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# Universal City Municipal Directory

2150 Universal City Blvd. Universal City, TX 78148

Office Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## ADMINISTRATION: 210-659-0333

Building Official .....	Jaclyn Redmon .....	7 2 4
City Clerk .....	Maribel Garcia.....	7 4 8
City Manager .....	Kim Turner .....	7 0 5
Code Compliance Officer .....	.....	7 2 5
Communications.....	Kathy Williams.....	7 0 1
Court Administrator .....	Brenda Watkins.....	7 1 5
Development Services/EDC .....	Michael Cassata.....	7 2 0
Finance.....	Christine Green.....	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 5
Stormwater Inspector .....	Wes Keller .....	7 2 2
Water Billing.....	.....	7 1 0

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Parks/Pavilion Rental .....	210-659-0333	EXT. 364
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FEBRUARY/MARCH 25

# MEETINGS

- **February 3, 2025** ..... 6 pm  
*Planning & Zoning Meeting*
- **February 4, 2025** ..... 6:30 pm  
*City Council Regular Meeting*
- **February 5, 2025** ..... 6 p.m.  
*Parks & Recreation Snowfest Special Meeting*
- **February 13, 2025** ..... 5 pm  
*Economic Development Corporation Meeting*
- **February 13, 2025** ..... 5:30 pm  
*Joint Meeting of City Council and the Planning & Zoning Commission  
Workshop UC Vision 35 Comprehensive Plan*



## February 17, 2025 • CLOSED Presidents' Day

- **February 18, 2025** ..... 6:30 pm  
*City Council Regular Meeting*
- **February 24, 2025** ..... 6 pm  
*Board of Adjustment Meeting*
- **February 25, 2025** ..... 6 pm  
*Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting*
- **March 3, 2025** ..... 6 pm  
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# 2024

# UC RIBBON CUTTINGS



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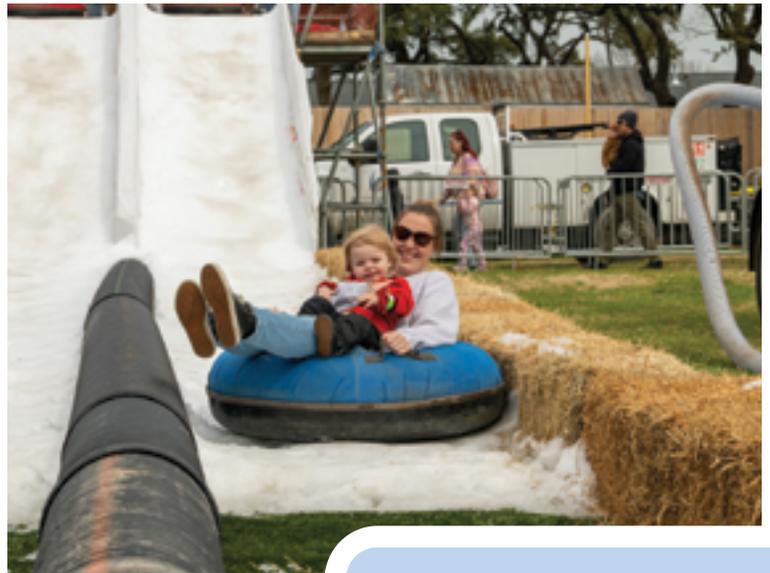
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# Behind Snowfest



ABOVE: Harry Westerfield, Randy Luensmann, Mary Eddy



The hottest entertainment ticket in town right now is for Universal City's 2025 Snowfest, a major city-wide event that draws thousands from all around the San Antonio area.

Four people had an idea that has endured every year since 2010.

"Family entertainment is so expensive. Honestly, we created the event to compete with the (San Antonio) Livestock Show and Rodeo as an affordable alternative," said Luensmann, one of the founders and current Universal City Public Works Director.

A ticket gets attendees a wristband

that buys them full access to entertainment that takes place all day, carnival games, and of course snow. Snowfest organizers make sure the offerings from food and business vendors are affordable as well.

Follow the official 2025 UC Snowfest and Carnival page to get updates on performers, food, items for sale, parking and more.

Luensmann, who carefully preserves the original values of Snowfest, (including the bear) says he doesn't have one particular favorite memory after a decade of Snowfest.

**“** I love seeing the faces of the people who come to Snowfest, especially the kids.”

— Randy Luensmann

**SCAN HERE**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
ABOUT SNOWFEST!**



# First In-World-Wide Tech Firm Chooses UC

**M**otic, a major player in the technology space, is the first tenant to occupy Northlake Business Park's newest expansion, a sprawling mega-development years in the making.

