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Shavano Park's History – Available online at https://library.biblioboard.com/home

Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

Shavano Park City Council passed our Fiscal Year 2025 budget at the September 16th City Council meeting. The detailed budget can be located on the City website under the Financial Transparency (big blue button). A more detailed budget summary can be read on pages 1 - 4 of the budget document. Here are a few budget facts:

- Property tax rate is \$0.312742 cent per \$100 of valuation. This proposed rate is a one-half cent increase from prior year's tax rate to pay debt costs associated with the voter-approved \$10M Bond from the May 7, 2022 Bond Election.
- General Fund expenditures are budgeted \$6.86M (2022 = \$6.7M)
- Total expenditures budgeted for all funds is \$17M, net of transfers to other funds (which includes Street Reconstruction Funding)
- The average Taxable Homestead Value (all homes) is \$1,002,591 (up \$65,975)



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IMPORTANT DATES

10/1National Night Out Event		
10/2Planning & Zoning		
10/8Tree Committee		
10/14 Water Advisory Committee		
10/21 - 11/1Early Voting		
10/27Trunk or Treat		
10/28City Council		

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CITY OF SHAVANO PARK INFORMATION

CITY COUNCIL

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HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

City Hall	493-3478
City Hall Fax	492-3816
Code Compliance / Animal Control	477-0962
DeZavala-Shavano Veterinary Clinic	699-3939
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

City Hall hours of operation are: Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm Municipal Court hours of operation are: Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm (Continued from page 1)

- The City's portion of tax on average taxable homestead value is approximately \$3,136 / year (\$251 increase).
- 48.9% of residents qualify for the Over 65 Tax Freeze (City taxes do not increase)
- Sales tax revenues are expected to increase to \$756,000 for the General Fund, and \$187,500 each for the Crime Control District and Street Maintenance Fund
- Police and Fire account for approximately 69% of the operations expenditures
- Capital Replacement funds are saved each year in advance to fund large cost items
- Budget trends and challenges include: increased taxable property values; increased number of properties qualifying for the over 65 tax freeze; increased sales tax and interest revenues; decreasing permit revenues; higher franchise fees revenues; and increased health care and inflation-driven costs
- Total Debt Obligation. On June 25, 2022, the City of Shavano Park's issued a May 7, 2022 voter-approved \$10M bond for the Phase I Street Reconstruction Plan. The City's total debt obligation (principal) is \$11,565,711 with \$1,992,248 of this supported by water revenue.
- This budget includes a Long-term Financial Planning section, incorporating schedules and graphs which projects the expected revenues and expenses for the next five years

The overall budget priorities are driven by the City's Strategic Goals as established by City Council and their corresponding Objectives (updated annually) found on pages 52-56. Major budgetary changes include continued emphasis on staff compensation to account for inflation, stormwater drainage improvements and the reconstruction of De Zavala Road, reconstruction of approximately one mile of residential roads, and application of street preservation materials throughout the entire Shavano Creek Subdivision. There are no planned reductions in service levels nor increases in fees. Incremental improvements in service levels include: upgraded information technology capabilities; and facility improvements.

Here to Serve!

Bill Hill, City Manager

HONORING THOSE WHO "PROTECT AND SERVE" OUR COMMUNITY

By Alderman Lee Powers and Alderman Pete Miller

With the founding of the City of Shavano Park in 1956, we are quickly approaching a momentous occasion by celebrating our 70th anniversary in 2026. With that, our community relies on the dedication of 22 law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line daily to protect and serve our community. To commemorate this milestone, Alderman Powers and myself, are looking for additional volunteers to sponsor the purchase of special 1950s-style police badges for each of our Shavano Park Police Officers.

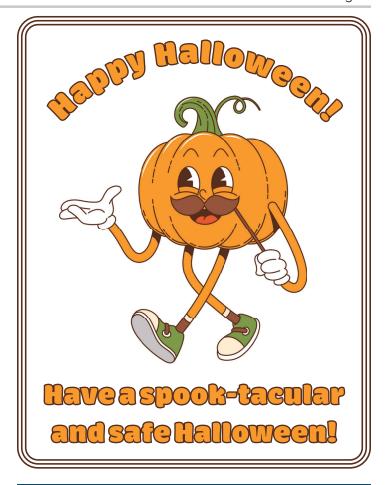
We are looking for 20 additional sponsors to join us in showing support for the Shavano Park Police Department. Each badge costs \$225, and if you're interested in contributing, please reach out to either Alderman Lee Powers or Alderman Pete Miller. Sponsors will have the opportunity to present a commemorative badge to an officer in the New Year, reinforcing our city's gratitude for their service.

