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Stepping Up Economic Development and Tourism in the Region with H-GAC



Tina, Samantha and Councilman Flores at HGAC

On August 29, 2024, Councilman Ben Flores, Samantha Denbow, Communications and Cultural Arts Director, and Tina Israel, Main Street Manager, attended the Texas Two Step workshop presented by Houston-Galveston Area Council workshop in collaboration with Betty Russo from the Governor's Office on Economic Development and Tourism. They heard presentations from numerous local, state, and federal partners who provided information on resources and funding opportunities to grow economic development and tourism in your communities.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Junk & Disorderly

Sat. Oct. 5th ... 8am-2pm ... Sports Complex

Bay City Fire Department Open House

Tue. Oct. 8th ... 7pm ... Fire Dept.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Sat. Oct. 12th ... 8am-Noon ... Fairgrounds

Campfire Stories

Sat. Oct. 12th ... 6:30pm ... Riverside Park

Witches Who Wine

Thu. Oct. 24th ... 5pm-7pm ... Downtown

Movies in the Park "Hocus Pocus"

Fri. Oct. 25th ... 7pm ... Riverside Park

Trick or Treat

Around the Square

Thu. Oct. 31st ... 3:30pm-5:30pm ... Downtown

Dia De Los Muertos

Ofrenda Friday

Fri. Nov. 1st ... 6:30pm-9pm ... Downtown

Celebration Saturday

Sat. Nov. 2nd ... 4pm-10pm ... LeTulle Park

Christmas

Around the Square

Thu. Nov. 21st ... 5pm-9pm ... Downtown



Customer Service Week

City Staff will celebrate Customer Service Week October 7 - 11, 2024.

Send your great customer service experiences with our staff to communications@cityofbaycity.org to be shared on the City Facebook page.

Municipal Court

Municipal Courts in Texas are created by cities to hear traffic, Class C misdemeanor offenses and city ordinance cases. Traffic laws are passed by State Legislature while city ordinances are passed by city council. These laws and some ordinances are enforced by city police officers. Some city ordinances are enforced by code enforcement officers. Such ordinances could include, high weeds/grass, junk vehicles or animals running at large.

Class C misdemeanor offenses typically have a punishment of a fine or community service and could include: no seat belt violations, fail to maintain financial responsibility or minor in possession of alcohol. These cases are filed in Municipal and Justice Courts.

Bay City Municipal Court processes all Class C misdemeanors and ordinance offenses that are issued by the Bay City Police Department. Our court also processes cases enforced by Bay City Code Enforcement.

Bay City Municipal Court also processes all other Class A and B misdemeanors and Felonies that are issued by Bay City Police Department. If you receive a citation from a Bay City Police officer, call or come by Bay City Municipal Court and we will assist.

If you receive a citation from a Sheriff's Deputy or Texas State Trooper, you will contact one of the five Justice Courts within Matagorda County as they process these citations.

It can be confusing navigating the court system and we hope this information was helpful. Below you will find some helpful links and phone numbers to help you find the court that will process your case.



Bay City Municipal Court online payment system:
<https://www.govrec.com/main-page>

Bay City Municipal Court
979-245-0035

Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 - 979-244-7660

Justice of the Peace Pct. 2 - 979-863-2035

Justice of the Peace Pct. 3 - 361-972-5313

Justice of the Peace Pct. 4 - 979-843-5601

Justice of the Peace Pct. 6 - 979-245-0358

County Website

<https://www.co.matagorda.tx.us/>

Scroll down to public records and select. At the next page, select judicial records and provide your name. If you were issued a citation by a Sheriff's Deputy or State Trooper, you will be able to find out which Justice Court your case is filed in.



