

APRIL/MAY 2023

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UNIVERSAL CITY COMMUNITY MAGAZINE



SPRING
2023

UNIVERSAL CITY CLEAN-UP

NEW COLLECTION DATES!
NOW ACCEPTING HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS
WASTE ON ALL COLLECTION DAYS

Dates:
April 13-16 and April 20-23

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 APRIL 21.



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	Jaelyn 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	Manuel Casarez	7 8 6
Fire Marshal	Todd Perna	7 8 8
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	210.658.0700
Fire Department	210.659.1250
Golf Course	210.945.4653
Library	210.659.7048
Parks/Pavilion Rental	210.658.5364
Police Department	210.658.5353
Public Works	210.658.5364

City Council

Mayor

John Williams
mayor@uctx.gov
210-619-0737

Councilmember William Shelby
Council5@uctx.gov
210-619-0733

Councilmember

Dick Neville
Council1@uctx.gov
210-619-0734

Councilmember Bear Goolsby
Council2@uctx.gov
210-619-0735

Councilmember

Phil Vaughan
Council4@uctx.gov
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Councilmember Steven Buck
Council3@uctx.gov
210-619-0736

Councilmember

Paul Najarian
Council6@uctx.gov
210-619-0732

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UNIVERSAL CITY MEETINGS

April/May 2023



City offices close
at noon on April 7
in observance of Good Friday

- **April 3, 2023** 6:00pm
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- **April 4, 2023** 6:30pm
City Council Regular Meeting
- **April 13, 2023** 5:00pm
Economic Development Corporation Meeting
- **April 18, 2023** 6:30pm
City Council Regular Meeting
- **April 24, 2023** 6:00pm
Board of Adjustment Meeting
- **April 25, 2023** 6:00pm
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
- **May 1, 2023** 6:00pm
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- **May 2, 2023** 6:30pm
City Council Regular Meeting
- **May 10, 2023** 6:00pm
Library Advisory Commission
- **May 11, 2023** 5:00pm
Economic Development Corporation Meeting
- **May 16, 2023** 6:30pm
City Council Regular Meeting
- **May 22, 2023** 6:00pm
Board of Adjustment Meeting
- **May 23, 2023** 6:00pm
Park and Recreation Commission Meeting
- **May 29, 2023** **City Holiday**
Memorial Day; offices closed



MAY ELECTIONS

In the month of May each year, Universal City residents have the opportunity to vote on candidates vying for a position on City Council.

ON THE BALLOT

On May 6, 2023, Universal City voters will determine representation for three Council seats. The candidates are listed in the order they will appear on the ballot:

- Ashton Bulman
- Christina Fitzpatrick
- Bernard Rubal
- Richard (Dick) Neville*
- S. Bear Goolsby*
- Richard Edwards (* incumbent)

Since Universal City does not have Council Districts, all Councilmembers serve at-large. Residents will vote for up to three candidates; the three Council candidates receiving the greatest number of votes will be elected for the 2023-2025 term of office.

REGISTER TO VOTE

The last day to register to vote is Thursday, April 6, 2023. For more information about voter registration, visit your county's website.

Bexar County Residents:

Elections <http://elections.bexar.org/> or call (210)335-VOTE

Guadalupe County Residents:

if you live in Bexar County Visit <https://www.co.guadalupe.tx.us/elections/> or call (830)303-6363 for more information if you live in Guadalupe County.

NOTICE TO BEXAR COUNTY VOTERS

Bexar County now has Vote Centers. Vote Centers allow Bexar County residents to vote at any open polling location in the County during the Early Voting period and on Election Day. The locations closest to the Universal City area are listed below.

Early Voting (Monday, April 24th – Monday, May 2nd):

Universal City Public Library	100 Northview Dr.
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Election Day:

Universal City Public Library	100 Northview Dr.
Universal City Municipal Building	2150 Universal City Blvd.

