

Council Calendar:

October 5 – No City Council Meeting due to National Night Out

October 12- Regular City Council Meeting, City Hall – 5 p.m.

October 19 – Regular City Council Meeting, City Hall

COVID UPDATE:

Vaccine clinic will be open every Friday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. throughout the month of October at the CL Simon Recreation Center (1112 North St). Appointments can be made online at tinyurl.com/VacNac or by calling 936-800-8027.

Other COVID **vaccine providers** can be found by searching vaccines.gov, texting your zip code to 438829, or calling 1-800-232-0233.

The state-operated regional **infusion center** on Russell Blvd is open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. To qualify, patients must have a positive COVID test and a provider's referral. The infusion center phone number is 936-305-8488.

Drive-thru COVID testing remains available in the Expo parking lot (3805 NW Stallings Dr) seven days a week from 9am-5pm. Registration for the free PCR test is encouraged but not mandatory and can be made online at <https://bit.ly/ngscovidtest>.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT:

Please join us for the 2021 National Night Out

Neighborhood Watch Programs and First Responders will be celebrating National Night Out in Texas on Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

Neighborhood Watch groups within the city will host “block events” on the evening of October 5th . In conjunction with the block events this year first responders have partnered with the Nacogdoches Public Library to host an event at the Nacogdoches Recreation Center for those citizen’s that don’t have a neighborhood watch program in their neighborhood. There will be food, games, and first responders there. Additionally, Stephen F. Austin State University will also be hosting an event for their students and staff on their campus.

National Night Out is a night when residents are encouraged to lock their doors and spend the evening getting to know their neighbors in the name of crime prevention. Law Enforcement officers and other officials visit these communities to form relationships with the residents. This year we will be using best practices in regards to safety measures to ensure we all stay healthy. Anyone interested in forming a Neighborhood Watch Program in the city or hosting an event should contact the Nacogdoches Police Department at 559-2607. Neighborhoods should register with the police department by Thursday, September 30th.

TECHCYCLE EVENT - Keep Nacogdoches Beautiful Techcycle (technology recycling) will be on Saturday, November 13, 2021 from 9 a.m. to noon at Nacogdoches County Expo Center (3805 NW Stallings).

HUMAN RESOURCES - *(Staff contact: Brittany Tucker, HR Generalist, 936-559-2567)*

City of Nacogdoches current Job Opportunities:

Police Officer - Police Department

Office Assistant I - CID - Police Department
Communications Dispatcher - Police Department
Human Resources Director - Human Resources
Utility Construction Operator - Utility Construction
Building Official - Inspections
Part-time Intern - Non Departmental
Streets Superintendent - Streets
Office Assistant II - Planning & Zoning
Part-Time Code Enforcement Technician - Inspections
Laborer - Street
Equipment Operator I - Streets
Equipment Operator II - Sanitation Disposal
Animal Control Officer - Animal Services
System Technician - Information Technology

CONVENTION AND TOURISM - *(Staff contact: Sherry Morgan, Director, 936-564-7351)*

You can subscribe to the Visit Nacogdoches newsletter at <http://visitnacogdoches.org/subscribe>
What's happening and other events can be viewed at <https://conta.cc/38DAzy3>

RECREATION: *(Staff contact: Joy Palmer, Recreation Supervisor, 936-559-2960)*

Youth Volleyball games begin this week.

Youth basketball ages 5-14 has started registration until October 22nd.

Pickleball Tournament October 23rd is still open for registration and we are accepting donations to go towards revitalizing the old Marony tennis courts.

Monster Bash coming up on October 29th. We hope to make this a super fun family friendly night. Plan on joining us!

LIBRARY - *(Staff contact: Mercedes Franks, Library Manager, 936-560-2970)*

The library received its official Letter of Accreditation for FY 19-20 from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. This means that the library met all reporting standards, which include, local government financial support, collection standards, and hours of operation. The library is eligible to apply for grants and receive discounted library services from the state library. COVID closures made it more challenging for libraries to meet the standards, but our library, like many, adapted by providing online and curbside services even while the building was closed.

The library has scheduled many events this coming week for the NEA Big Read. The featured event is *The House on Mango Street* Keynote Discussion on October 5th. Panelists include SFA professors, Dr. Kenneth Untiedt, Dr. Gabriela Miranda-Recinos, Dr. José Neftalí Recinos, and Dr. Leslie Cecil.

Other NEA Big Read events this week:

Mango Street Pop-Up on Church Street, October 2

Name Jewelry for Teens, October 6

Book Discussion & Wine Glass Etching at Naca Valley, October 7

Poetry Workshop at Falling Star Gallery, October 9

Seed Swap, October 9

HISTORIC SITES & MAIN STREET - *(Staff contact: Jessica Sowell, Community Services Assistant Director)*

The Main Street Department in partnership with the Parks Department and Public Works Department is kicking off a Downtown Clean Sweep initiative this October. We will focus on cleaning up East Main Street from North St. to University Dr. during the month of October. This will entail weeding and edging sidewalks, trimming overhanging trees, replacing damaged signs and identifying larger maintenance issues such as broken and cracked sidewalks. We will have a public meeting at the Mound and Main Parking Lot on Wednesday, October 13th at 10:30am - if you see a maintenance issue you'd like us to work on, please come and tell us. Maintenance issues can also be reported using the Nac 311 app.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE – *(Staff contact: Bethanie Griffin, Public Information Officer; 936-462-8267)*

Daily Sentinel:

One dead, two wounded in drive-by shooting on Dolph St. (Sgt. Brett Ayres quoted from press release)
Library books Big Read events including return of festival (Crystal Hicks quoted)
City approves annual NEDCO contract (quoted from City Council Meeting)
Total cases drop for second day but deaths and new infections rise (Fire Chief Keith Kiplinger quoted)

KTRE:

Nacogdoches police release name of women killed in drive-by shooting on Dolph Street (from press release)
Nacogdoches Police: One dead, two injured after drive-by shooting (from press release)

FIRE DEPARTMENT – *(Staff contact: Keith Kiplinger, Fire Chief, 936-559-2540)*

The new Aerial Tower arrived last week and firefighters received factory training this week. Firefighters will continue to train over the next 10 days and have already started equipping the truck. The truck will officially go into service following a "Push In Ceremony." . We encourage the community to come out to the ceremony and an open house on October 11 at 6PM at Fire Station 1 on North Street. (Exhibit A)

Four firefighters are preparing to deploy through TIFMAS as part of a statewide effort to provide booster doses of Pfizer to nursing home patients. The deployment will likely last 2-4 weeks and all costs, including backfill, will be covered by the Texas Division of Emergency Management. Nacogdoches firefighters are working with our local nursing homes to ensure that every resident needing a Pfizer booster or 3rd shot of Moderna (immunocompromised) receives their vaccine.

The Nacogdoches COVID Antibody Infusion Center has served almost 1800 patients since opening. This has kept our healthcare infrastructure from collapsing during the height of this surge. Both hospitals and numerous local physicians have expressed thanks that the City and County were able to support the logistics of the center.

Exhibit A

