

March 2024

# Calendar

#### March 5

- Primary Elections —7:00 AM— 7:00 PM
- Planning & Zoning Meeting— 6:00 PM

#### March 10

 Daylight Savings Begins—set your clocks forward an hour

#### March 12

City Council Meeting—7:00 PM

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# May 4th, 2024 General Election

The City will hold a General Election on **Saturday**, **May 4**, **2024**. The ballot will appear as follows:

• Place 2: Michael Dingman

Immy Khan

Place 3: Sharon Schmitz

Teddy Berdan

Place 4: Robert Fitzgerald, Unopposed

Prop A: Street maintenance tax reauthorization

Prop B: Crime Control Prevention District and tax reauthorization

This year, the Candidate Forum is tentatively planned to be held on April 18th, pending confirmation from the League of Women Voters of Texas. There will be more details about this event coming out soon.

If you have any questions, please contact the City Secretary at 817-710-2526 or bbarrett@cityofwestworth.com

# **Sewer Rate Averaging**

**REMINDER:** On this month's bill, you will likely notice a change to your sewer rate. This new rate will remain in effect for one year. Here are some answers to some FAQs we get each year when we run this process:

- Why do we need to do sewer averaging?
- This process is in line with industry standards. Only incoming water can be metered by the system, so the city must rely on averaging your water consumption from the December—February billing cycles in order to assess sewer (outgoing water) fees.
- . Why is sewer charged at a higher rate than water?
- Due to the cost associated with processing waste water to make it clean
- Why are the winter months used for the averaging process?
- Because irrigation systems are least in use, meaning the incoming metering during this time is the most accurate estimation of water that is actually being returned to the sewer system.
- What if I moved in during the averaging period? Do you use the prior resident's usage in my average?
- No. Accounts started during the averaging period will retain the calculated citywide average that was applied to their account when it was opened. Any new account opened after the averaging period will have the new city-wide average applied to their account.

If you have any further questions regarding this process, please contact the Water Department at 817-710-2505 or by emailing <a href="mailto:krice@cityofwestworth.com">krice@cityofwestworth.com</a>

### **Annual Spring Clean-Up**

The annual spring clean up for the city will be held in the Municipal Complex Parking Lot:

- Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- Proof of residency (copy of water bill or drivers license) will be required for participation

We cannot accept paints, tires, oil, insecticides, items that are harmful to the environment, refrigerators, air conditioners, any Freon bearing items, batteries, or other hazardous material.

If you need to dispose of hazardous waste, visit our Water Department to purchase a voucher to Fort Worth's Environmental Collection Center. Vouchers cost \$95 and you must bring your driver's license or current water bill with you for proof of residency.

**Note:** The ECC cannot accept the following items: ammunition & explosives, appliances & electronics, building materials, bulk trash & yard waste, butane/ propane cylinders, medicines & medical waste, tires, or asbestos/ PCBs/ radioactive items.

## **Community Room Rentals Online**

The Community Room rental process has now migrated to an online request and payment system! If you are interested in renting the Community Room at City Hall for your next event, simply visit: <a href="www.cityofwestworth.com/facility-rentals">www.cityofwestworth.com/facility-rentals</a> or scan this QR code:



Requestors will now be required to submit their rental requests through this site. The city will no longer be accepting paper or PDF applications.

Once a rental request has been approved, the requestor will receive an email that contains the approved rental permit, as well as instructions and a link to make their payment for the rental online.

### **Primary Elections**

The Westworth Village Community Room, located at 311 Burton Hill Rd., Westworth Village, TX 76114, will be a polling location for the Primary Elections to be held on **Tuesday, March 5th from 7 AM—7 PM.** 

The city will not have any ballot measures on this election.

### **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance**

Did you know the IRS supports a free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA) for low to moderate income families (taxpayers who make less than \$64,000) who need help filing their prior year or current income taxes?

For more information about VITA free tax centers in Tarrant County, how to make an appointment, and what to bring, visit <a href="https://www.unitedwaytarrant.org/get-help/tax-preparation">https://www.unitedwaytarrant.org/get-help/tax-preparation</a>