For a complete list of polling locations, visit: <http://elections.bexar.org/>

NOTICE TO GUADALUPE COUNTY VOTERS

Guadalupe County will not be using Vote Centers in the May 2023 Election. Therefore, Bexar County will be hosting the City of Universal City May 2023 Election for Guadalupe County voters at the following specified locations. Guadalupe County voters may only vote at the following locations on the specified days.

Early Voting (Monday, April 24th – Monday, May 2nd):

Universal City Public Library	100 Northview Dr.
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Election Day:

Universal City Municipal Building	2150 Universal City Blvd.
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SAFETY



SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU

It's time to grab your construction hat for Building Safety Month. Building Safety Month is an international campaign that takes place in May to raise awareness about building safety. This campaign reinforces the need for the adoption of modern, regularly-updated building codes, and helps individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create safe and sustainable structures.

This year's theme is "It Starts with You!" Visit the City website for seminars by the City staff and local contractors on some common issues in the community including:

AGING IN PLACE

Aging in place remodeling enables homeowners to remain in their homes as they age or when living with a chronic condition by modifying the space to accommodate needs for improved accessibility.

HOME MAINTENANCE

Making those necessary repairs and upgrades for corrective or preventative maintenance.

**TO LEARN MORE,
CONTACT JACLYN REDMON
IN THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
DEPARTMENT AT 210-659-0333 EXT.
724 OR VISIT WWW.UCTX.GOV.**

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Universal City, TX 78148

210-592-9751

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www.avacpa.com

EVENTS CALENDAR



WHAT'S HAPPENING
IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

FUN FOR ALL AT OLYMPIA HILLS

SPECIAL EVENTS

Spend your Thursday nights at Olympia Hills with live music, food, and drink specials. All ages are welcome and open to the public. (no membership required)

April 6th – Gary the Showman
April 13th – Dennis Dietz
April 20th – Fiesta Happy Hour
April 27th – Billy Castro

May 4th – Gary the Showman
May 11th – Zach Carney
May 18th – Gary the Showman
May 25th – Luau Happy Hour



GOLF

The golf staff is excited to announce the return of Thursday Night Scrambles on March 16th! For just \$30 per person, two person teams enjoy a 9 hole green fee, cart, drink ticket, and ticket for the raffle. The staff has some new plans for this year and is excited to see new and returning players. Call the pro shop to reserve a spot 210-945-4653.

Follow Olympia Hills on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok.

April 8
Easter Egg Hunt – Red Horse Park

May 14
Young @ Hearts Bingo (Senior event)
UC Public Library

April 13-16 and April 20-23
Spring Clean-Up Household &
Hazardous Waste – Public Works

April 24
WM Brush Collection

April 22
Medicare 101 – UC Public Library

April 28
Young @ Hearts Bingo (Senior event)
UC Public Library

April 29
Creek Cleanup – Veterans Park Trails

May 6
Pancake Breakfast – UCFD Fire Station

May 12
Young @ Hearts Bingo (Senior event)
UC Public Library

May 13
True Crime Book Club (ages 18+)
UC Public Library

May 13
Family Fun Night: Glow Dance Party
Olympia Hills

May 17
Tastee Table Club (ages 18+) - UC Public Library

May 19
Young @ Hearts Bingo (Senior event)
UC Public Library

Visit www.UCTX.gov for complete list
and details of Universal City events.

**ASK
JET**

ASK QUESTIONS
SUBMIT REQUESTS
MESSAGE STAFF

TEXT "HELLO" TO (844) 634-UCTX (8289) OR VISIT UCTX.GOV

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ATTN: 12-14 YEAR OLDS!

JUNE 2023

Universal City

HERO CAMP 2023

Join the Universal City Police & Fire Departments for a hands-on, interactive camp for aspiring first responders! Learn first-aid, fire safety, crime prevention, and experience first responder life!

To sign up, send an email to **Christina Fitzpatrick** at UCHeroCamp@gmail.com

LUNCH PROVIDED!

