

November 2023

Calendar

November 5

 Daylight Savings—set your clocks back an hour

November 7

- Election Day—7:00 AM—7:00 PM
- P & Z Meeting—6:00 PM
- Golf & Parks Meeting—7:00 PM

November 10

Veteran's Day—City Offices Closed

November 14

City Council Meeting—7:00 PM

November 16

 BHE PTO Food Truck Night — 5:00— 8:00 M

November 23-24

Thanksgiving—City Offices Closed

For the latest news, sign-up to receive email and/or text notifications from the city at:

http://cityofwestworth.com/managenotifications



November 7th Election

Voting polls will be open in the City of Westworth Village Community Room, 311 Burton Hill Road, on Tuesday, November 7th from 7 AM - 7 PM. There will be no local issues on this ballot; it will be county and state only. You must have approved identification to vote.

If you have any questions please visit, votetexas.gov or call Texas Secretary of State at (800) 252-VOTE.

Water Rate Increases & Available Discounts

The City of Westworth Village utilizes Fort Worth as our water supplier. Fort Worth increases the rates they charge the city annually. Due to this increase, Westworth Village must pass these increases on to our utility customers in order to maintain the budget for our utility department. This month, you will notice an increase on your utility bills, as an ordinance was passed at the last council meeting to raise the utility rates in accordance with the increase in the Fort Worth contract.

For the past several years, the city has offered the option to decrease the service fee rate by signing up for auto-pay, either through a bank or a credit card draft. The city will be doubling this discount to \$5 for water and \$5 for sewer each month, with an additional \$2.50 discount for irrigation accounts. Existing auto-draft customers will automatically get this increased discount, and any customers signing up for auto-draft will start receiving the discount on their next billing statement after sign up.

To sign up for this service, visit: https://www.cityofwestworth.com/uploads/file/Water%20Dept/Bank%20Auto%20Draft%20Account%20Authorization%20Agreement%20Form%20082022(2).pdf or contact the utility department at krice@cityofwestworth.com or 817-710-2505

Tree Lighting and Santa Day

Mark you calendars for the evening of **Friday**, **December 1st!** Westworth Village will host our Tree Lighting Ceremony in front of City Hall! Join us for the ceremony, snacks, and photos with Santa!

Sign up for event emails on the City's website, or check next month's newsletter for more details about this event!



Drones in NAS JRB Airspace

The Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth (NASJRB Fort Worth) currently tracks an increasing number of unauthorized drone operations per month in the Class D airspace surrounding the base. These unauthorized flights present a significant danger to manned aircraft, especially those with only one engine. Many flights taking off and landing at the base are single-engine F-16s, F-35s or training aircraft, and military planes have already had to maneuver twice to avoid close contact with a drone.

Drone operators must satisfy the following requirements:

- Testing and certification through The Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST)
- Registration with the FAA for any drone over 0.55 pounds. Current FAA registration must be displayed on the body of the drone and operator must carry proof of registration
- FAA authorization to fly in a controlled airspace

To fly a drone in NASJRB Fort Worth's Class D Airspace, submit a manual request for airspace authorization via the FAA's DroneZone website.

Once approved, the operator will receive the "Certificate of Waiver or Authorization" via email. This document includes the following stipulations, along with contact information:

- Operator must contact NAS JRB Fort Worth Base Operations one working day prior to schedule proposed operations.
- Operator must contact NAS JRB Fort Worth Base Operations no less than 30 minutes prior to flight to receive permission from Air Traffic Control (ATC) to fly.
- Operator must notify NASJRB Fort Worth ATC/Base Operations immediately upon completion of flight operations.

For more information, visit:

https://cnrse.cnic.navy.mil/Portals/83/nas_jrb_fort_worth/Documents/UAS%20Flyer%20with%20Hyperlinks%20(1).pdf?ver=vEAdg90Jy6ul1er2RJ6G6w%3d%3d



Cease the Grease

As we enter the holiday cooking and baking season, we would like to issue a reminder that residents should never dispose of cooking grease or cooking oils, including fat from meat, margarine, shortening, or lard, by washing them down the plumbing system or the storm drain.

These fats and oils can cause major blockages in sewer pipes, resulting in sewage back ups and damages to infrastructure. Additionally, oils pollute our streams and creeks by forming a film on the water surface and preventing oxygenation for aquatic life. Polluted water runoff can lead to severe State and Federal fines. As sewer pipes back up, food and sewage particles accumulate to create a health hazard by attracting insects and vermin.

Soak leftover amounts of cooking oil with a paper towel and throw it in the trash, filter and freeze to reuse for another meal, or recycle cooking oil by calling the Fort Worth Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center at 817-871-5257.



For more information, visit: www.ceasethegreasentx.com

