

## OK, can it be spring now?



We hope all are recovering successfully from the recent freeze and its aftermath. 2021 hasn't exactly gotten off to a great start. Gardens are brown and unhappy and we wait to see what might show signs of life. With spring just around let's hope for fewer life challenges! The photo above is from just a year ago, by our talented neighbor Leah Garcia-Blanco.

With the discomfort and stress of our recent weather event, it was heartening to see how much neighbors helped each other. Sharing food, water, various life skills, hot showers, extra plumbing supplies, and even a warm place to sleep became valuable commodities that were freely given.

**Review of the January meeting:** Mary Branum chaired the Zoom meeting and welcomed guests Mayor Brown and City Council members Schuster and Johnson in attendance. Discussion focused on issues of neighborhood concern, primarily the coyote problem, and concerns about availability of services for people struggling with COVID-related issues.

Mayor Brown suggested having a representative of Animal Control speak at one of our meetings to provide information about coyotes. The Board for elected for 2021 includes Mike Bailey, Mary Branum,

Margaret Canavan, Beverly Denver, Eliza Gray, David Hammons, Nancy Budde, and Mike Howell. They will meet soon to determine roles for Board members and plan upcoming general meetings.

**Update:** The Board met on Marcy 6 and elected Eliza Gray as Chair, Mary Branum as Treasurer, Nancy Budde as Secretary, and Margaret Canavan as Communications Chair. The Board will meet again in May and determine the status of in-person meetings, and will plan for the rest of the year.

Our loss is that **Mike Bailey** has let us know he will "retire" as webmaster as the end of March. If you or a friend have those skills and might be able to help out, please let us know. Mike has promised to help with the transition.

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**Coyotes:** These critters are a topic of concern for many Galvestonians and have been sighted in the WBNA area. Best practices recommended at this time include:

- Be careful with small animals and keep them safe indoors, especially at night.
- Do not keep pet food outdoors, as that might attract the coyotes. Also pick up fruit that might fall to the ground because coyotes enjoy that as well.
- If you see a coyote, wave your arms and make a lot of noise. They want to avoid human contact.

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This is listed in each newsletter, but it's worth an extra mention. Recent information from the City of Galveston, is here <https://www.galvestontx.gov/CivicAlerts>



**How to avoid parking tickets:** There have been recent questions about the City Marshall's office involvement regarding parking violations and fines. The Marshalls are following Texas law. These laws were not set by the City of Galveston. The following is information from the Texas Department of Transportation. Code 545.

**Sec. 545.302. STOPPING, STANDING, OR PARKING PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN PLACES.** (a) An operator may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle:

- (1) on the roadway side of a vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;
- (2) on a sidewalk;
- (3) in an intersection;
- (4) on a crosswalk;

Is it illegal to park a vehicle facing the wrong direction on a two-way street? The easy way to remember that is your headlights should be facing in the direction you were driving.

**Sec. 545.303. ADDITIONAL PARKING REGULATIONS.** (a) An operator who stops or parks on a two-way roadway shall do so with the right-hand wheels of the vehicle parallel to and within 18 inches of the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway.

Thanks to Mary Branum for this information.

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**Free Contactless Household  
Hazardous Waste Event**  
Saturday, March 13th, 2021  
10am to 4pm/Until Capacity Met  
Galveston County Fairgrounds



**On-site  
Contactless  
Canned Food  
Drive**

## Hazardous Waste

No Commercial/Construction Waste  
Containers Must be 5 Gallons or Less



## E-Waste



### Accepted Items

- Oil Based Paints
- Solvents
- Cleaning Products
- Light Bulbs
- Mercury
- Oil and Oil Filters
- Batteries and Auto Batteries
- Antifreeze
- Pesticides and Herbicides
- Pool Chemicals
- Up to 8 Passenger Vehicle Tire
- Gasoline and Diesel

### Not Accepted

- Explosives
- Ammunition
- Radioactive Materials
- Dioxins
- Agricultural Chemicals
- Medical Waste
- Pharmaceutical Items
- Smoke Alarms
- Propane Tanks
- Household Trash
- Furniture
- Kitchen Waste

### Accepted Items

- Computers/Laptops
- Computer Accessories
- Power Cords/Cables
- Cellular Phones
- VCR/DVD Players
- Printers
- Servers
- TVs (up to 55")
- Monitors
- Scrap Metal/Wire
- Cable Boxes

### Not Accepted

- Vacuum Cleaners
- Radios
- Thermostats (any type)
- Appliances
- Microwaves
- Rice Cookers
- Space Heaters
- Air Conditioners
- Clocks
- Freezers
- Refrigerators



## Galveston County Contactless Hazardous Waste Day

**Date:**  
March 13th, 2021

**Time:**  
10:00am to 4:00pm

**Location:**  
10 Jack Brooks Rd.  
Hitchcock, Texas

For more information, contact Galveston County Nuisance Abatement at 409-766-4509