JUNE 6 - 10, 2023 10AM-3PM

AINA BLAKE DOG PARK RULES

for safe and enjoyable visits



AGE-APPROPRIATE DOGS ONLY

DOG PARKS ARE GREAT FOR SOCIALIZATION AND EXERCISE HOWEVER, PUPPIES 6 MONTHS OF AGE AND YOUNGER ARE PROHIBITED! MAXIMUM OF 3 DOGS PER ADULT.



BRING A LEASH

DOGS MUST BE LEASHED WHEN ENTERING AND EXITING THE DOG PARK.

ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL

OUR PARK HAS DESIGNATED LARGE- AND SMALL- DOG AREAS. PLEASE KEEP YOUR DOG IN THE AREA ALLOCATED TO THEIR SIZE.



UP-TO-DATE VACCINATIONS

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR DOG IS UP TO DATE ON ALL VACCINATIONS. THIS INCLUDES: DHPP+L (DISTEMPER, HEPATITIS, PARAINFLUENZA, PARVO, LEPTOSPIROSIS) AND BORDATELLA (KENNEL COUGH). ALL DOGS MUST BE CURRENT ON THEIR RABIES VACCINATION! DOGS IN HEAT ARE PROHIBITED.



AGGRESSIVE DOGS ARE PROHIBITED

OWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR DOG'S BEHAVIOR. DOGS DISPLAYING AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR MUST BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY!

ALWAYS CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG



NO TREATS

NO DOG TREATS OR HUMAN FOOD ALLOWED IN DOG PARK.

FOLLOW ALL POSTED RULES AND REGULATIONS

Dog owners who fail to comply with the dog park rules can be issued a citation by UCPD or Animal Control Officers

Report any violations:

Animal Control 210-6 58-0700

After hour 210-6 58-5353

In case of an emergency, call 911

134 ATHENIAN (NEXT TO ANIMAL CONTROL)

HOURS OF OPERATION: 6AM-DUSK

USERS OF THE DOG PARK DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK

UNIVERSAL CITY
Gateway to Adventure, AFE

SUMMER

FAMILY FUN

May 6
Firestation
Pancake Breakfast

May 13
Family Fun Dance
"Glow in the Dark"

June 17
Splashfest

July 15
Movies in the Park
Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile (PG)

August 5
Movies in the Park
Minions: Rise of Gru (PG)

COMMUNITY HAPPY HOUR AT OLYMPIA HILLS

THEME NIGHTS!

May 25 - Luau
June 22 - Motown Hits
July 13 - Country Night
August 17 - Olympia Bowl

FUN FOR ALL AGES!

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www.UCTX.gov/Events

DID YOU KNOW?

HOUSE FIRES

Thirty years ago, if your house was on fire, the occupants had 17 minutes to escape. Materials in modern day homes only allow 3 minutes for the occupants to escape during a fire.

WATER LINES

There are 85 miles of public water lines. The 85 miles does not include the private lines to homes and buildings. In 2023 values, the PVC pipes that make up those 85 miles of lines in Universal City would equate to \$11,556,600.

INTERSECTION PARKING

Cars and trucks must be parked 30 ft from an intersection to provide clear visibility for motorists.

CLEAN WATER ACT

The Federal Clean Water Act prohibits grass clippings and leaves from being blown into the streets and/or drainage system. Best to bag your clippings and leaves or consider mulching.

BOUNDARIES

Universal City is 5.57 square miles. The boundaries of Universal City fall within Bexar County and Guadalupe County. Further, the City is serviced by two wastewater entities, San Antonio River Authority (SARA) and Cibolo Creek Municipal Authority (CCMA); is serviced by two school districts, Schertz-Cibolo- Universal City ISD and Judson ISD; and, is serviced by two gas companies, CPS Energy and CenterPoint Energy. And, some businesses and residents get their mail from the Universal City post office and some get their mail from the Schertz post office.

MEDIAN INCOME

The median household income per the 2020 Census for Universal City is \$64,115. The median value of owner-occupied housing is \$197,700.

COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE

98.5 percent of households in Universal City have a computer. 95.3 percent of the households have a broadband internet subscription.

SPRING/FALL CLEAN UP

Combined, the Spring and Fall clean up average 1800 cubic yards of household debris, 27 tons of scrap metal, 263 car and truck tires, 1100 gallons of latex paint, 110 gallons of oil-based paint, 61 gallons of antifreeze, 382 gallons of motor oil and 69 used oil filters. The next City Clean-Up is scheduled for April 13th-16th and 20th-23rd, 2023.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Waste Management's "At Your Door Special Collection" allows for the collection of the difficult, sometimes hazardous and hard to recycle items that almost every household accumulates. There is no special charge for this service. 1-800-449-7587 or online at WMAYourDoor.com.

RANDOLPH FIELD

The design of Randolph Field (Randolph AFB), oddly enough, had been drawn up before a site was selected for the new airfield. In fact, the site was selected to fit the design, rather than the reverse, saving a full year in the start of construction.



EXCITING ONE-OF-A-KIND PLAYSCAPE COMING SUMMER 2023

In March, construction began on a custom designed fighter jet themed playground at Veterans Park. The custom design will not only be enjoyed by park visitors but will also be visible from the sky by all the JBSA Randolph pilots as they fly over Veterans Park. The inspiration for the unique fighter jet playground design was inspired by Public Works Director Randy Luensmann who wanted to have a military theme playscape for Veterans Park.

After researching for months to find just the right military theme playscape, Randy decided to design the playground himself and bring his vision to life. Jeff Mankins with Play and Park Structures took Randy's hand drawn sketch and accepted the challenge of this custom design incorporating: 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.

This playground project is expected to be completed sometime between May-June 2023.

BRUSH PICK-UP
April 24, 2023

- All brush for collection must be at the curb by Monday, April 24 at 7:00 AM to be collected for the week. Residents may begin placing brush curbside as early as Wednesday, April 19th.
- Brush collection is limited to 6 cubic yards in total including both bags of leaves and bundles of limbs.
 - Bags should weigh no more than 35lbs each.
 - Limbs should be cut and bundled properly for collection.
- Visit www.UCTX.gov/wasteservices for details on how to properly prepare brush for collection. Brush not properly prepared will not be collected.

Veterans Park (SITE CHANGE 2) Universal City, Texas 7814		This play equipment is recommended for children ages: Per Drawing Minimum Area Required Per Drawing	Scale: 3/16" = 1'-0" This drawing can be scaled only when in an A4 x 36" format	Drawn By: Cassie Pruitt Date: 2/14/23 Quote Number: 803-154039C	playpark structures 144 Chestnut Street Columbus, TN 35892 803-221-1887 www.playpark.com		Total Play Components Elevated Play Components Elevated Components Accessible by Transfer Accessible Ground Level Components Shown Different Types of Ground Level Components	40 15 11 25 4	User Capacity: 100-115 Cabinet Height: 22-27"
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It is the manufacturer's option that the structure shown herein complies with current ADA standards concerning accessibility. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure the "minimum area required" contains an appropriate amount of softfall material to cushion accidental falls.
IMPORTANT: Never install play equipment over hard, unrelieved surfaces such as asphalt, concrete, or compacted earth. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure the "minimum area required" contains an appropriate amount of softfall material to cushion accidental falls.

Protecting Water Quality from **URBAN RUNOFF**

Clean Water Is Everybody's Business

In urban and suburban areas, much of the land surface is covered by buildings and pavement, which do not allow rain and snowmelt to soak into the ground. Instead, most developed areas rely on storm drains to carry large amounts of runoff from roofs and paved areas to nearby waterways. The stormwater runoff carries pollutants such as oil, dirt, chemicals, and lawn fertilizers directly to streams and rivers, where they seriously harm water quality. To protect surface water quality and groundwater resources, development should be designed and built to minimize increases in runoff.