When created in 1988, Motic launched as a hi-tech industrial company specializing in the manufacturing of conventional compound microscopes.

Since then, it's morphed into a global force expanding into a family of products that includes Financial, Administration and International Marketing offices in Hong Kong.

It also has sales offices in Canada, Germany, Spain and the United States.

Now its moved its local offices and 20 employees from Schertz to the brand new Northlake facility, occupying approximately 30,000 square feet.





“ Our expectations have been met with the successful opening of Motic in the Northlake Business Park. We strive to build on this success by attracting other forward-thinking businesses. We think Motic will pave the way for others to occupy these two new upscale buildings.”

— Michael Cassata

Development Services & Economic Development Director

“It’s an honor to be the first tenant here,” said Corey Moore, Motic Human Resources manager. “Our previous location was aging, and our surroundings had a lot of back-and-forth traffic. We’ll be able to achieve maximum production, and it is quieter here.”

Owned by an investment group with a manufacturing base in China, Motic has a production headquarters and Research & Development center in Xiamen.

Motic’s products aren’t the old school microscopes that come to mind. The company may not be a household name to many people, but it is in multiple industries

including the medical community.

Motic Digital Pathology is described as a driver of digital medicine through its whole slide imaging, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and software technologies of great interest to hospitals and labs around the world.

Motic Electric designs and develops high voltage insulation components for the power industry. And the company website says Motic Energy strives to be a leader in smart energy technology.

It is a major coup for Universal City to have such a prestigious company as the cornerstone of



building one at the Northlake development. Next is building two and eventually there will be five buildings with some 375,000.

Current and previous city managers, councilmembers, mayors, and economic development leaders have worked hard to make this project a reality.

Current Director of Economic Development Michael Cassata and his team closed the Motic deal.



## ELECTION QUICK FACTS

### CANDIDATE INFORMATION:

Candidate filing period ends Feb 14, 2025 at 5 p.m.

### ELIGIBILITY FOR CANDIDATES:

- Be a U.S. citizen;
- Have resided continuously in the State of Texas for twelve (12) months and in the City of Universal City for six (6) months immediately preceding the date of the regular filing deadline for a candidate's application for a place on the ballot;
- Be eighteen (18) years of age or older on the first day of term to be filled;
- Be a registered voter at the time of taking office (Registered Voter means a person registered to vote in this state whose registration is effective);
- Not have been determined mentally incompetent by a final judgment of a court;
- Not have been convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities.

Source: City Charter, Sections 3.01; 8.01; Texas Election Code, Chapter 11 and 141.

Candidate filing packets available at City Hall (2150 Universal City Blvd.) \$20 filing fee

### VOTER INFORMATION

#### Important dates for residents:

#### Jan 1

First date applications for early voting by mail accepted.

#### April 3

Last day to register to vote for May 2024 **ELECTION**

#### April 22 – April 29

Early voting period

#### May 3 – ELECTION DAY

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. (also last day to receive ballot by mail) Go to [VoteTexas.gov](http://VoteTexas.gov) for elections information

*UC has two counties – Bexar and Guadalupe (VOTE IN YOUR COUNTY) – go to [www.UCTX.gov/May2025Election](http://www.UCTX.gov/May2025Election) for more information on how to vote.*

## NeighborsOfNote



**Y**ou may not recognize the name, but Universal Quilters has been doing beautiful work in our city since 1990. The group started as a gathering of ten with original members Rosalie Schaefer and Esther Pinter who're still going strong.

Its goal has always been to promote the art of quilting and encourage participation in various projects. The very first one was making quilts for the Universal City Public Library that were raffled off to help with funding.

Other recipients have included the Audi Murphy VA Hospital, Boysville, The Fisher House for Wounded Warriors, Meals on Wheels, the Universal City Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association and the Children's Shelter.

Membership isn't limited to Universal City. The group welcomes anyone from the local area who enjoys quilting or wants to learn more about it. Members meet at 12:30 the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Live Oak Baptist Church.

# Volunteers-Friends of the Universal City Public Library

When the Friends of the Universal City Public Library set its 2024 Wreaths Across America goal, group members hoped to fund 600 wreaths for the fallen buried at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.

After weeks of fundraising including working weekends, the final number of wreaths the group was able to purchase was 890, well beyond the goal and what leaders call “our best year yet.”