Jessica Russell

Bay City CDC Directs Staff to Form Agreement and Structure Potential Aquatic Center With YMCA



After years of planning, an Aquatic Center may be coming to Matagorda County. Thanks to a partnership between the Bay City Community Development Corporation (CDC), Wellness Matagorda County, and the YMCA, Bay City could have a brand new aquatic center and YMCA facility. Listen to the full interview by following this link:

bit.ly/BCTxAquaticCtr



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Thank You for Participating in the 9/11 Stair Challenge

I want to personally thank Corporal Soto, Officer Wakefield, Firefighter Jerry Garza and Firefighter Albert Castaneda for your participation in the 9/11 Stair Challenge. Your dedication to honoring the memory of those who gave their lives in service on that tragic day is deeply appreciated. The Stair Challenge is a powerful reminder of the bravery and sacrifice shown by our fellow first responders on 9/11. By taking part, you have not only paid tribute to their legacy but also demonstrated the strength, unity, and commitment of our own department and community. I am proud of the way you all represent the values of courage, service, and honor. Thank you for going above and beyond, as you do every day. -Chief Christella Rodriguez



Bay City Public Works

- Road repairs on Nile Valley Road from Roberts to Ave F will begin in the coming weeks. Watch out for road closures and crews working in the area.
- Storm related repairs: no cost permits are extended to October 31st.
- A "graffiti" category has been added to the Bay City mobile app. Residents can now use the app to report graffiti. You can also call the Code Compliance Division to report, 979-323-1173.
- Did you know tall weeds and grass attract mice and rats, mosquitoes, snakes and even crime? Tall grass is a pest paradise, attracting many disease-carrying varmints. Because of health & safety, grass/weeds over 12 inches are in violation of our ordinances. Call our Code Compliance Division, 979-323-1173, or visit the City app to report properties in violation.
- Are you making home repairs? Call the Planning & Development Services Division, 979-323-1173, to discuss your project and determine if a permit is required.

MAIN STREET EVENTS
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN BAY CITY

OCT 24	WITCHES WHO WINE 5PM-7PM
OCT 31	TRICK OR TREAT AROUND THE SQUARE 3:30PM-5:30PM
NOV 1	DIA DE LOS MUERTOS OFRENDA FRIDAY 6:30PM-9:00PM
NOV 21	CHRISTMAS AROUND THE SQUARE 5PM-9PM

MAIN STREET
Bay City



CITY OF BAY CITY
Planning & Development Services Division
1217 Avenue J, Bay City, Texas, 77414
(979) 323-1173



Do you have storm damage from Hurricane Beryl?
The Planning & Development Services Division is extending no cost permits for storm related repairs until October 31, 2024. Call us today to see if your project qualifies! 979-323-1173.

CAMPFIRE STORIES
Join us at Riverside Park Wayfield for an evening of spooky tales, smores, and a take home craft!
All ages welcome!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH
6:30PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL
979-245-6931

PUBLIC LIBRARY



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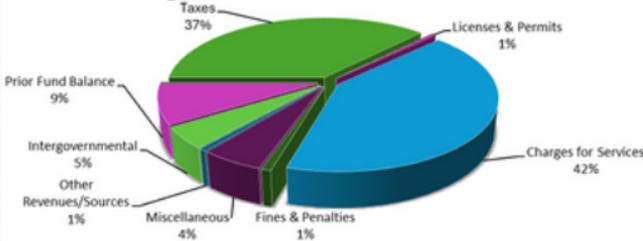
Bay City, TX — Bay City Parks and Recreation has partnered with CivicRec to make reserving facilities and registering an ease.

Reservations and registrations for Riverside, facilities, pavilions and classes can now be made on-line, over the phone or in person at the Parks and Recreation Office (1209 10th Street) and Riverside Park (7330 FM 2668). Acceptable forms of payment are: Cash, Check, Money Order and Credit Cards.

You can now make reservations on-line for camping, facilities and pavilions up to 1 year in advance. Create an account and you can reserve your favorite campsite, pavilion or building. Go to <https://secure.rec1.com/TX/city-of-bay-city-tx/catalog>, create your account, then click on the appropriate tab to make a reservation or register for a program or event.

