

CITY OF SHAVANO PARK ROADRUNNER

SEPTEMBER 2016



THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE CITIZENS OF SHAVANO PARK



NOTE FROM THE MAYOR:

Each month, we address upcoming community events and ways we nurture our sense of community. This month, the Note from the Mayor lifts up our National Night Out Celebration, with a second item sharing a few thoughts on why our community is special.

National Night Out. As a community, we do some things very well. One of the things our community does very well is community events. As a community, we schedule four annual community events - National Night Out, Holiday Festival, Arbor Day and Independence Day. These events permit both the young of age and the young at heart to create community memories. Our next community event is on October 4, 2016, when your family and other families will join in our community's National Night Out event. The event organizers have so many things planned for the evening that I cannot do justice to them in this small space. Later in the Road Runner, you will see an article that provides a description of the evening's events.

Here I want to focus on just one aspect of our community's National Night Out. This year, we will again sponsor our Annual Fire Prevention Week Poster Contest. As kids, many of us enjoyed participating in poster contests. In particular, we submitted Fire Prevention Week posters. Some of them were amazing, and then for others, refrigerator art would have been a generous description. Whether our children are creating Michelangelos or Picassos, participating as part of a community that loves you and wants to see what you have to offer is a reward in and of itself. We offer up what so many other communities have abandoned, and in support of our community's children, we encourage the young at heart to come and enjoy the submissions posted at City Hall.

As with other poster contests, plans will be made to exhibit this year's entries. In our continuing support of Blattman Elementary student, we will offer grade level prizes for participants, and we will again reach out to the Clark High School Applied Learning Environment (ALE) students for additional entries. Blattman entries will also enjoy class level drawings for early submissions (a \$20 Sonic gift card for each grade level early entry). Finally, because of the number of community children not attending Blattman, we will also provide a mechanism for them to participate in an open competition.

Being a Community. As a municipality, Shavano Park meets two definitions of community. First, we all live in the same place. Second, we generally share a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and

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IMPORTANT DATES

- **Sept. 5 Labor Day** - Admin Offices Closed
- **Sept. 7 - Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**, 6:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 22 - Town Hall - Smart Meter Initiative Informational MTG**, 6 p.m
- **Sept. 24 - Town Hall - Smart Meter Initiative Informational MTG**, 10:00 a.m.

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goals. In the first case, the place is simply a place much like any other on a map. In the second case, it is a place where people may richly live among others.


As a community, we enjoy many benefits. Our taxes pay for emergency services, directly or indirectly provision utility services, monitor property management/modification, and enable so many more items. When our community does this right, people vote with their feet to move to our community, and when our city leaders stop looking to the future and do this wrong, people move out.

It seems like a very simple proposition, but like so many things, the devil is in the details. If you pay below market salaries/benefits, the umbrella of protection disappears. If you underfund or end community events, young couples leave and/or stop coming. If you grant imprudent tax decreases, the burden disproportionately falls on younger neighbors, which may cause division and potential long-term property devaluations. If you conduct city business in a hostile or imprudent manner, a positive community image changes to be one of notoriety, and people move on or pass on moving to the community. There are so many things communities can do right, but when even small groups act wrongly, the remaining members of the community will bear the burden of such imprudent acts.

Each day, our police/fire/EMS officers project a public face reflecting our positive community image. Each day, the balance of our staff shepherds to completion so many large and small projects that enhance our attractive community image. Each day you and I make decisions that are in most cases neighborly and in some case not neighborly. Each of these three items shapes our community image.

I know that our staff works diligently each day to enhance the image of our community. We are fortunate to enjoy their service, and I hope that by our words and deeds, each of us also builds on our positive sense of community as we continue year after year to make Shavano Park a better and more welcoming place to live.

As always, if you ever have any questions, comments or concerns, please call me at 210-867-0441.



