

# CITY

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## Calendar

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- 4 - Yard Waste Trimming Collection
- 5 - Planning Commission -  
City Hall at 12:00 p.m.
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City Hall at 5:30 p.m.
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### November 2017

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  - 2 - Planning Commission -  
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  - 7 - ELECTION DAY**
  - 8 - Heavy Trash & Large Yard Waste
  - 14 - City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
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  - 16- Planning Commission -  
City Hall at 5:30 p.m.
  - 21 - City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
  - 22 - Heavy Trash & Large Yard Waste
  - 23-24 - City Closed - Thanksgiving  
Holiday
  - 29- Yard Waste Trimming Collection
- Submit requests for Heavy Trash pick-up  
before noon on Wednesday,  
the week prior to pick-up,  
at 294-5796.

Learn more about  
City events at  
[www.huntsvilletx.gov](http://www.huntsvilletx.gov)

# November 7, 2017 General Election

## Voting information, key dates

### EARLY VOTING INFORMATION/ VOTACION TEMPRANA POR ASPECTO PERSONAL

*Early voting will be conducted at the Walker County Annex 1301 Sam Houston Avenue, Suite 101*

**October 23 through November 3, 2017 - Monday through Friday  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

There will be two twelve - hour days during early voting:  
Tuesday, October 24 and Tuesday, October 31 – Early Voting Hours  
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

### ELECTION DAY CITY POLLING LOCATIONS /SITIOS DE VOTACION

All qualified registered voters of the City of Huntsville will vote at their voting precinct location on Election Day.

Visit <http://www.co.walker.tx.us/departament/division.php?fDD=25-113>  
to find your precinct.

### Key Dates to Remember:

- Last day to register to vote or make name/address changes - October 10
- Early voting begins - October 23
- Last day to apply for ballot by mail (application received, not postmarked) - October 27
- Early voting ends - November 3
- **Election Day, November 7 - 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.**

### November Election Filings for City Ballot

The City Council seats for a Mayor At-large and Councilmembers for Wards 1-4 will be on the November 7, 2017, general election ballot.

Nine citizens have filed to run on the ballot:

- **Mayor** - Andy Brauning and George H. Russell
- **Ward One** - Joe Emmett and Timothy Charles Owl Davis
- **Ward Two** - Tish Humphrey
- **Ward Three** - Ronald Allen and Mader Hedspetch
- **Ward Four** - Joe Rodriguez and Michelle Bright

For more information, email [CitySecretary@huntsvilletx.gov](mailto:CitySecretary@huntsvilletx.gov), call 936-291-5403, or visit <http://www.huntsvilletx.gov/Elections>.

## When is Election Day? (Cuando es el Dia de Eleccion?)

**Tuesday, November 7, 2017 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.**  
**Martes 7 de Noviembre del 2017 de 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

### Am I registered to vote? (Estoy registrado para votar?)

In order to vote in this election, you must be a registered voter.

The last day to register to vote for the November 7 election is October 10, 2017.

If you are not sure if your voter registration is current you may call (936)436-4959 or visit:

<https://teamrv-mvp.sos.texas.gov/MVP/mvp.do>

(Para poder votar en esta eleccion tiene que ser un votante registrado. Si no esta seguro si su registracion para votar esta vigente puede llamar (936)436-4959 o visite nuestra pagina de web arriba.)

### Where do I go for early voting? (A donde voy para votar temprano?)

There will be one Early Voting Polling Place for all entities:

Walker County Annex, 1301 Sam Houston Avenue, Suite 101, Huntsville, Texas.

(Habra solamente un lugar para votacion temprana para todas entidades que sera localizada en el Walker County Annex.)

## PLEASE CHECK YOUR BALLOT!

Please be sure you have received the correct ballot before you vote it. There is information on all November 7, 2017 early voting and election day dates, times, and polling locations on the City website at <http://tx-huntsville.civicplus.com/Elections>. Information is also on the Walker County website at [http://www.co.walker.tx.us/egov/documents/1472136205\\_24237.pdf](http://www.co.walker.tx.us/egov/documents/1472136205_24237.pdf).

## Photo ID Required for Texas Voters

Voters are required to present one of the following forms of photo ID when voting in person:

- (1) Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- (2) Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- (3) Texas personal identification card issued by DPS
- (4) Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS
- (5) United States military identification card containing your photograph
- (6) United States citizenship certificate containing your photograph
- (7) United States passport

*\*\*With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the identification must be current or have expired no more than 4 years before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place.\*\**



## Identificación con Foto se Requiere para Votantes Tejanos

Ahora tiene que proporcionar una de las siguientes formas de identificación con foto cuando vota en persona:

- (1) Licencia de Conducir de Texas expedida por el Departamento de Seguridad Publica
- (2) (DPS, según sus siglas en inglés)
- (2) Cédula de Identificación Electoral de Texas expedida por DPS
- (3) Tarjeta de Identificación Personal de Texas expedida por DPS
- (4) Licencia de Texas para Portar un Arma de Fuego Oculta expedida por DPS
- (5) Cédula de Identidad Militar de los Estados Unidos con fotografía de la persona
- (6) Certificado de Ciudadanía Estadounidense con fotografía de la persona o
- (7) Pasaporte de los Estados Unidos

