



# City of Hitchcock

Newsletter May 2023

## SUMMER INTERN PROGRAM

The City of Hitchcock is currently 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 students from a variety of academic disciplines and to provide opportunities designed to equip the student with practical, real-world experiences that will help them transition into a successful career.

Interns will spend time working on relevant projects, learning about the responsibilities 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.

All positions offer temporary employment from June 5, 2023, through July 28, 2023. All positions are non-exempt FLSA status. Pay will be up to \$10.00 per hour.

### APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

- Must live in the City of Hitchcock.
- Must have reliable transportation to and from work.
- Currently enrolled in school and passing all subjects.
- Must be between 16-19 years of age.
- Committed to work the days and hours prescribed.

Below is a list of internship opportunities available:

Department	Location	Job Description	Work Schedule	Salary
<b>Police Department</b>	Hitchcock Police Department 6815 2nd St.	1 position available	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. M-F	Up to \$10/hr.
<b>Community Development</b>	Hitchcock City Hall 7423 Hwy 6	1 position available	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. M-F	Up to \$10/hr.
<b>Garage Mechanic</b>	City Barn 8401 Schiro Rd	1 position available	7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. M-F	Up to \$10/hr.
<b>Street Department Maintenance</b>	City Barn 8401 Schiro Rd	2 positions available	7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. M-F	Up to \$10/hr.

All completed applications must be submitted to Hitchcock City Hall by mail, email, or hand delivered. They will be distributed to the correct departments accordingly.

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](mailto:comspec@cityofhitchcock.org) - Please identify the job in the subject line.

## GALVESTON COUNTY HEAVY TRASH DAY

June 9th, 8am to 5pm and June 10th, 8am to 11am, at 5437 FM 646 Bacliff, TX. For questions call (409) 766-4509.

### Items Accepted:

- Wood
- Brush
- Passenger Tires (Limit 4)
- Furniture

### Not Accepted:

- Hazardous Materials / Automotive Fluids
- Paint
- Electronic Waste / Batteries
- Commercial Tires

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

5/09/2023	Planning and Zoning Commission Special Meeting at 6:00pm
5/15/2023	City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
5/18/2023	Coffee with the City at 9:00 a.m.
5/23/2023	Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting at 6:00pm
5/29/2023	City Offices Closed for Memorial Holiday

STAY INFORMED BY FOLLOWING US ON FACEBOOK





## Be Prepared This Hurricane Season



### Make a Plan

In the event of an evacuation, it is important to know your ZIP Zone. Evacuations may call for certain zones to be evacuated and/or to ensure the evacuation routes do not get clogged. Knowing your route is important as well. This should all be in your final written plan for you and your loved ones as well as alternate routes and rally points in case of separation. Ensure that everyone knows

where they are going, how to get there, and has cell phones charged. Make sure you designate a place where your family can rendezvous after an evacuation order is issued. Know your evacuation procedures for a hurricane or flood event.

**REMEMBER: Turn Around Don't Drown!** Just six inches of fast-moving water can knock over and carry off an adult. Twelve inches of water can float a small car. If that water is moving, it can carry that car away. Eighteen to twenty-four inches of flowing water can carry away most vehicles, including large SUVs. Water depth and swiftness is hard to judge. It is NEVER safe to drive or walk into flood waters! **ALL of Hitchcock is subject to flooding.**

### Build a Kit

Make sure your emergency kit is stocked with the items on the checklist below. Most of the items are inexpensive and easy to find, and any one of them could save your life. Once you take a look at the basic items, consider what unique needs your family might have, such as supplies for pets, or seniors. You may need to survive on your own for several days. Being prepared means having your own food, water and other supplies to last for at least 72 hours. A disaster supplies kit is a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency.

To assemble your kit, store items in airtight plastic bags and put your entire disaster supplies kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers such as plastic bins or a duffel bag. Remember to replenish your kit after use or when items begin to expire. You may want to prepare a kit at home, work, and keep one in your vehicle. You never know where you will be when a disaster occurs. A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- Water - one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food - at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food for family and pets
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Extra batteries
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener for food
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery



### Be Informed

Do you or anyone you know need some assistance during times of an emergency event? The state of Texas presents the STEAR program. The STEAR program is a free registry that provides local emergency planners and emergency responders with additional information on the needs in their community.

- Register Online at State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry <https://www.tdem.texas.gov/response/state-of-texas-emergency-assistance-registry>
- Dial 2-1-1 or use your video telephone relay option of choice to contact 211 at 877-541-7905 (Texas Information Referral Network)

Sign up for alerts - Galveston County and local municipalities utilize emergency notification systems that allow residents to be notified of emergency situations and important information. Notifications can be received in a variety of ways, including cell, home, and work phones, and by text messaging and/or email. Tune into your local radio/news channels, visit your city and county websites, and social media accounts. Visit [www.gcoem.org](http://www.gcoem.org) for additional helpful information.

City of Hitchcock Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100085861807158> Website: [cityofhitchcock.org](http://cityofhitchcock.org)



# Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

## SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.
- » Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

## CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

## PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 5 minutes before re-lighting it.

## FACTS

- ! July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ! Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**  
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards





## CONGRATULATIONS MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

All positions for the May 6, 2023, election were unopposed. This resulted in the cancellation of the City's May 2023 Election. On May 15, 2023, Mayor and Council Members will be sworn in, Chris Armacost as Mayor, Mary Combs Demby as Councilmember District 1 and Shawn Kadlecek as Councilmember District 2.


### COFFEE WITH THE CITY

Join us each 3rd Thursday for free coffee and breakfast at our newest networking event.

**This Month:**  
The Hitchcock Police Department will be providing an overview of their department and engaging with the community at our upcoming event.

**Thursday  
MAY 18, 2023  
9-10 AM**

Strong Tower Ministries  
7801 Burns St,  
Hitchcock, TX 77563



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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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