How Urbanized Areas Affect Water Quality Increased Runoff

The porous and varied terrain of natural landscapes like forests, wetlands, and grasslands traps rainwater and snowmelt and allows them to filter slowly into the ground. In contrast, impervious (nonporous) surfaces like roads, parking lots, and rooftops prevent rain and snowmelt from infiltrating, or soaking, into the ground. Most of the rainfall

The most recent National Water Quality Inventory reports that runoff from urbanized areas is the leading source of water quality impairments to surveyed estuaries and the third-largest source of impairments to surveyed lakes.

Did you know that because of impervious surfaces like pavement and rooftops, a typical city block generates more than 5 times more runoff than a woodland area of the same size?

and snowmelt remains above the surface, where it runs off rapidly in unnaturally large amounts.

Storm sewer systems concentrate runoff into smooth, straight conduits. This runoff gathers speed and erosional power as it travels underground. When this runoff leaves the storm drains and empties into a stream, its excessive volume and power blast out streambanks, damaging streamside vegetation and wiping out aquatic habitat. These increased storm flows carry sediment loads from construction sites and other denuded surfaces and eroded streambanks. They often carry higher water temperatures from streets, roof tops, and parking lots, which are harmful to the health and reproduction of aquatic life.

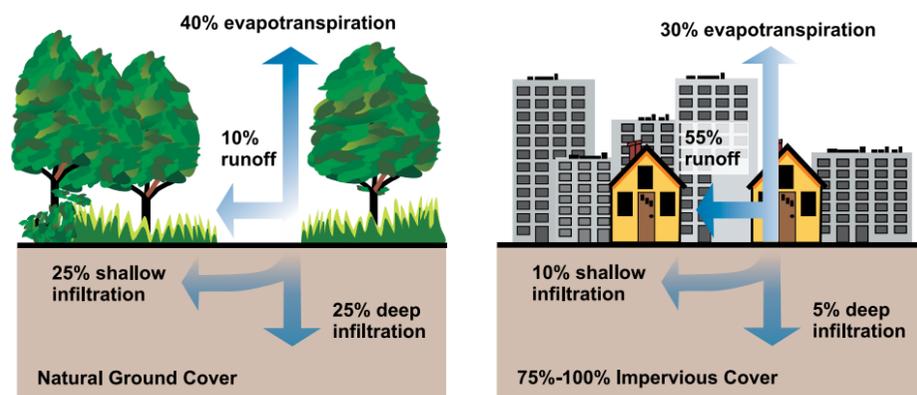
The loss of infiltration from urbanization may also cause profound groundwater changes. Although urbanization leads to great increases in flooding during and immediately after wet weather, in many instances it results in lower stream flows during dry weather. Many native fish and other aquatic life cannot survive when these conditions prevail.

Increased Pollutant Loads

Urbanization increases the variety and amount of pollutants carried into streams, rivers, and lakes. The pollutants include:

- Sediment
- Oil, grease, and toxic chemicals from motor vehicles
- Pesticides and nutrients from lawns and gardens
- Viruses, bacteria, and nutrients from pet waste and failing septic systems
- Road salts
- Heavy metals from roof shingles, motor vehicles, and other sources
- Thermal pollution from dark impervious surfaces such as streets and rooftops

These pollutants can harm fish and wildlife populations, kill native vegetation, foul drinking water supplies, and make recreational areas unsafe and unpleasant.



Relationship between impervious cover and surface runoff. Impervious cover in a watershed results in increased surface runoff. As little as 10 percent impervious cover in a watershed can result in stream degradation.

Managing Urban Runoff What Homeowners Can Do

To decrease polluted runoff from paved surfaces, households can develop alternatives to areas traditionally covered by impervious surfaces. Porous pavement materials are available for driveways and sidewalks, and native vegetation and mulch can replace high maintenance grass lawns. Homeowners can use fertilizers sparingly and sweep driveways, sidewalks, and roads instead of using a hose. Instead of disposing of yard waste, they can use the materials to start a compost pile. And homeowners can learn to use Integrated Pest Management (IPM) to reduce dependence on harmful pesticides.

