



Mayor's Monthly Message

Mayor Elsie Thurman - November 2024

By Mayor Elsie Thurman

Water Plant Incident Response

Following the October 21 incident at the Central Water Plant (which will be covered in detail in this week's edition of The Beacon), I want to express my pride in our water plant staff and first responders' swift action. Their immediate priority was protecting plant employees and nearby residents. Rather than relying on email communications, they took direct action—driving through streets, assisting pedestrians, warning outdoor workers, and conducting door-to-door notifications about the chlorine gas cloud. Once the immediate crisis was addressed and facts were gathered, we informed the broader community via email blast.

While our water supply remains uncompromised, we continue to evaluate the incident's impact. Insurance discussions between our provider and the trucking company are ongoing. We appreciate your patience as we work through the resulting challenges.

Council Changes

As we begin our new fiscal year this October, the November council meeting will mark significant changes. We'll bid farewell to Councilmember Dwight King after his three years of outstanding service and welcome Buck Weatherby, who brings valuable experience as a former mayor. The council is eager to implement our plans for the coming year.

Construction Updates

City Center- Construction has finally begun, with completion expected in December 2025. This facility will become a community landmark we can all be proud of.

West Fire Station-Expansion work should commence by late November, with completion also targeted for late 2025.

Safety Alerts-Deer Activity

During this season, deer are particularly active and mobile ("the rut"). Drivers and pedestrians should remain vigilant, as deer may suddenly cross streets without warning.

Bay West Boulevard Improvements

The week of November 6 will see new safety striping along Bay West Boulevard. This trial implementation, provided by our paving contractor, aims to enhance safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and golf cart users. If successful, the striping will be reinstated after the spring resurfacing at no additional expense to the city.



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Post Office Cleanliness: A Community Effort

Significant improvements in the maintenance of our local post office have been made, thanks to our new janitor, Jarred Arp. The windows and floors have been cleaned and the trash bins are now accessible. However, Mr. Arp is struggling to keep the trash bins emptied. We need your cooperation to maintain these improvements

Please:

1. Place all unwanted mail directly in trash receptacles
2. If the trash bin is full, please discard unwanted mail at home
3. If someone left mail on the counter, throw it in the bin for them. I have done this and am shocked to see that some of the culprits are people whose names I recognize.

I am told that recycling bins have been requested but, until they arrive, please take responsibility for your mail disposal and help maintain the cleanliness of our shared postal facility.

Closing Thoughts

As we embrace the Hill Country's spectacular fall season, I hope you'll take time to enjoy our community's natural beauty. Whether you're walking our trails, gathering with neighbors, or simply taking in the autumn air, these moments remind us of how fortunate we are to call Horseshoe Bay home. As Thanksgiving approaches, I wish you all the warmth of family gatherings, the joy of friendships, and the peace that this special season brings.

Elsie Thurman, Mayor

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