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Hurricane Preparedness Week May 9 - 15, 2021



NASA IMAGE OF HURRICANE FROM SPACE

2021 HURRICANE FORECAST TO BE ABOVE AVERAGE

After a recording-breaking Atlantic hurricane season last year, experts are once again anticipating another active season. An average hurricane season normally produces 14 named storms, 7 hurricanes, and 3 major hurricanes. This year, experts are predicting 17 named storms, 8 hurricanes, and 4 major hurricanes. Gulf Coast residents may become "numb" to hurricane season as just another part of coastal living, but now is the time to prepare for 2021's active storm season. It only takes one storm to change your life and community. Get ready now during Hurricane Preparedness Week May 9 -15th. Monitor our Emergency Management Facebook page @TexasCityEM

Hurricane Preparedness Tips



Hurricane Preparedness STRENGTHEN YOUR HOME



There's a lot you can do around your home to help protect it from hurricane winds. Before hurricane season, trim trees on your property and get approved window coverings. Ahead of storms, collect loose outdoor items, secure all doors on your property, and find a safe location for your vehicle.

> Cover windows Secure loose outdoor items Trim trees Move vehicle to a safe location

> > weather.gov/hurricane

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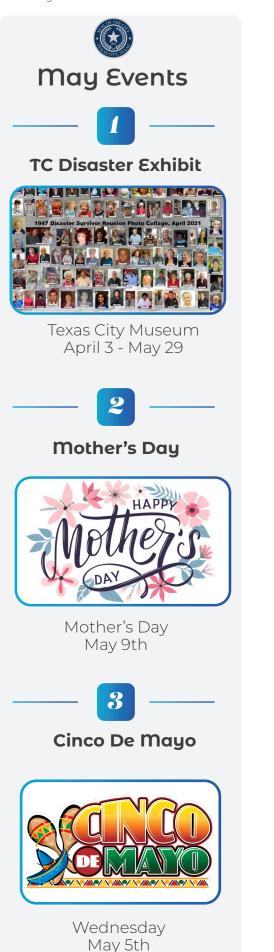


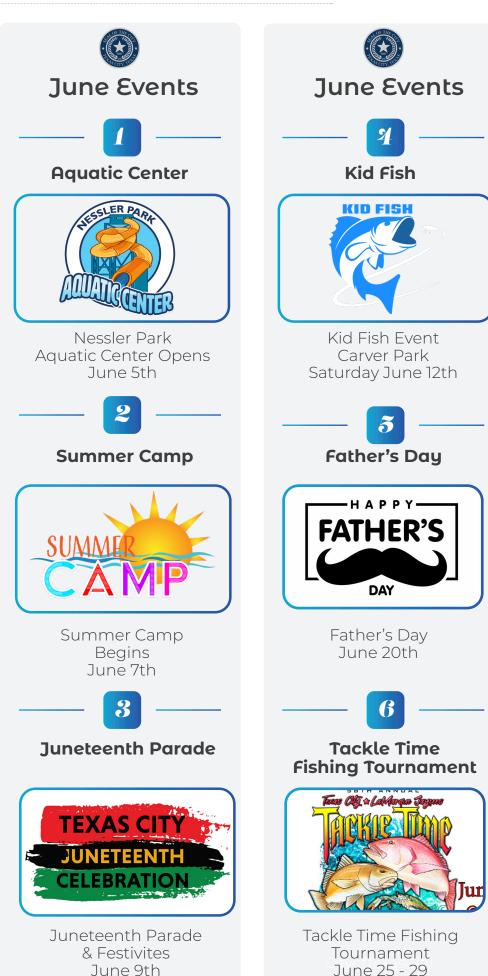


City of Texas City Emergency Alert

If we can't reach you, we can't alert you.

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City Updates

Economic Development



Small Business Administration

If you are a restaurant, bar, or a similar business that serves food and drink, you might be eligible for the Restaurant Revitalization Fund. This is a program through the Small Business Administration, seeking to provide support to entities that suffered revenue loss. Search "Restaurant Revitalization Fund" on the SBA's website at sba.gov





Lagoonfest Texas

Lagoonfest Texas will kick off this summer in May at the Lago Mar Lagoon. All summer you can enjoy the lagoon along with great food, drinks, live music, and attractions. Follow the event on Facebook for updates @LagoonfestTexas.



Public Works Projects

Backflow preventers are devices installed on water lines to prevent pollutants from entering the City's water system in the case of sudden pressure drops. All homes that have sprinkler systems have a backflow device. The device will look like this:



