



Riverside, Texas est. 1872

November 2023



Your flower is the Chrysanthemum.

Your November Birthday Trivia
Hey there Scorpio & Sagittarius. Did you know your month boasts 6 of the rarest birthdates of the year? You share your birth month with King Charles, Grace Kelly, Gordon Ramsey, Matthew McConaughey, Goldie Hawn, Daniel Boone, Winston Churchill, Scarlett Johanson, and Leonardo DeCaprio to name a few! November 6, 1860 Abraham Lincoln was elected as the 16th President of the United States. November 10, 1775 The United States Marine Corps was established as part of the US navy and later became a separate unit in 1789. And we can't ever forget that you share your month with Thanksgiving!
Have a super birthday month, v'all!!



Your birthstones are the Citrine and Topaz.



You can make donations for Toys for Tots at City Hall again this year! Last year's 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.

Mayor's Monthly Message
Cooler weather is upon us! Make sure you clean & inspect those fireplaces and chimney flue's before burning. I know we are all grateful for the lower temperatures.
Please pull your trash carts in from the road after they are emptied each week. Some of them are being placed too far in the road and left out. This makes it difficult for vehicles and some are being hit by cars and damaged.
God Bless America!
riversidemayor@windstream.net or riversidetx@windstream.net



Sample ballots for the **November 7, 2023 general election** can be found at www.co.walker.tx.us. You can also pick one up at city hall. Early voting is October 23 through November 3 Mon-Fri at the Walker County Storm Shelter. Check the Walker County website, above, for times. Let your voice be heard. **!VOTE!**



City Hall is closed November 23-24 to observe the Thanksgiving holiday.



Some Thanksgiving Conversation Starters and Trivia Questions for You!

Q: Who was the 1st President to pardon a turkey? A: John F. Kennedy

Q: When was the 1st Thanksgiving NFL game? A: 1920

Q: What Native American tribe celebrated the 1st Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims? A: The Wampanoag

Q: How many turkeys are prepared for Thanksgiving in America each year? A: About 46 million

Q: Black Friday is the biggest day of the year for what trade? A: Plumbers



Lone Star Lights

The Lights are Bright in Riverside 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

- Your city council recently adopted a Development Code all new construction must adhere to. It is posted on our website, and you may request one from city hall.
- Ordinance 24-02 regarding Nuisances has been adopted by your city council. It is available upon request through city hall.
- 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.
- Stormy has requested to step down as city secretary in anticipation of her retirement. The City Council has approved Jeri to take over the role of city secretary, effective 10-1-23.
- 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.
- City Hall will be closed on November 10th in remembrance of Veteran’s Day
- 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, November 14th and December 5th 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 7th for the November meeting & November 28th for the December 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 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.

Mayor Lemaire, Stormy, and Jeri