

LAGUNA VISTA'S LATEST



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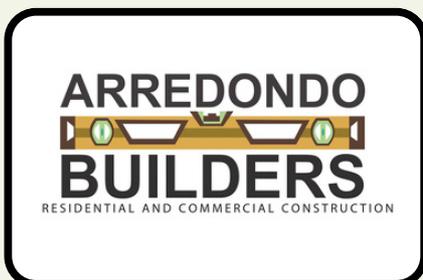
LAGUNA VISTA WAS INCORPORATED IN 1958, RESULTING IN STEADY POPULATION GROWTH OVER THE PAST 65 YEARS. TODAY, THE TOWN HAS OVER 5000 RESIDENTS.

A NOTE FROM RENDIE:

November is a time when we take a moment to reflect and give thanks for many different things in our lives. I wanted to start this newsletter with my gratitude for the opportunity to serve you and be a part of such a great community. Growing up, they tell you to find a job that you love, and you'll never have to work a day in your life. That is what Laguna Vista is for me - a job that doesn't feel like work but rather another day to serve a wonderful group of people.

I am excited to share with you the first of many newsletters that will show some of what the team here in Laguna Vista has been doing to help beautify, serve, and protect the best kept secret in the RGV!

LAGUNA VISTA BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



We can never thank our local businesses and sponsors enough!



LAGUNA VISTA POLICE



MOTTO: COURTESY, SERVICE & PROTECTION

The following will highlight the Laguna Vista Police Department incident activity for the month of October. During this period, Laguna Vista police officers responded to 227 calls for police service. This response is an average of seven police responses per day. Additionally, the Laguna Vista officers conducted 216 traffic stops resulting in 110 citations being issued to appear in Laguna Vista Municipal Court. Officers also issued 106 warning citations to citizens during this period.

Below will highlight the more significant events officers responded to:

- Officers responded to one assault and one aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- Two arrests were made for possession of a controlled substance: “cocaine and fentanyl”.
- Officers also responded and investigated one questionable death.
- Officers and Code enforcement officer enforced 37 town ordinances.
- Officers made one driving while intoxicated arrest during this period.
- Officers also investigated three traffic accidents during this month.

Significant Events:

- Officers provided security at the fall festival and there were no significant incidents during the event. However, during the event a small child who was lost/trapped in the bouncer where officers found and rescued the child.
- Officers gave two safety talks at different schools before Halloween.
- Officers represented the police department at the Boo Barn at the Golf Course.
- The Laguna Vista Police Department increased neighborhood patrol during trick or treat to keep our kids safe.

We are already enjoying the fall weather and upcoming holidays are upon us. This is a time where criminals and opportunists will take advantage and reward themselves with your property. Please keep your garage doors closed, car doors locked, and homes. Neighbors, keep a watchful eye and call the police department or 911.



LAGUNA VISTA FIRE DEPARTMENT



10/05/23 Training

Training was conducted and included fire engine compartment organized for better efficiency.

Small engines were started, run, and refueled. Routine cleaning and maintenance done both upstairs and downstairs of the fire department along with re-organized and updated to accommodate the 4 new EMS staff members.

10/19/23 Training

Training was conducted by Paramedic Tony Betancourt who led the crew in a patient assessment class. Volunteer responders and LVEMS trained together to establish roles and responsibilities at a call. Both roles are vital to the care and safety of our LV residents and the partnership between the two departments will only better LV.

BECOME A LAGUNA VISTA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER TODAY!



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





LAGUNA VISTA EMS DEPARTMENT



On 10-04-2023, Laguna Vista Emergency Medical Services Department initiated services for the citizens of Laguna Vista. During this period, Emergency Medical personnel responded to 23 calls for service in Laguna Vista. This program has already proven to be an asset to the Town of Laguna Vista and a service to the citizens. The first three minutes count during a medical emergency and these Emergency Medical personnel will respond seven days a week, 365 days a year, rain or shine.

The Emergency Medical personnel are identified as:

Tony Betancourt – Paramedic

Damian Hairston – EMT

Leo Sarmiento- Paramedic

Jeffery Betancourt- EMT



INFORMATION GATEWAY



GET LIBRARY CARD



November 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	3	4 WILD FRIENDS STORYTIME 10:30 - 11:30	5
6	7 HOME SCHOOLERS 9-12:00	8 CHILDREN'S GAME NIGHT 6:00-7:00	9 HOME SCHOOLERS 9:00-12:00 Toddlers storytime	10 BOOK & MOVIE CLUB 5:00 - 7:00	11 BOOK SALE 10:30 - 1:30	12
13	14 HOME SCHOOLERS 9:00 -12:00 GAME DAY 3:00 - 4:00	15 CHILDREN THANKSGIVING ARTS & CRAFTS 6:00 - 7:00	16 HOMESCHOOLERS 9:00 - 12:00	17	18 BOOK SALE 10:30 - 1:30	19
20	21 9:00 - 12:00	22	23 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY CLOSED	24 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY CLOSED	25	26
27	28 HOMESCHOOLERS: 9:00 - 12:00 LEGO DAY 3:00	29 ADULT SOCIAL HOUR 6:00 - 7:00	30 HOMESCHOOLERS 9:00 - 12:00			