Friends is a volunteer group with the mission of supporting the

**SAVE THE DATE**

**MARCH 27 - 29**  
**Spring Book sale**

**APRIL 12**  
**The Books and Treasures sale**

Universal City Public Library. Two organizations with the same goal. Making the library much more than a place to check out books.

“We want people to know we have a great bookstore where people come and visit and buy books. But we also sell DVDs and records. We support a storytime at the annual (Parks Partners) Pumpkin Patch. And we use funds raised for prizes for some of the library events,” said Catherine Tolbert, the group’s president.

“People who come here know us. And for some people we’re an important social outlet,” said Lynne Diaz, longtime member.

## UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS



### Groundhog Day Celebration Book Craft

Calling all pre-teens and teens! Celebrate Groundhog Day at the library with a special craft session to make an origami groundhog from an old book. No registration required.

**Saturday February 8 at 11 a.m.**

### Medicare 101

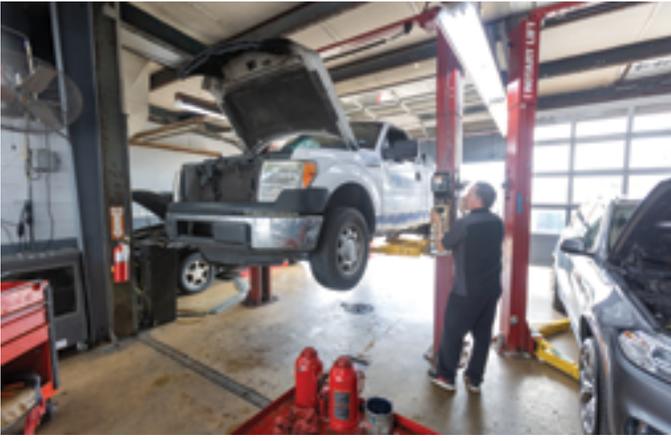
Join us for a Medicare 101 Class. Learn the ins and outs of Medicare and how it works led by a licensed Insurance Agent. This class is free and open to the public. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. No registration required.



**Thursday March 6 at 1 p.m.**



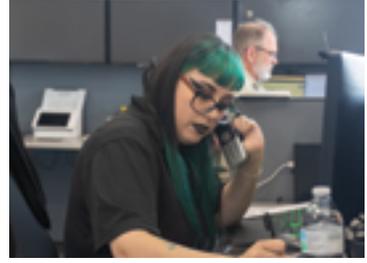
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## GOOSE AUTO REPAIR 829 Pat Booker Rd. • Universal City

When GoosE Auto Repair opened its Universal City shop, its owner & CEO Gustavo “GoosE” Macharro took over one of UC’s legacy locations. Formerly a Goodyear location for decades, the new GoosE Auto Repair has a fresh new look and enthusiastic leadership.

Macharro’s bio mentions that after he earned his associate degree, he decided to turn his passion into a career. He enrolled at Wyoming Technical Institute, then moved on to Audi Academy in Chicago. He then returned to San Antonio for more training. His passion for his current role was ignited



when his parents were taken advantage of by a mechanic.

Now customers at each of four locations benefit from his parents’ experience. Macharro wants to provide a place where ethical, knowledgeable and trustworthy staff members provide honest service allowing customers to confidently bring their vehicles for repair.



# 2025



# TASTEE TABLE

Wednesdays 1-2:30 p.m. UCPL Meeting Room

## DATES:

- May 21 - Tea Party
- September 17 - Anniversary

2025 Themed Dates TBA:  
March 19, July 16, and November 19

**Pick a recipe from the selected cookbook. Bring your dish for all to share. Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place.**

**“We don’t judge the cook, just the recipe.”**

**Sign up at the circulation desk - limited spots available.**

**Open to adults age 18 and up only.**

**More information 210-659-7048**



## Alley & Utility Easement Maintenance Reminders

The use of alleys has changed for many residents who have an alley behind their homes, so you may not notice overgrowth as frequently as you have before. The City gently reminds homeowners and tenants that if there is an alley or utility easement at the backside of your property, then you are still responsible for maintaining it.

Regular alley and utility easement maintenance is vital for ensuring these spaces remain functional, safe, and attractive!

- **Litter Cleanup:** Regularly remove trash and debris to keep the alley and utility easement clean and inviting.
- **Vegetation Control:** Trim overgrown vegetation and remove weeds that may encroach on the alleyway or utility easement.
- **Rodent Management:** Take measures to control pests and rodents that may be attracted by trash or debris left behind your fence.

