

HAYS HAPPENING

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Dates to Remember

December 22, 6:30 p.m. Special Called City Council Meeting, City Hall

January 13, 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting, City Hall

TDS Waste Pickup

Thursday, December 26—Trash (holiday schedule)

Thursday, January 2—Trash & Recycling (holiday Schedule)

Wednesday, January 8—Trash

Drought Conditions Continue

We are still under Stage III critical drought conditions and if the dry La Niña conditions continue we could go into Exceptional Stage IV. Please follow water saving guidelines. The BSEACD website is a good resource:

<https://bseacd.org/>—water conservation tips

The good news is that there is still no burn ban.

Wishes for the Holiday Season

The City of Hays wishes all our residents a bright and beautiful Christmas Season, and a New Year of hope and happiness.

We welcome your input and involvement!

All We Want for Christmas.....

....is a new well for the City of Hays. The old well has been capped and residents have likely heard the noise from the drilling of Well #3. We are fortunate to have federal grant money to help pay for it, as well as for the new generators which will be installed when the new well is running (and also on the Elliott Ranch well). Well #3 should be providing water by January. This well is the culmination of years of work by many dedicated people in the City of Hays. Special thanks go to our City Engineer, Don Rauschuber, who has consistently helped us acquire grant money and maintain our infrastructure.

Milestone Request Continues

There is still time to weigh in with your opinion on the Milestone Community Builders' plans for the land over the aquifer just north of our City. They are asking to be annexed by the City of Austin and are waiting for a meeting with the City's Planning Commission, when they will request water, wastewater, and ordinance variations. They have been denied the variations by the Environmental Commission of Austin, but are moving forward anyway. You can go to:

<http://saveoursprings.salsalabs.org/stophayscommons/index.html> and sign the provided letter (and personalize your message if you so wish).

Oh No, More Elections?

It's election season in Hays County! Our City will join in as usual with the School Board elections on May 3, 2025. We have three positions up for two-year terms: Place 1 (Candace Blake), Place 4 (Lydia Bryan-Valdez), and Place 5 (Tom Lemman). Any challengers may file at City Hall between Wednesday, January 15 and Friday, February 14. Requirements for candidacy are: 18 years of age; US citizenship; 12 months as a Texas resident; 6 months as a City of Hays resident; and currently registered to vote in the City of Hays. A candidate application for a place on the ballot must: be in writing; be signed and sworn to by the candidate before a person authorized to administer an oath in this state by the candidate, and indicate the date that the candidate swears to the application; be timely filed with the appropriate authority; and include all statutorily required information.

Our City Hall hours will be posted on the website during the filing time, or people can call Mayor Harvey Davis at 512-296-4607 for filing information.

New City Council Member

Rose McCorkle was sworn into office during the December council meeting. She was appointed to Place 2, formerly held by Dr. Gayle Hudgens, who passed away last month. Rose and her wife Johnett and their niece Kaylee live on Live Oak Lane, having joined two other McCorkle households in the City. Rose retired from the Texas School for the Deaf as a teacher and curriculum specialist, and she has been an active member and volunteer at several nonprofit agencies since her retirement. Welcome Council Member McCorkle!



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025!

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