



LAGUNA VISTA'S LATEST



A NOTE FROM RENDIE:

I want to thank each of you for coming out to our annual Winter Wonderland event. It was a huge success and fun was had by all!

A special thank you to the following groups for such wonderful performances.

- Laguna Madre Christian Academy
- PIJH Cheerleaders
- PIJH Silver Stars
- PIHS Silver Bells

LOCAL TRIVIA:

ON MAY 25, 1959, LAGUNA VISTA PASSED ORD. 5-59 ESTABLISHING THE DUTIES OF THE FIRST EVER POLICE CHIEF OF LAGUNA VISTA. THE LVPD HAS GROWN TO NOW A TEAM OF 9 FULL TIME OFFICERS SERVING AND PROTECTING OUR RESIDENTS 24/7.

Your LV Team was honored to help “ring the bell” for our local Salvation Army. Our community never fails to show their support by helping us raise over \$1,000 (all which stays in this community). Thank you to all those that stopped by to see us and help the cause!

LAGUNA VISTA BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



We can never thank our local businesses and sponsors enough!









 **DOING THE MOST GOOD**





LAGUNA VISTA POLICE



MOTTO: COURTESY, SERVICE & PROTECTION

The month of December 2023, Laguna Vista Police Department responded to 140 calls for police service in the Town of Laguna Vista. In December officers conducted traffic enforcement activities that resulted in 209 traffic stops being conducted. As a result, 91 citations were issued to appear in municipal court and 118 warning citations were issued during this time period.

Highlighted events:

Five domestic disturbances.

Two DWI arrests.

One arrest for littering and dumping.

Responded to 36 medical calls.

Enforced 31 ordinances.

One arrest for possession of a controlled substance.

One traffic accident was investigated.

Significant events:

The LVPD has stepped up patrol in the neighborhoods within the Town due to the holiday season.

The LVPD is working on two federal grant programs during the month of November and December.

The LVPD is scheduled to receive the Panasonic tough books this month.

Sincerely,

Tony David

Chief of Police

Laguna Vista, Texas



LAGUNA VISTA FIRE DEPARTMENT



11/02/23 Training

Assist. Chief Aguilar lead training and directed the crew as to the proper use, cleaning, location, and care of all equipment on the units.

All small engines were started and run to keep them in good running order, and to familiarize the crews with the usage procedure for each piece of equipment.

11/16/23 Training

City Manager Gonzales and Chief David came to the station to hand out the annual response checks to the membership.

Members celebrated another year of volunteering!! Lots of laughing and conversation, just catching up! These guys never fail to represent!

Now that the weather is a little cooler, fire hydrant maintenance will begin. New bolts and a fresh coat of paint are on the schedule for all city hydrants.

BECOME A LAGUNA VISTA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER TODAY!



**EMAIL OUR FIRE CHIEF
AT FIRE@LVTEXAS.US
FOR MORE INFORMATION**



LAGUNA VISTA EMS DEPARTMENT



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Laguna Vista Police Department, Laguna Vista Emergency Medical Services, and the Laguna Vista Volunteer Fire Department responded to an emergency at a residence in the Town of Laguna Vista; and,

WHEREAS, upon arrival, emergency personnel located one victim staggering in the doorway, disoriented and confused; and

WHEREAS, the emergency personnel quickly accessed the emergency situation and made entry into the residence to locate the remaining two residents and quickly transported them outside to fresh air; and,

WHEREAS, after the residents were out of the house, the building was accessed and it was determined that the residents' symptoms were consistent with carbon monoxide poisoning; and,

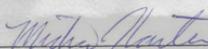
WHEREAS, emergency personnel secured a carbon monoxide reading in the building, obtaining a reading of 240 parts per million of carbon monoxide, a dangerously high level; and,

WHEREAS, due to their rapid response and quick actions, Laguna Vista's First Responders avoided and prevented a catastrophe and saved the lives of the people they are here to serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL CARTER, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF LAGUNA VISTA, ALONG WITH THE TOWN COUNCIL DO HEREBY RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS FOR THEIR ACTIONS:

*Police Officer Gregory Cruz
Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief Neil Waters
Emergency Medical Technician Damien Hairston
Fire Department Volunteer Jamie Landry*

Signed this 12th day of December, 2023.


