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ATHLETICS NEEDS VOLUNTEER COACHES



Volunteer coaches are responsible for supervising youth teams in practices and games, ensuring a fun and safe environment, and providing leadership to teach sportsmanship, game skills and fundamentals. Our Adaptive Sports programs are volunteer-driven and require a great deal of hands-on volunteers to be successful.

The time commitment for volunteers is just 2-3 hours per week for approximately a 6-7 week season.

Duties may include, but not limited to contact players/parents; hold a parent orientation meeting or organize team via TeamSideline app; organize and lead 1-2 practices per week; coach games; be responsible for equipment.

Qualifications: Pass a criminal history check and be approved by the Athletics supervisor. Knowledge of the sport you are coaching or the desire to learn; acceptable youth coaching practices; and desire to help develop sportsmanship, self-esteem and skills.

Programs supervised by Gatesville Parks and Recreation – Athletics Division include:

- Adaptive Sports
- Soccer
- Baseball & Softball
- Flag Football
- Volleyball

Register as a Volunteer Coach: Visit www.TeamSideline.com/GatesvilleTX





Message from the Mayor of Gatesville

Welcome to the second edition of The Spur. This semi-annual magazine is a way of providing timely information for our residents about City events, City services, “how-to’s” and answers to your important questions. In this edition, we highlight a lot of exciting changes that are coming to Gatesville in the next six months. Change can be both exciting and difficult - but it is necessary for a city to thrive.

Thanks to the local businesses for their advertising support, which makes this publication possible. When you shop locally, the City is able to reinvest your sales taxes for the important quality of life functions the City provides. Those include parks, the public library, public safety, and streets, to name just a few.

In addition, we have included information about the numerous opportunities, both volunteer and elected/appointed, for our residents to contribute a small amount of their time and talent, and most importantly, chart the course for Gatesville’s future. I am always available to discuss those opportunities with anyone who is interested.

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Ward 2, Place 4



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Ward 1, Place 1

CITY OF



GATESVILLE



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Details about many of these events can be found at gatesvilletx.com or VisitGatesvilleTx.com.

FEBRUARY

- 7** Mystery Book Club (Library)
- 11** Recycle Center Open
- 13** GISD Student Holiday
- 14** City Council
GISD Student Holiday
Valentine's Day
- 17** Country Music Hall of Fame Show at City Auditorium
- 20** GISD Holiday
Presidents Day (City offices closed)
Soccer/Adaptive Season Begins
- 25** Small Towns Select Tournament (Day 1/2)
Recycle Center Open
- 26** Small Towns Select Tournament (Day 2/2)
- 28** City Council

MARCH

- 4** Chamber Foundation 10K Giveaway
Baseball/Softball Skills Day
- 7** Mystery Book Club (Library)
- 11** Recycle Center Open
- 12** Daylight Savings Time Starts
- 13-17** GISD Spring Break
- 14** City Council
- 17** Country Music Hall of Fame Show at City Auditorium

- 20** GISD Student Holiday
- 25** Recycle Center Open
- 28** City Council

APRIL

- 1** Go Texan Dinner & Dance
- 4** Mystery Book Club (Library)
- 7** GISD Holiday
Good Friday (City offices closed)
- 8** Small Towns Select Tournament
- 9** Easter Sunday
- 10** GISD Holiday
- 11** City Council
- 15** Recycle Center Open
- 18** Baseball/Softball/Adaptive Season Begins
- 21** Country Music Hall of Fame Show at City Auditorium
- 25** City Council

MAY

- 2** Mystery Book Club (Library)
- 5** GISD Student Holiday
- 9** City Council
- 13** Recycle Center Open
- 14** Mother's Day

- 19** Country Music Hall of Fame Show at City Auditorium
- 20** Recycle Center Open
- 20-21** Small Towns Select Tournament
- 23** City Council
- 25** GISD Early Release - Last Day of School
- 26** City Pool Opens
GISD Graduation
- 29** Memorial Day (City offices closed)

JUNE

- 1-3** Shivarree
- 6** Mystery Book Club (Library)
- 10** Recycle Center Open
- 13** City Council
- 14** Flag Day
- 16** Country Music Hall of Fame Show at City Auditorium
- 17-18** Small Towns Select Tournament
- 18** Father's Day
- 19** Juneteenth (City offices closed)
- 19-23** TTA District Tournament (Softball)
- 24** Recycle Center Open

- 26-30** TTA District Tournament (Baseball)
- 27** City Council

JULY

- 4** Independence Day (City offices closed)
- 8** Recycle Center Open
- 11** City Council
- 21** Country Music Hall of Fame Show at City Auditorium
- 22** Recycle Center Open
- 25** City Council
- 27-29** Gatesville Riding Club Rodeo

AUGUST

- 1** Mystery Book Club (Library)
- 5** TTA State Meeting (Civic Center)
- 8** City Council
- 12** Recycle Center Open
- 18** Country Music Hall of Fame Show at City Auditorium
- 22** City Council
- 26** Recycle Center Open

SEPTEMBER

- 4** Labor Day (City offices closed)

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ON THE COVER



Local artist Clifton Clary crafted the cover spurs in steel and silver. Clifton's jewelry and buckle designs are available at ClaryCustoms.com and Hinds Fine Jewelers in Gatesville.



