



City of Hitchcock

Newsletter March 2023

CITY OF HITCHCOCK SPRING CLEAN-UP MARCH 25, 2023, 7:30AM—3:00PM

**This year, the disposal site for non-hazardous clean-up will be at The City Barn.
8401 Schiro Hitchcock, Texas 77563**

Waste disposal at this event will be free of charge to residents as a service provided by the City of Hitchcock. The drop off site will be open **ONE DAY ONLY, MARCH 25, 2023**. Disposals may be made at AmeriWaste Services temporary collection point of The City Barn – 8401 Schiro, Hitchcock, Texas 77563, between 7:30am to 3:00pm.

For questions, please contact – AmeriWaste 281-331-8400 OR City of Hitchcock 409-986-5591

What you need to know:

- This service is **free of charge** during the designated clean-up days and times for **City of Hitchcock Residents Only**.
- Waste delivered must be separated by type of material by the resident.
- Clean Up activities do not apply to commercial/rental property clean ups, large property clean ups, lot or acreage clean up, or lot and property land clearing.
- Commercial tree trimmers are not eligible for this service.

Requirements for Participation:

- A current City of Hitchcock utility bill showing that you are a City of Hitchcock Resident.
- Proper identification is required at time of disposal; Texas Driver’s License or Identification Card.
- All materials must be sorted by the customer, NOT by the AmeriWaste Service or City of Hitchcock employees.

Accepted Items:

- Car Batteries
- Furniture (dressers, mattresses, box springs, sofa’s, love seats, tables, and chairs)
- Appliances, Washers, Dryers
- BBQ pits that DO NOT HAVE HOT ASH



Limits:

- Maximum of 2 pick-up truck loads per household or a maximum of one trailer load per household.
- Trailers are not to exceed 16’ long x 4’ high in size.
- No household waste.
- No Paint, Pool Chemicals, or Chemical Items
- No Propane Tanks, Microwaves, Air conditioners or items with freon
- NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS; including automotive oils, cooking oils, filters, fluorescent light bulbs, insecticides, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers.
- NO rims or tires
- Mercury WILL NOT be accepted.
- Explosives and ammunition WILL NOT be accepted
- Computer monitors and box style televisions WILL NOT be accepted.

The City of Hitchcock and AmeriWaste, Inc. are NOT responsible for damage to vehicles or injury to citizens during this event. The City of Hitchcock and AmeriWaste, Inc. reserve the right to refuse service to anyone for not following the rules of the clean-up. Any items brought that are not listed/accepted or are over the established limits, are subject to a fee (at AmeriWaste, Inc. discretion).

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 3/20/2023 City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 3/28/2023 Planning and Zoning Commission at 6:00pm
- 4/14 – 22, 2023 Galveston County Fair & Rodeo
- 4/29/2023 Lone Star Gumbeaux Festival



2023 Lone Star Gumbo Festival

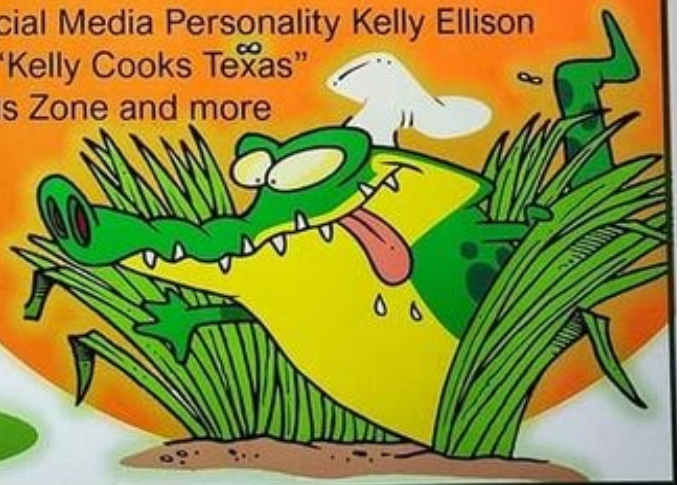
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hitchcockedc.com for information

SATURDAY, APRIL 29 - 10a to 6p
Highway 6 in Downtown Hitchcock

- Cajun Rockers Bayou Roux in-concert
- Gumbo Cook-off to find the "Best in GalCo"
- Food and Merch Vendors
- Social Media Personality Kelly Ellison of "Kelly Cooks Texas"
- Kids Zone and more



The Hitchcock EDC is sponsoring the city's 1st Annual Gumbo Cookoff this year in the Downtown Area April 29th. We plan to have both restaurant and individual competitions so plan to bring the whole family out. Entry to the event will be free to the public. Event participants and sponsors can contact Michael Baxter at 281-222-4775 or michaelbaxter@texasfestivalandtourismconsulting.com.

WAYS TO PAY YOUR UTILITY BILL



Online at
cityofhitchcock.org
or by automatic bill pay



By Phone at
(833) 282-0826



In Person at City Hall
7423 Hwy. 6
Or the Drop Box
In the parking lot



By Mail at
7423 Hwy 6
Hitchcock, TX 77563

Cash, Check, Money Order, Credit Card

The City of Hitchcock bills every month for water, sewer, and garbage services. If you have questions about your bill, contact the Utility Department at (409) 986-5591.

