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Street Reconstruction Update

Our Phase I Street Reconstruction Plan started out fairly simple (reconstruct East of NW Military Hwy, a few cul-de-sacs, and a small area in Shavano Creek), but additional funds available has afforded us some additional opportunities. We have now created four project areas within Phase I to fully use the City's federal and bond funding.

Phase IA - Approximately Six Miles of Streets East of NW Military Hwy and Five Cul-de-sacs West. This project is substantially completed and punch list items are being worked. Several areas of asphalt road cracking will be redone by the contractors. This was entirely paid for with the 2022 Bond.

Phase IB - DeZavala. Using \$4M in Federal funds, this project will address stormwater drainage across DeZavala flowing through Ripple Creek Road, construct bike lanes and sidewalks along DeZavala and create additional environmentally friendly parking along DeZavala and behind City Hall. Engineers are finalizing the plans in the next month and staff is continuing to slug through the federal bureaucracy (which is amazingly slow

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IMPORTANT DATES

12/4Planning & Zoning Meeting (6:30pm)
12/6 Early Poinsetta Pickup for SPW
12/7City 's Holiday Event 3 - 6pm
12/24 City Holiday (Offices Closed)
12/25 City Holiday (Offices Closed)
1/1 City Holiday (Offices Closed)

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HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

City Hall	493-3478
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Code Compliance / Animal Control	477-0962
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Emergency Fire/EMS, Police	911
Fire Administration	492-1111
Municipal Court	492-2607
Non Emergency Fire/EMS, Police	804-0110
Police Administration	492-9248
Public Works	492-2841
Republic Services Customer Service	304-2700

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and seems a lot harder than it should be). Nevertheless, the plan is to competitively bid the project early 2025 with construction starting soon after.

Phase IC - Shavano Creek – Reconstruct Sections of Post Oak Way and Cinamon Oak. Originally, about 800 feet of Post Oak Way was to be repaved. Further analysis shows the Post Oak Way poor street condition extends further north and includes areas of Cinamon Oak. Depending on the availability of additional funds from the both the Federal Project and the Street Bond, this project will reconstruct both sections of both roads. This project will be bid after the DeZavala project settles on funding availability (likely summer 2025).

Phase ID - Shavano Creek-Treatment of Remaining Streets. Because the current plan for reconstruction of streets in Shavano Creek will not likely happen for 10-15 years in the overall street maintenance plan (Phase IV), treatment to extend the life of the existing streets is needed. The City is considering several options to accomplish this, but will again wait until Phase IB and IC are substantially complete to ensure we have funding available. Funding this project will likely be sourced from our 2022 Bond. I anticipate action on this project in the summer of 2025.

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THANK YOU. WOMEN'S CLUB

Dear Members of the Shavano Park Women's Club,

On behalf of the City of Shavano Park Public Works Department, I want to extend our deepest gratitude for your generous donation of six brand new recliners for our break room area. Your kindness and thoughtfulness have truly made a positive impact on our team

Crews occasionally must spend the night to keep an eye on the

water system and make sure that the pumps and motors are operating as they should. As a result, the crews occasionally must sleep in trucks or on uncomfortable older chairs to get some rest. With the help of these recliners, crews will be able to sleep comfortably for a short while.



The new recliners have already brought a wonderful sense of comfort and warmth to our break room, offering our hardworking team members a much-needed space to relax and recharge.

Your support shows a genuine appreciation for our efforts, and we are truly grateful to be a part of such a thoughtful community.

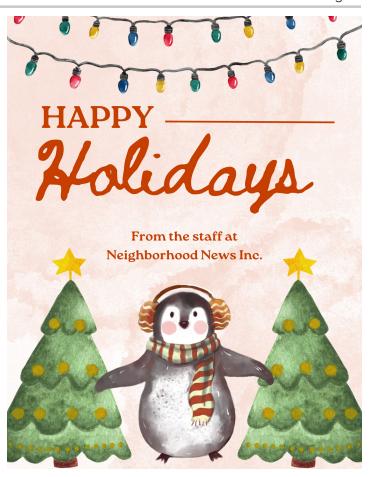
Thank you once again for your kindness and support. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the Shavano Park Women's Club and contributing together to our wonderful community.