For more information on Parks and Recreation, 979-323-1660 or via e-mail at parcs-rec@cityofbaycity.org.

Where do we get our dollars?



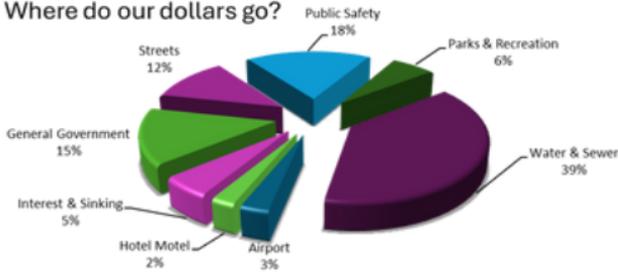
City Council Approves FY2025 Budget and Tax Rate

On September 24, 2024, the City Council unanimously approved the proposed FY2025 budget and tax rate, which will take effect on October 1, 2024. This process includes the five-year Capital Improvement Plan and Fee Schedule for city services. The budget process, in its entirety, runs from April through September.

The total budget for the City of Bay City is \$39,739,067, and the approved tax rate is \$0.56916 per \$100. Last year, the City Council decided against a tax increase and has lowered the city's tax rate over the past five years from \$0.65500 to \$0.56995, a reduction of 8 cents. This revenue increase equates to 2% of the city's budget, which is used to pay for maintenance and operations, capital, and debt. These graphics illustrate where city revenue comes from and how those funds are expended.

The budget is available for public viewing in the City Secretary's office, the Bay City Public Library, or online at www.cityofbaycity.org.

Where do our dollars go?



CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

City Council Meetings take place every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Meetings begin at 6:00PM and are held in the Bay City Council Chambers located at 1901 5th St.

Tuesday, October 8, 2024
6:00 pm - Regular City Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 22, 2024
6:00 pm - Regular City Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 12, 2024
6:00 pm - Regular City Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 26, 2024
6:00 pm - Regular City Council Meeting

Agendas / Minutes



Movie Night at Riverside Park

Join us for
A Spook-tacular Family
Movie Night at Riverside
Park!

Featured Film: "Hocus Pocus"

October 25th at 7pm

\$10/Car
Includes popcorn and hot cocoa

Bring your blankets,
chairs, and snacks
for a family movie
night!

Riverside Park
7330 FM 2668, Bay City
979-245-0340
www.campriverside.org

Rated PG



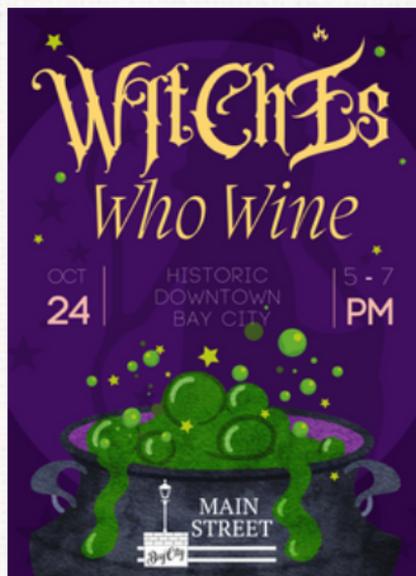

BAY CITY MAIN STREET PROGRAM
PRESENTS

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AROUND THE SQUARE
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN BAY CITY

OCTOBER 31ST
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ADVENTURE AWAITS:

Explore, Conserve, Enjoy!
HIKE • KAYAK • FISH • CAMP

- RV & Tent Sites
- Scenic Beach Area
- Boat & Kayak Launch
- Kayak Rentals
- Prime Fishing Spots
- Group Pavilions
- BBQ Pits
- & So Much More!

ASK ABOUT OUR YEARLY PASS!