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OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

Get Involved in Your City

The City of Gatesville offers several ways for residents to be involved through volunteer organizations and City Boards and Commissions.

KEEP GATESVILLE BEAUTIFUL is a volunteer board that directs the efforts of community members to clean up and beautify our city. Board members attend quarterly meetings (usually held after 5pm), assist with events, and may chair or work on a subcommittee. Non-board volunteers may help on a committee or participate in events. You do not need to be on the KGB Board to participate in our cleanup, education, and outreach events.

FRIENDS OF THE GATESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY was formed in 1961 by a group of citizens who believed “A good public library is important to the growth and development of a community.” That belief still continues and the Friends still support their library today.

Come and join this group of business people, educators, homemakers, students, retirees, and all members of the community who want to help make our community a better place to live by providing access to a first-rate library that can continue to be recognized as an outstanding facility in the state. The Friends of the Library has 501c3 status, so all of your donations are tax exempt.

THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS is a quasi-judicial body authorized by the City Council to, in appropriate cases and subject to appropriate conditions and safeguards, make interpretations, correct errors, approve variances and special exceptions to the terms of the zoning ordinance that are consistent with the general purpose and intent of the ordinance and in accordance with any applicable rules contained in the ordinance. The Board, subject to the standards established in Chapter 211 of the Texas Local Government Code, shall have the authority to exercise powers and perform the following duties listed in this section.

The BOA consists of five regular members and two alternate members to the Board. The Council shall appoint members to fill unexpired terms in the event of vacancies. A Board member shall continue to serve until a successor has been appointed and approved by the City Council.

The BOA typically hosts regular meetings once per month, as needed. Some meetings may be scheduled on different dates to accommodate federal holidays. Regular meetings are typically hosted in person at the City Hall Council Chambers located at 110 N. 8th Street, Gatesville TX 76528. All regular meetings are open to the public.

THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION is authorized by virtue of the subject of Section 1.06 of the City Charter to act as an advisory body on all planning and zoning matters. The Commission consists of seven members, appointed by Council, serving two-year terms.

The Commission’s responsibilities include the establishment of procedures for adopting and enforcing land regulations and boundaries of zoning districts and submitting reports to the

governing body with its recommendations on any amendments to land regulations or district boundaries. Additionally, the Planning and Zoning Commission is charged with the responsibility and authority to review complete subdivision applications and forward recommendation to the City Council as described by the adopted codes of the City and all State regulations.

The Planning and Zoning Commission typically hosts regular meetings on the first Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m., as needed. Some meetings may be scheduled on different dates to accommodate federal holidays. Regular meetings are typically hosted either in person at the City Hall Council Chambers located at 110 N 8th Street, Gatesville TX 76528; or through virtual meetings in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. The designation for if a given meeting will be hosted in person or virtually shall be posted on the particular agenda for that meeting which shall be posted both online and at the bulletin board located outside City Hall’s 8th Street entrance. All regular meetings are open to the public.

THE GATESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT is one of the most progressive volunteer fire departments in the State of Texas, and we are always looking for quality people to join our ranks! If you are interested in joining the Gatesville Fire Department, come by one of our training sessions at the fire station and pick up an application or fill out our online application. By coming to a training session, you will gain an insight into the department, see how our training activities are conducted, and you will meet our firefighters in person and be able to ask any questions you may have. We hold training sessions every Tuesday at 6:00 PM and special training drills on other dates and times.

GATESVILLE CITY COUNCIL - Gatesville operates under a Council-Manager form of government. The City Council has 7 members, comprised of a Mayor elected at-large, and 6 council members elected to individual places designated by number from the City at large.

Gatesville’s City Council meets in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 110 N. 8th St., at 5:30 PM on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Meetings are open to the public.

Election for City Council seats is typically held on the first Tuesday of November. Citizens who are interested in running for City Council can find information on www.gatesvilletx.com under “Government” and “City Election Information”.

YOUTH SPORTS is another area where volunteer help is greatly needed. See the inside front cover for more information about this role with the Gatesville Parks and Recreation Department.

If you are interested in opportunities for involvement, please visit the link via QR code or call 254-865-8951.