- **Sanitation Practices:** Encourage good sanitation practices with adjacent neighbors to minimize pest issues.

The City recognizes that some homeowners may need assistance when it comes to alley and utility easement maintenance. Engaging the community and local authorities can help facilitate maintenance efforts and enhance the quality of these often-overlooked areas. In addition to checking with local churches for assistance, consider the following:

- **Volunteer Cleanup Events:** Organize community cleanup days to foster a sense of ownership and pride in your shared alleyway and utility easement.
- **Collaboration:** Work with local businesses and residents to maintain the alleyway and utility easement.

**Guiding Municipal Code sections:  
Sec. 4-1-8(c) and  
IPMC Sec. 301.2 & 302.4.**

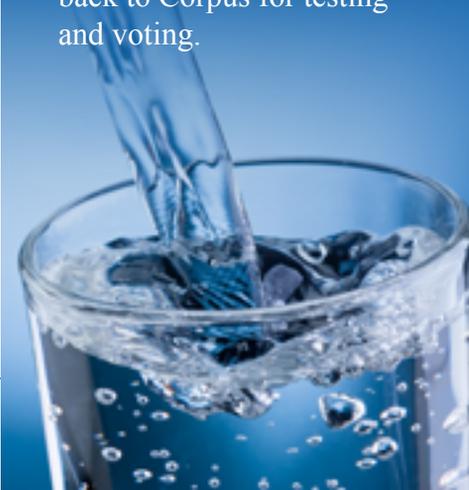
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## UC GETS BEST-TASTING WATER NOD

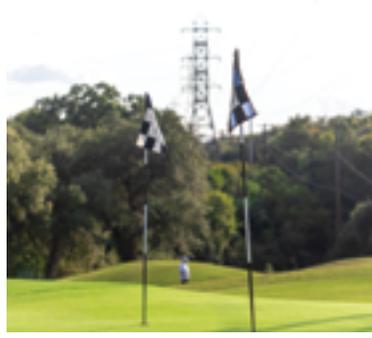


Assistant Public Works Director Brandon Peterson (left) accepted the award on behalf of the City.

Universal City's Public Works Department has earned a nod for Best Water in Texas for 2024. The award comes from the Texas Water Utilities Association (TWUA). The premier educator for water professionals across the state. Fresh samples for all of the cities represented at the Corpus Christi meeting and award ceremony were taken the very day of the competition, then rushed back to Corpus for testing and voting.



# OlympiaHillsGolfClub



## New Greens, New Energy

When the Olympia Hills Golf and Event Center unveiled its new greens back in September, it was before an enthusiastic, high-energy crowd. We went to Director of Golf Operations Sal Garcia to see what's happened since then.

### How has attendance been since the opening of the new greens?

Attendance has exceeded our expectations! The incredible work that Jeremy (Laak, superintendent) and his crew have put into preparing the course has truly paid off. The excitement surrounding the new putting surfaces has generated a "buzz", leading to many new faces joining us. We are also incredibly grateful for the support from the leadership of Universal City; without their backing, none of this would be possible.

### What feedback have you received?

The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Golfers have praised the immediate impact that the new Paspalum greens have had on the course's playability and overall experience. There's a renewed energy on the course, and players have been thrilled with the improvements. While we're grateful for the positive feedback, we're not stopping here. We remain committed to making continuous

enhancements that will position Olympia Hills as one of the premier golf facilities in the San Antonio area

### What's the next camp or event at the club?

Starting January 12th, 2025, Olympia Hills Golf and Event Center will launch the first event of our exciting new monthly tournament series, "Conquer the Hills". This year-long competition will feature a variety of team-based formats designed for golfers of all skill levels — from beginners to seasoned players. Top performers will be recognized, but we're also adding creative prize categories, surprises, and fun challenges, ensuring everyone has a chance to win and enjoy the experience. Whether you're chasing victory, building friendships, or just looking for a fun day on the course, this series is for you!

Also, keep an eye out! This spring, we're excited to offer a Spring Break edition of our popular Junior Golf Camps, as well as our Junior Golf Development Programs starting in March.

These programs are designed to help young golfers build skills, boost confidence, and most importantly — have fun while learning the game!

Stay tuned for more details and registration information!