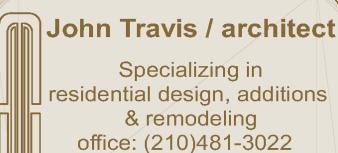
We also would like to give a special thanks to Diane Struve.

Warm regards.

Johnny Villarreal, Public Works/Water Director







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BEWARE: CREDIT CARD SKIMMERS

Criminals use credit card skimmers to steal your credit card information. They then use that information to make fraudulent purchases or sell the card information to others.

Pay attention to detail in order to identify card skimmers. Typically, they're designed to look like they should be there. However, a few tell-tale signs might tip you off:

- If the card reader looks abnormally large or is loose and can be jiggled around.
- If a security seal on a gas pump is broken or a pin-pad seems thicker or harder to press.

You'll also want to check gas pumps to see if the payment devices look the same on multiple pumps. Typically, criminals only install a skimmer on one pump rather than every pump at a gas station.

If you find a credit card skimmer, call the police and let them know immediately. Don't use the machine. If you've already used it, call your credit or debit card company and ask them to issue a new card or to freeze your accounts.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Police Administration: 492-9248
Gene Fox - Chief of Police
147 Total Offenses for October 2024
12 Total Criminal Offenses Handled by the PD.



FIRE BLOTTER

Fire Administration: 492-1111

Darrell Dover - Fire Chief

88 Total Calls October 2024

12	Criminal Calls
0	Alcohol Beverage Code Violation
0	Arrest of Wanted Person
1	Theft
5	Burglary of Vehicle
0	Evading Arrest
0	Leaving Scene of Accident
2	Fraud
3	Narcotics Violation (class C)
0	Driving While Intoxicated
0	Resisting Arrest / Interference
0	Suicide
0	Violation of Protective Order
0	Vehicle Theft
222	Non-Criminal Calls
5	Minor Accidents
25	Alarm Calls
9	Animal Calls
7	Assist Fire Department / EMS
3	Assist Other Agencies
3	Assist the Public
19	City Ordinance Violations
1	Disturbance
4	Deceased Person
29	Impounded Vehicles
40	Injured / Sick Person
33	Investigation / Information
13	Suspicious Activity
1	Motorist Assist
2	Recovered Property / Found Property
0	Traffic Hazard
11	Welfare Concern
16	911 Hang-up Calls
1831	Community Policing Contacts / Crime Preventions
16	Out of Town / Patrol By
434	House Checks
547	Business Checks
824	Citizen Policing Contacts
8	Crime Prevention Activities
2	Field Interview Contacts
824	Citizen Policing Contacts Crime Prevention Activities

15 Fire / Fire Alarms

- 6 Commercial Fire Alarms in Shavano Park (nothing found)
- 5 Residential Fire Alarms in Shavano Park (nothing found)
- 1 Commercial building fire, fire extinguished upon arrival.
- 1 Residential cooking fire
- 1 Arcing electrical fire
- 1 Assist Bexar County ESD 4 with a residential building fire**

56 Rescue/EMS Calls

- 50 EMS Calls not involving a motor vehicle collision
- 3 Motor Vehicle Collisions
- 1 Elevator Rescue
- 2 Assist Leon Valley with EMS

26 Good Intent Calls

- 10 Assist Bexar-Bulverde (cancelled en route)
- 2 Assist Hollywood Park (cancelled en route)
- 3 Assist Leon Valley (cancelled en route)
- 2 Assist Bexar County ESD 2 (cancelled en route)

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With the holidays quickly approaching, this will be a great time to talk about situational awareness pertaining to shopping.

Over the years, mail and package theft has quickly become an easy target for criminals to take advantage of. Consumers have taken to online shopping in full fashion, especially since the COVID pandemic, making it easy to become complacent and take things for granted with the ease of online shopping it all and deliveries made right to our front doorsteps; and the criminals know this all too well!!