In addition, households can prevent polluted runoff by picking up after pets and using, storing, and disposing of chemicals properly. Drivers should check their cars for leaks and recycle their motor oil and antifreeze when these fluids are changed. Drivers can also avoid impacts from car wash runoff (e.g., detergents, grime, etc.) by using car wash facilities that do not generate runoff. Households served by septic systems should have them professionally inspected

and pumped every 3 to 5 years. They should also practice water conservation measures to extend the life of their septic systems.

Controlling Impacts from New Development

Developers and city planners should attempt to control the volume of runoff from new development by using low impact development, structural controls, and pollution prevention strategies. Low impact development includes measures that conserve natural areas (particularly sensitive hydrologic areas like riparian buffers and infiltrable soils); reduce development impacts; and reduce site runoff rates by maximizing surface roughness, infiltration opportunities, and flow paths.

Controlling Impacts from Existing Development

Controlling runoff from existing urban areas is often more costly than controlling runoff from new developments. Economic efficiencies are often realized through approaches that target "hot spots" of runoff pollution or have multiple benefits, such as high-efficiency street sweeping (which addresses aesthetics, road safety,

and water quality). Urban planners and others responsible for managing urban and suburban areas can first identify and implement pollution prevention strategies and examine source control opportunities. They should seek out priority pollutant reduction opportunities, then protect natural areas that help control runoff, and finally begin ecological restoration and retrofit activities to clean up degraded water bodies. Local governments are encouraged to take lead roles in public education efforts through public signage, storm drain marking, pollution prevention outreach campaigns, and partnerships with citizen groups and businesses. Citizens can help prioritize the clean-up strategies, volunteer to become involved in restoration efforts, and mark storm drains with approved "don't dump" messages.



Related Publications

Turn Your Home into a Stormwater Pollution Solution!

www.epa.gov/nps

This web site links to an EPA homeowner's guide to healthy habits for clean water that provides tips for better vehicle and garage care, lawn and garden techniques, home improvement, pet care, and more.

National Management Measures to Control Nonpoint Source Pollution from Urban Areas

www.epa.gov/owow/nps/urbanmm

This technical guidance and reference document is useful to local, state, and tribal managers in implementing management programs for polluted runoff. Contains information on the best available, economically achievable means of reducing pollution of surface waters and groundwater from urban areas.

Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Resources

www.epa.gov/owm/onsite

This web site contains the latest brochures and other resources from EPA for managing onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS) such as conventional septic systems and alternative decentralized systems. These resources provide basic information to help individual homeowners, as well as detailed, up-to-date technical guidance of interest to local and state health departments.

Low Impact Development Center

www.lowimpactdevelopment.org

This center provides information on protecting the environment and water resources through integrated site design techniques that are intended to replicate preexisting hydrologic site conditions.

Stormwater Manager's Resource Center (SMRC)

www.stormwatercenter.net

Created and maintained by the Center for Watershed Protection, this resource center is designed specifically for stormwater practitioners, local government officials, and others that need technical assistance on stormwater management issues.

Strategies: Community Responses to Runoff Pollution

www.nrdc.org/water/pollution/storm/stoinx.asp

The Natural Resources Defense Council developed this interactive web document to explore some of the most effective strategies that communities are using around the nation to control urban runoff pollution. The document is also available in print form and as an interactive CD-ROM.

For More Information

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Nonpoint Source Control Branch (4503T)
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

www.epa.gov/nps

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FOCUS ON
**HOME
SECURITY**

UPDATE FROM THE UC POLICE DEPARTMENT

SPRINGTIME IS HERE! Many residents head outdoors for yardwork, exercise, and plan summer trips and vacations. Before leaving your home, it is important to remember there are people looking to take advantage of an easy opportunity to take valued belongings.

