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UNIVERSAL CITY CLEAN-UP

**NOW ACCEPTING HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS
WASTE ON ALL COLLECTION DAYS**

Dates:
October 12-15 and October 19-22

Hours:
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Location:
Public Works, 256 Kitty Hawk

All collections are limited to Universal City residents only. Proof of Residency will be required; this can include a driver's license or utility bill. **NO COMMERCIAL DUMPING.**

No tube type televisions or computer monitors will be accepted. Please contact Waste Management for disposal of these types of items. 1-800-449-7587 or email AtYourDoor@WM.com

HAZARDOUS WASTE

Hazardous Waste can now be dropped off on any day during the clean-up event.

Visit www.UCTX.gov for list of accepted items.

BRUSH CHIPPING

Public Works will not be collecting brush. Free chipping service is available for brush disposal during the clean-up event by appointment. **DEADLINE** to make an appointment is **OCTOBER 20, 210-658-5364**



**Universal City
Public Works
256 Kitty Hawk
210.658.5364**



Universal City Municipal Directory

2150 Universal City Blvd.
Universal City, TX 78148
Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Administration - The following can be reached by dialing 210.659.0333, and then entering the extension number listed:

Building Official	Jaclyn Redmon	7 2 4
City Clerk / EDC.....	Kristin Mueller.....	7 0 1
City Manager	Kim Turner	7 0 1
Code Compliance Officer	7 2 5
Court Administrator	Brenda Watkins.....	7 1 5
Community Relations.....	Regina Carmona.....	7 2 1
Development Services.....	Michael Cassata.....	7 2 0
Finance.....	Jessica Moore.....	7 0 8
Fire Chief.....	Todd Perna.....	7 8 6
Health Official.....	Anabell Maldonado.....	7 2 7
Permit/Zoning.....	Linda Iglehart.....	7 2 3
Police Chief.....	Johnny Siemens.....	7 5 2
Stormwater Inspector	Wes Keller.....	7 2 2
Water Billing.....	7 1 0

Departments

Animal Care & Control	210-659-0333	EXT. 700
Fire Department	210-659-0333	EXT. 250
Golf Course	210-659-0333	EXT. 653
Library.....	210-659-0333	EXT. 048
Parks/Pavilion Rental.....	210-659-0333	EXT. 364
Police Department.....	210-659-0333	EXT. 353
Public Works.....	210-659-0333	EXT. 364

City Council

**Mayor
John Williams**
mayor@uctx.gov
210-659-0333 Ext 737

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Christina Fitzpatrick**
Council1@uctx.gov
210-659-0333 Ext 734

**Councilmember
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Council4@uctx.gov
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UNIVERSAL CITY MEETINGS

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2023

- **August 7, 2023** 6:00pm
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- **August 10, 2023** 5:00pm
Economic Development Corporation Meeting
- **August 15, 2023**..... 6:30pm
City Council Regular Meeting
- **August 22, 2023** 6:00pm
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
- **August 28, 2023** 6:00pm
Board of Adjustment Meeting



**CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED SEPT. 4, 2023
IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY**

- **September 5, 2023** 6:30pm
City Council Regular Meeting
- **September 11, 2023** 6:00pm
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- **September 20, 2023** 5:30pm
Library Advisory Commission
- **September 14, 2023**..... 5:00pm
Economic Development Corporation Meeting
- **September 19, 2023**..... 6:30pm
City Council Regular Meeting
- **September 25, 2023**..... 6:00pm
Board of Adjustment Meeting
- **September 26, 2023** 6:00pm
Park and Recreation Commission Meeting



LOW-COST PET VACCINATION CLINIC

AUGUST 5TH & 19TH
SEPTEMBER 2ND & 16TH
11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.



- **LICENSED VET ON SITE**
- **WALK-UPS WELCOME**
- **NO EXAM FEES**
- **ALL ANIMALS MUST BE ON A LEASH OR IN A CARRIER**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT PENNYPAWS.COM
OR CALL 1-817-993-1234**

APPOINTMENTS

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

The City Council of Universal City has established boards and commissions of qualified volunteers who take part in the decision-making process. These boards and commissions help reduce the cost of basic City services and contribute to the City by getting involved in the community in which they live. All board and commission members must be residents of Universal City and are not compensated for this work.

