

HEY HUTTO

Public Safety Edition

Community invited to City-Wide National Night Out on Oct. 5

The Hutto Police Department invites you to Hutto's first city-wide National Night Out event on Tuesday, Oct. 5, at Brushy Creek Amphitheater! Gates will open by 5 p.m., with a fireworks show (rescheduled from 4th of July) around 8 p.m. Police will provide booths for all interested HOA groups to gather with neighbors and get to know other HOAs, police, firefighters, and local leaders. To sign up your HOA or get more info, please [click here](#).

Always the first Tuesday evening in October in Texas



Brushy Creek Amphitheater: Tuesday, October 5, 2021

Drivers and students urged to be safe as school resumes

There will soon be many more children and inexperienced drivers on the roads, with Hutto ISD students going back to school next Tuesday, Aug. 17. Please read and discuss these safety reminders with your entire household:

- Drivers, watch out for kids entering and exiting school buses. NEVER pass a bus with its stop-arm extended.
- Slow down in school zones, and please stay off of your cell phone around schools.
- At cross-walks, always yield to students and other pedestrians.
- Distracted walking is almost as dangerous as distracted driving. Please remind underage cell-phone users to never walk, talk, and text. "Heads up, phones down!"
- For info on Hutto ISD busing, [click here](#).

heads UP



phones DOWN

Police stay focused on training

“A truly professional agency is an educated agency,” said Hutto Police Chief Paul Hall. “When looking at Training, we must determine how will it benefit the community, and whether it’s pertinent to the officer’s current assignment and professional growth.” HPD aims to remain a progressive and modern agency, he added. This year alone (2021), Hutto Police have conducted or hosted well over 1,000 hours of training at all levels of law enforcement. Topics included Implicit Bias, Crisis Intervention, Risk Management, and Safe Police Vehicle Operation. Officers are also enrolled in a grueling Crash Reconstruction Course, an Instructors Course, and even the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development series. To learn more about Hutto Police services and training, [click here](#).



Hutto crime stats remain low, quarterly report shows

Hutto Police presented at the July 15 City Council meeting their quarterly report of local crime statistics. Some categories saw a decrease this quarter versus the same time period of 2020 (when the public was much less active), such as burglaries of buildings and motor vehicles. While incidents in some categories increased such as DWIs, theft, and criminal mischief, they remain relatively low for a community of Hutto's size and growth rate.



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On the Job with Animal Control

[Check out this spotlight on Wayne Cunningham](#), animal control officer with the Hutto Police Dept. This big-hearted public servant says that well over half of the calls he responds to are for loose dogs, and he reminds all pet owners to ensure they have current identification on their pets at all times!

Hutto residents are encouraged to adopt pets from the [Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter](#).

Did you know, Hutto?



Congrats to Hutto Police Officer Randy Wheeler, a 13-year HPD veteran who recently won the Texas Police Games in the Crossfit competition! He may have topped the State in the 30-39 year age group for the third straight year, but it wasn't easy getting there. "When I started in law enforcement, I didn't have much of a sports background," he said. "I hated running, and I hated weight lifting." These days, whether he's doing handstand push-ups in competition, or just pushing himself to meet his Sergeant's challenge of 50 back-squats every shift, Officer Wheeler takes functional fitness seriously. "If a bad guy sees a fit cop, they may think twice about it."



Be sure to follow these **public safety Facebook pages** for important safety tips, local traffic alerts, and much more!

- @HuttoPD (Hutto Police Department)
- @HuttoFireRescue (Williamson County ESD #3)
- @PreparingWilco (Williamson County Emergency Services)
- @WCSOTXSheriff (Williamson County Sheriff's Office)
- @TxDOT (Texas Department of Transportation, which manages all traffic lights/signals in Hutto)

Also, on the City of Hutto's new website, you can easily report non-emergency concerns and get them to the right person more quickly. At www.HuttoTx.gov, click on the "Report a Problem" button to let police know about traffic, parking, or speeding concerns, as well as neighborhood incidents. You can stay anonymous, or provide as much detail as you want.

Upcoming Meetings

Parks Advisory Board Meeting

- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at City Hall
- [More info](#)

Diversity & Inclusion Commission Meeting

- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, at City Hall
- [More info](#)

City Council Meeting

- 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at City Hall
- Check out Council packets and agendas [here](#)
- [Watch the live stream](#)

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

- 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, at City Hall
- [More info](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting

- 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, at City Hall
 - [More info](#)
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