

Council Calendar:

February 11 – City Council Retreat – 8:30 a.m.

February 16 – Executive Session/Regular City Council Meeting – In Person/Virtual – 4:30 p.m.

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

March 16 – Work Session/Regular City Council Meeting – In Person/Virtual – 4:30 p.m.

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

City of Nacogdoches current Job Opportunities:

Grant Coordinator - Finance

Assistant Director of Finance - Finance

Part-time Intern - Fire

Office Assistant I - Municipal Court

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

Utility Construction Laborer - Utility Construction

Driver/Equipment Operator - Sanitation Collection

Recreation Assistant - Recreation

Temporary Part-Time Volunteer Coordinator - Recreation

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

NEDCO – (Staff contact: Larissa Philpot, Economic Dev Director, 936-559-1255)

An Economic Studies and Reports page has been added to NEDCO's website to serve as the dedicated digital home for published plans regarding the City. Any plans relevant to community research and development that are conducted through NEDCO, City Staff, or community partners will be added as they are made available for public record. The webpage currently houses the Target Industry and Economic Activity Alignment Strategy (*Pegasus, May 2020*) and the recent Land Use and Infrastructure Fiscal Analysis (*Verdunity, January 2021*). The webpage can be accessed via the following link: <https://nedco.org/economic-studies-and-reports>

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

Library staff submitted the 2021 National Endowment for the Arts Big Read Grant application for \$19,199. This is a national competitive grant awarded to approximately 50-60 libraries and museums each year. If awarded, this will be the fourth year that the library receives this grant. This year's book selection is *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros. Grant partners include NISD, various City departments, and community groups. Grant recipients will be notified later this spring.

A second participant of the Citizenship Study Group has successfully completed her citizenship interview and exam to become a U.S. citizen and will take her Naturalization Oath of Allegiance sometime this spring. The purpose of this group is to help people prepare and study for citizenship by simulating the interview and test process and providing them with support. The group meets every Tuesday at 5:30 pm and interested persons can join anytime.

RECREATION – (Staff contact: Hanna Andersen, Asst. Community Services Director, 936-559-2940)

Registration for Spring 2021 Youth Volleyball begins Monday, February 8. The season may look a little different from previous years due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions but staff is hopeful for a successful league. We always need volunteer coaches if any city staff would like to be involved!

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

The Public Library is partnering with the Historic Sites Department to host the Escape Your Bubble: Join the Circus Escape Room event! March 8-13th you can bring your "bubble" of family or friends (no more than 10 in a group) and solve puzzles and challenges together. Time slots are spaced out, surfaces are sanitized between each group and registration is required. Run away with us this Spring Break! Register as a group at nactx.us/library to reserve your time slot.

ANIMAL SERVICES - (Staff contact: Theresa Jordan, Animal Services Manager, 936-560-5011)

The Humane Society of Nacogdoches County (HSNC) is sponsoring the "Have-a-Heart" Valentine's adoption event February 8-12th. HSNC will cover the adoption, microchip and City tag fees for all approved applications filled out during that time frame. The approved adopters will also receive the customary assistance voucher for the spay/neuter and rabies vaccines that will cover a majority of the surgery cost.

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

Daily Sentinel:

City seeking firms for studies (Alaina Chafin quoted)

City calls election, filing deadline Feb. 12

Council holds regular meeting Tuesday

One wait list closes as wait for vaccines continue (Jessica Sowell quoted)

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

Last week CVB staff attended the Texas Association of Convention and Visitor Bureaus Winter Conference virtually. Staff members learned key information on how to host events safely, advertise mindfully, and recover from the effects of COVID-19.

