

# City of Hitchcock



Monthly Newsletter  
September 2019

## City of Hitchcock Fall Clean-Up October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 2019

**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 October 4<sup>th</sup> and October 5<sup>th</sup>. Disposals may be made at AmeriWaste Services temporary collection point of The City Barn – 8401 Schiro, Hitchcock, Texas 77563, between 11am to 4pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 8am to 12pm on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

**For more information, please contact AmeriWaste 281-331-8400 or  
City of Hitchcock 409-986-5591**

### **What you need to know:**

- Fall clean-up is restricted to Hitchcock residents only.
- This service is **free of charge** during the designated clean-up days and times.
- 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 resident.
- Texas Driver's License or Identification Card.
- All materials must be sorted by the customer. They will not be sorted by the AmeriWaste Service or by City of Hitchcock Employees.

### **Accepted Items:**

- Batteries (car batteries only)
- Furniture (dressers, mattresses, box springs, sofa's, love seats, tables and chairs)
- Stoves
- BBQ pits that DO NOT HAVE HOT ASH
- Tires (Passenger Tires Only Limit 4)

### **Limits:**

- Maximum of 2 pick-up truck loads per household or a maximum of 1 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, Washers, Dryers, or Air conditioners
- NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS; including automotive oils, cooking oils, filters, fluorescent light bulbs, insecticides, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers.
- NO TIRES on rims or wheels, Commercial Tires, or Heavy Equipment Tires
- Mercury WILL NOT be accepted.
- Explosives and ammunition WILL NOT be accepted
- Computer monitors and box style television WILL NOT be accepted. For information on how to dispose of these items visit <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/>

The City of Hitchcock and AmeriWaste Services are NOT responsible for damage to vehicles or injury to citizens during this event. The City of Hitchcock and AmeriWaste Services 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 over the established limits are subject to a fee (at AmeriWaste Services discretion).



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### **CITY COMMISSION IMPORTANT DATES**

PUBLIC HEARING ON PRO-  
POSED TAX RATE AND FY 2020  
BUDGET 9/9/2019  
AT 6:00 PM

COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
9/16/2019 AT 6:00 PM  
CITY HALL BUILDING  
7423 HIGHWAY 6  
HITCHCOCK, TX

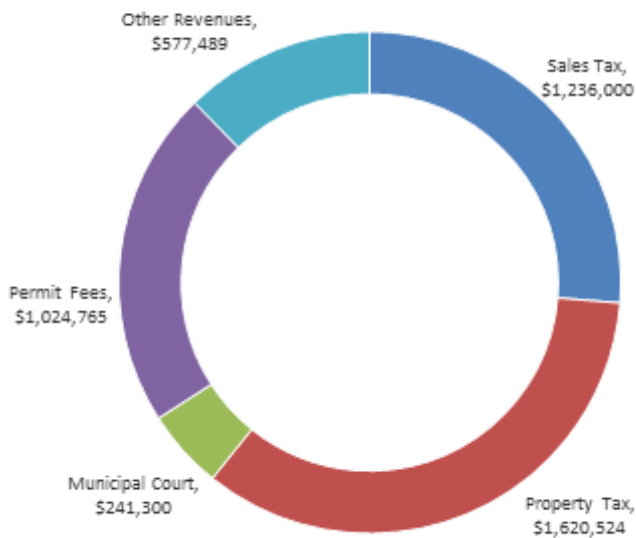
## FY 2020 PROPOSED BUDGET

The Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2020 was presented to the City Commission on August 12, 2019. The Budget Document serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communication device for the City. It is the foundation for the City's allocation of resources toward a service delivery plan for providing quality services, additional improvement, and addresses Commission priorities.

The total FY 2020 Proposed Budget is \$10,707,430 and is composed of four (4) parts: the General Fund, Utility Fund, Restricted Funds, and other Funds. The City's largest operating fund is the General Fund with a Proposed Budget of \$4,700,078 in FY 2020. The General Fund supports most basic City services: Police, Streets & Drainage, Solid Waste, Code Compliance, Community Development, Municipal Court, Building Inspections, Animal Control, Parks, and Administration. To view the FY 2020 Proposed Budget visit our website at [www.cityofhitchcock.org](http://www.cityofhitchcock.org).

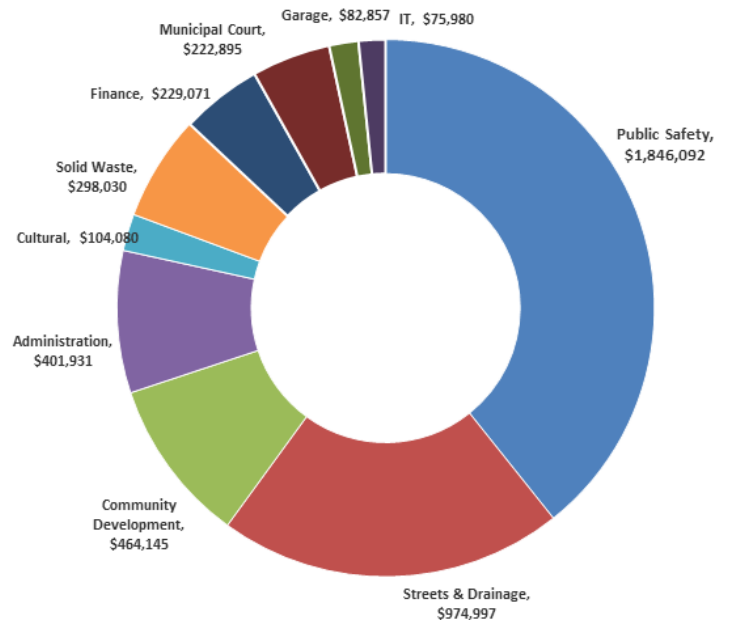
### Where does the money come from?