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

THE LIBRARY IS STARTING A NUTRITION CLASS TAUGHT BY ONE OF OUR OWN, JENNA SERRANO - SEE THE FLYER BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION

WE ARE PROUD TO OFFER FREE TUTORING AND HOMEWORK HELP BY LOCAL CHARLENE D'CRUZ.

THE LIBRARY HAS SEVERAL EVENTS COMING UP IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER - WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS - WE APPRECIATE YOU!

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?

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1 BOOK CLUB 5:00-7:00		2 BOOK SALE 10:30-1:30				
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31						

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



What's the difference between a building inspector and a real estate inspector?

Building Inspector

- Inspect buildings, wiring, plumbing, electrical circuits, sewers, heating systems, or foundations during and after construction for structural quality, general safety, or conformance to specifications and codes.
- Review and interpret plans, blueprints, site layouts, specifications, or construction methods to ensure compliance to legal requirements and safety regulations.
- Approve building plans that meet the required specifications.
- Building inspectors can create very real consequences for violations of municipal code that they find in a property. If something isn't up to code, they can issue a citation if the violation isn't corrected.

Real Estate Inspector

- Home inspectors review a residential property's condition and provide a professional report of any issues, safety concerns, or repair needs in the home.
- Some of the issues they find might be informed by the inspector's knowledge of building codes, but they don't cite building codes in their report nor enforce building code regulations.
- Home inspectors are most commonly hired during the home-buying process after the seller accepts a buyer's offer on the property.
- Most often, the buyer will hire a home inspector to do a visual inspection of the home and thoroughly check all of the property's systems and components.

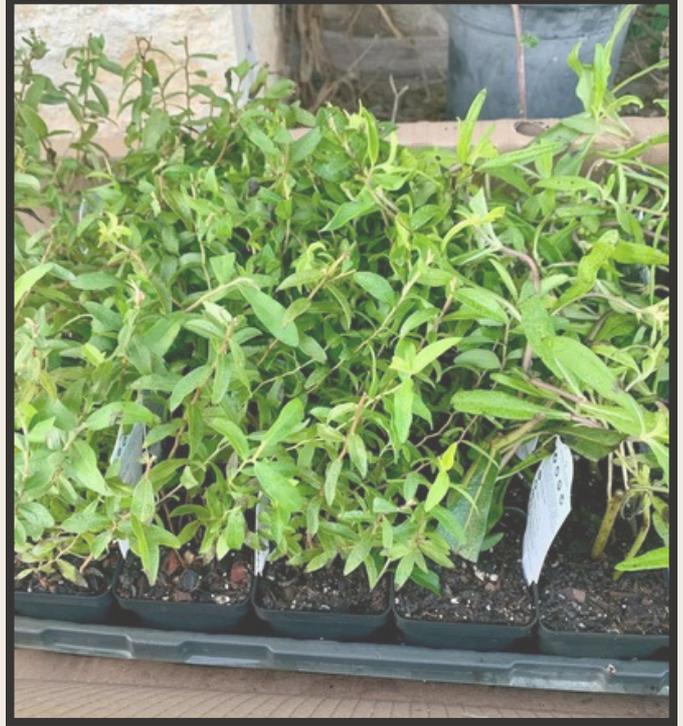
LAGUNA VISTA PARKS

WALKING TRAIL/NATURE PARK

1600 PALO BLANCO

GARDEN DONATION

- In August 2023 Laguna Vista received an award from Garden for Wildlife by National Wildlife Federation
- Donation consisted of 192 plants that covers roughly 400 sq.ft.



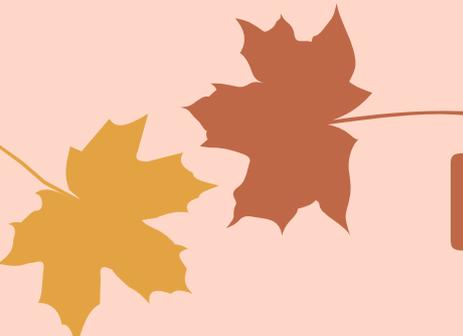
LV PARTNERED WITH TEXAS MASTER NATURALISTS

Laguna Vista has partnered with Texas Master Naturalists to help maximize this donation and to ensure that all seedlings were properly prepped and planted into the new gardens that our Public Works team created at the Walking Trail.