This week the CVB kicked off its "Nac 4 Giving Back" campaign, with the Humane Society of Nacogdoches County as it's first featured non-profit. The CVB is using its platform to highlight the needs and services of the HSNC. Next week they will be hosting "Have A Heart Adoption Week" where they'll cover the adoption fee, microchip fee and city registration tags for animals adopted from February 8th to 12th. Adopters will also receive a voucher toward spay or neuter and rabies vaccination. More information can be found here: visitnacogdoches.org/25th-anniversary

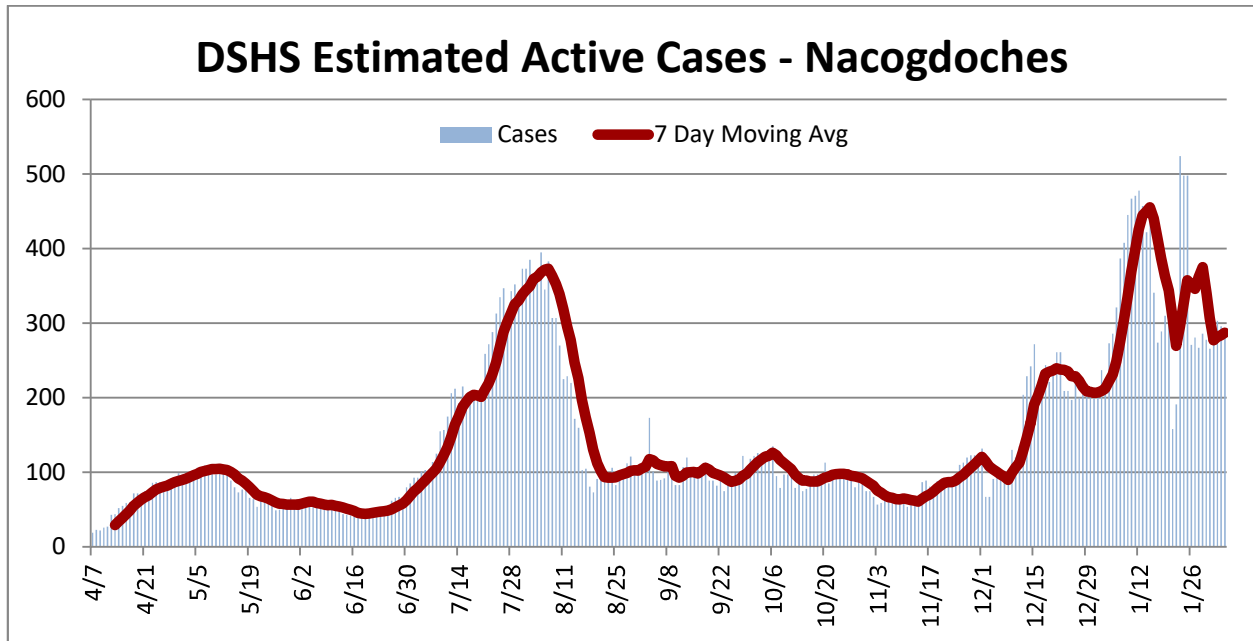
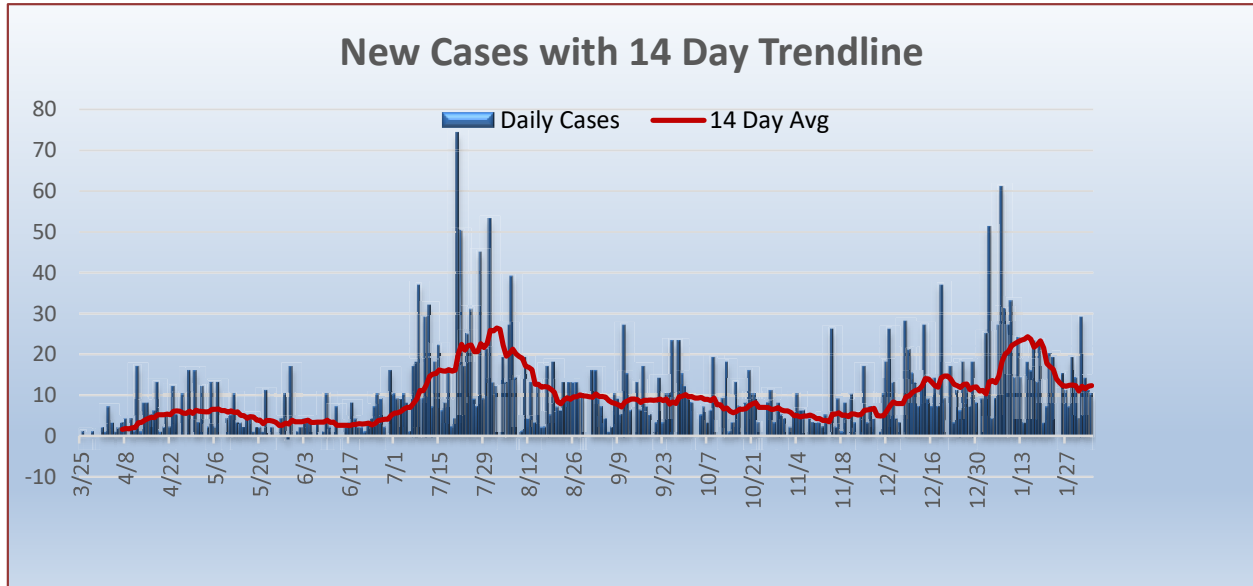
The CVB also announced the first two recipients of the "Bright Star" award, where a local business and a local citizen are recognized for their contributions to tourism attraction in Nacogdoches. The first two recipients are Taylor Bradford Alvarez with Front Porch Distillery for her exemplary marketing and event skills and The Cottage Wine Bar for their contribution to the success of the Downtown District.

