

**Council Calendar:**

January 19 – Regular City Council Meeting – In Person/Virtual  
February 2 – Regular City Council Meeting – In Person/Virtual  
February 16 – Regular City Council Meeting – In Person/Virtual

**HUMAN RESOURCES** – (Staff contact: Stephen Pearl, HR Director, 936-559-2565)

**City of Nacogdoches current Job Opportunities:**

Grant Coordinator - Finance  
Part-Time Intern - Fire Department  
City Attorney - Legal  
Office Assistant I - Municipal Court  
Communications Dispatcher - Police Department  
Police Officer - Police Department  
Police Officer Recruit - Police Department  
Equipment Operator II - Sanitation Disposal  
Laborer - Street Department  
Recreation Supervisor - Recreation  
Utility Construction Inspector - Utility Construction  
Utility Construction Operator - Utility Construction

For more information on the current job opportunities or to apply, please visit the City's website at <https://www.nactx.us/Jobs.aspx>.

**RECREATION** - (Staff contact: Hanna Andersen, Asst. Community Services Director, 936-559-2960)

Pilgrim's Pride representatives will be setting up a mobile recruiting station in the parking lot of the Recreation Center and Library from January 14th - February 25th. Staff is happy to provide a space for this major local industry to help them find qualified candidates for their open positions. Pilgrim's will be onsite on Thursdays from 10am-2pm.

**HISTORIC SITES/MAIN STREET** – (Staff contact: Jessica Sowell, Historic Sites & Main Street Manager, 936-560-4441)

Lead paint abatement at the Zion Hill Church will start January 18th at the site. Cox Contractors identified several spots with lead paint that need to be repaired before larger renovations can be started. Once the lead paint abatement is complete they will start the permanent stabilization of the South wall. Feel free to drive by the site and take a look!

**PUBLIC LIBRARY** – (Staff contact: Mercedes Franks, Library Manager, 936-559-2970)

Library staff has been heavily advertising the availability to the public of the Brainfuse online tutoring software and the hotspots that are part of the TSLAC CARES grant. Five of the ten hotspots checked out the first week. This grant helps families connect to the Internet and to tutoring resources.

**PARKS** – (Staff contact: Tommy Stanley, Parks Manager, 936-559-2960)

Staff finished two projects recently. The first was the installation of playground equipment and mulch at Festival Park (Exhibit A). The brightly colored equipment features a curvy slide, swings, and lots of climbing opportunities! Staff also installed monogrammed bricks of donors' names in front of the pavilions at the Maroney Park splash pad, Splashadoches. Donations were given by members of the Leadership Nacogdoches class.

**ENGINEERING** - (Staff contact: Case Opperman, Assistant Director of Public Works, 936-559-2515)

Construction of the Downtown Storm Sewer Project began this week with delivery of materials and sawcutting of S. Church Street. This project includes rehabilitation of a storm sewer on S. Fredonia Street and reconstruction of a storm sewer on S. Church Street and will take approximately five (5) months to complete.

Staff has again been working with Oncor Electric to upgrade street lighting, this time on Maroney Drive between University Drive and Kenbrook Drive. There had been no prior lighting along that stretch of road which created a potentially dangerous condition for pedestrians and motorists who may need to pull over. Staff has followed up with the neighborhood representative who originally brought this to staff's attention to notify them of this completion.

**PUBLIC WORKS** – (Staff contact: Cary Walker, Public Works Manager, 936-559-2582)

Street crews repaired a storm drain on Tindall Street this week which had collapsed and cleaned various storm drain systems of debris caused by recent storms.

Crews have been testing and training on spreader operations and procedures in preparation for the potential winter storm this weekend.

**WATER UTILITIES** – (Staff contact: Bart Allen, Water Utilities Manager, 936-559-2586)

During the month of December, the following flows were seen at our treatment facilities:

- 35.5 million gallons of treated groundwater were pumped from the Southside Treatment Plant. This equates to approximately 1.15 million gallons per day (MGD).
- 176.6 million gallons of treated surface water from Lake Nacogdoches were pumped from Surface Water Treatment Plant. This equates to approximately 5.7 MGD. In total, 2.13 billion gallons of water were pumped in 2020.
- 145.9 million gallons of sewage were treated at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Daily average flow was approximately 4.7 MGD with a maximum daily flow of 7.2 million gallons.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE** – (Staff contact: Bethanie Griffin, Interim Public Information Officer, 936-462-8267)

**Daily Sentinel:**

Love letters campaign extended through January (Ashley Morgan mentioned)

Fed funds, sale tax brightens financial picture (Pam Curbow quoted)

We're all in this together (Mario Canizares mentioned)

Post-census surveys underway (Alaina Chafin quoted)

Groups resume at library next week (no staff quoted)

**Around the Town:**

150 years of dedicated services (Nacogdoches Police Department)

NPD Officer Jake Taylor (Officer Taylor and Assistant Chief Dan Taravella quoted)

**CONVENTION AND TOURISM** – (Staff contact: Sherry Morgan, CVB Director, 936-564-7351)

This week the CVB is holding its 4th Drive In movie, "Love Actually" on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. New food truck Rice Queen Street Food will be on site with delicious Asian Fusion cuisine. Civil Air Patrol cadets will have popcorn and hot cocoa for sale. Tickets can be purchased here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nac-at-night-christmas-movie-series-love-actually-tickets-128171992881>

CVB staff is working on a calendar to be shared with community stakeholders to work collaboratively on events for both locals and visitors. The CVB is working closely with Main Street to host monthly events Downtown.

CVB staff is gearing up for Azalea Season by entering an ad partnership in Texas Monthly with Visit Palestine and Visit Tyler for a regional approach.

The CVB is working with The Fredonia Hotel on promoting their Romance Package for Valentine's Day in conjunction with the CVB's 5th Drive In movie "You've Got Mail" on February 12th.

**FIRE & RESCUE** - *(Staff contact: Keith Kiplinger, Fire Chief, 936-559-2540)*

The Nacogdoches Joint Emergency Management Team continues to fine tune its mass COVID-19 vaccination plan in preparation for a potential shift to a community based model. We are working with SFA on scheduling and call center solutions.

To date 2,700 doses of the Moderna vaccine have been shipped to seven local providers.

Brookshire Brothers Pharmacy, confined by logistical constraints, faced challenges in quickly distributing its vaccines despite a growing list of potential recipients. Nacogdoches County, the City of Nacogdoches, and the Stephen F. Austin State University's DeWitt School of Nursing offered to support the pharmacy in a walk-through shot clinic Thursday at the Nacogdoches County Civic Center. Approximately 450 participants, who were pre-registered by Brookshire Brothers, received COVID-19 vaccinations on Thursday.

The City and County do not have allocations of or any special information about vaccines. The State's system still relies on distribution directly to approved providers (physicians, pharmacies) and we are doing our best to help them manage this process.

We have added link to the DSHS Vaccination to the City's website at [nactx.us/COVID19](https://nactx.us/COVID19) where the most up to date information can be found.

Fire & Rescue's two newest employees, Vicki Schmidt and Frank Quiroz started Monday and have begun the field training program.

## EXHIBIT A



Festival Park's new playground equipment, December 2020