



SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2015

Inside College Station

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We all live here! Good Neighbor Guidelines

College Station is home to many college students, families and retirees which brings a unique blend of residents to the community. As of July 2015, the city's population was 103,245 based on issued residential Certificates of Occupancy. With so many different lifestyles in one place, it's important to find balance and understanding to promote harmonious neighborhood relations.

SAY HOWDY & KEEP THE NOISE DOWN

Whether you're a student or a permanent resident, be sure to introduce yourself to your neighbors and spend a few moments getting to know them. Are they a young family with a new baby, an elderly couple, a person who has to be at work at 5 a.m. or a student trying to study? Always put these things into consideration when you're planning a potentially noisy event.

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.

It's also a good idea to exchange contact information in case of emergencies or other problems. Be sure to let them know if you're hosting a large event and for them to contact you if it becomes too noisy. It's better they call you instead of the police.

PROPERLY DISPOSE OF TRASH

Our Public Works Department provides bulky, brush, garbage and recycling collections once a week. All items should be placed by the curb by 8 a.m. on your designated collection day.

Household garbage should be bagged, tied and securely stored in your provided container. The container lid should be closed at all times, so litter doesn't spread and to prevent animals from getting into it. Do not pile bags on top or around your container or the sanitation truck will not be able to collect it. After your trash has been collected, you have 12 hours to remove your container from the curb. If you have too much garbage, you can request extra

garbage service or an additional container by calling 979.764.3690. The city also provides free curbside recycling, learn more at cstx.gov/recycle.

Bulky collection includes items that are too large to fit in the regular garbage container. It does not include bags of household garbage. Brush collection is for tree limbs, shrubs, woody vines, and other herbaceous or woody plants. Items for collection should be neatly stacked within three feet of the curb at the front of your residence. If you have both brush and bulky items, separate the piles. Don't place items in the street or sidewalk, closer than four feet from fixed objects, on top of sprinkler heads/meters/electrical boxes, or under low tree limbs/overhead wires.

To find out more about sanitation collections, email pubworks@cstx.gov, call 979.764.3690 or visit cstx.gov/sanitation.

AVOID CODE VIOLATIONS

Many people don't even think about city codes until they receive an unwelcome citation. Here are just a few:

Parking: Don't park vehicles or motorcycles on the grass, and be sure not to block driveways, mailboxes or roadways.

Residential Occupancy: Since at least 1972, the city has not allow for more than four unrelated individuals to occupy a dwelling unit. As an example, four friends or siblings living together in a home are complying with the ordinance, but if an unrelated friend moved in, it would be a violation.

Yards: Weeds and grass shouldn't exceed 12 inches in height.

Familiarize yourself with all city codes by visiting cstx.gov/codeenforcement.

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What's new for the Nov. 3 election? Might be vote centers.

A vote center, also called a super precinct, is a polling place that combines multiple precincts allowing voters to choose from any polling place within the jurisdiction (in this case, the county). These centers allow voters to cast their ballots on Election Day at any vote center in the jurisdiction, regardless of their residential address. It works just like early voting. The Brazos County Clerk has applied to the Secretary of State for permission to participate in the county-wide Polling Place Program. A task force comprised of representatives from throughout the county worked diligently to prepare a list of possible vote center locations, and County Commissioners held a public hearing to gather input on those locations. If approved by the Secretary of State, voters can expect to vote on Nov. 3 at any of the approved locations listed at cstx.gov/elections.

Novedades para la elección de noviembre 3? Podría ser centros de voto.

Un centro de votación, también llamado un super recinto, es un lugar de votación que combina múltiples recintos que permiten a los votantes a elegir cualquier lugar de votación dentro de la jurisdicción (en este caso, el condado). Estos centros permiten a los votantes emitir su voto el día de las elecciones en cualquier centro de votación en la jurisdicción, independientemente de su dirección residencial. Funciona igual que la votación anticipada. El Encargado del Condado de Brazos le ha solicitado al Secretario de Estado permiso para participar en el Programa de Sitios de Votaciones a nivel de Condado. Un Grupo de Trabajo integrado por representantes a lo largo del condado trabajaron diligentemente para preparar una lista de posibles sitios en donde se podrían establecer los Centros de Votaciones, y los Comisionados de Condado tuvieron una audiencia pública para reunir información sobre estos sitios. Si es aprobado por el Secretario de Estado, los votantes pueden esperar a votar el 3 de noviembre en cualquiera de los lugares autorizados que figuran en cstx.gov/elections.

Warrant Amnesty & Roundup

A warrant amnesty period will occur Oct. 12-30. The amnesty period, held twice each year, allows citizens with outstanding warrants to avoid paying a \$50 per case warrant fee if fines are paid in full. No partial payment schedules will be allowed if citizens want to avoid the \$50 fee. The City of College Station accepts cash, cashier's check, credit cards, money orders, and personal checks. Outstanding warrants cannot be paid via College Station's online citation payment system.

Law enforcement officials will conduct a "warrant roundup" Oct. 31-Nov. 15 to arrest citizens who failed to pay their fines during the designated amnesty period.

The College Station Municipal Court publishes a list of all outstanding warrants at cstx.gov/warrants, which allows anyone to check their warrant status if a citation was issued by the College Station Police Department. Citizens also may contact the City of College Station Municipal Court at 979.764.3683.



Trick or Treat at Werewolf Creek

On Friday, Oct. 30 from 5-9 p.m. enjoy trick-or-treating, scarecrow contest, hay maze and rides, carnival games, face painting, joy jumps and much more at Trick or Treat at Werewolf Creek in Wolf Pen Creek Park.

Parking is available at Post Oak Mall. Guests may bring their own refreshments, but coolers must be 48 quarts or smaller. Alcohol, glass containers and pets are not allowed. Food vendors will be onsite.

Interested in a having a booth? Register before Oct. 16. For complete details, call 979.764.3486 or visit cstx.gov/halloween.

events

FREE MOVIES IN THE PARK

Oct. 21 & Nov. 13
cstx.gov/movies, 979.764.3486

EXPLORING HISTORY LUNCHEONS

Oct. 21 - Veterans Day Edition
Nov. 18 - J. Griffis Smith's Photo book

11:30 a.m. \$5 per person.
RSVP to: mrodgers@cstx.gov
or 979.764.6351.

OCT. 22: SENIOR FALL FEST

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

FREE BIKE CLASSES

Oct. 24 & Nov. 21
RSVP at: cstx.gov/bikepedgreenways

OCT. 24: HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & COMPUTER COLLECTION

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

OCT. 24: WIENER FEST

Wolf Pen Creek Park
aggielandhumane.org/wienerfest

NOV. 20-21: BRAZOS VALLEY

WORLDVEST at Wolf Pen Creek Park
brazosvalleyworldfest.org

NOV. 21: CITY OFFICES CLOSED

Garbage collections will take place one day behind scheduled collection day. Recycling will not be collected.
cstx.gov/sanitation, 979.764.3690

election calendar

cstx.gov/elections • 979.764.3519

OCT. 5: Deadline to register to vote in Brazos County for this election.
brazosvotes.org, 979.361.4135

OCT. 19-30: Early voting by personal appearance.

NOV. 3: Election Day. 7 a.m.-7 p.m.