed from the comfort of your own car! Tune in to 91.5 FM for exciting Christmas tunes, synchronized to the lights, that will put a pop in your holiday step, as you drive down Gammill Street and through Community Park! Enjoy watching the virtual tree lighting with your family, from the comfort of your own home, which can be viewed online at www.Haslet.org and on the Haslet Parks and City of Haslet Facebook pages.



VIRTUAL
Christmas Tree
Lighting

SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTED TO CITY EMPLOYEES

On behalf of the City of Haslet and City Council, Mayor Bob Golden presented milestone service awards to 3 employees on Oct. 19, 2020 during the regular city council meeting. Receiving recognition for 5 years of service to Haslet and its citizens were Court Administrator Katie Potts and Economic Development Director Thad Chambers. Receiving recognition for 20 years of service was Mike Thetford, Building Official and Code Enforcement Officer who is also a member of the Haslet Fire Department. Retaining key employees is critical to the long-term health and success of the City. A heartfelt thanks and congratulations to these employees on their accomplishments!



Pictured left to right: Katie Potts, Thad Chambers, Mayor Golden & Mike Thetford.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

ALL COUNCIL AND BOARD MEETINGS ARE VIRTUAL MEETINGS

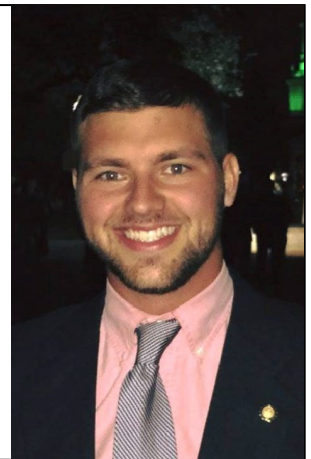
DATES TO NOTE THIS MONTH:

- Dec. 2nd First Wednesday Bulk Trash Pickup Day
- Dec. 5th Haslet Fire Dept. Food Drive
- Dec. 5th Virtual Christmas Tree Lighting & Drive Thru Holiday Lights at Gammill & Community Parks
- Dec. 9th Parks Board Meeting 7 pm
- Dec. 14th City Council Meeting 7 pm
- Dec. 16th HEDC Type A Meeting 11:30 am
- Dec. 16th HCEDC Type B Meeting 6:00 pm
- Dec. 17th Library Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- Dec. 21st Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 pm
- Dec. 24th, 25th & 26th City offices & Library Closed
- Dec. 24th Christmas Eve
- Dec. 25th Christmas Day
- Dec. 31st New Year's Eve
- Jan. 1st New Year's Day City Offices and Library Closed



HASLET EMPLOYEE JARED DEVRIES RECEIVES UMANT SCHOLARSHIP

Since Dec. 2018 Jared DeVries has served as Permit Technician for the City of Haslet. In addition to working full-time, Jared is currently working on his Masters in Public Administration at the University of North Texas (UNT). His academic achievements & reputation as a public servant have allowed him to receive the 2020 William Pitstick Scholarship from the Urban Management Assistants of North Texas (UMANT). He is one of four recipients of the award from UNT. He intends to finish his Masters next year and Jared believes this will allow him to gain a better understanding and appreciation for how cities can help improve the lives of all people. Jared has made a positive impact here in Haslet. He provides excellent customer service and we are lucky to have him on our team. Congratulations to Jared on this accomplishment!



SALES & USE TAX FOR STREET MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS REAUTHORIZED BY VOTERS

Haslet voters reauthorized the 0.25% Local Sales & Use Tax at the November 3, 2020 Election with 906 votes FOR and 341 votes AGAINST. This tax is charged on services and goods purchased in Haslet and provides revenue for the maintenance and repair of city streets. The tax expires on the 4th anniversary unless reauthorized by voters.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF & OTHERS FROM COVID-19



COVID-19 remains a serious health concern. Here are some tips from the CDC to protect yourself and others. If at all possible, stay home. Monitor for symptoms. Rest and stay hydrated. If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, call ahead if you have a medical appointment and let them know that.

If symptoms are severe call 9-1-1. Cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing. Wash your hands. Use a separate bathroom. Avoid sharing personal items. Clean all surfaces touched often. Social distance and wear a mask. More information is available online at [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) and www.tarrantcounty.com/en/county/care-for-tarrant.html.