Plan your visit: campriverside.org | (979)245-0340
7330 FM 2668, Bay City, Tx 77414 | VisitBayCity.org

29th



Annual

HOUSEHOLD hazardous waste collection

Saturday, October 12, 2024

8 a.m. thru 12 noon

day

2024 EVENT SPONSORS:

"OQ Chemicals" "Celanese" "Chevron - Phillips" "Clean Harbors" "LyondellBasell"
"STP Nuclear Operating Company" "Zachry - Chevron Phillips" "Matagorda County" "City of Bay City"
"Bayceel FCU" "Aqua Beverage - Ozarka" "Jeff McDonald" "McDonald AC and Heat" "Gulf Breeze Disposal" "WhamCo"
"Lansdowne Moody" "Tenaris" "Veolia" "Select Environmental" "Sure Nuff Septic Services" "Sprint Waste"

The health and safety of our families, neighborhoods and environment are threatened when household hazardous waste is stored or disposed of improperly!

Where?

Matagorda County
Fairgrounds
Bay City, Texas

ONE DAY ONLY!



Do it for a
Cleaner, safer
environment

Things to Bring

- Used Motor Oil
- Antifreeze
- Brake / Transmission Fluid
- Old Diesel / Gasoline
- Pesticides / Herbicides / Insecticides
- Pool Chemicals
- Paints / Thinners (10-gallon limit)
- Household Cleaners
- Drain Openers
- Stain Removers
- Furniture Polish / Wood Preservatives
- Cooking Oil
- Batteries (Auto, Rechargeable, Alkaline)
- Old Appliances (with / without Freon)
- Tires (8) NO Semi or Tractor Tires
- Products labeled "Warning / Caution / Poison"
- E-Waste: Computers, Printers, Cell Phones (No CRT Monitor's)

DO NOT BRING

- FARM / BUSINESS WASTE
- EXPLOSIVES
- RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL
- DRINKS
- TVs
- MAGAZINES OR NEWSPAPERS
- COMPRESSED GAS CYLINDERS

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day!
No Contractors
For more information, call:
(979)244-2717

FREE PAPER SHREDDING

by Bayceel FCU
Avoid Identity Theft!

It is an effort to help the community to protect themselves against ID theft. We encourage you to bring any sensitive documents that are no longer needed.

Examples:

- Bank Statements
- Insurance Forms
- Credit Card Statements
- Income Tax Records
- Medical Records
- Investment Information

Some of these items could fall under Household Personal paper products only.

What is household hazardous waste?

Household hazardous waste is any product labeled toxic, poison, corrosive, flammable, combustible or irritant that you are ready to dispose of.



BAY CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

7pm, Tuesday
October 8, 2024

Come out for hotdogs and drinks while you watch a live kitchen fire and car fire!

You can learn to use a fire extinguisher and put out a fire yourself.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!



Do you junk well with others?

Make plans to attend our

Junk and Disorderly Shopping event!

Saturday, October 5th 8AM- 2PM

Bay City Sports Complex
2414 FM 3156



RESALE ITEMS!

ARTS & CRAFTS!

FOOD TRUCKS!

GARAGE SALE ITEMS!



For more information, call 979-323-1660.

Matagorda County Librarian Meetup



Bay City Public Library hosted the second annual Matagorda County Librarian Meetup on September 23, 2024. This event is designed to bring local public and school librarians together to share resources and ideas, successes and challenges, and collaborate on solutions for issues faced in the local libraries.



Library's Career Online High School Graduates Two



Holly, high school graduate, poses with family members.

Less than one year after starting the Career Online High School service at the Bay City Public Library, two students have earned their high school diplomas. Through donations and grants, the library provides scholarships to eligible Matagorda County adults seeking to further their education.

Congratulations to the first two graduates!

For more information about the Career Online High School program, call the library at 979-245-6931 or email library@cityofbaycity.org.



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Downtown Bay City
6:30PM-9:00PM

NOV 2
LeTulle Park Bay City
4:00PM-10:00PM

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