*\*\*Con la excepción del certificado de ciudadanía estadounidense, la identificación deberá estar vigente; si no la está, debe haberse vencido hace 4 años o menos en el momento de presentarla para calificar como votante en el sitio electoral.\*\**



## A Step Back in Time

Oakwood Cemetery is best known as the burial site for Gen. Sam Houston, but it has many more interesting stories. Some say it's haunted, some find it a place to relax, and to some it is the spot to immerse yourself in Texas history. Self-guided tours of the grounds provide you with a brief glimpse into the history that lies within the cemetery but a guided tour allows guests to learn about all the unique features, and people who have been laid to rest at Oakwood Cemetery. The City of Huntsville's Cemetery Advisory Board would like to invite the community out for a free tour guided by local historian James D. Patton.

"We will tell some interesting facts about a number of persons, and some who are not that well known; we will also have some information concerning burials and ancient cemeteries. It will be fun and informative for all who attend" said Patton.

The free guided tour will take place on November 11, 2017 beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the corner of 9th Street and Avenue I. The board will be accepting donations to assist in the maintenance and care of Oakwood Cemetery.

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"We decided to not charge admission, even though it is a fundraiser for cemetery maintenance and repairs and historical commission history programs. We want people who attend the tours to feel free to donate "what they like," stated Donna Coffen, City Cemetery Advisory Board member.

The Cemetery is also home to a world-class piece of art, a full-sized replica in bronze of Danish sculptor Bertel Thorwaldsen's "The Christus." Also known as the "Comforting Christ," it is considered by many to be the most beautiful sculpture of Christ ever created.

Other notables buried at Oakwood Cemetery include: Joshua Houston, who was Sam Houston's slave, freed in 1862 and remained in Huntsville where he became a successful businessman and leading citizen; Henderson King Yoakum, lawyer and law librarian and law teacher at Austin College, who wrote the first comprehensive history of Texas in 1855; Pleasant Williams Kittrell, who introduced the legislation to create the University of Texas; John W. Thomason, Jr., a military officer in both World War I and II as well as a magazine writer and author and illustrator of eleven books; and George Fitzhugh, pioneering American sociologist and the first person to use the word "sociology" in the title of a book.

For those needing assistance touring the Cemetery, there will be a golf cart available to allow them to take part in the November 11 tour. For more information, please contact Donna Coffen at 936-438-1400 or James Patton at 936-662-3670.

We hope to see you Saturday, November 11!



The annual State of the City Address will be held at 5:30 p.m. on October 12, 2017, at the Walker County Storm Shelter. Students from the SHSU Mass Communication Department will be filming the event and it will be posted to the City's YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/huntsvilletxGOV>.

# Protect Yourself Against Credit Card Skimmers

A skimming device is an object used by criminals to retrieve information from debit and credit cards as they are slid in and out of a card reader (most commonly found at gas stations). Once the criminals have the information, they use it to forge cards and make purchases charged to the original cardholder accounts.

HPD Lt. Jim Barnes offered tips to help protect yourself from being a victim of credit card skimming:

- Inspect the pump and card reader for unusual damage.
- Most pumps have a seal over the panel that locks - if the seal is broken, choose another pump
- Look at all the pumps to see if they're the same
- Choose the pumps that are closer to the store
- Pay inside rather than at the pump
- Always monitor your bank accounts and credit cards for unusual charges



Utilizing a skimming device to obtain credit card and debit card information is considered Identity Theft by Electronic Device and is a Misdemeanor B offense which has a

punishment of up to 180 days in jail and/or a fine of up to \$2000. If the stolen information is used to make or use a fraudulent credit or debit card, the offense becomes Fraudulent Use or Possession of Identifying Information and can range from a State Jail Felony to a 1st Degree Felony, depending on the number of fraudulent items the criminal possesses.

All citizens should regularly review their credit card and bank statements. If you believe you have fraudulent charges on an account, contact your issuing bank or credit card company as soon as possible. Victims should also contact the Huntsville Police Department at [936-291-5480](tel:936-291-5480) to report the crime.

## Huntsville - A Texas Film Trail Destination

For more than a century, Texas has been home to some of the greatest film productions in the world. To capitalize on this rich history, the Governor's Texas Film Commission launched the Texas Film Trails program to connect film fans and the public to filming locations featured in our state's most popular film and television shows, with the goal of promoting tourism in communities throughout the state. Ultimately, the goal with each Texas Film Trail is to unleash long-term economic benefits in areas that host filming.

To that end, the Commission released the new Texas Classics Film Trail, which leads visitors on a self-guided tour of iconic sites from famous Texas-made films and television shows. On the trail, Huntsville is proudly featured as a destination for film fans by recognizing the Texas Prison Museum/Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Huntsville as a location appearing in the Texas film classics: *Bonnie and Clyde*, *Getaway*, *Urban Cowboy* and *A Perfect World*. To see the Texas Classics Film Trail, please visit <https://gov.texas.gov/film/trails>. They are promoting the film trail through our social media and the State of Texas tourism website, <http://traveltexas.com>.

Huntsville is honored to be a stop on the trail and we hope you take part in the self-guided tour and share your pictures with us on social media using #HomeSweetHuntsville.