Members are appointed in July of each year by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the majority of the City Council. Membership terms are two years. The board and commissions, along with their members, for 2023-2024 are as follows:

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS/APEALS

Charles Consla, Elizabeth Dixon, Lori Putt, Donna Ash, Scott Dagg, Tom England, Jimmy Sue Svalberg (Alternates: Ron Jackson, Grace Wilkerson)

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION

Catherine Tolbert, Laura Mullins, Gena Alvarez, Dawn Field, Marilyn Weed

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Zachary Carlton, Sheila Garcia, Mary Andrews, Linda Seton, Devona Trigilio, Deborah Hernandez, John Hudson, Cynthia Spurlock, Diane Woods

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Janet Tennis, Judy Schindler, Mary Eddy, Nicholas Ferguson, Harry Westerfield

Residents who are interested in serving on a board or commission can submit an online application at www.uctx.gov. Applications are held throughout the year and are used to fill an unexpected vacancy and are included for consideration for board appointments each July. For more information about serving on a board or commission, call 210-619-0701 or email cityclerk@uctx.gov.



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EVENTS CALENDAR

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR COMMUNITY

COMING SOON!

UNIVERSAL CITY PUMPKIN PATCH

The Universal City Pumpkin Patch is a family tradition for so many and the Universal City Parks Partners is ready for the 2023 season. Mark your calendars for these important dates.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3 & WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4: PUMPKIN UNLOADING!

Volunteers help sort and distribute all varieties and sizes of pumpkins throughout the Patch.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6: OPENING DAY 11AM-7PM

Check the October issue of The Gateway for the complete calendar or visit www.UCTX.gov.

AUGUST SEPTEMBER EVENTS

OLYMPIA HILLS HAPPY HOURS

- **August 3**
Devin Navarro
- **August 10**
Gary the Showman
- **August 17**
Olympia Bowl – Wear your favorite football team gear! DJ Music, Cornhole Tournament, and Spirit Dress Contest
- **August 24**
Ruben Pacheco
- **August 31**
Zach Carney
- **September 7**
Ruben Pacheco
- **September 14**
TBA
- **September 21**
Theme Night TBA


OLYMPIA HILLS
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UNIVERSAL CITY RESIDENT RATE
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\$43.50 PLUS TAX

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UNIVERSAL CITY PUMPKIN PATCH

OPENS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES
WWW.UCTX.GOV





IN THE COMMUNITY

Summer Treats

What is a Texas summer without your favorite cold treat to help cool off. Check out these unique places in Universal City serving up some local favs.



Summer Treats

ICE CREAM HOUSE 912 PAT BOOKER

The Ice Cream House mixes the flavors of your favorite desserts into a scoop of ice cream. All their ice cream is handmade and created by owners, Jesse and Megliza Touchette. Choose traditional favorites such as vanilla bean, rocky road, butter pecan, or try something new. Some of their own creations include banana pudding, cinnamon toast crunch, peaches and cream, root beer, and avocado. It can sometimes be hard to decide so why not get a scoop of each! Those sitting in the tropical theme seating area can enjoy free board games and arcade games. Make the Ice Cream House one of your summer treat stops.



BAHAMA BUCKS 2310 PAT BOOKER

Bahama Buck's, the nation's premier tropical dessert franchise, is a concept so cool that it's hot! Providing guests with a "Taste of Paradise," Bahama Buck's is the ultimate tropical dessert experience. Their signature delight is premium gourmet shaved ice - shaved ribbons of fluffy sno, generously showered with one of more than 91 Bahama Buck's proprietary gourmet flavors. In addition to their "Greatest Sno on Earth", they offer made-to-order island smoothies blended with the freshest ingredients, fruit juices and gourmet flavors. Each Bahama Buck's also offers Paradise Fruit™, a fresh blend of tropical fruits and their Island Specialty product line, including 100% Natural Drinks, Bahama Sodas and SnoBlast.



PALETERIA BARTOLITO DE JALISCO 216 PAT BOOKER, SUITE 222

The Carrillo family serves up dessert favorites with a Mexican twist at Paleteria Bartolito de Jalisco. Some of their popular items include mangonada, papa preparadas, fruit cups, milk shakes, elote, mini pancakes with ice cream and fruit and so much more! You simply must stop by and see their menu. Store hours are Tuesday-Friday from 12pm-8pm and Saturday-Sunday from 12pm-9pm.