Our plan is to sponsor the badges and have them purchased and in place with the Police Department by December 1, 2025. Then in January of 2026, the badges will be pinned onto the officers and worn by them for the entire calendar year.

Alderman Lee Powers, a former Shavano Park Police officer and Fire/Arson Investigator from "the Olden Days," understands the pride officers take in their badges and what they symbolize. As someone who has served, Alderman Powers also recognizes the impact that community appreciation can have on an officer.

Your assistance in honoring those who protect and serve our Shavano Park Community would be greatly appreciated









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SHAVANO PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Gene Fox



As autumn leaves begin to fall and the excitement of Halloween approaches, the City of Shavano Park is already preparing for our annual Trunk or Treat event! This

event offers a fun and safe alternative to traditional doorto-door trick-or-treating, where children and families can gather to celebrate Halloween in a controlled and festive environment.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 27th from 4p.m. – 6 p.m. and join us at our annual City of Shavano Park Trunk or Treat event!

Come visit our Police, Fire and Public Works Departments

dispays at city hall on the day of the event, and decorate your car for a fun and safe Halloween event. Registration is open so be sure to start planning now! Trunk or Treat has



become a beloved tradition in our city, offering a safe, fun, and community-focused way to celebrate Halloween. It

captures the spirit of the holiday while fostering connections among neighbors. Whether you're a parent, a community organizer, or just a Halloween enthusiast, participating in or organizing a Trunk or Treat event is a rewarding way to contribute to your community and spread some Halloween cheer.

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.



New Residents

If you are a new resident and you have not received a

Welcome Packet provided by Shavano Park Women, please scan the QR Code to complete an on-line form. A Welcome Representative will contact you to arrange delivery to your new home and answer any questions you



may have about living in Shavano Park. The packet contains helpful information about our community.

Welcome to the neighborhood!







POLICE
BLOTTER
Police Administration: 492-9248
Gene Fox - Chief of Police
August 2024



BLOTTER
Fire Administration: 492-1111
Darrell Dover - Fire Chief
August 2024

17	Criminal Calls					
1	Alcohol Beverage Code Violation					
2	Arrest of Wanted Person					
1	Assault					
1	Burglary of Vehicle					
1	Evading Arrest					
1	Leaving Scene of Accident					
1	Murder					
1	Narcotics Violation (class C)					
2	Reckless Driver					
2	Resisting Arrest / Interference					
1	Suicide					
2	Theft					
1	Vehicle Theft					
259	Non-Criminal Calls					
9	Minor Accidents					
32	Alarm Calls					
9	Animal Calls					
6	Assist Fire Department / EMS					
4	Assist Other Agencies					
5	Assist the Public					
25	City Ordinance Violations					
7	Disturbance					
1	Emergency Detention					
31	Impounded Vehicles					
45	Injured / Sick Person					
42	Investigation / Information					
1	Missing Person / Runaway					
1	Motorist Assist					
7	Recovered Property / Found Property					
2	Traffic Hazard					
27	Welfare Concern					
9	911 Hang-up Calls					
1777	Community Policing Contacts / Crime Preventions					
16	Out of Town / Patrol By					
444	House Checks					
525	Business Checks					
781	Citizen Policing Contacts					
9	Crime Prevention Activities					
2	Field Interview Contacts					

16 Fire / Fire Alarms
5 Commercial Fire Alarms in Shavano Park (nothing found)
2 Residential Fire Alarms in Shavano Park (nothing found)
1 Residential Structure Fire
1 Electrical fire within a commercial structure
1 Outside of Structure Equipment Fire
2 Dispatched and Cancelled
4 Dispatch error/no response
59 Rescue/EMS Calls
55 EMS Calls – not involving a motor vehicle collision
3 Motor Vehicle Collisions
1 Assist ESD 7 and Kendall County EMS with EMS
23 Good Intent Calls
13 Assist Bexar-Bulverde (cancelled en route)
1 Assist Bexar Co. ESD 2 (cancelled en route)
2 Assist Hollywood Park (cancelled en route)
4 Assist Leon Springs (cancelled en route)
3 Assist Leon Valley (cancelled en route)
2 Assist the Public
2 Assist the public with a locked vehicle
1 Hazardous Conditions



1 Carbon Monoxide

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UTSA - "BIRDS UP"



Shavano Park's Mayor and the City Council honored UTSA's Athletics Department during the August 26th City Council meeting. The city's proclamation recognized the outstanding achievements of UTSA's athletes, coaches,



and staff. Athletics play a vital role in uniting our community, fostering pride, and connecting students, alumni, and fans. City Council acknowledged the department's success and encouraged our community's continued

support. He stated the City of Shavano Park feels a unique kinship to UTSA due to our proximity to the university and as both our mascots are Roadrunners.