Here are a few tips from the Universal City Police Department (UCPD) to deter criminals from targeting you or your home.

Make efforts to secure your home/garage, and toys/tools, even on short trips to the hardware store or for groceries.

- Window stops are a good idea if you must leave them open.
- Do not advertise items in your garage or outbuilding by unnecessarily leaving doors open or equipment lying around.
- Secure lawn equipment and/or any other gardening tools when not in use.
- Identify/photograph & secure valuables (obtain serial numbers where applicable).
- Invest in a doorbell camera. Most will notify you through your phone if someone approaches your house.
- Secure your vehicle and avoid leaving anything in plain sight. Firearms, jewelry, purses, and wallets should always be removed.

Notify a friend/family member/neighbor and UCPD of your plans to travel.

- Have someone pickup mail or newspapers or place a hold on delivery.
- Place various lights on timers.
- Leave a TV or radio on inside to make it appear that someone is home.
- Stop by the Police Department to get added to the UCPD Out of Town list while on trips.

Yard maintenance

- Remove unnecessary shrubbery or debris from doors and windows to prevent hiding places.
- Keep lawn well groomed and devoid of weeds.
- Avoid leaving contractors/landscapers alone at your residence.

Keep an eye out for suspicious vehicles or people.

- Always be aware of your surroundings.
- If it seems suspicious call the police, officers do not mind checking it out.

When traveling only carry enough cash for that day and leave valuables in the hotel room safe.

- Carry cash in your front pocket.
- If you must carry a purse, carry a small one and keep it close.
- Make sure you have your credit card numbers saved so they can be cancelled quickly if lost or stolen.

Doing these things is a simple method to reduce the likelihood of being victimized. Be safe and enjoy the Spring and Summer!

BETTER UNDERSTAND YOUR OPTIONS FOR MEDICARE BENEFITS

Saturday, April 22 @ 10:00am in the Meeting Room
Free and open to the public. *No registration required.*



LEARN THE A, B, C, D'S OF MEDICARE!

Better understand your options for your Medicare benefits.

SATURDAY APRIL 22 10:30 AM

- HOW AND WHEN TO ENROLL IN MEDICARE... AND WHEN TO WAIT!
- WHAT MEDICARE DOES AND DOESN'T COVER.
- HOW OTHER COVERAGE COORDINATES WITH MEDICARE, PLUS MORE!

GUEST SPEAKER:
JUSTIN RODRIGUEZ
MEDIGAP CONSULTING

Medicare & You 2023
The official U.S. government Medicare handbook

TASTEE TABLE CLUB

Wednesday, May 17 at 1pm

Love to try new recipes? This month's Tastee Table Club is on Wednesday, May 17 at 1:00pm. Participants are encouraged to select a recipe from this month's selected cookbook to bring for all to try. Best recipe wins a \$25.00 gift card to H-E-B!

Registration is required. Sign-up at the circulation desk. Open to adults ages 18+ only.



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For more information on all library programs, please visit our website at uctx.gov/library or follow us on Facebook & Instagram.

TRUE CRIME BOOK CLUB

"Till Murder Do Us Part"
by Amy Wallace on Saturday, May 13 at 11:00am

No registration required. Open to adults ages 18+ only.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**All Children's programs will be taking a break from May 23 – June 9 in preparation for the Summer Reading Program.*

Storytime: Read, Sing, and Learn together!
Join us for our weekly story times on Tuesdays & Wednesdays in the meeting room!

Pre-school (ages 3-5):
Tuesdays at 10:00am
Toddlers (ages 2-3):
Tuesdays at 11:00am
Babies (ages 0-24 months):
Wednesdays at 10:00am

WACKY WEDNESDAYS
Wednesday at 4pm
Try something new every week on Wacky Wednesday! Building, crafting, gaming, experimenting, and more. Each week is something a little different for ages 8-12.

**Room subject to change.*

ADULT PROGRAMS (AGES 18+)

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