The seedlings that were planted include:

Narrow Leaved Sunflowers, Coral Honeysuckle (planted along the north fence), Frogfruit, Lyreleaf Sage, Blue Mistflower, Calico Aster, Orange Butterfly Milkweed, Scarlet Sage, Cardinal Flower, Spotted Beebalm, Frostweed, and Sweet Goldenrod





PET LOVE



DUE TO OUR UPCOMING WEATHER SEASON, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE PROTECT OUR PETS AND BRING THEM INSIDE AS NEEDED.



ARTICLE II. ANIMAL CARE REQUIREMENTS

Section 1. No owner or person in control of an animal shall fail to provide it wholesome and nutritious food and water in sufficient quantities to sustain the animal in good health, fresh air, shelter space, protection from the weather, veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering, and humane care and treatment.

- a. The owner or person in control of any animal shall provide to such animal at suitable intervals, not to exceed 24 hours, a quantity of wholesome foodstuff in proper containers suitable for the age and species of the animal and sufficient to maintain a healthful level of nutrition.
- b. The owner or person in control of any animal shall ensure that such animal shall have access to a constant supply of clean, fresh water.
- c. The owner or person in control of any animal shall ensure that such animal shall be provided with adequate shelter from the weather always. Examples of inadequate shelter include but are not limited to the following:
 - 1) Underneath outside steps decks and stoops.
 - 2) Underneath houses.
 - 3) Inside or underneath motor vehicles.
 - 4) Inside metal barrels.
 - 5) Inside cardboard boxes.
 - 6) Inside temporary animal carriers or crates.
 - 7) Shelters located in flood-prone areas.
 - 8) Shelters surrounded by debris, obstructions or impediments that may endanger an animal.
- d. In accordance with the Texas Health/Safety Code, an owner may not leave a dog outside and unattended by use of a restraint that unreasonably limits the dog's movement in the case of extreme weather conditions, including conditions in which the actual or effective outdoor temperatures is below (32) thirty-two degrees Fahrenheit; a heat advisory has been issued by a local or stated authority or jurisdiction; or a hurricane, tropical storm, or tornado warning has been issued for the jurisdiction by the National Weather Service.



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 ...