When online shopping, try to utilize a delivery date or timeframe when you will be home to immediately accept the delivery. Try not to have packages arrive and left in full view on your porch for extended periods of time. Some services such as Amazon for example, offer a multitude of delivery options. Amazon Key Delivery is one option where the drivers have the ability to leave delivered packages in your garage. Amazon also offers pickup lockers at multiple locations around San Antonio where your package is delivered to a secured locker and you simply walk into the store location and pick it up. Another solution is to have your packages delivered to your workplace (if your employer allows) or coordinate with your neighbors to retrieve packages once delivered.

If you're the type of person who loves the in-person shopping experience, then just be cautious as you go store to store. Place your purchases in the trunk of your car or somewhere out of sight within your vehicle. Never leave anything in plain view as it literally just takes seconds, for a thief to break your window or punch a door lock and steal of your gifts and other personal belongings.

Lastly, as we enjoy the holidays with presents, be careful what we place out in our trash after the celebrations. Tear down boxes and place them in receptacles along the curb. Criminals would love to wait until you are not home one day and break in to steal that new LG 88-inch television that you set the box outside for the trash man to pick up.

Enjoy the Holidays, hug your loved ones and always be friendly to everyone!

To reach a Shavano Park Police Officer for a non-emergency, please call 210-804-0110, option 2; and for all emergencies, dial 911. Please note that if you call 911 from a cell phone, you will need to identify the area you are located in and be prepared for that call to be transferred to the Bexar County Sheriff's Dispatch Center.



Lithium-Ion Battery Safety

Hello everyone, recently there has been an increase in fires or emergency incidents involving Lithium-ion batteries nationwide. Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. If not used correctly, or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode. These are some safety tips from the National Fire Protection Agency that can help keep you and your home safe.

The Problem

- These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space.
- Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.
- Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

Safety Tips

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Put batteries in the device the right way.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

Signs of a Problem

Stop using the battery if you notice these problems: odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises. If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire, then Call 9-1-1.

Battery Disposal

- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash.
- Recycling is always the best option.
- Take them to a battery recycling location or contact your community for disposal instructions.
- Do not put discarded batteries in piles.

For additional information please visit www.NFPA.org/education

If we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the department. We hope you all have a safe and happy spring! CITY OF SHAVANO PARK Page 7

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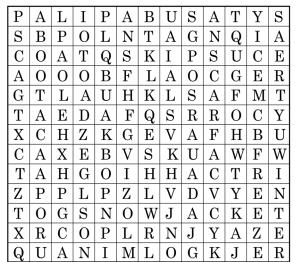
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DECEMBER: A SEASON OF GIVING AND JOYFUL TRADITIONS

By: DeAnna Guerrero

As December arrives, the world feels sprinkled with magic. It's a time when holiday lights brighten the dark winter nights, homes fill with laughter and warmth, and the season of giving begins. Across communities, friends, family, and neighbors come together to celebrate, share traditions, and make unforgettable memories.

For many, December is a time of family traditions. It's when we gather with loved ones to decorate the Christmas tree, bringing out ornaments that have been cherished for years. The air fills with the scent of fresh pine, and every ornament, from homemade crafts to delicate glass pieces, carries a story. Stringing lights, hanging tinsel, and adding that final sparkling star or angel on top complete the beautiful centerpiece of the holiday home.

December traditions wouldn't be complete without some sweet treats to enjoy! Hot chocolate, topped with whipped cream or marshmallows, is a must on chilly evenings. Candy canes find their way onto the tree, into stockings, and cocoa mugs for a minty twist. The warmth of holiday drinks and the sweetness of festive treats bring a cozy touch to gatherings.

This season also brings a variety of fun festivities! In our home, holiday movies play on repeat, with heartwarming Hallmark films filling our living room and reminding us of the joy of love, family, and friendship. Ugly sweater contests add a fun, quirky element to Christmas parties, as everyone competes to find the most hilarious, over-the-top sweater. And, of course, holiday parties are everywhere, from workplaces to family homes, where people come together to celebrate with laughter, music, and maybe a little mistletoe.