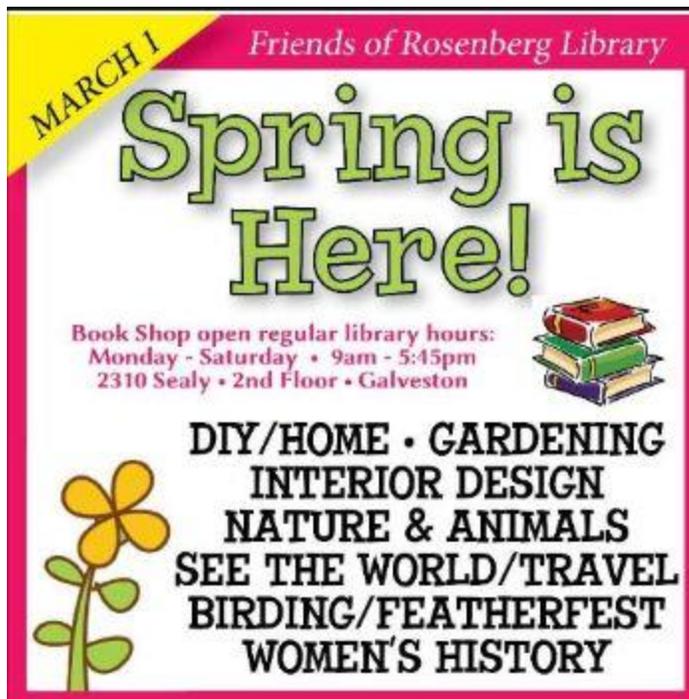


The Galveston Garden Club is holding its annual Caladium Sale, with order due by March 31. See details on the GGC website, [https://www.galvestongardenclub.org/plant-sales/spring-caladium-sale\\_1](https://www.galvestongardenclub.org/plant-sales/spring-caladium-sale_1)

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## More Books!

**Friends of Rosenberg Library:** the group was unable to hold their usual fall book sale, so they continue a series of topic-specific sales in the Book Shop on the second floor of the library. For the next few weeks you can find all sorts of books designed to get you into spring. Masks and social distancing, of course. "Friends" functions only to support Rosenberg Library and its activities; see their website [HERE](#).



## CITY OF GALVESTON CONTACT INFORMATION

Current and previous monthly City Manager's Reports are always available at <http://www.galvestontx.gov/153/City-Manager>

**City of Galveston:** Updates are available daily, at <https://www.facebook.com/cityofgalveston>  
Everything you want to know in one click on the City website at <http://www.galvestontx.gov/>. Civic alerts are at <https://www.galvestontx.gov/CivicAlerts>  
Also check "Important Contacts: Who to Call for What" at <https://www.galvestontx.gov/575/Important-Contacts---Who-to-Call-for-Wha>

**Pay utility bills online:** Go to <http://www.galvestontx.gov/176/Utility-Billing> for information, to pay, or to set up your account. Call (409)797-3550 for information.

**Code Enforcement:** (409)797-3660 for information or to report violations. You may report via the city website at <https://www.galvestontx.gov/447/Code-Enforcement>

**Public Works:** call (409)797-3630 or email [publicworks@cityofgalveston.org](mailto:publicworks@cityofgalveston.org) to report issues in public areas needing attention. Call for free repair of your garbage cart.

**Police:** Call 911 for emergency. (409)765-3702 for non-emergency and animal control.

**Recycling:** Drop off 24/7 at the ECO Center on 61st Street, with staff assistance between 8 AM and 4:45 PM. Free monthly home collection is available to residents who are over

65 or disabled; call (409)741-1446 or email [publicworks@cityofgalveston.org](mailto:publicworks@cityofgalveston.org) . Free mulch is available.

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***About Williams-Borden Neighborhood Association:***

- [WBNAGalveston.com](http://WBNAGalveston.com)
- [Nextdoor](#) online forum for communication with neighbors.
- [Facebook](#) page is available to all even non-FaceBookers.

***Our 2021Board:***

- Eliza Gray, Chair
- Mary Branum, Treasurer & GAIN Representative
- Nancy Budde, Secretary
- Margaret Canavan, Communications
- Webmaster: Mike Bailey,
- At Large:  
Beverly Denver, David Hammons, Mike Howell,

Dues are by calendar year. Memberships are \$15, and Sponsorships \$50. You need not be a property owner to be a member. Please encourage neighbors and business to join us. *If you paid dues in 2020, you are prepaid for this year thanks to COVID!*

Williams-Borden neighborhood Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Boundaries are 35th to 39th Streets, from Avenue M to S (both sides of boundary streets). See our bylaws [HERE](#).

Dues can be paid at a meeting, via [Paypal](#) on our website, or by mail to:  
*Williams-Borden Neighborhood Association  
PO Box 3039  
Galveston, TX 77552-0039*

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**Our Sponsors are important to WBNA and these are hard times for small businesses.**

Please support them during this challenging period as you are able.



**Antique Warehouse**  
423 25th Street  
Scott and Holly Hanson



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