LILLY'S FROZEN TREATS (ICE CREAM TRUCK)

Lilly's Frozen Treats is a summer staple in Universal City neighborhoods. Residents can spot Lilly's polka dot van driving through neighborhoods or parked at the Northview Splashpad during operation hours. Lilly's Frozen Treats serves a wide selection of favorite frozen treats from sherbet characters and bomb pops to ice cream sandwiches. In October, Lilly's Frozen Treats will be parked every weekend at the Universal City Pumpkin Patch.

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UNIVERSAL CITY

FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHAT IS AN MS4?

MS4s (or Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems) are conveyances or systems of conveyances which transport then discharge runoff water from rainfall into natural bodies of water such as lakes and streams. Often, this runoff is untreated. MS4s are defined in such a way that they meet the following conditions:

- They are owned by a state, city, town, village, or other public entity that discharges to waters of the United States.
- They are designed or used to collect or convey stormwater. They often consist of things like storm drains, pipes, or ditches.
- They are not part of a combined sewer system (these systems transport an admixture of stormwater and municipal wastewater).
- They are not part of a sewage treatment plant or publicly owned treatment works.

Since 1999 Cities and Census-defined urbanized areas are required to obtain permit coverage under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (or NPDES) to discharge their stormwater.

There are two kinds of MS4s. The first are large Cities serving more than 100,000 people. These are called large MS4s or Phase 1 MS4s. The second type of MS4s serve communities with less than 100,000 people. These are called small MS4s or Phase 2 MS4s. Universal City is a small MS4.

As a small MS4, Universal City is regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency (or EPA) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (or TCEQ).

These state and federal regulations are the reason that it is important for you to properly dispose of pesticides and other household toxic wastes, properly dispose of yard clippings and brush, and pick up and properly dispose of pet waste. Never dispose of unwanted waste in storm drains. Storm drains are only intended to convey unpolluted storm runoff water.

WHEN DO FIREFIGHTERS SLEEP?

“When do you sleep?” is a question that firefighters get asked often. It is a direct question, but the answer is not so direct. Sleep schedules for firefighters are erratic.

Universal City Firefighters work 48 hours shifts, then have 96 hours off. When arriving for their assigned work tour at 7:00 AM, each firefighter comes prepared with already having a good night’s sleep. While on duty and as evening approaches, firefighters typically go to bed between 10:00 PM and 11:00 PM. This means that they are already about 15 hours into the 48-hour shift on the first evening of their tour.

In 2022, UCFD responded to almost 2,800 calls for service. Twenty-five

percent of those calls (700) were between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM which definitely led to an interrupted sleep for sure. Even without a call for service, firefighters “sleep with one eye open” in anticipation of the alert system going off to announce the need for their services.

Firefighters take sleep seriously to ensure they are safe and alert for the remainder of their tour. Shift officers monitor the firefighters for signs of fatigue and work to ensure good eating and sleeping habits are implemented. While on duty, firefighters are encouraged to sleep in later if they had a night call for service and to take naps during the day if possible.



WELCOME ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF GARCIA

We would like to welcome the new Assistant Fire Chief & Fire Marshal, Justin Garcia. Garcia comes to the City of Universal City Fire Department with 23 years of experience with a wide range of professional certifications. We look forward to Chief Garcia’s contributions to the department and his commitment to the citizens of Universal City.



