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Inside College Station

***** CITY OF COLLEGE STATION * Home of Texas A&M University® * College Station, Texas *****



Are YOU being a good neighbor?

College Station is home to many college students, families and retirees which brings a unique blend of residents to the community. With so many different lifestyles in one place, it's important to find balance and understanding to promote harmonious neighborhood relations.

SAY HOWDY & EXCHANGE INFORMATION

Whether you're a student or a permanent resident, be sure to introduce yourself to your neighbors and exchange contact information in case of emergencies or other problems.

It's also a good idea to contact them before you host a large event to ask them to contact you if it becomes too noisy. It's better they call you instead of the police.

KEEP THE NOISE DOWN

Per city code, it's unlawful for anyone to willfully make or allow continued loud noise, especially from 10 p.m.-7 a.m. This includes barking dogs. As a general rule, if you can hear the noise at the end of your property line, then it's too loud and everyone on your lease risks receiving a citation.

If you're bothered by noise and can't resolve the issue on your own, complaints

can be reported to the College Station Police Department at 979.764.3600.

PROPERLY DISPOSE OF TRASH

Garbage should be bagged, tied and securely stored in your provided container. The container lid should be closed at all times. Do not pile bags/trash on top or around your container or the sanitation truck will not be able to collect it.

Bulk collection is meant for items too big to fit in your garbage container such as furniture, household appliances, etc. It does not include bags of household garbage. Before you place unwanted stuff on the curb, consider donating it. Some non-profit organizations will even pick it up for you.

Brush collection includes tree limbs, shrubs, woody vines, and other herbaceous or woody plants. Brush should be cut into a maximum of 8-foot lengths. Brush and bulk items should be divided into separate piles and neatly stacked within three feet of the curb in front of your home.

Items/containers must be placed at the curb in front of your residence by 8 a.m. on your designated collection day. Don't place items in the street/sidewalk,

closer than four feet from obstructions (containers, mailboxes, cars, trees, etc.), on top of anything, or under low hanging limbs or wires. Per city ordinance, you must remove your garbage and recycling containers from the curb within 12 hours of collection.

If you have a blue, single-stream recycling container that is collected by Brazos Valley Recycling, make sure you are only placing clean, acceptable items in it. The list of items is printed on top of the container. Anything not on that list should be put in the garbage. The only recyclable that should be bagged in clear plastic is shredded paper. Bagging other items isn't necessary and could cause significant and costly damage to the sorting equipment.

For more information about sanitation or recycling, visit cstx.gov/sanitation, email pubworks@cstx.gov, or call 979.764.3690.

AVOID CODE VIOLATIONS

Many people don't even think about city codes until it's too late. Review all city codes at cstx.gov/codeenforcement.

To report possible violations, visit cstx.gov/seeclickfix, call 979.764.6363 or email codeenforcement@cstx.gov.

STAY INFORMED

Keep up with city events, programs, emergencies, traffic, utility notices and much more by following us on social media. We'd love to hear from you, too!

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**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS OCT. 4.
CSTX.GOV/NNO**



Avoid Parking Citations

Here are the 10 most frequent parking transgressions we see throughout the year. The first five are mandated by state law, while the rest are violations of city ordinances:

1. Parking within 30 feet of a traffic control device such as a stop sign, yield sign or flashing light.
2. Parking facing traffic — your car must always be parked in the direction of traffic flow.
3. Parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.
4. Parking within 20 feet of a marked or unmarked crosswalk.
5. Parking in a handicap space without a handicap placard.
6. Parking on a yard.
7. Parking at expired meters.
8. Overstaying allotted time periods in time-limited parking.
9. Parking in loading zones.
10. Blocking driveways so residents can't get in or out.

Also, remember that it's illegal to operate a business in a residential neighborhood in College Station, and selling parking spaces on your property is considered a business.

Ballot Set for Nov. 8 City Council Elections

The deadline for filing has passed. Below are the candidates and other important election information:

Mayor (General Election)

Full three-year term.

- Karl P. Mooney
- John Nichols

Place 2 (General Election)

Full three-year term.

- Jerome Rektorik

Place 3 (Special Election)

One-year term to complete the unexpired term of Karl Mooney, who is running for mayor. The current term expires in November 2017.

- Linda Harvell
- Jeremy Osborne

Place 4 (Special Election)

Two-year term to complete the unexpired term of John Nichols, who is running for mayor. The current term expires in November 2018.

- Joe Guerra, Jr.
- Barry Moore

Important Dates

- Oct. 11: Voter Registration Deadline
- Oct. 24-Nov. 4: Early Voting
- Nov. 8: Election Day

For more election information, visit cstx.gov/elections or call 979.764.3541.

Mosquito Abatement Program

One of the most environmentally-friendly and effective ways to protect yourself and loved ones from mosquito-borne diseases is by utilizing mosquito dunks.

Mosquito dunks are small, donut-shaped objects that slowly release a biological mosquito larvicide at the water's surface for 30 days or more under normal conditions. This larvicide gradually settles in the water where it is eaten by mosquito larvae and kills them. The bacteria in the dunks will not hurt pets, birds, children or wildlife.

Dunks should be placed where mosquitoes breed, such as birdbaths, rain barrels, ponds, sewers, gutters, creeks, streams, drainage channels or any other area with standing or slow-moving water. Each dunk covers about 100 square feet and can be broken up if treating smaller areas. For areas with moving water or where the dunk might wash away, you can tie the dunk to a weight or stake it in the ground.

The City of College Station's Mosquito Abatement Program is providing free dunks this year, while supplies last. Dunks can be picked up at the Neighborhood Services and City Secretary's offices in City Hall located at 1101 Texas Ave. Please check availability before you arrive by calling 979.764.6262 or emailing bmoore@cstx.gov.

For more details, visit cstx.gov/neighbor.

events

FREE SHRED DAY

Oct. 1 | 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

CS City Hall Parking Lot
Free event sponsored by Embassy Records Management and Storage and allows you to protect yourself from identity theft.
cstx.gov/calendar, 979.764.3445

HOMEBUYER EDUCATION COURSE

Oct. 3, 10, 17 & 24 | 6-7:30 p.m.

It's \$20 if you'd like a course book.
cstx.gov/homebuyer, 979.764.3778

WARRANT AMNESTY

Oct. 17-Nov. 4

Allows residents with outstanding warrants to avoid paying a \$50 per case fee if fines are paid in full.
cstx.gov/court, 979.764.3683

SENIOR FALL FEST (ages 55+)

Oct. 20 | 5-7 p.m.

American Pavilion at Veterans Park
cstx.gov/seniors, 979.764.6351

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & COMPUTER COLLECTION

Oct. 22 | 7 a.m.-2 p.m.

University Services Building
Free for Brazos Valley residents.
twinoakshhw.com, 979.764.3809

TRICK OR TREAT AT WEREWOLF CREEK

Oct. 28 | 5 p.m.

Wolf Pen Creek Park
cstx.gov/halloween, 979.764.3486

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY & MOVIES IN THE PARK

Nov. 11 | 4:30 p.m.

Veterans Park & Athletic Complex
cstx.gov/vetspark, 979.764.3486

JINGLE BELL FUN RUN

Dec. 4 | 1:15 p.m.

Register by Nov. 18 for \$20 & a shirt.
Two-mile route before B/CS Christmas Parade. Dogs welcome.
cstx.gov/christmas, 979.764.3486

For more city events, visit:

cstx.gov/calendar