



# Mayor's Monthly Message

Mayor Elsie Thurman - December 2024

## I need your help!

### Upcoming Texas Legislative Session: Your Voice Matters

The Texas Legislative Session begins January 14, 2025, in Austin, and bills are already being filed. As mayor, I'm collaborating with other Hill Country small-city leaders to ensure our voices are heard. We're particularly concerned about legislation that, while targeting larger cities, often inadvertently impacts smaller communities like ours with unnecessary regulations.

We're building a network of engaged residents willing to contact our state representatives about local concerns. If you'd like to participate, please email [speakup@horseshoe-bay-tx.gov](mailto:speakup@horseshoe-bay-tx.gov) to join our advocacy group. We'll provide you with:

- Specific details about legislation affecting our community
- Pre-drafted letters you can sign and forward
- Phone numbers to call

Our state representatives are committed to serving us but need to hear directly from their constituents to understand our unique small-city perspective.

### Postal Service Improvements Initiative

Commissioner Peter Jones and I are addressing ongoing concerns about our local postal service. This service is not part of the responsibilities of the County Commissioner or the Mayor, but since it concerns the people we serve, we would like to help as much as possible. While we've made progress with post office cleanliness, we still face challenges with:

- Building maintenance standards
- Mail delivery reliability

To help us advocate for improvements, we need your help to document mail delivery issues:

1. For misdelivered mail: Photograph the items and email the pictures to [speakup@horseshoe-bay-tx.gov](mailto:speakup@horseshoe-bay-tx.gov).
2. For missing mail marked as delivered: Send us the delivery details that includes your address and relevant dates with all submissions. While handling information confidentially, we'll use these documented cases in our communications with postal authorities and congressional representatives.

### Holiday Message

In closing, join me in celebrating the things we all treasure as we move into the Christmas season. Enjoy your friends and family and remember that some in our community do not have as much to anticipate and celebrate as others. Bringing happiness to someone else is one of the most gratifying gifts you can give yourself. I wish you a very Merry Christmas!

*Elsie Thurman*, Mayor

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