

Dates To Remember

October 7 Regular City Council Meeting 6:30 pm

October 15 TCEQ Administrative Hearing on Hays Commons MUD application

TDS Waste Pickup:

September 18 Trash

September 25 Trash & Recycling

October 2 Trash

**Texas Municipal League
Quarterly Meeting**

Several members of the Hays City Council attended the Area 10 quarterly meeting of the Texas Municipal League, held in August at the Buda City Hall. Attorney Alan Bojorquez spoke to participants on "Ethics as a City Official."

Attending from the City of Hays were Mayor Harvey Davis and Council Member Gayle Hudgens; Mayor Pro Tem Lydia Bryan-Valdez; and Council Members Tony Valdez and Candace Blake.

Hays Commons/Milestone Update

An administrative hearing will be held October 15 by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to consider the Milestone developers' application to create a MUD (Municipal Utility District). We appreciate the many citizens who wrote protests to the TCEQ and are designated as affected parties to this case.

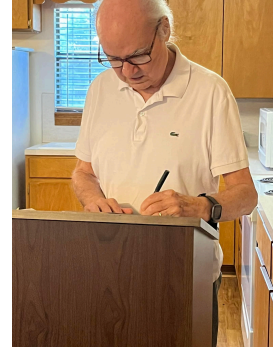
More information will be posted on our website and Facebook page when we are advised..

We Have a Mayor Again!

The City of Hays is pleased to announce the appointment of Harvey Davis as Mayor. He was administered the oath of office at the August council meeting and will serve until May 2026. Mayor Davis previously served four years as Mayor, from 2013 to 2017, and was a City Council member prior to being elected Mayor. He brings much experience to the position, having served as City Treasurer for two years and as an investment officer for Travis County for 14 years. He also has owned his own CPA business for 30 years.

Mayor Davis is a graduate of SMU and a loyal fan of the Mustangs. He and his wife, Dr. Gayle Hudgens, have lived in the City of Hays since 1993, and she is a current member of the City Council.

Ablly filling in for Mayor Davis the last three months has been Mayor Pro Tem Lydia Bryan-Valdez.

**Street Repairs for Live Oak Lane**

Residents of the south end of Live Oak Lane will likely be happy to see street repairs being made soon. After discussion at the last meeting regarding the large cracks, crumbling asphalt and potholes that have emerged, the Council held discussion and took action to begin taking bids for repairs up to \$20,000. We expect work to begin later this fall.

New Well, Generators Coming Soon

After more than two years of searching for a site for the new well, acquiring all the required permits and now coming close to choosing a driller, we can now say that City residents will have a new and functioning well sometime this winter. The new Well #3 will be on the City property where the capped Well #1 stands. We are grateful that we will have two working wells again. In addition to the new well, we will be ordering generators for Well #1 and for one of our Elliott Ranch wells. These are increasingly important with the extreme temperature changes we have seen in recent years. And we just received great news—we have been awarded a grant for \$196,632 which can be used for the generators, their housing and other expenses. The grant is from the Texas Division of Emergency Management, which administers FEMA funds for hazard mitigation. We thank our City Engineer, Don Rauschuber, for his work in securing the grant, along with other city officials.

Notice: The City of Hays adopted a proposed tax rate for tax year 2024. The proposed tax rate is 0.0894. This would increase city taxes by 3.30%.

The budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 was also approved. The approved budget is posted on the website under City Documents/Government/Financial Documents.