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# AnimalControl



## Fastest Way to Bring Your Lost Pet Home

At Universal City Animal Care and Control, we know how heartbreaking it can be when a beloved pet goes missing. The quickest and most effective way to ensure lost pets are reunited with their families is through a combination of identification methods. Collars with up-to-date tags and microchips, collars with owner information tags, rabies vaccination tags, and city license tags.

These options allow good Samaritans and Animal Control Officers to contact owners immediately. However collars and tags can sometimes fall off, which

is why microchipping is equally as important. Microchips provide a permanent, scannable form of identification.

Universal City Animal Care and Control offers microchipping services for just \$10. For an appointment, call the shelter Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

You must have proof of your pet's current rabies vaccination. By using both visible ID tags and microchips, you give your pet the best chance of returning home quickly and safely.

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## Fire Department

# Happy Trails!

After 33 years of dedicated service, Lt. Patrick Lewis, Badge No. 1065, bid farewell to the Universal City Fire Department during a heartfelt retirement celebration surrounded by friends, family, coworkers, and mentors.

The city honored him with gifts, including a traditional fire bucket symbolizing the strength and unity he helped build throughout his career, along with a cherished mug filled with items of sentimental value.

In a moment both solemn and celebratory, Lt. Lewis received his “Last Call” radio transmission, marking his departure from active duty. Reflecting on the significance of the moment, he shared, “I’ve had to do it twice, and I



don’t like it because either someone has lost their life or passed away. Very seldom does someone get that call while they’re still alive to hear it.”

Though retiring, Lt. Lewis’s legacy of service and leadership will endure. He will always have a home in Universal City.



# 890 Wreaths Donated

## Thank You for your Support!

### Friends of the UC Library



# SPRING CLEANUP & BULK COLLECTION



All brush for collection must be at the curb by Monday at 7 a.m. of the scheduled pickup week.

## ***SPRING CLEANUP***

*APRIL 3 - 6*

*APRIL 10 - 13*

## ***BRUSH COLLECTION***

*MARCH 24 - 28*

*JUNE 23 - 26*

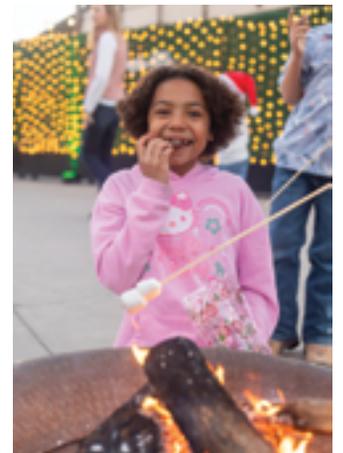
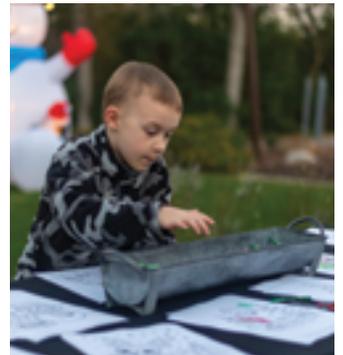


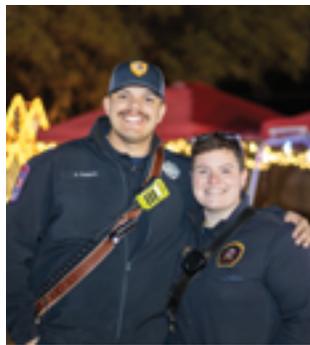
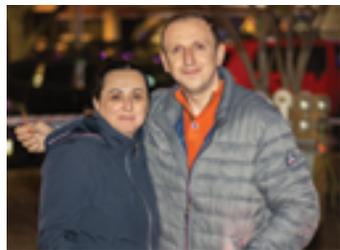
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UCCommunity

# Out & About

## Festive Season





# Support For New UC Homeowners

Purchasing a home for the first time is both exhilarating and exhausting. But the Universal City Public Library is offering a resource for residents making that journey.

“Let’s Start the Conversation” is a free program organized by the Universal City public library. It will focus on educating the public on the steps needed to become homeowners.

“For many new homeowners, the process of buying a home involves navigating complex financial decisions. The goal of this seminar is to educate and help build confidence in the homebuying process,” said Molly Baldobino, library assistant.

Licensed realtor Kim Mixon will lead the free seminar. She’ll be prepared to provide answers to any questions you may have. No RSVP required. The adult program is open to ages 18+.



## LET’S START THE CONVERSATION

Saturday March 8

10:30 a.m.

Universal City Public Library  
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