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Non Emergency Fire/EMS, Police.....	804-0110
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operation are:**

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**Municipal Court hours
of operation are:**

Monday through Friday
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8:00 am to 4:00 pm



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER:

**Town Hall Dates -
"Smart Grid Initiative Informational Meeting"**

The City Shavano Park will host two town hall meetings in September regarding CPS Energy's plan to deploy their Smart Grid Initiative (SGI) in Shavano Park. The town halls will allow citizens an opportunity to learn about the planned program, ask questions, voice concerns, and learn more about the opt out option.

-Thursday, September 22 from 6 pm to 8 pm at City Hall
-Saturday, September 24 from 10 am to 12 pm at City Hall

Smart meters, also referred to as AMI meters, will replace both electric and natural gas meters over the 1500 square mile CPS Energy service territory. Originally, CPS Energy informed us that they would begin installing smart meters within the city June 2016. In response to citizen concerns, the City of Shavano Park requested CPS Energy delay implementing the smart meter program for six month. CPS Energy agreed to the delay in deployment and agreed to host town halls in order to better inform residents of the program and their options -including opting out and maintaining existing meters.

Several citizens and advocate groups warn of issues and dangers associated with Smart meters to include: higher billing costs; health hazards from radio frequency waves; data security vulnerabilities; fire hazards to the home; too much control retained by CPS Energy; and privacy intrusions.

CPS Energy disputes these dangers and their position is there are numerous benefits to the customer and the utility company. Customers will benefit as digital automation will provide a platform for faster outage detection and restoration of power, fewer site visits by CPS Energy technicians, remote connections, numerous customer programs and a secure online portal called "My Energy Portal". The utility will benefit from remote meter reads, quicker move in/move outs, enhanced customer service, improved safety, lower emissions and operational cost savings.

"Opt Out" Option: CPS Energy offers an opt out program that allows customers to exchange the AMI meter for an OMR or a non-communicating meter. If a customer chooses to opt out prior to AMI meter installation, there is no upfront cost, but a monthly charge of \$20. If a customer elects to participate in the opt out program, the customer must contact CPS Energy to communicate their decision. As the installation period draws nearer, at some point CPS Energy customer's will be sent an opt out form - those that want to opt out must fill out and return to CPS Energy.

Here to Serve!

Bill Hill
City Manager

FIRE BLOTTER

Fire Administration - 492-1111

89 Total Fire Department Calls for July 2016

16 Fire Alarms

- 8 House Fire Alarm in Shavano Park
- 1 Commercial Fire Alarm in Shavano Park
- 1 Brush Fire in Shavano Park
- 1 Assist Windcrest VFD with a Building Fire
- 1 Assist Bexar-Bulverde VFD with a Building Fire
- 1 Assist Bexar-Bulverde VFD with a Brush Fire
- 1 Assist Leon Springs with a Building Fire
- 1 Assist Camp Bullis with a Brush Fire

24 Rescue/EMS Calls

- 23 EMS Calls - not motor vehicle collisions
- 1 Assist San Antonio FD with a Motor Vehicle Collision

39 Service Calls

- 2 Standby (Residential Activated Fire Alarms, Hollywood Park)
- 2 Standby (Commercial Activated Fire Alarms, Hollywood Park)
- 11 Standby (Residential Activated Fire Alarms, Bexar-Bulverde)
- 5 Standby (Commercial Activated Fire Alarms, Bexar Bulverde)
- 17 Standby (Residential Activated Fire Alarms, Leon Springs)
- 2 Standby (Residential Activated Fire Alarms, Grey Forest)

7 Good Intent Calls

- 1 Assist Hollywood Park (cancelled en route)
- 4 Assist Bexar Bulverde (cancelled en route)
- 1 Assist Leon Springs (cancelled en route)
- 1 Assist Castle Hills (cancelled en route)

3 Public Assist

- 1 Assist with a water leak
- 1 Assist the public with a carbon monoxide detector
- 1 Assist the public with a fire prevention presentation



Michael Naughton
Fire Chief



David Creed
Police Chief

POLICE BLOTTER

Police Administration - 492-9248

In July 2016 the Shavano Park Police Department responded to a total of (25) twenty-five criminal calls.