“What’s Happening” flyer is attached as Exhibit A

FIRE DEPARTMENT - (Staff contact: Keith Kiplinger, Fire Chief, 936-559-2540)

The City partnered with Brookshire Brothers Pharmacy, Nacogdoches County, SFA and local hospitals to administer the 2nd round vaccines from a clinic 28 days ago on Thursday. Over 450

people received a second dose and several people were able to receive a first dose. The next vaccine clinic scheduled is next Thursday for 2nd doses from the DSHS clinic on 1/14. If asked, patients who received a dose on 1/14 should plan to return at the same time on 2/11. We continue to work with our partners to secure and administer more vaccine.



WHAT'S HAPPENING



Thursday 2/4

Rice Queen Street Food
Red House Winery
11am-Sold Out

**Botox Party
w/ Body Lab**
Red House Winery
6-8pm

**Trivia Night
Chambers Smokehouse**
Fredonia Brewery
6:30-8:30

**Texas Thursday
& Chicken Sh*t Bingo**
Flashback Cafe
8pm

Ladies Night
Banita Creek Hall

Friday 2/5

La Biblioteca Coffee
Fredonia Brewery
6am-11am

Rice Queen Street Food
Red House Winery
11am-5pm

Hoppy Hour 4-7pm
Devin Baize Live 6-8pm
w/ Shali's Indian Food Truck
Fredonia Brewery

Naca Valley Vineyard
w/ Andy's Food Truck
Open 5-9pm

Marshall Jones Live
Jethreaux's Cajun Eats
6:30pm

Karaoke @ 8pm
DJ Spanky & Jenny Jenny
Lugnutz Bar & Grill

EXHIBIT A

Saturday 2/6

Farmer's Market
9am-12pm

**Flea Market Fabulous
Nac Trade Days**
1304 NW Stallings Dr
9am-5pm

**Estate & Consignment
Auctions**
7668 US-59
9am

Johnny Mullins Live
Andy's Food Truck
Naca Valley Vineyard
5:30pm

Tyler Dhone Live 6-9pm
Rice Queen Street Food
Fredonia Brewery

**Kelly Amburn &
The Hardtime Band**
Lugnutz
9pm

**Kolby Cooper Ft.
Austin Upchurch**
Banita Creek Hall
8pm