Michael Carter, Mayor
Town of Laguna Vista

At the December Town Council meeting, our emergency personnel, were recognized for their quick thinking and fast actions, saving the lives of members of our community who had been exposed to a high dose of Carbon Monoxide poisoning.



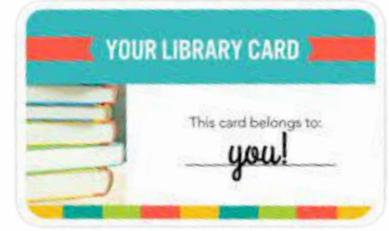
From left to right:

Councilman Tolin, Councilman Howard, Jamie Landry, Chief Waters, Damian Hairston, Mayor Carter, Councilman Bryant, Councilman DeGobeo & Councilman Gonzalez

INFORMATION GATEWAY



GET LIBRARY CARD



2023
DECEMBER



THEME:
CHRISTMAS

BOOK OF THE MONTH:
BRIGHT LIGHTS, BIG
CHRISTMAS

CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE
MONTH: HOW DOES SANTA
GO DOWN THE CHIMNEY?

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1					1 BOOK CLUB 5:00-7:00	2 BOOK SALE 10:30-1:30
3	4	5 FREE TUTORING 8:30-5:00	6 LEGO NIGHT 6:00-7:00	7 FREE TUTORING 3:30-5:00	8	9 WILD FRIENDS STORY TIME 10:30-11:30
10	11	12 FREE TUTORING 8:30-5:00	13 TODDLER STORYTIME 10:00-10:30	14 FREE TUTORING 3:30-5:00	15	16 BOOK SALE 10:30-1:30
17	18	19 FREE TUTORING 3:30-5:00	20 CHRISTMAS ARTS & CRAFTS 6:00-7:00	21 FREE TUTORING 3:30-5:00	22 CLOSED	23 CLOSED
24	25	26 FREE TUTORING 3:30-5:00	27 NUTRITION CLASS 6:00-7:00	28 FREE TUTORING 3:30-5:00	29	30 CLOSED
31						

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

THERE WERE 404 VISITORS TO THE LIBRARY IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

THE JANUARY BOOKS OF THE MONTH ARE :

IN THE MIDST OF WINTER OWL'S WINTER RESCUE

THE LIBRARY WILL HAVE ANOTHER NUTRITION CLASS IN JANUARY. WE HOPE YOU JOIN US!

THE LIBRARY IS STARTING A NEW PROGRAM: STORYTIME YOGA FOR CHILDREN ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 6TH. COME CHECK IN OUT!!

2024
January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Free Tutoring 3:30 - 5:00	3 Movie Night: TMNT: Mutant Mayhem 5-7	4 Free Tutoring 3:30 - 5:00	5 Book Club 5:00 - 7:00	6 Storytime Yoga 10:30 - 11:30	
7	8	9 Free Tutoring 3:30 - 5:00	10 Children's Bingo 6:00 - 7:00	11 Free Tutoring 3:30 - 5:00	12	13 Book Sale 10:30 - 1:30
14	15	16 Free Tutoring 3:30 - 5:00	17 Children's Arts & Crafts 6:00-7:00	18 Free Tutoring 3:30 - 5:00	19	20 Book Sale 10:30 - 1:30
21	22	23 Free Tutoring 3:30 - 5:00	24 Nutrition Class 6:00 - 7:00	25 Free Tutoring 3:30 - 5:00	26	27 Book Sale 10:30 - 1:30
28	29	30 Free Tutoring 3:30 - 5:00	31 Wild Friends Storytime 6:00 - 7:00	Theme: Winter	Book of the Month: In the midst of winter	Children's Book of the Month: Owl's Winter Rescue

ONLINE CATALOG



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



HOURS

Monday: Closed
 Tuesday: 8:00am - 6:00pm
 Wednesday: 10:00am - 8:00pm
 Thursday: 8:00am - 6:00pm
 Friday: 8:00am - 5:00pm
 Saturday: 10:00am - 2:00pm
 Sunday: Closed



Building Department



WINDSTORM CERTIFICATION

What needs it, what
doesn't?

