

**Council Calendar:**

January 19 – Regular City Council Meeting – In Person/Virtual beginning at 4:30 p.m.

February 2 – Regular City Council Meeting – In Person/Virtual beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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

Driver/Equipment Operator – Sanitation Collection

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>.

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

Library staff recently added an Early Literacy Calendar from the Public Library Association to its webpage. This features daily literacy tips that parents and caregivers can incorporate into their daily lives to promote early literacy skills and language development.

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

Parks and Cemetery staff has spent this week cleaning up winter storm debris and will continue into next week or longer. The heavy ice and snow caused damage to many trees and the playground at Nacogdoches Baseball Complex. A few headstones were knocked over as well due to limbs falling in Sunset Memorial Park.

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

GIS staff is testing a street analysis technology to potentially supplement our ongoing staff analysis of City street conditions. This street condition assessment technology utilizes a smart phone camera application mounted to the dashboard or windshield of a vehicle, capturing continual imagery of a street as the vehicle drives it. The data is downloaded and analyzed by a consultant utilizing artificial intelligence algorithms to analyze the street imagery to create a relative pavement condition index. Staff is hopeful this will help expedite the analysis of 144 miles of City streets using an objective methodology.

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

Thank you to the Fire Department, Police Department and Utility Department for assisting in clearing roadways during the snow storm that occurred over this past weekend. During events like these it's inspiring to see everyone pull together as one team for the good of the community.

Public Works crews mobilized at 6:00 pm on Sunday and worked around the clock until Tuesday afternoon sanding and clearing roadways. Public Works staff have logged **273 hrs overtime** as a result of this past weekend's snow storm with clean up expected to continue for the next few weeks.

Snow storm damage is heavy in all parts of the city resulting in several loads of brush stacked beside the roadways with a surge in an increased amount of potholes that developed as a result of the extreme cold temperatures breaking the asphalt surface.

Crews literally drove every street within the city cleaning limbs, brush and trees that had fallen from the heavy snow loads. Some streets required cleaning multiple times as the trees continued to break under the heavy snow loads that remained on the trees until Tuesday morning when temps returned to normal.

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

### Daily Sentinel:

Visitor restrictions announced as cases, hospitalization rises (Jessica Sowell quoted)

More vaccines arrive, scheduling system in the works (Jessica Sowell quoted)

Love letters deadline nears (Ashley Morgan mentioned)

One killed in car-pedestrian crash (Nacogdoches Police Department - No staff quoted)

County seeking larger scale vaccine plan (Nacogdoches Fire Chief Keith Kiplinger)

### KTRE:

Nacogdoches rallies around officer, wife with cancer (Sgt. Terry Singleton and wife Donnan interviewed)

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

The CVB is gearing up for the next Drive-In movie scheduled February 12th, showing "You've Got Mail." Tickets can be purchased here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nac-at-night-drive-in-movie-youve-got-mail-tickets-135570245253>

The CVB is working with Main Street to host Food Trucks downtown on the 4th Friday of every month. More details will be available soon! This event will start in February.

CVB Staff is putting together a monthly charity event called "A Nac for Giving Back," where each month the CVB will be a drop off location for items to be donated to a different non-profit each month.

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

During the snow event this past Sunday and Monday Nacogdoches Police & Fire responded to 18 accidents and 55 calls related to transformer fires, trees across roadways and downed power lines related to the weather.

On Thursday, February 14, 2021, the City and County assisted the Texas Department of State Health Services in administering 1,002 vaccines at the County Expo Center. Staff from NEDCO, Community Services, Police and Fire/Rescue all worked to make the process successful. The list of those vaccinated was compiled by the hospitals and local physicians based on their assessment of the most vulnerable patients within their practices. Some patients that were scheduled by their physicians did not come to the clinic and several doses were available at the end of the day. Those were filled very quickly and no vaccine was wasted. After the vaccine is thawed it is important that

it is administered in a timely manner. Next week we will be working with community partners (like the Senior Center and Community RX) to develop a "stand-by" list of people that are able to come at the last minute when we determine there are doses available.

As providers in the community continue to receive additional allocations we will work with them to ensure that they are quickly and equitably distributed. Phase I of our plan relies on the physician network to identify recipients. As we move forward, Phase II will include the physicians along with slots for those who call in for a particular clinic. Phase III will involve taking vaccine into the community and Phase IV will serve individuals who are homebound or otherwise unable to receive vaccine in a congregate setting. I expect that we will be in Phase I for the next 2-3 weeks and in Phase II for at least 60 days before we are able to move on. At this point the constraint is vaccine as there is just not enough available for the population that wants a shot.

Alongside the actual administration staff is working on building a volunteer workforce, developing a scheduling system and working to develop a communication plan that reaches the entire population to ensure that everyone in Nacogdoches has an equal opportunity to receive a vaccine. Those programs and plans will be rolled out in the next couple of weeks.

**Please refer all COVID related inquiries to our COVID Hotline at 468-4787. This Hotline is staffed M-F from 9a-5p and has the most current information available.**