ANIMAL SHELTER



The Gatesville Animal Shelter would like to give a big shout out to Ms. Latham's AFNR Practicum Class. Putting together furniture is never fun and always a headache, but these girls were kind enough to assemble 15 dog beds for the animal shelter. The beds provide a comfy place for pups to rest while they spend some time at the shelter. Pictured above from left: Kaydee Palady, Cadence Casteneda, Gracie Pratt, Addison Combs.



A big shout out to Pet Rescue magazine of Belton, Texas, and the wonderful citizens of Gatesville for the literal truck bed full of dog food, cleaning supplies, and doggy treats that have been donated in the past few months. It is thanks to generous donations, and the non-stop work of rescue groups that small shelters like Gatesville's can save as many animals as we do.



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Fire Department News

In January, the Fire Department installed new officers for 2023:

- President Willie Taylor
- Secretary Chris Miller
- Chief Billy Vaden
- Deputy Chief Robert Featherston
- Assistant Chief Bobby Buster
- Training Chief Lee Walters
- Captain Joe Schrader
- Captain Chris Pate
- Lt. Miguel Gamez
- Lt. Phil Gregory

Jeremy Stills was named 2022 Firefighter of the Year.

In 2022, the Gatesville Fire Department answered over 800 runs, the most calls ever reported in one year.

We need volunteers. Pick up an application at the Fire Department weekdays or we also have an online application on City's web page.

In February, we will fry the fish for the Military Appreciation dinner sponsored by Chamber of Commerce. This is a fun event for us and we look forward to it each year.

In April, the Exchange Club will sponsor the Day of Child, where the department will cook hot dogs for everyone in attendance.

April will see 3 or 4 firefighters attend Texas A&M spring fire school and in July, we will send another group to the much larger summer school.

We are in the finishing stages of a complete rebuild of our 1941 Seagraves fire truck and hope to have it back from the shop by June 2023. We will use it for parades and such once it returns.

CPR TRAINING AVAILABLE

Gatesville Fire has certified CPR instructors for anyone needing a CPR certification. There is a cost for this class of \$50.00 if for only one or two people. Cost goes down if the class size increases. Call us for details.

BURN BAN

Remember there is NO Burning allowed inside the City Limits unless you receive a permit or permission from the Fire Chief. Only natural wood may be burned. No Trash. Contact Chief Vaden at 254-216-3444.

SLOW DOWN

Watch out for all first responders out on the highways as we work vehicle accidents. Don't get distracted and please slow down.



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GATESVILLE FITNESS CENTER

The goal of the Gatesville Fitness Center is to promote a holistic approach to life through mental, physical and emotional health. Becoming physically sound will enhance the other qualities of life and create a happier, more harmonious community. The Fitness Center will be a home away from home and will incorporate social well-being. All people will be afforded the opportunity to utilize the amenities provided and will be given guidance before use. Members will be educated on the importance of living a healthy lifestyle and ways that it can be achieved. Programs and activities will be provided to patrons for this very purpose.

The Fitness Center hosts more than 25 group exercise classes that are free with membership.

Visit us at 203 N. 34th Street, Gatesville TX 76528, or online on Facebook, TikTok and Instagram, or the city website www.gatesvilletx.com.

- One Day Pass: \$5
- One Week Pass: \$15
- Punch Card: \$30/10 visits
- Military Discount: \$25/month (active duty with proper ID)

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday to Thursday 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Friday 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday 1 to 6 p.m.



DAY OF SERVICE

In September 2022, Gatesville's citizens all pitched in for a Day of Service and helped Keep Gatesville Beautiful. The members of the Hornet and Prospects baseball teams joined together to tidy up the area around City Hall.



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MEET GATESVILLE'S NEW POLICE CHIEF



Bradford W. Hunt

The City of Gatesville welcomes Bradford W. Hunt as the Chief of Police. Before coming to Gatesville, Chief Hunt served as the Chief of Police of Keene, Texas since April 2020. Prior to that, he served for 25 years in the Temple Police Department rising to the rank of Division Commander responsible for the Community Oriented Police (COPS) program, School Resource Officers, Traffic Unit, and Violent Crime Enforcement Squad among other duties.

Chief Hunt is no stranger to Central Texas. He is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in Psychology, and the FBI National Academy. Brad is married and the father of five children.

I CHOSE TO BECOME A POLICE OFFICER BECAUSE...

I have always enjoyed being part of a team and doing rewarding, sometimes difficult work. I went to college to be a teacher or a coach but met a constable who showed me the human side of policing and what good, caring officers can do for a community. I understood I could be a positive force in times when people are in trouble or in need. I took one Criminal Justice class and was hooked from there!