- 2 Arrest of Wanted Person
- 1 Burglary of Habitation
- 7 Burglary of Vehicles
- 6 Criminal Mischiefs
- 1 Driving While License Invalid / Suspended
- 6 Narcotics Violations
- 1 Solicitation of a Minor
- 1 Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle

The Shavano Park Police Department also responded to:

- 2 Minor Accidents
- 44 Alarm Calls
- 13 Animal Calls
- 24 Assist Fire Department/EMS
- 4 Assist Other Law Enforcement Agencies
- 17 Assist the Public
- 39 City Ordinance Violations
- 291 Crime Preventions
- 7 Disturbances
- 18 Information
- 1 Missing Person
- 75 Out of Town / Patrol-by Requests
- 3 Suspicious Circumstances
- 14 Suspicious Persons
- 13 Suspicious Vehicles
- 2 Traffic Hazards
- 3 Welfare Concern
- 9 911 Hang-up Calls



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THE BUDGET PROCESS IS UPON US!

Submitted By: Mayor Pro Tem Michele Bunting Ross

Part 1

Every year, City Council & Staff review the established Vision, Mission and Goals first, in order to make budget decisions for our City.

VISION

Shavano Park is a premier, diverse and welcoming community that celebrates our small town character, within an urban setting, multigenerational heritage, and natural habitats.

MISSION

The City of Shavano Park provides exceptional leadership and delivers exemplary municipal services in a professional, cost-effective and efficient manner to citizens, business owners and visitors to facilitate economic growth and enable an exceptional quality of life and workplace consistent with our small town values and character.

GOALS

- Provide excellent municipal services while anticipating future requirements
- Protect & provide a city-wide safe environment
- Protect City property values, enhance resources and maintain fiscal discipline
- Maintain excellent infrastructure (buildings, street & utilities)
- Enhance and support commercial business activities and opportunities
- Enhance the City image and maintain a rural atmosphere
- Promote effective communications and outreach with citizens
- Mitigate storm water runoff

If you have suggestions for our City vision, mission or goals, please send them to mross@shavanopark.org.

2016-2017 ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS

The City's fiscal year is Oct 1st - Sept 30th.

The process takes 3 months of planning and review.

BUDGET CALENDER 2016-2017

The process begins mid-April and continues through September when the Budget & Tax Rate are adopted.

There are a minimum of 22 calendared events, at least 8 are Council workshops.

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Part 2

SALARY/BENEFITS STUDY

The last compensation study was initiated in 2012. Council recently approved a new Compensation Review for all City positions and employees. The report was presented in July by Stephen Werling, DBA, SPHR of Werling Associates, Inc. a San Antonio-based compensation firm. The review was commissioned in order for Shavano Park to ensure that: the City's compensation strategy for employees is competitive, attracts a competent workforce and minimizes attrition through competitive wages.

Mr Werling reviewed our current pay structure and observed that although it was a good basic structure, some grades are behind market and the step process may not work in today's marketplace.

Werling Associates meet with employees to review job descriptions, duties and employment history.

The study also included an Area Wage & Benefit Survey conducted with 18 local cities including Alamo Heights, Castel Hills, Fair Oaks Ranch, Leon Valley, Olmos Park & Terrell Hills.

The survey and internal review indicated that Shavano Park, while providing comparable or better benefits, lagged behind in some areas with regard to salaries. The current wages are on average 14% below market averages and 17% below pay grade midpoint. It is Mr Werling's belief that the pay model the City implemented in 2013, based on the model that has been in place in the US for decades, using an entry level grade pay point based on the average minimum pay has caused the City pay to fall below the starting pay in the marketplace.

The recommendation was to update our pay structure and pay grade assignments, evaluate individual pay rates and evaluate costs associated with implementation.

The recommendation, if implemented in the new budget, would cost the City approximately \$354,000. The vast majority of the increase would be Police & Fire/EMS. This can be accomplished without raising the tax rate due to an increase in property assessed values. It is also possible to implement the recommendations over two budget cycles or to consider other modifications.

