



Riverside, Texas est. 1872

December 2023



Your flower is
the Narcissus
Holly

Your December Birthday Trivia

If you thought November birthdays were rare, WELL, December 24th and 25th are the 2 rarest days of the year to be born. When it comes to December babies, there's a pretty good argument that could be made for saving the best for last. These last-month-born kiddos are little beacons of light, thought to be endowed with good fortune and good health. Here are a few facts about December babies. Famous folks you share a birthday with include Sir Isaac Newton, Val Kilmer, Taylor Swift, Donna Summer, John Denver, Sir Anthony Hopkins, Tiger Woods, LeBron James, Andrew Jackson, Denzel Washington, Humphry Bogart, Ryan Seacrest, Ray Romano, Ted Nugent and so many more.

Happy Birthday Y'all!!



Your birthstones
are the Turquoise
and Blue Topaz



You can make donations for Toys for Tots at City Hall again this year! Last years' campaign was a huge success, and we'd like to exceed the 2 full boxes we shared last year. Please drop your new, unwrapped gifts for all ages here at City Hall. There is more demand than ever, and the children need you. Give the gift of joy and excitement this year. Let them know they are not forgotten. The deadline to drop off your gift is December 13th.

Mayor's Monthly Message

105 of the 412 registered voters in Riverside came out on November 7th to let their voices be heard in your Mayoral election and 69 of those citizens decided there will be a new administration as of December 5th this year. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve you this past 8 years as a council member and then Mayor. I wish you all the best and thank you for the past 8 years.

As of December 5, 2023, I will be 10-42 *John L. Maize*

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

God Bless America!
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City Hall is Closed December 25th and 26th to Celebrate Christmas



The Lights are Bright in the Riverside area again this Christmas! Carolina Creek is proud to announce the 2nd annual "Lone Star Lights," a family-focused event this Christmas Season. Set on 17 acres and boasting over 1 million lights, Lone Star Lights will run November 24th -December 22nd between Thanksgiving and Christmas at the camp's property near Riverside, TX, just outside of Huntsville. Lone Star Lights is an interactive walkthrough Christmas experience featuring distinct zones including Winter Wonderland, Lone Star Ranch, Fractal Forest, O' Little Town, The Nativity, Gingerbread Square, and Arctic Adventures. Overnight lodging available. For details visit <https://lonestarlights.org/tickets/>



City Business

- Copies and Public Information Act (PIA)/Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests are charged a .10cent per page charge. PIA and FOIA requests will be responded to within 10 days of receipt of written request.
- Your sewer / garbage account payments are due by the 10th of the month. Late fees apply on the 11th and disconnection of your garbage / water are scheduled once your account balance reaches half of your deposit amount or 2 months in arrears.
- Garbage charges will increase as of 1/1/2024 to \$23.00 per month for residential carts and dumpster customers received a letter with your updated charges. For questions, please contact us at City Hall.

Next Regular City Council meetings are Tuesday, December 5th and January 2nd at 6:00 pm, here at City Hall. Your city government will be sworn in at the December 5th meeting. Workshops are usually at 5:30 prior to the meeting. If you wish to add something to the meeting agenda or speak on an agenda item, please contact City Hall no later than **noon November 28th for the December meeting & December 27th for the January meeting**. If you'd like to be recognized to speak on any subject you'd like during the Public Comment portion of the meeting, please arrive 10 minutes early to sign up. **** You must sign up to be recognized to speak. ** Forms available on the podium at sign in.** The meeting decorum ordinance is also available on the podium. Agendas are always posted at the Riverside Post Office and at City Hall. You can also call city hall at [936-594-2520](tel:936-594-2520) or email riversidetx@windstream.net and we can send one to you. Agendas are available after 3pm the Friday prior to the scheduled meeting.

All are welcome to respectfully observe your city government at work.

As Always, your city staff and Mayor wish you Peace, Joy, Love and Light during these difficult times in our world. Pray for your brothers, sisters, daughters, sons, Moms, and Dads who put themselves in harm's way to protect you and this great Republic we live in. Give and get extra hugs this Holiday season.

Mayor Lemaire, Stormy, and Jeri