Lisa Campos Ed.D., UTSA's Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics, accepted the proclamation

on behalf of UTSA. Lisa expressed her gratitude for the recognition and talked about the pride she had in the athletes, coaches, and athletics department staff for all their accomplishments and hard work. She stated their commitment to focus on excellence and integrity in transforming lives by



developing champions in the classroom, in competition, and in life. She thanked the city for their acknowledgement and emphasized the importance of the community's support.

As a city, let's continue to show our support to UTSA's athletics and the wonderful treasure we have in our own back yard. UTSA – "Birds Up"!



TEEN SERVICES

Hi, I'm Maggie Scarpino! I am a Senior in high school, I live in Shavano Creek neighborhood and am an animal lover at heart with 2 cats and a dog. I've been pet sitting for about 4 years and



would love to pet, house, and plant sit for anyone who needs someone. Feel free to call or text me at (210) 638-0203. I look forward to hearing from you and would be happy to share my references about my experience with you when you contact me.

Teen ads will run for 3 months only unless advertiser requests renewal. For resident teens 19 years of age or younger only. Classified ads will run for one month only unless advertiser requests renewal. For sale type items only; non-commercial. To add, remove or update your ad, please email lnfo@neighborhoodnews.com or call 210-558-3160.



SHAVANO PARK TEXTING ALERTS & INFO

The City recently partnered with TextMyGov to allow you to easily sign up to receive text alerts from the City. All you have to do to get started is text 91896 one of the following words. Each word signs up for a different category of alerts. Sign up for only what you want!

- COSP EMERGENCY to receive City-wide emergency alerts (recommended!)
- COSP WATER to receive Shavano Park Water Utility alerts (NOT FOR SAWS CUSTOMERS)
- COSP WATCH to receive Neighborhood Watch texts from Police Department
- COSP EVENTS to receive information about City-wide events (non-emergency)
- COSP ROAD to receive road construction updates.



This same program allows you find information and report issues easily by text as well!

Try it today - Text "Hi" to 210.853.2003. For a full listing of words for reports and information, use the QR code.





LAWN MAINTENANCE

Please be a responsible neighbor and keep up with the maintenance of your lawn. Help keep the neighborhood looking great by maintaining your yard with weekly mowing and trimming.





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The City of San Antonio invites the community to visit downtown, including Historic Market Square, La Villita Historic Arts Village, Travis Park, and Houston Street this October for a wide variety of events.

PUMPKIN PAINTING PARTY

Tuesday, October 8, 5-7 p.m.; FREE!

You're invited to a free, family-friendly pumpkin painting party! All supplies provided – just bring yourself, your friends, and family. Come early to grab dinner in the Village, or you can purchase light bites and beverages from Prost Haus. Seating is limited. Downtown Tuesday free parking begins at 5 p.m. in City-owned lots and garages. For more information, visit the La Villita website.

MARKET SQUARE WEEKEND PROGRAMMING

Every weekend in October, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; free

Enjoy music, working artists, and food booths at Market Square every weekend! For more information, visit the Market Square event page.

DANCING IN THE DARK: MERENGUE MASQUERADE

Tuesday, October 22, 6-8 p.m.; free

Looking for a fun, free date night? Join us for La Villita's Dancing in the Dark series with a merengue masquerade! Come dressed in your best costume for a chance to win a prize! Come a little early with your partner, friends, or by yourself to grab dinner in the Village, or you can purchase light bites and beverages from Prost Haus. Downtown Tuesday free parking begins at 5 p.m. in City-owned lots and garages. For more information, visit the La Villita website.

Mas's English

ONE POT CHEESY CHICKEN BROCCOLI RICE CASSEROLE

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 small onion chopped
- 2 chicken breasts cut into small cubes
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp black pepper
- 4 cloves garlic minced
- 3/4 cup rice uncooked
- 10 oz cream of chicken soup (1 can)
- 3 cups chicken broth low sodium
- 2 cups broccoli florets
- 1 cup cheddar cheese
- 1 tbsp fresh parsley chopped

Instructions:

- 1. Heat the olive oil in a large skillet. Add chopped onion and cubed chicken. Cook on medium heat for a few minutes until the chicken starts to brown a bit. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Stir in garlic and cook for another 30 seconds until garlic gets aromatic.
- 2. Add the rice, cream of chicken soup and chicken broth. Start with 2 cups of chicken broth and if more is needed add more until rice is fully cooked. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat, cover, and cook over medium heat until the rice is fully cooked, stirring occasionally, should take about 15 minutes or so. Taste for seasoning and adjust as necessary.
- 3. Add the broccoli florets and half the cheese then continue cooking for 2 more minutes, until broccoli so ens a bit. Sprinkle over the top with remaining cheese and place the skillet under the broiler for a couple more minutes, just until it melts and starts to brown a bit.
- 4. Garnish with fresh parsley and serve.