THE BEST ADVICE I HAVE RECEIVED IS...

Never stop learning, adapting, and serving those we've sworn to protect. My mentors and experiences have taught me to be empathetic toward people and respectful of their points of view, even and especially when they are different from mine. Learning from great leaders, I believe a true leader is not above others, but is better described as with them each day, doing all he or she can to lift them up.

PEOPLE MIGHT BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT...

I am an Executive Board Member of the Johnson County Child Advocacy Center, which encompasses a large contingent of trained, dedicated professionals to assist in interviewing and assisting young victims of crime and their families. As a Board Member, I have participated several times in an event called Badges, Bags, and Bingo, where I "modeled" purses while in uniform to raise funds for the Center.

THE GATESVILLE POLICE CHIEF POSITION APPEALED TO ME BECAUSE...

I've been familiar with the Police Department since my days as a Division Commander at the Temple Police Department, and I appreciated what Chief Gohlke was building for his staff and the City of Gatesville. When researching the position, I saw a great commitment to city staff and the community from the City Council, via their plans to build a police department building, city hall, and expanded infrastructure. I saw talented people working toward a common goal, and a great opportunity for me and my family to be a part of a tight-knit community that is focusing on smart, balanced growth. It's a place I hope to be for a long time, building on a strong foundation to create a culture of service, respect, and commitment to the community of Gatesville.



Need Broadband?

Learn about the Affordable Connectivity Program

If you would like to have broadband service but don't think you can afford it, then read further. The Affordable Connectivity Program is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) benefit program that helps ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare and more.

The benefit provides a discount of up to \$30 per month towards a single internet service for eligible households. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

If the household income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (a family of four must earn less than \$55,500 per year - <https://www.affordableconnectivity.gov/do-i-qualify/>), or if a member of the household meets at least one of the criteria below:

- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income internet program;
- Participates in one of these assistance programs:
 - ✦ Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program, including at U.S.

Department of Agriculture (USDA) Community Eligibility Provision schools.

- ✦ SNAP
- ✦ Medicaid
- ✦ Federal Housing Assistance, including:
 - ▶ Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program (Section 8 Vouchers)
 - ▶ Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA)/Section 202/ Section 811
 - ▶ Public Housing
- ✦ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- ✦ WIC
- ✦ Veterans Pension or Survivor Benefits

TWO STEPS TO ENROLL

1. Submit an application at AffordableConnectivity.gov or print out a mail-in application.
2. Contact your preferred participating provider to select a plan and have the discount applied to your bill.

Eligible households must both apply for the program and contact a participating provider to select a service plan.



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Originally, Rise Broadband focused on providing Internet through flexible, direct wireless connections. In 2021, Rise Broadband launched their first ultra-fast fiber-to-the-home Internet service - Rise Fiber.

Gatesville has a need for fast, reliable Internet access and Rise Fiber will enable customers to work from home, play games in multiplayer environments, video conference or use streaming services.

The Rise Fiber network is installed underground, making it less subject to weather and outages, meaning more reliability and fewer disruptions. Rise has served the community for many years and committed to maintaining local techs and support.

BENEFITS OF RISE FIBER INTERNET

- Fiber is reliable, stable and always on. Rise Fiber can handle more users and more data at consistently higher speeds. Fiber optic internet is not as prone to power outages as cable internet. As long as the fiber optic cable stays intact, it can keep delivering even when the lights are out.

- Rise Fiber is also affordable. Gatesville residents would likely not pay more than they already are for better, higher quality Internet.

- Multiple devices can be connected in homes and offices, from laptops to PCs to tablets, phones, smart speakers, and IoT devices like smart locks and thermostats.

- Television - 4K TV and Ultra High-Definition - have much crisper pictures, and require a lot more bandwidth. Internet speeds of less than 100 Mbps may struggle at times to deliver 4K internet streaming. Rise Fiber running at Gig speeds has no trouble streaming high-quality 4K TV and movies.

- With fiber, gameplay is not only faster, but has better consistency and flow of data with fewer hiccups than with other less stable internet connections.

AVAILABILITY COMING SOON

Rise Broadband will be able to serve over 3,000 homes and businesses in the Gatesville area with Rise Fiber. Construction will begin soon and service will likely be available to customers in the first half of 2023.

For more information, visit www.risebroadband.com/rise-fiber. The company also offers Premium Whole Home Wi-Fi, as well as Rise@Home; a one-stop resource for residential tech assistance for all your home technology.

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- Coloring group for adults
- Mad Matters group recycles plastic grocery bags into sleeping mats for homeless
- Coryell County Genealogical Society
- Friends of the Library
- Meeting Rooms
- Patio access to free Wi-Fi



Get Connected with a Library Card!