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CURRENT PAY STRUCTURE

- 13 pay grades
- 12 steps with 3.44% annual increases
- Inability to address severe wage inflation
- Inability to pay new hires for experience

STUDY RESULTS IN A NUTSHELL

The current wages are on average 14% below market averages and 17% below pay grade midpoint.

The pay model the City implemented in 2013, based on the model that has been in place in the US for decades, has caused the City pay to fall below the starting pay in the marketplace.

While this has not caused the City to lack applicants for jobs, it needs to be addressed to retain and attract employees in the future.

PROPOSED PAY STRUCTURE

Implementing the complete recommendations of Werling Associates would require the City to pay nearly \$354,000 annually in increased pay and benefits.

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Questions? Feel free to contact Neighborhood News at (210) 558-3160 with any website-related questions.



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PROPOSED 2016-2017 BUDGET

REVENUE	
PROPOSED ADVALOREM TAX RATE – SAME AS CURRENT YEAR : \$0.287743/\$100	
ADVALOREM TAX REVENUE	\$3,053,970
OTHER TAX REVENUE	
• Sales	\$400,000
• Mixed Beverage	\$ 20,000
OTHER REVENUE	
• Franchise Fees	\$459,000
• Permit & License Fees	\$422,250
• Court Fees	\$210,200
• Police & Fire	\$ 74,400
TRANSFER FROM SAVINGS	\$256,961
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$4,896,781

EXPENSES	
City Council	\$ 30,250
Administration	\$ 776,149
Court	\$ 78,979
Public Works	\$ 586,653
Fire Department	\$ 1,949,285
Police Department	\$ 1,475,465
Development Services	\$ 97,800
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 4,896,781

PERSONNEL COSTS	
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 491,375
COURT	\$ 50,926
PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 236,037
FIRE/EMS	\$ 1,344,513
POLICE	\$ 1,246,358
TOTAL:	\$ 3,369,209

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Bentley Manor Dining Out Group

Submitted by Marilyn Berrier

Make note our next event for the Bentley Manor Dining Out Group will take place on Saturday, September 17 to be hosted by Diane & Bill Struve. We will be having another fabulous "Dining-In" evening with a "Fall Fiesta" theme. The Struves have some great plans for the evening! To make your reservations, contact Diane at 760.792.5942 or email her: cdstruve@gmail.com. Diane will be in touch with members to let them know what foods to bring to share for the evening.

Be sure to check out the photos from our July "Dining-In" hosted by Becky and Joe McColley!

We welcome any Bentley Manor resident to join our group. We usually meet every other month, usually the third Saturday, but we stay flexible!

Join us! What fun evenings and great friendships we share! We will resume dining out at a restaurant in November.

For more information on our group or to join, contact Marilyn Berrier, Dining Out Group Coordinator @ 286.8833 or marylinberrier@gmail.com



Becky & Joe McColley



Women's Club News

Maggi Kautz

Our first meeting is scheduled for September 8th and we look forward to celebrating a banner year of reaching a membership high of 75 lovely ladies of Shavano Park. Our Welcome Brunch will be held in the home of Ruth Bates, 222 Wellesley, in our newest SP neighborhood of Huntington. Membership directories will be issued which will include a listing of exciting activities planned for the year. This is a great time to welcome new members, catch up with old friends and plan your calendar for the next few months.

Huntington neighborhood is located off the Loop 1604 access road between Starbucks and Paesanos. Turn right at the clock tower on Huntington Place. It is very important to RSVP to Kit Fuller, 210-257-0095 or kitfuller@me.com if you plan to attend. Huntington is a gated, secure community and will need a list of guests to ensure entry. Carpooling is suggested.

Check your emails for more information or give me a call if you have any questions. Maggi Kautz at 210-408-7050 or mmk122@sbcgblbal.net. See you there!!!

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out (NNO), is an annual nationwide neighborhood watch campaign. The program builds strong partnerships between the police and community, promotes involvement in local crime and drug prevention activities, and encourages neighborhood camaraderie as part of our efforts to let criminals know that the City of Shavano Park is united and dedicated to building a safer, more caring community. National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The purpose of National Night Out is to build strong partnerships between the police and community to promote crime awareness programs such as Neighborhood Watch groups.