Needs it:

- New Structures
- Building additions/enlargements
- Windows, entry doors, and garage doors
- Patio Covers
- Decks
- Replacing a roof or repairing a significant portion of a roof
- Re-siding a significant portion of an exterior wall

Does not need it:

- Painting, carpeting, and refinishing work
- Plumbing and electrical repairs
- Fence repair
- Repair or replacement of gutters
- Temporary repairs after a storm

*More information can be found at
the on the TDI website*

LAGUNA VISTA PARKS

LIBRARY POLLINATOR GARDEN

NATIVE MILKWEED

In November the RGV Pollinator Project was able to successfully plant native milkweed at the Library pollinator garden.



A total of 12 plants were placed throughout the beds of the pollinator garden at the Laguna Vista Library. Eight of these were mature and part of our relocation effort to move native milkweed from sites pending development into places like this garden so they stay in the area to continue to serve our pollinators. The other four (located at the west end) are young seedlings we have grown from seed. We will monitor them to see how well they grow at this stage.





KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Here are some tips we found to help keep your pet healthy this holiday season.

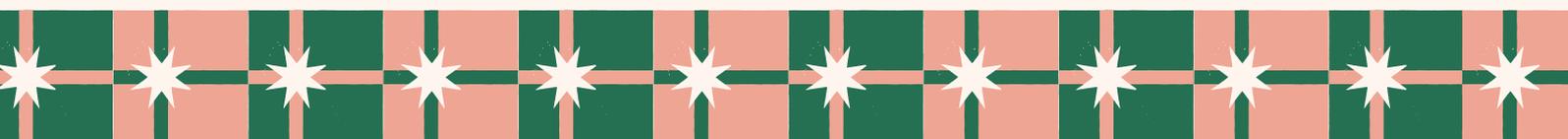
Make sure that you, and your guests keep all human food out of reach of your pet.

Provide a safe place for your pet to escape the excitement (such as a kennel, crate, perching place, scratching post shelf or hiding place) if you're entertaining guests. If your pet is excitable or scared, consider putting your pet in another room with some toys and a comfortable bed.

Keep holiday plants (especially holly, mistletoe and lillies) out of reach of pets.



FOR MORE HOLIDAY TIPS VISIT: [HTTPS://WWW.AVMA.ORG/RESOURCES/PET-OWNERS/PETCARE/7-WAYS-MAKE-HOLIDAYS-SAFER-PETS](https://www.avma.org/resources/pet-owners/petcare/7-ways-make-holidays-safer-pets)





Every Saturday
8:00am - 12:00pm
(or until truck is full)
Roloff Park



Reminder

Brush & bulk items can **only** be placed at your curb from the 10th-15th of each month.

Whats
happneing near
you ...

12-6pm Saturday December 23rd 2023

GWEN BOWL JAM



**Free entry with canned food or unwrapped toy
(ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TO CROSS CHURCH BAY AREA)**



LIVE MUSIC WITH LOS SURFVIVERS

1441 Santa Isabel Blvd, Laguna Vista, Texas



LV LIBRARY
BOOK SALE

DECEMBER 13TH, 20TH, & 27TH
10:30 - 1:30



LV LIBRARY

FREE TUTORING

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
3:30-5:00

LV LIBRARY

Christmas ARTS & CRAFTS



DECEMBER 20TH

6:00 - 7:00



LV LIBRARY GAME NIGHT

DECEMBER 27TH

6:00 - 7:00



LV LIBRARY

Book & Movie Club

ARE YOU THERE, GOD? IT'S ME,
MARGARET.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5TH