- Provide a valid picture ID
- Also provide a verification of address such as a recent piece of mail with name and address, a digital utility bill, proof of vehicle insurance, or a voter's registration card

Connecting People to Information & Services

- Printers and copy machines
- Hotspots
- E-books and audiobooks through Libby App
- Public access computers
- Variety of print materials for all ages
- Fax service
- Scanning
- Free Wi-Fi
- Die press for cutting shapes
- Full text academic and professional databases through Texshare
- Genealogical resources including Ancestry.com Library Edition and many local references
- Interlibrary loans from libraries across the U.S.
- Licensed dyslexia therapist available by appointment
- Study rooms and carrels
- Movies for check-out
- Proctor for exams
- TexShare Card Program



Connecting People to Fun

- Wednesday Story Time for Pre-K - Elementary age
- Reading challenges of all kinds
- Summer Reading Program full of activities
- Coloring and building contests



Theme for Summer 2023: All Together Now

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Gatesville Senior Center needs YOU!

Want to Become a Volunteer?



The Gatesville Senior Center is in need of Meal Delivery Drivers & Subs! Must pass a background check.

If you wish to learn more about our volunteer opportunities, please contact Pam at 325-865-8234 x2.

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Livestock Ordinances for City Residents

Gatesville Animal Control would like to provide a brief explanation of the livestock ordinances within the city limits of Gatesville.

If you wish to have livestock/fowl on a tract of land that is five acres or less within the city limits of Gatesville, you are required to get a livestock permit from City Hall. The livestock permit application is fairly basic but requires a few key things including the address, contact information, and a drawing of the premises showing where the livestock shall be contained in relation to the surrounding residences. There is a \$20 application fee for the permit, which will be waived if you are keeping the livestock as an educational project, such as for 4-H or FFA.

The area in which the livestock/fowl are kept must be properly maintained and free of obnoxious odors, pests and bugs, and anything a reasonable person would deem a hazard to health. The fencing/enclosures containing the animals must be properly secured as to not allow the animals to escape, while also providing adequate enough space to move freely and not endanger the health of the animals.

Livestock/fowl within the city limits that are a public nuisance and are complained about by other residents will be investigated. The owner will be given 10 days to correct any



violations and remove the nuisance, or fines and penalties will be given.

No hogs, swine, or pigs, excluding potbellied pigs, shall be kept within the city under any condition, except that said livestock may be kept in a place of business where livestock are

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For more information about rules pertaining to livestock inside the city limits, see Sections 6-45 to Section 6-52 of the City of Gatesville Code of Ordinances which is available on www.gatesvilletx.com or by scanning the QR code.



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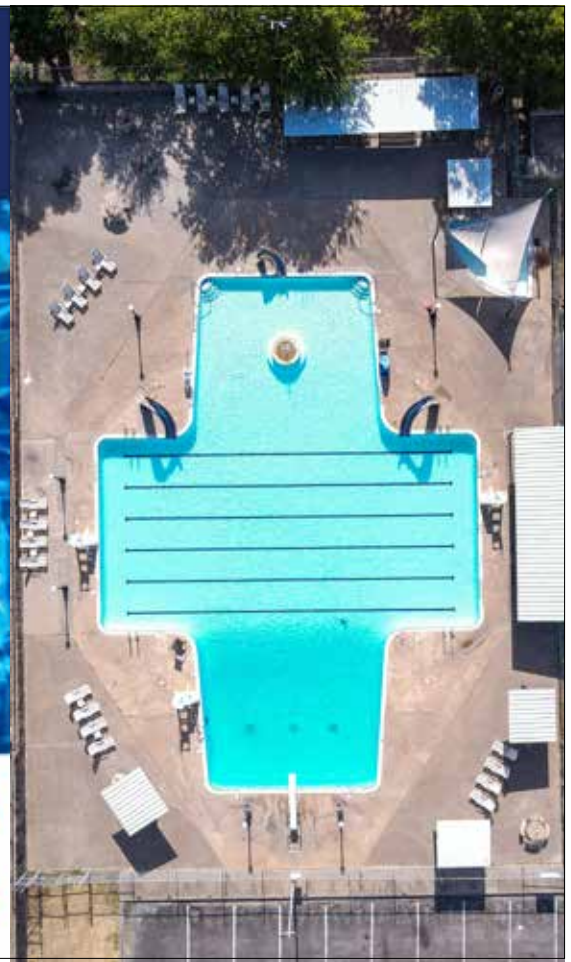
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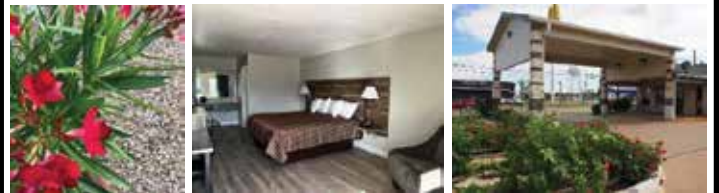
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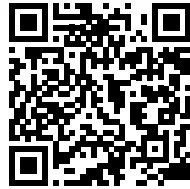


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Animal Shelter Offers Local Pet Adoptions

The City of Gatesville operates an animal shelter through the Gatesville Police Department. Viewing of animals for adoption is available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., but it is necessary to call 254-865-2226 to schedule a time to meet the animal control officer at the shelter. There is a \$15 adoption fee, and the new owner must agree to have the animal vaccinated and spayed or neutered.