Along with traditional “lights on” and front porch vigils, cities and towns across the America celebrate NNO with a variety of events and activities such as:

- Block Parties
- Flashlight walks

- Safety demonstrations / McGruff, the Crime Dog
- Visits from local Police and Fire Departments
- City Sponsored Events – Shavano Park City Hall

Neighborhoods throughout the City of Shavano Park are encouraged to lock your doors, turn on your porch lights, and gather with your neighbors to show unity against criminal activity and join City Council members, other city officials and your public safety personnel in making National Night Out 2016 a SUCCESS and making our community a better, safer place to live.

Anyone interested in hosting a National Night Out Block Party, or to receive more information, please contact the City’s point of contact, Chief David Creed at 210.492.9248 x 211 or via email at dcreed@shavanopark.org or Etta Fanning at Ph. 210.493.8758 / cell-text 210.722.4452 / fax. 210.493.8758 or via email fanninge@satx.rr.com.

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SHAVANO PARK NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2016

6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

Please print clearly

Organizer's Name _____

Event Location _____

Name of Sponsor/Host _____

Phone Number (H) _____ **(C)** _____ **Best time to call** _____

Time of Your Event _____ **Estimated End Time** _____

Approximate Number of Participants **Adults** _____ **Children** _____

NNO Banner needed? Y N

Any special planned events at your gathering?

How can the City of Shavano Park assist you in support of your event?

For additional information, please call Chief Creed at 210/492-9248 x 211 or email dcreed@shavanopark.org

Return your registration form to Shavano Park PD:

Fax to: 210.492.2824, **email** to: dcreed@shavanopark.org or **Mail** to:

Chief David Creed
Shavano Park PD
900 Saddletree Ct.
Shavano Park, TX 78231

For City Use

Date/time received: _____ by _____ Reg. #: _____

Banner needed? Y N

Grid _____

Officer assigned _____

Notes: _____

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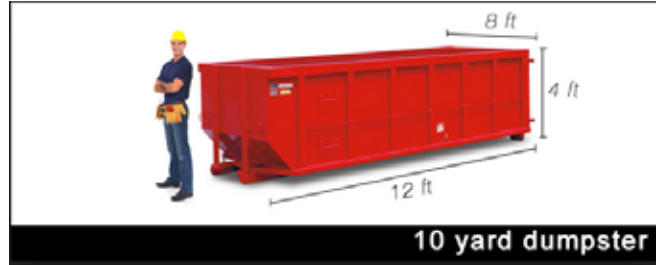
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SHAVANO PARK BRUSH PICK UP

The annual Brush/Bulky pick up is scheduled for October 3rd - 7th. There is a ten (10) cubic yard limit per household, any amount exceeding this limit will not be picked up and will be reported to the City. **For comparison - One (1) cubic yard is two (2) 95 gallon carts. Citizens are provided one (1) 95 gallon cart.**



Accepted Materials:

Shrubs / Tree Branches / Woody Vines / Other herbaceous and woody plants
BBQ grills (without compressed gas tanks)
Carpeting
Fencing
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Appliances ***Refrigerators, freezers, and a/c window units will be collected only if refrigerant has been removed and the appliance is tagged and certified, indicating removal of refrigerant***.

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July 11, 2016

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- a financial plan
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- a communications device

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Neighborhood WATCH News

Submitted by Etta Fanning, Coordinator Neighborhood WATCH



The kids are back in school, and Neighborhood WATCH wants to remind motorists to be extra careful at all times.

Simple reminders:


- Slow down, especially in residential neighborhoods and school zones.
- Take extra time at stop signs in neighborhoods, and look for kids at intersections and on curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways slowly and carefully.
- Watch for children on or near the road in the morning and after school hours.
- Reduce any distractions inside your vehicle.
- Put down your phone and don't talk or text while driving. It takes a split-second to have an accident.
- Do not leave small children or pets in the vehicle when you leave it.



