



City of Hitchcock

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FRONTIER FIBER INTERNET IS COMING TO HITCHCOCK

Access to high-speed internet is critical to everyone. Frontier is expanding the reach of its fiber network so homes and businesses can benefit from Frontier's mission to Build Gigabit America.

You'll notice a lot of activity in our surrounding areas. Before Frontier brings fiber to our neighborhoods, they will place door hangers on homes in the area where work will be preformed a minimum of 1 week in advance.

The project is expected to last approximately 4 months and will be spread across various parts of the city. These cables will be installed on poles and/or placed in the ground. The contractor will need access to any facilities or poles that may be on private property (including backyards). SDT Solutions will be the contractors in the city working for Frontier. Any impacts to streets, sidewalks, or landscaping will be restored by the contractor.

If you have questions or concerns about the construction activities, you are encouraged to call SDT Solutions at 713-962-7387 or email them at Qualitycontrol@sdt.com.

If you are interested in knowing if your address qualifies for Frontier® Fiberoptic service, contact 1.877.313.2036 (residential), 1.844.931.2538 (business), or visit <https://www.getfrontierfiber.com/> for more information.

HITCHCOCK'S ANIMAL ALLEY

The City of Hitchcock is all about saving pets, serving our community, and promoting responsible pet ownership by educating you on local, state, and federal laws as they apply to animals and their welfare. It is our duty to ensure all animals are treated humanely, responsibly, and with respect in accordance with the law. To help our citizens be the best Fur-Parents they can be, here are 7 state and local animal regulations you may not know about that Hitchcock actively enforces:

1. Animal owners must provide proper care and control of their animals to prevent such animals from becoming a public nuisance.
2. It is unlawful for any person to allow their animal to run at large.
3. Hitchcock city ordinance requires that you ensure your pets have current rabies vaccinations.
4. State and local regulations mandate that animal owners provide adequate shelter, water and food (this requirement pertains to your pets and farm animals).
5. City ordinance limits the number of dogs and cats per household, you are limited to a total of 4 animals per household.
6. You are required to pick up and sanitarly dispose of pet waste left on public or private property.
7. The State of Texas adopted new regulations pertaining to the tethering and unlawful restraint of dogs.
 - ♦ The law prohibits an owner from leaving a dog outside and unattended by use of a restraint unless the owner provides the dog with access to:
 - adequate shelter;
 - an area that allows the dog to avoid standing water and exposure to excessive animal waste;
 - shade from direct sunlight;
 - potable water;
 - ♦ The new law also prohibits the use of a restraint that:
 - is a chain;
 - has weights attached;
 - is shorter in length than the greater of 10' or 5x the length of the dog; or
 - is attached to a collar or harness not properly fitted.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

5/16/2022 City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

5/24/2022 Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting 6:00pm.

5/30/2022 City Offices will be closed in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

National Police Week is celebrated during the week that May 15th falls in, under President Kennedy's decree to honor the men and women who risk their lives every day in the line of duty — it takes place from May 15 to 21 this year. It is also a time for police officers to honor their fallen colleagues, make sure those surviving them are supported, as well as to remember their commitment to keeping people safe. Citizens and civilians can also celebrate the day by showing some love and gratitude to the police officers around them. National Police Week is all about honor, gratitude, remembrance, servitude, and peer support.



WHY NATIONAL POLICE WEEK IS IMPORTANT

- **The fallen need to be remembered**
National Police Week allows us to honor the police officers who have lost their lives or limbs in the course of duty. It allows the country to honor their sacrifice, remember their good deeds, and show support for their families.
- **Police officers risk their lives everyday**
Police officers put themselves in dangerous situations constantly in their quest to ensure we have a safe world. The least we can do is dedicate one week out of the 52 weeks in a year to appreciate their efforts and cheer them on.
- **It's all about support**
At the heart of it, National Police Week is all about support. Police officers get to honor and mourn their lost partners and colleagues, the police force shows its support for the families of lost officers, and civilians get to support the police by appreciating them.

HOW TO OBSERVE NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

- Hold or attend a vigil for the fallen police officers.
- Show appreciation to local police officers.
- Get decked in blue, wear blue to show your support for the officers who have devoted their lives to keeping us safe.

National Today. (2022, May 3). National Police Week – May 15-21, 2022. <https://nationaltoday.com/national-police-week/>

GARDENING IN GALVESTON COUNTY?

Quick reference guide to information for gardening in the Galveston County area to include Hitchcock.

WEBSITES AND LINKS:

What are the native plants to the coastal area?

Visit the Native Plant Finder website at www.nwf.org to find out what plants grow in the coastal area. The information is just a zip code away!

Is there an organization that I can contact for horticulture information or to participate in?

Yes! The Texas Master Gardeners is through the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service. They provide information, training and events that can be attended. Visit them at [Texas Master Gardeners – Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service \(txmg.org\)](http://Texas Master Gardeners – Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (txmg.org))

Where do I find a planting calendar for the Galveston area?