Here in Shavano Park, the holidays come to life through cherished community traditions. The Shavano Park Women NP is carrying on a beloved custom by decorating City Hall on November 11th. This joyful act of service kicks off the city's festive season, leading up to the highly anticipated Shavano Park Holiday Festival on December 7th.

The festival promises to be a delightful celebration, perfect for all ages. With the smell of hot chocolate, attendees can sip on warm drinks while wandering through beautifully decorated spaces. Children (and those young at heart!) will have a chance to meet Santa, capturing that perfect holiday

photo to remember the season. Visitors can also purchase a beautiful poinsettia to brighten their homes and share the joy of supporting a community cause.

December is a magical time; filled with warmth, giving, and the spirit of togetherness. From decorating trees to sharing sweet treats and gathering at community celebrations, the month is a reminder of the joy we find in giving to others, creating memories, and celebrating the traditions that bring us together year after year. So, come join Shavano Park as we celebrate the season—bringing our community, friends, and families closer and creating memories that will be treasured for years to come.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



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TEXAS' STATE NATIVE PEPPER: THE CHILTEPIN PEPPER

by: Mary Young-Davis, Bexar County Master Gardener

With the holidays upon us, we often look for some color in our yards to complement the everpresent poinsettia on our porch.

Many of us rely on the invasive and cat toxic nandina or the native yaupon holly with its bright red, persistent berries for a pop of color.

The "chiltepin pepper" (Capsicum), also known as chile petin or bird pepper is a hot chile



pepper cultivar often used as a spice. A wild chile pepper that grows in parts of Mexico, Arizona, Texas and New Mexico, it has petite red berries that provide a native spray of holiday color for your yard.

Sometimes called the mother of all peppers, because it is thought to be the oldest form of the Capsicum annum species; it is five to eight times hotter than jalapenos on the Scoville scale. Scoville is the measurement of the pungency of chile peppers based on the concentration of capsaicinoids, among which capsaicin is the predominant component. A Scoville Scale follows for reference.

The human body's reaction to capsaicin helped establish the belief

that chile peppers have medicinal properties. The capsaicin produces a cellular response that releases neurotransmitters. These proteins chemically mimic the sensation of burning or pain as they go to the end plate of our sensory nerves. The body's response is to remove this chemical irritant by increasing the heart rate to increase the metabolism. This, in turn, causes the brain to secrete endorphins, opiate-like substances that block pain. These chile pepper reactions are believed to reduce blood fat levels that protect against blood clots that can lead to a stroke.



With our yards and palates piqued by peppers, Texans named the jalapeno pepper the official pepper of the state of Texas in 1995; however, two years later the Texas Legislature declared the chiltepin the official state native pepper in 1997.

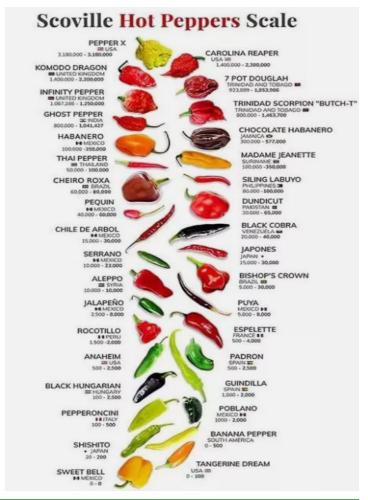
The tiny chile pepper is round or oval and is often spread by the birds that it attracts. "Tepin" comes from the Nahuatl Mexican word meaning "flea" because of its smallness. Adaptable to sun, shade or part shade; it can be a perennial in many gardens. In the coldest of winters, it may be an annual, but birds may seed its fruits for a new year of growth.

If the chiltepin freezes, its roots may still be alive and brown top growth can easily be trimmed so it will sprout again. If you



want to share your chiltepin, it can be propagated by making cuttings about eight inches long that are then planted in potting soil where they will root easily if kept warm and moist.

If you are looking for a native touch of holiday yard color look no further than that tiny red pepper that may have been re-gifted to you this holiday season by your outdoor feathery friends.



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