City of Hitchcock  
FY 2020 Revenues  
Total - \$4,700,078



### Where is the money spent?

City of Hitchcock  
FY 2020 Appropriations  
Total - \$4,700,078



## PUT WASTE IN ITS PLACE

Don't throw rechargeable batteries in the trash. Recycle them at area home improvement and electronic retailers.

The average Texas household has 28 electronic devices. Consider purchasing refurbished electronics. Also, donate used electronics or recycle these devices if they are no longer working.

Each Texan generates about six and a half pounds of garbage each day. Buy reusable products and avoid items with a lot of packaging.

Items such as food, yard trimmings, paper, glass, metal, and plastics account for over 80% of household trash. You can make a huge impact by composting and recycling as many of these items as possible.

Keeping your tires properly inflated can extend their life by almost 5,000 miles. When your tires can no longer be used, recycle them.

Recycle used motor oil. The used oil from one oil change can contaminate 1 million gallons of fresh water (a year's supply for 50 people). Used motor oil can be recycled at local auto parts stores.

Recycle old car, boat, and lawnmower batteries at local auto parts stores.

For more information on reducing waste, recycling, and helping the environment visit [TakeCareOfTexas.org](http://TakeCareOfTexas.org)

## Reminder

Keep trees trimmed to at least a **14ft. clearance from the street to allow for passage of school busses and Emergency Vehicles.**



### REDUCED SPEED AHEAD ON FM2004

- From the north City Limit City of Hitchcock to centerline of Blimp Rd., reduced from 55mph to 45mph.
- From the centerline of Blimp Rd. to the south City Limit City of Hitchcock, reduced from 65mph to 55mph.
- School zone, from a point 280 feet south of Spruce Rd., to the centerline of James Rd., reduced from 35mph to 30mph when flashing.
- School zone, from the centerline of Neville Rd., a point 740 feet north of Kemin Dr., reduced from 35mph to 30mph when flashing.

These changes will be active as soon as the new Speed Limit signs are installed by The Texas Department of Transportation.

### NEW GROUND WATER STORAGE TANK

A new ground storage water tank is being installed by Schier Construction Company to replace the old one at 7918 Neville Avenue.

This tank can hold 285,563 gallons of water and is constructed with an epoxy coated steel. The cost of this tank is \$323,840.00 which is being paid for by The City of Hitchcock Utility Fund.

This tank will be used to supply safe drinking water to the residents and businesses of Hitchcock.

The project is expected to be completed in October 2019.



**We are currently under construction.**

Our City website is getting a new look and upgrade. Please take the time to visit the new website often as changes and update will be ongoing.

Visit our website at:

[www.cityofhitchcock.org](http://www.cityofhitchcock.org)



**Gulf Coast Water Authority**

The Gulf Coast Water Authority, which supplies drinking water to most communities in Galveston County, offers the following suggestions to protect this precious resource:

1. Pick up after pets
2. Recycle oil
3. Keep grease and toxic chemicals out of drains
4. Limit use of pesticides and herbicides. Go natural when you can.

Join a cleanup crew for the Adopt-a-Beach beach cleanup  
Sept. 21 2019

### WAYS TO PAY YOUR UTILITY BILL

**Online** at [cityofhitchcock.org](http://cityofhitchcock.org)  
**By Phone** at (833) 282-0826

**In Person** at the City Hall at  
7423 Hwy. 6

**Drop Box** located in the parking lot of City Hall

Cash, Check, Money Order,  
Credit Card



## INERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH GALVESTON COUNTY

The City of Hitchcock has entered into an Interlocal Agreement with Galveston County to improve certain streets and roads in the City.

### The project consists of the following roads for improvement:

Jackson Road (Oakridge Drive to Prairie Street)

Neville Avenue (Cow Gully to Bulldog Lane)

Burns Street (Hacker Road to the last driveway on the right)

Hacker Road (2<sup>nd</sup> Street to Caldwell Street)

South Railroad/Renaud Street (Mike Street to east of Biering Street)



**This improvement project is scheduled to begin in January 2020.**



### REMINDER FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT

If you have received a notice from code enforcement please comply within the time limit given in the letter. Failure to do so can result in City Ordinance Violation Citations being issued. Each violation can result in upwards of a \$500.00 fine per violation per day.

The goal of Code Enforcement is to encourage compliance to the City Ordinances which are in place to keep our community beautiful, safe and sanitary for all residents and visitors of Hitchcock.

### HOW TO CONTACT US

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