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Daily passes are \$3 for ages 4 and up; 3 and under are free.

Plan on swimming frequently? Buy a season pass and save. For individuals, season passes are \$40. For a family up to four members, \$70 (add \$10 for each additional member).

Passes will be available for purchase online May 1 at the QR code on this page. Credit cards are accepted.

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- Want a great summer job? The City of Gatesville Recreation Department is hiring lifeguards, head guards, and pool managers. New guards starting pay at \$9 per hour.

SPLASH PARK

- The Gatesville Splash Park opens May 1, and is free to the public.

PRIVATE POOL PARTIES

- Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays
- Online reservation only starting May 1
- Starting at \$80 per hour for up to 40 people

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Gatesville Recreation Department is located at 203 N. 34th St, 254-499-1015.

ADAPTIVE SPORTS

Gatesville Adaptive Sports is an all-inclusive program, that with the help of volunteers is able to provide a free, fun, learning environment for children with all abilities/disabilities.

FREE ADAPTIVE SOCCER

- Registration Dec. 5 - Jan. 12
- Season starts Feb. 20

FREE ADAPTIVE BASEBALL

- Registration Jan. 24 - Feb. 24
- Season starts April 18

YOUTH SOCCER

- \$50 per child.
- 4 years old - eighth grade
- Registration Dec. 5 - Jan. 12
- Draft: Jan. 19-28
- Season: Feb. 20 - March 24

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- Baseball Ages 5-14
- Softball Ages 5-15
- Registration: Jan. 24 - Feb. 24
- Skills Day: March 4
- Draft: March 20-28
- Season starts April 18

PICKLEBALL

The Gatesville Parks and Recreation Department has installed two regulation pickleball courts at Raby Park, 300 S. 8th St, Gatesville, TX.

The courts are located adjacent to the Gatesville City Pool and Skate Park.

For more information on pickleball including rules and future tournaments please visit <https://www.gatesvilletx.com/parksrec/page/pickleball>

DISC GOLF

The Gatesville Disc Golf course is an 18-hole course, thanks to the generous donations of Fahron Nolte and Nolte's Construction, the Gatesville Parks and Recreation Department was able to install a new course map and individual tee box signs at the Gatesville Disc Golf Course. In the future, Gatesville Parks & Rec will host leagues and tournaments.



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How to Obtain a Building Permit

Follow this step-by-step process for applying and obtaining a building permit in the City of Gatesville.

STEP 1. APPLICATION FORM

To obtain a Permit, the applicant shall first file an application in writing on a form furnished by the City. The applicant must clearly identify and describe the work to be covered by the permit, pay any associated fees; accurately describe and locate the proposed building or work, and submit all required documentation and other information as needed.

STEP 2. SITE PLAN

A site plan is a scaled drawing (from a "Top-Down View" perspective) showing the entire extent of a property on which a project will take place. Elements shown must include the size, location, and distances from lot lines of the following features: existing structures; proposed structures, additions, or alterations; driveways, sidewalks and other impervious surfaces; all public and personal utilities; recorded easements; significant natural features such as ponds, stock tanks, creeks, rivers, etc.; and delineations of any flood hazard areas, floodway boundaries, and/or flood zones.

STEP 3. DRAINAGE PLAN

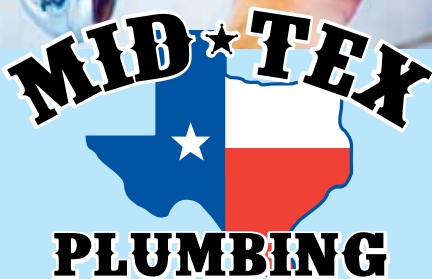
A Drainage Plan is a document demonstrating the methods and systems that address storm water runoff from a building and/or site. All retail, commercial, and industrial site developments must provide engineered site grading and drainage plan that includes drainage computations, detention of runoff (if required) and a detailed site grading plan that does not adversely affect adjacent lots or property.