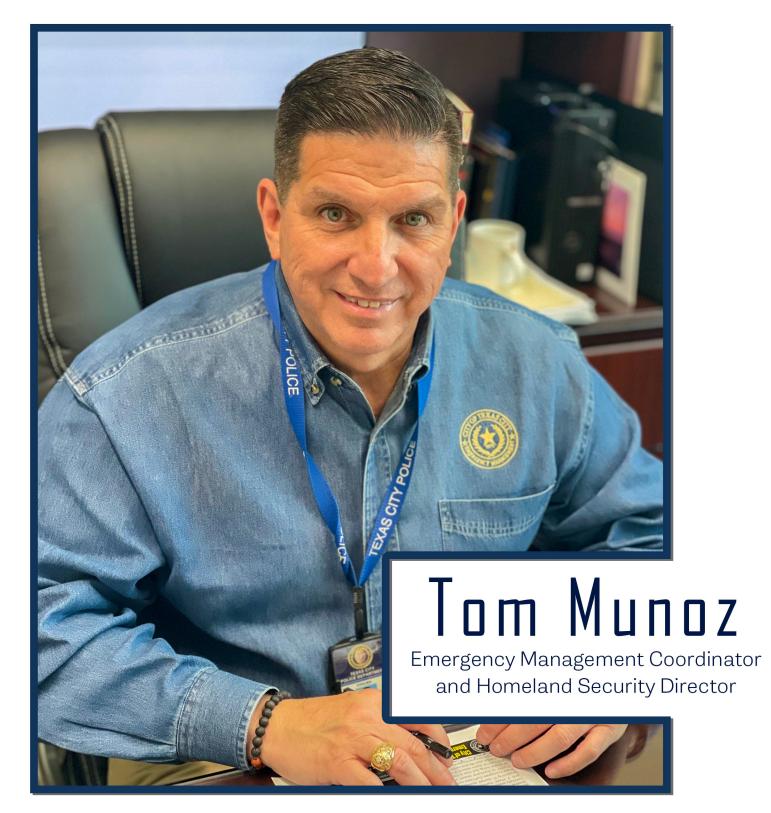
The TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) requires these devices to be inspected yearly, and the City is responsible to assure that these inspections are done. Inspections must be performed by a certified backflow specialist. There are many local plumbers that have this certification. Please call the Utility Department at 409-643-5860 if you have any questions.



The lane closure on Loop 197 at 19th St. is due to the on-going rehabilitation of the adjacent sanitary sewer lift station. The lift station had to be bypassed in order to maintain sewer service to the area while performing the work. Therefore, temporary sewer piping had to be installed in the manhole located in the closed lane. Unfortunately this project is not scheduled for completion until the end of May at the earliest.

Economic Development 1801 9th Ave N 409.643.5919 Public Works Department 7800 Emmett F. Lowry Expy. 409.643.5810





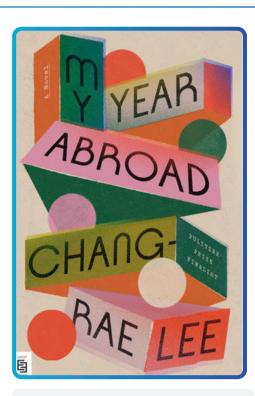


PARK OF THE MONTH: NESSLER PARK FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER



Library Luke's Book of the Month

Pacific Islander Heritage Month, so I am highlighting one of my favorite authors, Chang-rae Lee! His latest novel My Year Abroad is getting great reviews and kudos, but I wanted to talk about an older work. On Such a Full Sea. Set in a future America where cities become walled colonies, and societies are strictly separated by class, one seemingly ordinary woman makes an extraordinary journey to find the man she loves. Every step of the way she faces danger, kindness, cruelty, beauty, and horrors with the same implacable spirit. A stunning tour-de-force that is unlike any dystopia you have ever read.



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Virtual Programs

Thursday, May 13th @ 10:00am - Zoom 201: My Mama Told Me, You Better Zoom Around! Creating Your Own Zoom Meet-Up (also included in this session, Zoom 101: Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Zoom? Zoom Basics)

Thursday, May 20th @ 10:00AM - Spice, Spice Baby! - Spring Virtual Cookbook Club - May Themes: Herbs de Provence &/ or Soups (or Stews)

To Register & Receive Your Zoom Link for Virtual Programs: Email Jessica at jmatos@texascitytx.gov or call 409-643-5977



Program Kick-off with Agic Thomas Author Talk via Zoom May 28 | 4:30 - 5:30 PM with Angie Thomas where she answers YOUR questions!

New York Times bestselling author of "The Hate U Give" and "On The Come Up," Angie Thomas will speak about her latest book, "Concrete Rose," her inspirations, and more.

Contact Dustan Archer at darcher@rosenberg-library.org or CORE MCINGRAL (409) 763 - 8854 ext. 140

City News

Happy Retirement Booker!

On a hot summer day when you walk into a building to cool down you can thank Steve Booker! Steve is the go-to man for everything. Whatever the issue or problem, you can count on Steve to fix it. He has always been the person in the background making the City facilities run. Steve has an amazing work ethic and always seems to conquer any task with a smile on his face. When there is a crisis like the AC is out, a water leak or doors falling off, you know not to worry because Steve can handle it and get it back in order! It's going to be big shoes to fill when Steve is gone.



Steve's passion is anything outdoors from mountain climbing to dirt biking. When he retires, you'll be sure to find him at Jack Brooks Park fixing up the bike path or riding on it. We all hope you enjoy your retirement Steve, it is well deserved.

Important Contacts

Mayor Dedrick Johnson Sr.: 409-643-5901 Mayor's Assistant: Susan Chapa: 409-643 5902 Fire Department: 409-643-5700 Police Department: 409-643-5720 Municipal Court: 409-643-5800 Marshals Office: 409-643-5801 Public Works: 409-643-5810 Rec and Tour: 409-949-3034 Moore Memorial Public Library: 406-643-5975 Texas City Museum: 409-229-1660 Lowry Center: 409-643-5984 Shooting Range: 409-948-4291 Bayou Golf Course: 409-739-9622 Biosphere: 409-643-5814 Natatorium: 409-643-5984

DO YOU HAVE A COVID-19 VACCINE RELATED QUESTION. **NEED TO RESCHEDULE A MISSED APPOINTMENT OR SCHEDULE A FIRST APPOINTMENT?**

Call:

409.938.7221 Email:

Monday – Saturday 8 AM – 5 PM Sunday 8 AM - Noon.

Covid19vaccine@gchd.org

COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC Every Wednesday, 9 AM – 4 PM

Call or email to schedule an appointment.





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