HOMESCHOOLERS LEGO DAY

Laguna Vista Library
November 28th 3:00 - 4:00



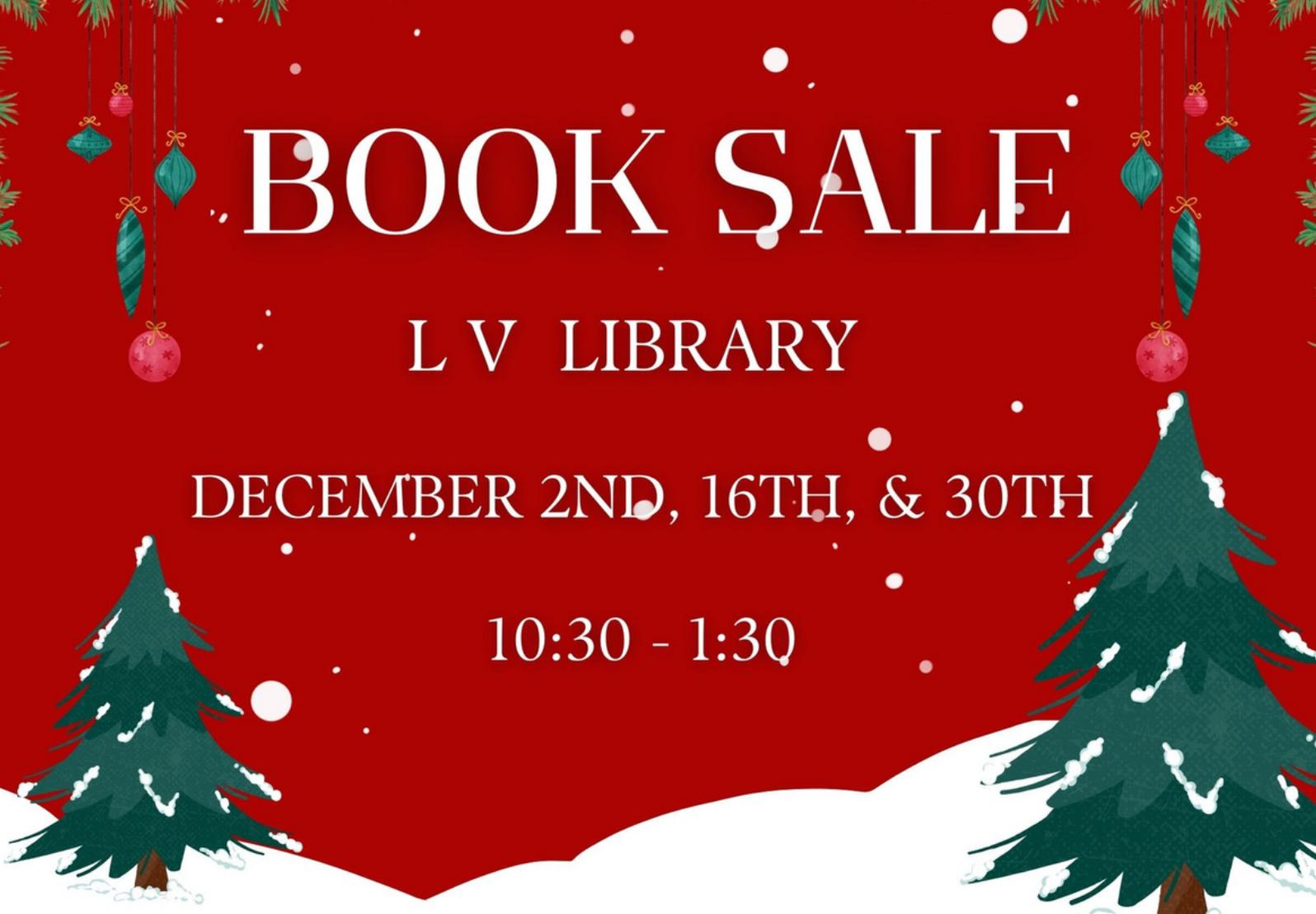
Beyond the Scale: Natural Nutrition and

Join us for a free healthy lifestyle class to learn how to incorporate healthy activities and nutrition into your daily life.

**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 29TH
6PM - 7PM**

Program by:
Jenna Serrano,
Owner: Get Fit With





BOOK SALE

LV LIBRARY

DECEMBER 2ND, 16TH, & 30TH

10:30 - 1:30



LV LIBRARY

FREE TUTORING

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

3:30-5:00





LV LIBRARY

BOOK & MOVIE CLUB

DECEMBER 1ST

5:00 - 7:00

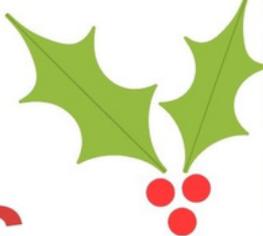


LV LIBRARY

LEGO NIGHT

DECEMBER 6TH

6:00 - 7:00



**LV LIBRARY
WILD FRIENDS
STORYTIME
DECEMBER 9TH
10:30 - 11:30**

YOUR PARAGRAPH TEXT



**LV LIBRARY
TODDLER STORYTIME
DECEMBER 13TH
10:00 - 10:30**

LV LIBRARY

Christmas ARTS & CRAFTS



DECEMBER 20TH

6:00 - 7:00



LV LIBRARY GAME NIGHT

DECEMBER 27TH

6:00 - 7:00



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)**



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Preserving the Unique Ecosystems of South Texas and the Rio Grande Valley

MARK THOSE CALENDARS!



Adult Craft Seminar
Perfumery Class
at the
South Texas Ecotourism Center
One Session Only December 13th
6:00pm-8:00pm
\$35 a Person
Create personal fragrances from Natural
Ingredients
All Supplies Provided
To Register Call (956) 772-0219

SOUTH TEXAS ECOTOURISM CENTER
Explore • Protect • Educate



Grandparents Day
at the
South Texas Ecotourism Center
Sunday November 26th 10am-3pm
Grandparent & Grandchild Photo Op
STEC Family Activity Folder
Nature Craft

501 W Tx Hwy 100 Laguna Vista Tx 78578

Breakfast with the Birds at The South Texas Ecotourism Center

Everyday 9am-11am



Fall Speaker Series
Thursday Nov 30 5:30pm-7:00pm



Javier Gonzalez grew up birding in the Rio Grande Valley and is the Naturalist Educator at the South Padre Island Birding Nature Center & Alligator Sanctuary. He enjoys all things nature, but has a special interest in the birds of the Lower Laguna Madre and the Texas Gulf Coast. He has a passion for promoting coastal bird conservation and awareness through birding. He is also the compiler for the annual "Coastal Tip Christmas Bird Count" happening in December each year.

Presenting



Adult Craft Seminar
Leaf Printing
at the
South Texas Ecotourism Center
Session 1- November 8 Session 2- November 22
6:00pm-8:00pm
\$25 a Person
3 ways to leaf print with native leaves
All Supplies Provided
To Register Call (956) 772-0219

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