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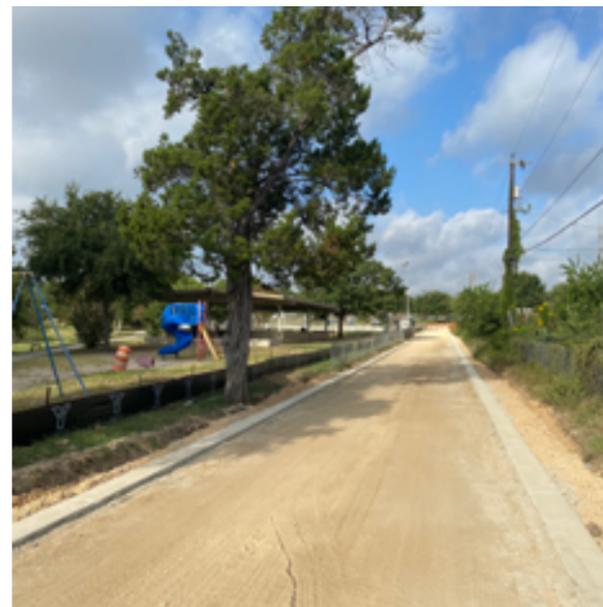
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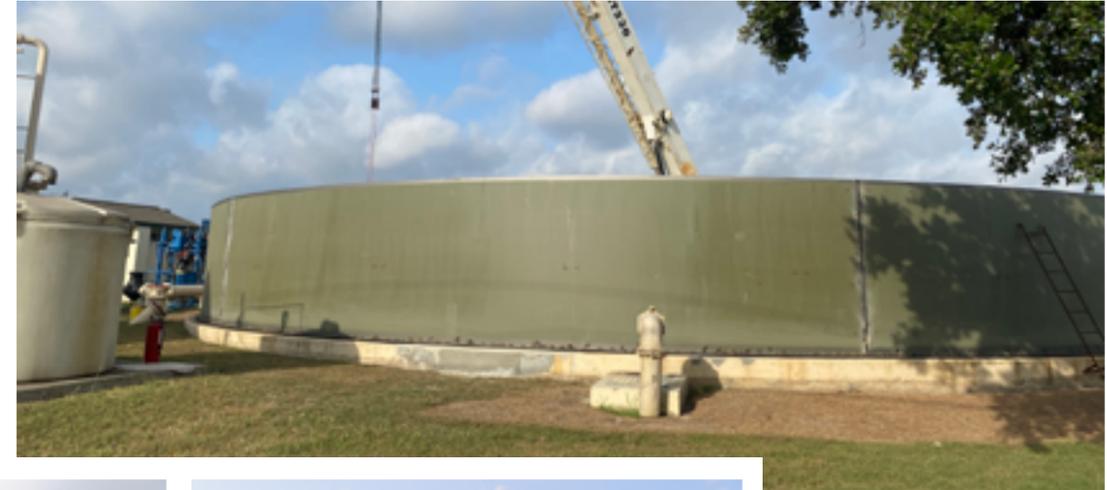
**RED HORSE PARK
STREET PROJECT
(PACKAGE 2)**

Red Horse Park Road between Meadow Way and Cibolo Trail is currently under reconstruction. The project includes a rehab of the existing park service road and expansion of the parking lot near the big pavilion. Construction on this project began on June 12, 2023, and is scheduled to be completed by September 10, 2023.



**1-MILLION GALLON
GROUND STORAGE
TANK NO. 2**

The existing 1-million-gallon welded steel ground storage tank located at 265 Kitty Hawk (Public Works Yard) is currently being replaced due to age and deterioration.



This project consists of demolition of the existing tank and installation of the new 1-million-gallon welded steel tank and associated tank appurtenances, valving, and fittings. Construction on this project began on June 12, 2023, and is scheduled to be completed by April 1, 2024.

**VETERANS PARK
PLAYGROUND**

The new jet-themed playground construction at Veterans Park, 737 E. Aviation, is almost complete. The ribbon cutting and opening of the playground is scheduled Friday, August 11, 2023 at 10:00 AM. The new playground structure was an inspiration by UC Public Works Director Randy Luensmann. The unique play area is shaped as a fighter jet and features a Custom Supermax playground structure for ages 5-12 years old, Fitness area, Tri Slack bridge, Inclusive Orbit, Cockpit area, powerhouse, benches, and shade sails over the wings and cockpit areas. Ice cream will be provided for guests at the opening event from 10AM-11AM.



CONSERVE WATER

As temperatures rise in the summer, so does our water use!

INDOORS

Universal City
STAGE II
Water Restrictions

- Check your faucets and toilets for leaks.
- Take shallow baths & plug the drain before running the water.
- Install dual-flush toilets in your home
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth
- Don't start your washing machine or dishwasher until you have a full load to wash.
- Keep showers short with low water pressure



Plan to water your lawn in the **early morning** or **evening** to beat daytime evaporation.

- Collect rainwater and use it for watering your garden and lawn.
- Use mulch around your trees and plants to keep moisture longer and reduce your need to water as frequently.

OUTDOORS

Water yard between 7-11am or 7-11pm on the designated day based on the last digit of your address:

0 or 1	Monday	4 or 5	Wednesday	8 or 9	Friday
2 or 3	Tuesday	6 or 7	Thursday		

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