STEPS 4-5. RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL CHECK

RES/COMcheck's are certificates of compliance documenting that a structure, addition or alteration meets the minimum requirement energy conservation standards of the International Energy Conservation Code, to include a solar heat-gain coefficient of 0.25 or less.

STEP 6. BUILDING PLANS

Building Plans are the written, graphic and pictorial documents describing the design, location and physical characteristics of the elements of a project necessary for permitting the construction of a structure; also referred to as "Construction Plans". Required documents can include one or more of the following: Structural Plan, Foundation Plan, Floor Plan, Mechanical Plan, Electrical Plan, Plumbing Plan, Side Elevation Profile Plan, Roof Plan.



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STEP 7. FIRE PROTECTION

For commercial structures meeting the requirements of Chapter 9 of the adopted International Building Code, a fire protection plan (prepared by a fire protection specialist) must be submitted along with an application for a building permit. This plan prescribes the minimum requirements for equipment systems to perform the functions of detecting a fire, alerting the occupant or fire department of a fire emergency, mass notification, gas detection, controlling smoke, and controlling or extinguishing a possible fire.

STEP 8. ILLUMINATION PLAN

A lighting plan is a design of the ideal lighting for a structure. It shows how a building is most efficiently illuminated, considering the function and layout of programable space. It is a supplement to building plans with the lighting fixtures and electrical components identified.

STEP 9. ASBESTOS INSPECTION REPORT

An asbestos inspection report is a state regulation requiring municipalities to verify that an asbestos survey has been conducted prior to renovations or demolitions. The survey determines the presence of asbestos containing material and alerts city staff and owners whether various asbestos laws apply.

Submittal Requirements	Residential Construction	Residential Remodel (Interior)	Residential Remodel (Exterior)	Addition	Accessory Structure	Pool	Re-Roof	Sign	Commercial Building	M.E.P.	
1. Application	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Applications must be submitted with <u>all required documentation</u> for to be considered complete. Only complete applications shall be considered and processed by the City. Failure to submit a complete application will result a <u>forfeiture of any fees paid</u> and will require an application to be resubmitted. Permits shall be issued after a complete application is submitted and reviewed.
2. Site Plan	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
3. Drainage Plan	✓								✓		
4. Res. Check	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓*				✓		
5. Comm. Check									✓		
6. Building Plans	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓*	✓		✓	✓**	✓	
7. Fire Protection									✓		
8. Illumination Plan	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		
9. Asbestos Inspection Report		✓****	✓****						✓		

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Public Works Update

2023 is going to be a busy year for water, sewer, and street project in Gatesville. We know that recapitalizing our aged infrastructure is at times an inconvenience for our residents as they attempt to negotiate construction zones close to their homes - but these projects are absolutely essential in order to provide the services our residents expect and deserve. Most of these projects will get started as soon as contractors are selected and the weather warms up. Below is a recap of what you will see in Gatesville in 2023.

LOVERS LANE FROM BUSINESS 36 TO LOWREY DRIVE

The existing 6-inch water main in Lovers Lane will be replaced and upgraded to a 10-inch line in order to increase the water volume; this line will become the main water trunk line for the east side of an appropriately sized loop water line for the City. The clay tile sewer main will be replaced as well as the Lovers Lane street surface. We anticipate this will improve water pressures along Main Street. The project is fully funded with CLFRF funds (American Rescue Plan Act). Bidding will occur in January with award expected in February. We will work with the contractor to ensure that there is minimum disruption to traffic in and around the Gatesville ISD campuses. In future years, the City will install the north side of the looped system along Osage Road. While not directly related to this infrastructure project, the former Rotunda Nursing Home at the corner of N. Lovers Lane and Osage Road will be demolished using an EPA Brownfields Cleanup grant to make room for the future Gatesville Police Station in that location.

MARY/BARNES/MILLS STREET FROM 14TH STREET TO 18TH STREET

This is a continuation of the 2022 infrastructure replacement. The old and insufficient water and sewer mains on these streets will be replaced and the streets will be rebuilt to standard and repaved. We anticipate contract award in early Spring 2023.

Construction to expand the capacity of the Stillhouse Branch Wastewater Treatment Plant

The work for this is expected to be awarded in February 2023. This project will ensure that the City has adequate capacity to treat wastewater for at least the next 20 years. The Wastewater Department will also rehabilitate approximately 10 old brick manholes in our wastewater collection system to extend their life until replacement of the sewer mains occurs.

The two original 70-foot diameter clarifiers at the Water Treatment Plant will be rebuilt in 2023. Part of this project is funded by a 2021-22 Community Development Block Grant. This project will ensure that Gatesville has the capacity to adequately treat enough water for the City and the surrounding areas for at least the next thirty years.