5:00 - 7:00

DISCOUNT UP TO 70% OFF



BINGO

LV LIBRARY

CHILDREN'S BINGO NIGHT

Wednesday,
January 10th
6:00 - 7:00





LV LIBRARY

**CHILDREN'S
ARTS & CRAFTS**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17th
6:00 - 7:00**



LV LIBRARY

MOVIE NIGHT

TMNT: MUTANT MAYHEM

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 3RD

5:00 - 7:00



LV Library
Wild Friends
Storytime

Wednesday,
January 31st

6:00 - 7:00



FREE
TUTORING
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
3:30 - 5:00



Breakfast with the Birds at

The South Texas Ecotourism Center

Everyday 9am-11am



We have the Coffee and the Birds
you bring your Breakfast

Come Enjoy the Morning at the Center while
listening and observing the native birds



- Open 7 days a week ~ 8 am to 5 pm
- Free Admission
- 10 acres of Native Interpretive Exhibits
- Educational Lab
- Look out boardwalk

STEC Upcoming Events 2024

January 15- Martin Luther King Day of Service -Volunteer Day at the STEC ~ 8am -5 pm

February 29 -Ocelot Days Event Lecture at the STEC ~ 5:30 – 7 pm

March 31- Easter Craft Sunday ~ 10 am to 3 pm

April 22 – Earth Day Volunteer at the STEC ~ 8 am -5 pm

May 3 - Cinco De Mayo ~ 6 – 8 pm

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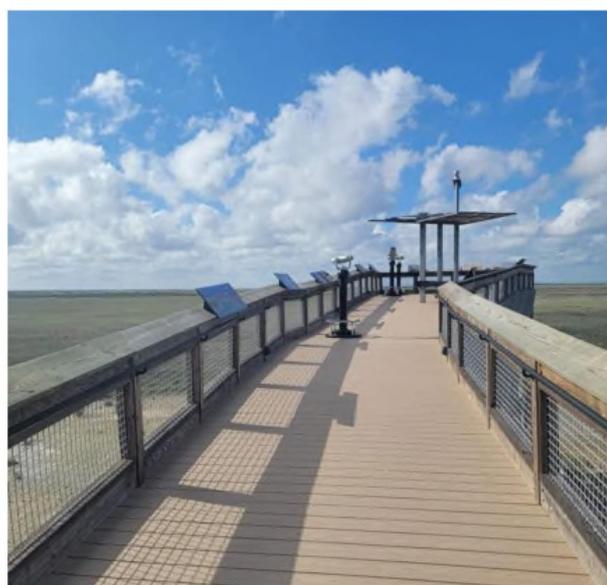
www.instagram.com/STEC_LVTX/



www.youtube.com/@STEC_LV



www.stec-lv.org





The South Texas Ecotourism Center has partnered with “Tu Salud Si Cuenta”, a community health program sponsored by the UTHealth Houston School of Public Health that presents free health and exercise classes for the public. The classes are presented by Martha Campos, Exercise Instructor and overseen by Cecilia Zamora, Community Health Worker. The surrounding beauty of the STEC is ideal for yoga and meditation classes as well as strength and toning instruction. Classes are presented at different areas of the Center including the side portico, look out bridge, amphitheater, bird blinds, and outdoor classroom. Classes are presented at 10 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays for meditation and yoga and Tuesdays and Thursdays for strength and toning. To participate show up at these times with an exercise pad, exercise clothes, towel and water.

FREE MORNING CLASSES
AT 10:00AM

MON&WED: MEDITATION AND
YOGA

TUE&THURSDAY: STRENGTH AND
TONING

 **UTHealth Houston**
School of Public Health

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RGV Pollinator Project

The RGV Pollinator Project is led by a group of Texas Master Naturalists which include Chery Brummett, Alicia Cavazos, and Susan Upton whose goal is to help bring back the Monarch Butterflies to the Valley by germinating and planting the native Zizote Milkweed into the existing pollinator gardens at STEC and other butterfly gardens in the Rio Grande Valley. STEC Staff will work with them in the preparation of the plantings. Working together to discuss the focus and direction of the RGV Pollinator Project will better the goals and programs that the two entities share together. We look forward to have the native Zizote Milkweed grow at the STEC for the betterment and survival of the beautiful Monarch Butterfly.

We look forward to working together with the RGV Pollinator program to make a difference for the RGV pollinators!



Zizote Milkweed

