



Mayor's Monthly Message

Mayor Elsie Thurman - October 2024

If you were not able to attend the Town Hall Meeting, you truly missed a fantastic gathering. The ballroom at the Yacht Club was overflowing with happy people who enjoyed being together to hear about the progress that has been made this year and learn about plans for the coming year.

I was thrilled by the attendance, interest, and enthusiasm in the room. Directors of all departments were there with handouts, gifts and information to share with residents. If you could not attend, please take the time to watch the video posted on the City website at <https://www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov/961/2024-Town-Hall-Meeting>. Alternatively, you can visit the website and search for the Media Center to find it.

I want to thank the City staff for their hard work in organizing the Town Hall. They are an exceptional group of individuals, and we are lucky to have them working on our behalf. I also want to thank all the citizens who attended. Your participation is a testament to the positive, forward-looking spirit of Horseshoe Bay, and I am proud to be part of this community.

Here are a few of the takeaways from the town hall

- **Resident Development Survey:** We are conducting a survey to gather your opinions on the type of development you envision along Hwy. 71. This survey includes 12 questions and has an additional comment section. The initial questions aim to understand the perspectives of respondents. For instance, a full-time resident might answer differently than someone who only visits on weekends. Similarly, a resort member may have different views on lifestyle, public parks, and restaurants than a non-member. Since the City serves everyone, the survey committee wants to ensure they can accurately analyze the feedback.
- **Deer Herd Management:** The City employs various measures to evaluate the need for managing the deer herd, including assessing the health of the animals and monitoring collision rates on 2147. Although we did not trap deer last year, we have decided that it is now necessary and will begin after Thanksgiving. The staff has been researching alternative methods and consulting with other communities, and we will be using a new system this year. Open pens will be set up on selected vacant lots with feeders to attract the deer inside.

Once a sufficient number have gathered, the staff will remotely close the openings, safely retaining the deer. A trailer will then be used to transport them to a processing plant, where all meat will be distributed to local food banks. One demonstration pen will be placed behind Martin Park in the coming weeks, and I



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encourage you to visit and ask questions. Research indicates that this system is more humane, causes less stress for the animals and allows our staff to release large bucks and fawns. I want to ensure that no one is surprised when they see the new pens being set up.

- And finally – Mark Your Calendar:
 - **Llano County Bulk Trash Collection** – October 12, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Llano County Annex located at 8347 RR 1431
 - **Burnet County Household Waste Collection** – October 19 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Burnet County Reuse and Recycle Center located at 2411 FM 963 (2 miles east of 281).
 - **Bayside Bazaar -November 2, from 10 am to 4 p.m.** at Quail Point. Artists and craftsmen in Horseshoe Bay and the surrounding area who are working hard to prepare for this event. There will be vendors offering all sorts of unique gifts so you can do your Christmas shipping right here in Horseshoe Bay. Let's all turn out to support their work and the Helping Center which does so much good work.

Thank you for being a part of Horseshoe Bay!

Elsie Thurman, Mayor

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