Source: https://www.jocooks.com



JOINT GENERAL, SPECIAL, CHARTER & BOND ELECTION - NOVEMBER 5, 2024

(Elecion General, Especial, Carta y Conos Conjunto, 5 de Noviembre de 2024)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21 - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25	8 AM - 6 PM
(LUNES 21 DE OCTUBRE - VIERNES 25 DE OCTUBRE)	
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26	8 AM - 8 PM
(SABADO 26 DE OCTUBRE)	
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27	12 PM - 6
(DOMINGO 27 DE OCTUBRE)	PM
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28 - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1	8 AM - 8 PM
(LUNES 28 DE OCTUBRE - VIERNES 1 DE NOVIEMBRE)	

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
20	21	22 *****	23	24 *****	25 *****	26 *****
27	28	29 *****	30 *****	31 *****	1 *****	2
3	4	5 Election Day	***** = Dates Open for Early Voting			

Main Early Voting Location (Localidad Principal de Votacion Adelantada): **BEXAR COUNTY ELECTION DEPARTMENT1103S.FRIO**DEAFLINK available for the hearing impaired

Neighborhood Crime Watch

Last summer, the Shavano Park Police Department implemented a Neighborhood Crime Watch program to aid in keeping our residents informed of any potential crime trends and to distribute information as a valuable resource to aid in the identity of criminals and criminal activity. At present, this is completed through an e-mail distribution system.

Currently, there are over 100 residents signed up to receive e-mail alerts; we would love for that number to jump and eventually see the entire community signed up!!

Signing up is simple and easy! Just follow the link at https://www.shavanopark.org/residents/watch.php. Your email address is kept confidential and will not be shared, seen or viewed by anyone outside of the police department's command staff.

Want a Yard Sign?

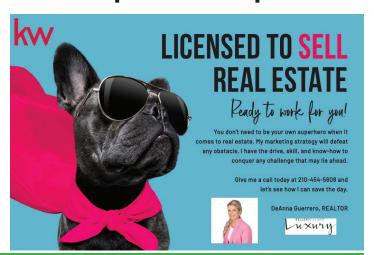
The Shavano Park Police Department has yard signs available to show your support for the Shavano Park Police and Fire Departments!

There is no cost to any resident who desires one for their yard and one sign is available per residence. All signs must be displayed in accordance with City of Shavano Park City Ordinance Sec. 24-6 and as a reminder, no sign can be placed in the right-of-way.

Anyone who wishes to have a sign may stop into City Hall and see us at the Police Department window.







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By: DeAnna Guerrero

With the arrival of October comes cooler weather, (we hope) making it the perfect time to enjoy outdoor activities in Shavano Park. Whether it's going for a walk down your street, on the trails, or simply sitting outside and enjoying the fresh air, the fall weather provides the perfect backdrop for outdoor fun.

As October marks the beginning of the last quarter of the year, it's a good time to reflect on the goals you set for yourself at the beginning of the year and see how far you've come. It's also a great time to start planning for the upcoming holiday season and set new goals for the final months of the year.

One of the highlights of the month is National Night Out on October 1st. This annual event encourages neighbors to come together to promote community safety and build relationships with local law enforcement. Residents can participate by hosting block parties, cookouts, or neighborhood gatherings. It's a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors and show support for a safer community.

I know that from personal experience, I have met some of my neighbors and heard interesting stories about life in Shavano Park that I wouldn't have met or heard if I hadn't attended the National Night Out activities. This year the Shavano Park Women will have a presence at the gathering at City Hall, so we hope you will stop by and say hi!

Another fun event to look forward to in October is the Halloween Trunk or Treat. This family-friendly event is perfect for kids of all ages to enjoy a safe and festive Halloween experience. Participants can decorate their car trunks and pass out candy to trick-or-treaters in a fun and creative way. It's a great way to get into the Halloween spirit and create lasting memories with your family and friends. This event is October 27th starting at 4:00 pm. Look for the Shavano Park Women's NP display and fill up on goodies! I will personally be there with my grandchildren getting them sugared up and then returned to their parents.

Overall, October is shaping up to be an exciting and eventful month in Shavano Park. From National Night Out to Halloween Trunk or Treat, there are plenty of opportunities to connect with your community and enjoy the fall season. So mark your calendars and get ready for a month filled with fun and festivities in Shavano Park.

Please visit www.spwnp.org to see the activities that the Shavano Park Women's Non-profit will be enjoying in the coming months. It's not too late to join!





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