STREET PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

In 2023, the City is currently programmed to chip seal the streets in the Eastview, Valley View, and Oakridge additions. Chip seal is a cost-effective preventative maintenance that uses the same materials as asphalt paving. It prevents water from penetrating paved surfaces as well as filling and sealing cracks in the pavement. Chip sealing preserves the pavement for a period of 7 to 10 years until the street can be rebuilt. The Street Department will notify residents before work on their street begins, and we ask residents to be cooperative and ensure vehicles are not parked on the street while this work is going on.

GOVERNORS COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD MONUMENT

Gatesville was recognized in 2021 as a GCAA winner and will receive a TxDOT-designed and constructed monument located on TxDOT property. TxDOT has selected the southwest corner of the intersection of SH 36 and Business 36 as the location for Gatesville's monument. Construction should begin in Spring 2023. The plans call for a 229-foot long X 56-inch tall X 2-feet thick smooth white limestone wall to match the Coryell County Courthouse, 17 trees, 297 native perennial plants, and an irrigation system. The construction of the monument is at zero cost to the City of Gatesville.



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New Solid Waste Disposal Services

Changes to the City's solid waste disposal services will begin the week of Feb. 6, 2023

The City of Gatesville has partnered with Waste Management to provide trash collection once per week, recycle collection every other week, curbside bulky items once per month. Residents will also have access to a Household Hazardous Waste concierge collection service known as "At Your Door".

Waste Management will deliver two new 96-gallon carts (one for trash, one for recycle) beginning Jan. 23, 2023.

BULKY ITEM COLLECTION

Up to 4 cubic yards of bulky items and brush will be picked up once per month from the curbside on Tuesdays. Place acceptable items at the curb no later than 6 a.m. on your designated day. Please make sure no vehicles are blocking access for collection.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS INCLUDE:

- Appliances with no Freon such as washing machines, dryers, and dishwashers
- Carpet (cut into 4-foot bundles)
- Furniture and mattresses
- Sinks, toilets, and drained or empty water heaters

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP:

- Appliances with Freon such as refrigerators, window air conditioners, or freezers
- Concrete, brick, asphalt, and roofing debris, or construction debris from a contractor
- Tires and car parts

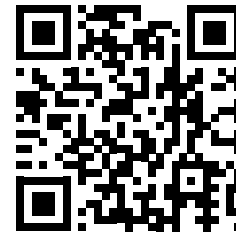
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The City Yard located at 106 S. 23rd Street will continue to be open on the second and fourth Saturday for residents to drop off bulky items.

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2023 HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 29, 2023

Trash services for the week of Memorial Day will run on their normal schedule. Monday routes will run on Monday, Tuesday routes will run on Tuesday, etc.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Trash service will run one day late AFTER the holiday. For Example, Tuesday's routes will run on Wednesday. Wednesday's routes will run on Thursday. Services will resume their normal schedule the week of July 10.

LABOR DAY

Monday, Sept. 4, 2023

Trash services for the week of Labor Day will run on their normal schedule. Monday routes will run on Monday, Tuesday routes will run on Tuesday, etc.

THANKSGIVING DAY

Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023

Trash routes will run ONE day late AFTER the holiday. For Example, Thursday's routes will be collected on Friday, and Friday's routes will be serviced on Saturday. All normal scheduled Saturday routes will be serviced on Saturday. Services will resume their normal schedule the week of November 27.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, Dec. 25, 2023

Trash service will run one day late AFTER the holiday. For Example, Monday's routes will run on Tuesday. Tuesday's routes will run on Wednesday. Services will resume their normal schedule the week of January 8.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Monday Jan. 1, 2024

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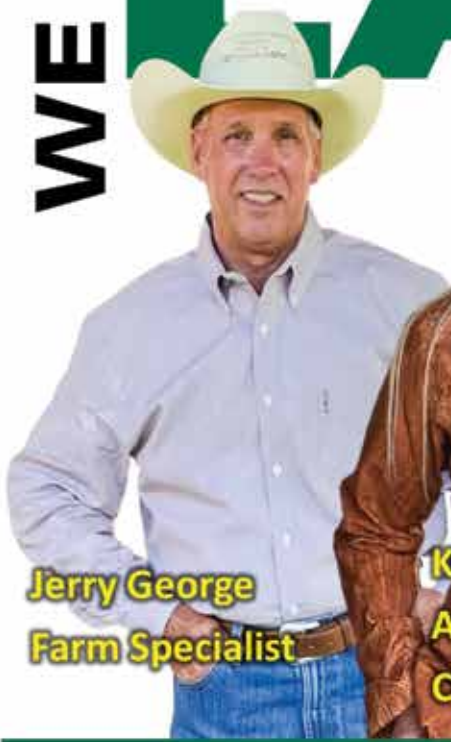
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