**A \$50.00 administrative processing fee is added when a bill is not paid by the cut off date.
This fee is for the cost of managing the delinquency process for past due accounts.**

“CLEAN-IT-UP” CAMPAIGN

State Highway 6 is the primary thoroughfare within the City of Hitchcock. Traffic flow along the highway is continuing to increase, and a traveler’s first impression of the city is directly affected by the appearance of the buildings and properties along this roadway. Unfortunately, there are many locations along this roadway that are not maintained to a level that creates a favorable impression.

There are numerous instances of overgrown vegetation, trash and debris, unusable vehicles, and dilapidated structures visible along the roadway. The city is embarking on a campaign to address these unsightly and, potentially unsafe, situations.

If you are a property owner along Highway 6 please take a critical look at your properties and consider if they make a favorable impression. If not, “Clean-It-Up”.

For businesses in need of financial assistance to make exterior improvements, you should contact the Hitchcock Economic Development Corporation to inquire about their Storefront Improvement Grant. This façade improvement program provides matching funds for beautification purposes to downtown commercial properties along Highway 6 between FM 2004 and FM 517. You can also visit www.hitchcockedc.com to download the application and learn more.

SUMMER INTERN PROGRAM

The City of Hitchcock will be accepting applications for all internship positions available. We are seeking enthusiastic, qualified applicants for paid summer internship opportunities. The City of Hitchcock strives to provide learning opportunities for interns from a variety of academic disciplines and to provide opportunities designed to equip the intern with practical, real-world experiences that will help them transition into a successful career.

Interns will spend time on working on relevant projects, learning about the field of the department, and making city connections. Interns will fulfill tasks set out by the department supervisors or their designees and will have the opportunity to become a team member. The internship positions will be in City Hall, the Police Department, Street Department, and the Garage.

All positions offer temporary employment from June 5, 2023, through July 28, 2023. All positions are based on a 40-hour work week and are a non-exempt FLSA status. Pay will be up to \$10.00 per hour. Applicants must live in the City of Hitchcock, must have reliable transportation, currently enrolled in school and passing all subjects, must be between 16 - 19 years of age, and committed to work the days and hours prescribed. Applications will be accepted through the end of April. Interviews will be scheduled in May and the interns will start in June. All completed applications must be submitted to Hitchcock City Hall by mail, email, or hand delivered.

Mailing address: City of Hitchcock Attn: Stacey Baker PO Box 48 Hitchcock, Texas 77563.

Hand delivered: Hitchcock City Hall Attn: Stacey Baker 7423 Hwy 6 Hitchcock, Texas 77563.

Email: comspec@cityofhitchcock.org - Please identify the job in the subject line.

SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

An emergency alert system is available through the City’s website. This system allows you to sign up for emails and/or text messages on topics of your choosing.

Visit the City Website for more details www.cityofhitchcock.org and click “Alerts” at the top of the page.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Finance Director

An Employment Application and Background Release Form may be downloaded from our website at www.cityofhitchcock.org or obtained at City Hall.

Submit resume, 5 professional References, completed Employment Application, and Background Release Form to City Manager, City of Hitchcock, 7423 Highway 6, P.O. Box 48, Hitchcock, Texas 77563 or by emailing mgelles@cityofhitchcock.org.

VETERAN’S PARKING SIGNS



The City of Hitchcock with HonorLocalVets.org is offering signs for local businesses to dedicate parking spaces for our Veterans.

The property owner will need to complete an application and submit a description of where the sign is to be placed.

The application can be picked up at City Hall at 7423 Hwy 6, Hitchcock, TX or you can request an application by email by contacting Ruth Ann Sandino, call (409)986-5591 or email citysecf@cityofhitchcock.org.



ROAD RAGE STATISTICS

Over the years, cars have become safer and traffic laws more stringent. Yet, we remain as vulnerable to road rage related incidents as before. These road rage statistics will show you the dangers of recklessness as well as being behind the wheel while angry.

Unfortunately, this is probably not going to change unless we understand the nature of the beast — *road rage begets road rage*.

Aggressive driving behavior is nobody's friend. It puts everybody in danger — the aggressor, the victim, and other road users. So, the responsibility is on each of us to do our part to kill road rage (instead of letting it harm us and others).

MOST DISTURBING ROAD RAGE STATISTICS:

- Road rage is the leading cause of accidents.
- Over one-third of road rage cases involve firearms.
- 30 murders are attributed to road rage every year.
- Eight in 10 drivers experience road rage.
- Two out of three traffic fatalities occur due to aggressive driving.
- Men are more prone to road rage than women.
- Teenage boys are most likely to exhibit signs of road rage.
- Mississippi is the number one state with the worst drivers.



CONCLUSION:

While these facts are disturbing, the purpose behind sharing them was not to scare you but to make you more aware. Maintain a safe distance from other vehicles on the road and do not engage with other drivers. Seek help in case you find it hard to control your anger. The best way to reduce unsafe driving is to increase traffic policing. The City of Hitchcock Police Department asks that you obey all traffic laws, remain vigilant and most importantly... DRIVE SAFE.

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MOSQUITO CONTROL			(800) 842-5622
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AFTER HOUR WATER/ SEWER/WWTP			(409) 795-7595
NON EMERGENCY POLICE	NON EMERGENCY POLICE		(409) 986-5559
STREET LIGHT OUTAGES			(800) 332-7143
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