

Council Calendar:

March 16 – Work Session/Regular City Council Meeting – In Person/Virtual – 4:00 p.m.

April 6 – Regular City Council Meeting – In Person/Virtual – 5:30 p.m.

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

City of Nacogdoches current Job Opportunities:

Animal Shelter Attendant - Animal Services

Firefighter - Fire Department

Office Assistant I - Municipal Court

Part-time Laborer - Parks

Communications Dispatcher - Police Department

Police Officer - Police Department

Police Officer Recruit - Police Department

Driver/Equipment Operator - Sanitation Collection

Laborer - Street Department

Part-time Recreation Assistant - Recreation

Temporary Part-Time Volunteer Coordinator - Recreation

Laborer - Utility Construction

Plant Operator: Ground Water and Wastewater Operations - Wastewater

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>.

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

This week the CVB held its monthly Board meeting. Board members directed CVB staff to continue with events like Nac Snack Fridays, outdoor concerts and more.

Next week the CVB will host the North East Texas Travel Council (NETTC) for a luncheon at The Fredonia Hotel. This council consists of travel professionals from Tyler, Henderson, Longview, Gladewater and surrounding areas. This will be the first in-person meeting since COVID-19.

“What’s Happening” flyer is attached. (Exhibit A)

PARKS - (Staff contact: Hanna Andersen, Assistant Community Services Director, 936-559-2960)

SFA Gardens will host their highly popular Garden Gala Day Plant Sale in April! According to research associate Dawn Stover, interested gardeners can find “Texas tough perennials, shrubs and trees, hardy southeastern native plants, colorful annuals, exotic tropicals and edible plants.”

However, registration and the actual event will be very different from previous years. The plant sale will take place from April 10-14 in a reservation-only format. Shoppers can register for a two-hour window to browse the sale at Pineywoods Native Plant Center, 2900 Raguet Street. You can register online at sfagardens.org, through the SFA Gardens facebook page, or by calling 936-468-4129.

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

Community Services Division is pleased to welcome Joy Palmer as our new Recreation Supervisor. Joy comes to Nacogdoches from San Diego, California where she was a gymnastics coach for many years. Make sure to say hi if you see Joy out and about!

LIBRARY - (Staff contact: Mercedes Franks, Library Manager, 936-560-2970)

In partnership with Historic Sites, library staff held 18 circus-themed escape rooms at the Nacogdoches Railroad Depot during this Spring Break Week. Groups of all ages participated. The museum provided a good backdrop for the event and gave people an opportunity to see the museum.

The Seed Swap held adjacent to the Farmers Market was well-received. About 40 people attended the event that featured heirloom and native plant seeds. The seed collection is now at the public library and is available for borrowing or receiving contributions.

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

The Zion Hill restoration project has made some major progress in the last few weeks. The lead paint encapsulation is complete, Cox Contractors have removed several walls in the basement and all pews have been moved to storage. Next week Red River Restoration will remove 16 basement windows and take them to their shop in Austin for restoration.

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

KTRE:

Though state mask mandate lifted, Nacogdoches leaders still encouraging their use (Mario Canizares quoted from chamber call)

Daily Sentinel:

Shots like clockwork: Vaccine clinic gives 200 shots per hour (Fire Chief Keith Kiplinger quoted)
TxDOT next stop for airport plans (Joe Cefalu quoted)
Shouts for March 10th - Nacogdoches Fire Department mentioned

ENGINEERING – (Staff contact: Steve Bartlett, Public Works Director, 936-559-2522)

TxDOT has notified the City that an additional sidewalk project on our list has been funded. A new sidewalk along the west side of North Street, from W. Starr Ave to Stallings Drive, has been selected for construction using monies from the Road to Zero (RTZ) program. This program includes funding on the state highway system dedicated to target and reduce fatalities and suspected serious injuries in the three highest contributing categories: roadway and lane departure, intersection safety, and pedestrian safety. Construction is anticipated to begin later in 2021.

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

Construction of the Pioneer Drive Relocation and Drainage Improvements Project will begin on Monday, March 15 and will last for several months. This project includes relocation of the existing Pioneer Drive to be in line with Lydia Street including new box culvert drainage structures at the creek crossing and demolition of the existing Pioneer Drive and bridge once the new road is open. Park patrons should use caution in the area during this construction.

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

Damage assessments continue from the winter storm. Fire & Rescue staff has identified several storm-related roof damages and major structure failures at the former Pineywoods Downs property. A number of trailers were also damaged due to the barn collapses and we are working on documentation and insurance claims now.

No vaccine clinics were held this week due to SFA spring break. The coalition will hold two clinics next week on Wednesday, March 17th and Thursday, March 18th at the Expo/Civic Center. We will be administering both Moderna and Johnson & Johnson at different time slots. The State has opened

Phase 1C (>50 years of age) and educators including day care workers for vaccine availability. We are working to reach out to schools, day care centers, Head Start, etc. to identify staff that need/want vaccinations.

We have asked the Ministerial Alliance for help staffing clinics and the call center and expect to have at least 12 volunteers from local faith communities beginning next week. We have also asked those faith communities to begin compiling a list of congregants who are vulnerable and have not had access to vaccine.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Exhibit A

Saturday 3/13

Farmer's Market
9am-12pm

Cottage Wine Bar
Open
11am-11pm

Snowmies Shaved Ice
12-6pm
4603 North Street

The Geaux Kart
Red House Winery
3pm-8pm

Josh Jaccard Live
6-9pm
Fredonia Brewery
w/Rice Queen Street Food

Sam Shupak Live
Jethreaux's Cajun Eats
6:30

Pickin' On the Porch
w/Reed Burton Live 7pm
Casa Del Bayou
Front Porch Distillery

Tyler Dhone Live
Naca Valley Vineyard
5:30-8:30pm
Andy's Food Truck

Texas Crossroads
Live
Lugnutz 9pm

Thursday 3/11

La Biblioteca Coffee
Fredonia Brewery
6am-3pm & 6:30pm-8:30

Food Trucks
(Rice Queen & Geaux Kart)
Red House Winery
11am-Sold Out

Trivia Night
6:30-8:30pm
Fredonia Brewery
w/Chambers Smokehouse

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

Cottage Wine Bar
Open
4pm-10pm

Ladies Night
Banita Creek Hall
8pm

Friday 3/12

La Biblioteca Coffee
Fredonia Brewery
6am-11am

Food Trucks
(Rice Queen & Geaux Kart)
Red House Winery
11am-Sold Out

NacSpace
Casa Del Bayou
11am-2pm &
Snowmies 1pm-6pm

J.Webb Live 6-8
w/ Shali's Indian Kitchen
Fredonia Brewery

Music On The Patio
Maryah McHam &
Martyn Popey
Fredonia Hotel
6:30pm

Pickin' On the Porch
w/Tyler Dhone Live 7pm
Chambers Smokehouse
Front Porch Distillery

Karaoke w/ DJ Spanky
& Jenny Jenny
Lugnutz 8pm