Take a stand against crime -- National Night Out is October 4 from 6:00-8:00PM. In addition to "turning on your porch light", we encourage and invite you to host a block party on your street or attend a neighbor's block party so that you can meet the new residents in your neighborhood. It's also an opportunity to thank our Shavano Park Police and Fire Fighters who visit the block parties. Together we make our community safer.

Property crime, shed break-ins, and mailbox vandalism continue, so lock up your things, install security lighting, and use your home alarm. Report anything suspicious to Police at 804-0110 or 911.

To participate in Neighborhood WATCH or volunteer as a Block Captain, please contact Etta Fanning, Coordinator, at fanninge@satx.rr.com/ Ph: 210-493-8758.

 Neighborhood WATCH is an organized group of volunteers who agree together to keep an observant eye on the neighborhood, and to report any suspicious activity to 911. Neighborhood WATCH is registered with National Neighborhood WATCH - a division of the National Sheriffs' Association.



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BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS



Riding the Bus

School bus transportation is safe. In fact, buses are safer than cars! On average, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reported, about 134 people die in school-vehicle-related crashes each year. Of those, 8% are riding in the buses. Pedestrians, bicyclists and others outside the bus account for 21% of fatalities. More often than not, these deaths or injuries didn't occur in a crash, but as the pupils were entering and exiting the bus. Remember these safety tips:

- Have a safe place to wait for your bus, away from traffic and the street.
- Stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver signals you to enter.
- When being dropped off, exit the bus and walk ten giant steps away from the bus. Keep a safe distance between you and the bus. Also, remember that the bus driver can see you best when you are backed away from the bus.
- Use the handrail to enter and exit the bus.
- Stay away from the bus until the driver gives his/her signal that it's okay to approach.
- Be aware of the street traffic around you. Drivers are required to follow certain rules of the road

concerning school buses, however, not all do. Protect yourself and watch out!

Walking and Biking to School

Even if you don't ride in a motor vehicle, you still have to protect yourself. Because of minimal supervision, young pedestrians face a wide variety of decisions making situations and dangers while walking to and from school. Here are a few basic safety tips to follow:

- Mind all traffic signals and/or the crossing guard -- never cross the street against a light, even if you don't see any traffic coming.
- Walk your bike through intersections.
- Walk with a buddy.
- Wear reflective material...it makes you more visible to street traffic.

Riding in a Car

- You might have heard before that most traffic crashes occur close to home ... they do.
- Safety belts are the best form of protection passengers have in the event of a crash. They can lower your risk of injury by 45%.
- You are four times more likely to be seriously injured or killed if ejected from the vehicle in a crash.
- Everyone needs to be buckled up properly. That means older kids in seat belts, younger kids in booster seats and little kids in child safety seats.

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List of Acceptable HHW Waste

- Aerosols
- Antifreeze
- Automotive
- chemicals
- Batteries
- (Household AA, C, D, auto, hearing aid, etc.)
- Chlorine bleach
- Cleaners
- Corrosive
- chemicals
- Drain openers
- Fluorescent tubes
- Gasoline
- Herbicides
- Hobby chemicals
- Lubricants
- Paint and
- Paint Products
- Pesticides
- Rust Removers
- Used motor oil/filters
- ...and much more!

Unacceptable HHW Wastes

- Ammunition
- Biological waste
- Commercial chemicals
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BABY SITTING:

Bailey Spear, Junior at Saint Mary's Hall, 16 years old in July, CPR certified, responsible and dependable. I love kids! Contact me at 210-560-5873, or Baileyhspear@gmail.com.

PET SITTING, LIFEGUARD:

Sarah Trippy, 17 years old. I am available for pet care, with 2+ years experience with a variety of pets. I also have Lifeguard, First Aid and CPR certifications. Contact me at (210) 287-7097 or sjtrippy@gmail.com.

PET SITTING/BABY SITTING:

Alyssa Ryan, 16 years old, Junior at Antonian High School. Call me at (210) 305-0592.

PET SITTING, BABY SITTING, AND LAWN CARE SERVICE:

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