The Almanac of course. The Almanac is a useful tool when trying to figure out what to plant and when. [2022 Planting Calendar: When to Start Vegetable Seeds | The Old Farmer's Almanac](#)



ARE YOU READY FOR WHEN DISASTER STRIKES?

Anyone who has lived in the Gulf Coast region knows the threat of a disaster is a possibility for which residents must prepare. In recent years, residents in this region have dealt with a range of major disasters – from hurricanes, floods and freezes to chemical spills and plant explosions. In preparing for the unexpected, Ready Houston suggests making a plan, building a kit and staying informed.

Make A Plan- A good preparedness plan can prevent or at least reduce the confusion and panic typically brought on by an emergency situation. Simply knowing what to anticipate once a disaster hits your area or your home is key to your family's safety. Start planning early by contacting the proper sources for help or information.

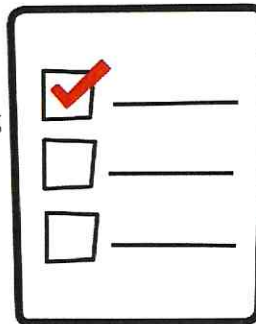
Build A Kit- Building a family emergency kit is crucial. During emergencies, you will need to be self-reliant for a period of time. You may want to consider two types of kits: a Go Bag and a Stay-At-Home Kit. A Go Bag is one you would take with you in case of evacuation. A Stay-At-Home Kit would come into play if you were taking shelter in your home. Drinking water and non-perishable food are essential, but don't forget about your pets. Make sure to add supplies for Fluffy and Fido too.

Stay Informed (Before, During and After Disasters)- For you and your family's safety, and the safety of your community: Start today making sure your family and your neighborhood are prepared to respond and cope before, during and after disasters. Emergency Alert System broadcasts are activated by local authorities when there is an emergency. In addition to KTRH 740 AM and KUHF 88.7 FM is also reliable for emergency updates. Find links to more news and weather resources at readyhouston.tx.gov.

BASIC KIT SUPPLY LIST:

Enough for 5 to 7 days is recommended

- Water (one gallon per person per day, for drinking and sanitation)
- Non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio & weather radio with tone alert, plus extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First Aid Kit & Rain gear
- Whistle to signal for help
- Filter mask or cotton t-shirt, to help filter the air
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener if kit contains canned food
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Items for unique family needs, such as daily prescription medications, infant formula, or diapers
- Paper towels and disposable cups, plates & utensils
- Cash or traveler's checks
- Fire extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Disinfectant
- Copies of important documents in a waterproof container
- Books, board games and other non-electric entertainment



ELECTION RESULTS

Hitchcock Economic Development Corporation (HEDC)
Proposition A
Passed

District 3 and 4 Councilmembers were unopposed and resulted in no election being held.

We welcome back Councilmembers Wayne Newton and Andre Perkins.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

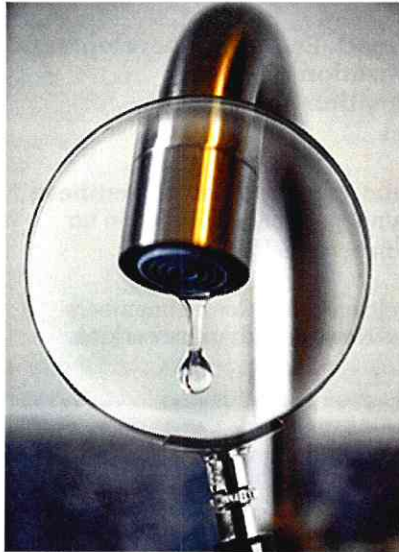
The 2021 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for the Public Water System of the City of Hitchcock is now available for review at the Hitchcock City Hall or on our website at <https://cms0files.revize.com/hitchcocktx/CCR%202021.pdf>

GET INVOLVED

Hitchcock is seeking volunteers.

Serving on a City Board or Commission is an excellent way to serve your community. The City is currently accepting applications for the Building Standards Commission, Board of Adjustments and the Disaster Assessment Team. If you are interested in serving on of either of these, please complete the on-line application found under the City Secretary's page on our website at www.cityofhitchcock.org and return to the City Hall or email it to the City Secretary at rsorrell@cityofhitchcock.org. You may attach your resume and any additional material you would like considered with your application.





YOU COULD HAVE A WATER LEAK

Right this moment hundreds of gallons of water could be leaking in or around your home. You may not hear water running or see any puddles, but that doesn't mean it's not happening.

The clear evidence: an unusually high water bill.

In some cases, the answer is simple: You've started watering more. Even hand watering can increase your bill, especially if you lose track of time while you're doing it. But sometimes the reason your bill has skyrocketed is a complete mystery.

The two most common culprits of a high water bill are leaky toilets and misbehaving irrigation systems. Any device in your home that automates anything related to water is at risk of leaking — often without leaving any easy-to-find clues.

Swimming pools, water softeners — anything with pumps and valves that move water could malfunction. These culprits could be silent, invisible problems. A device that tops off the water in your pool automatically is the number one reason for catastrophic water bills.

According to a national study, 13 percent of the water used in homes is lost to preventable leaks — leaks people didn't know they had.

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