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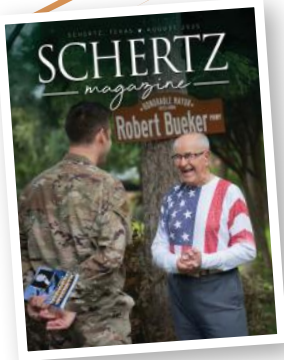
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## Be Part of National Night Out – Tuesday, October 1

GET READY FOR AN EVENING OF COMMUNITY CONNECTION AND PUBLIC SAFETY PARTNERSHIP!



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Get ready for an evening of community connection and public safety partnership! Schertz neighborhoods are invited to participate in National Night Out on Tuesday, October 1, by hosting a neighborhood block party and signing up for a special visit from a City team.

Each registered neighborhood will receive a visit from a team made up of City Council Members, City Management, City Staff, and a Schertz Police Officer. It's a great opportunity to strengthen relationships with those who serve our community and meet your neighbors in a fun, relaxed setting.



Let's come together to build a safer, stronger Schertz—one block at a time!

- ⦿ To register your neighborhood, contact Officer A. Kraft at (210) 619-1264 or visit [schertz.com/NNO](http://schertz.com/NNO). Be sure to include a point of contact and the location of your block party. Deadline to register is Thursday, September 19 to guarantee a team visit.



## Filing for Schertz City Council in the November 4, 2025 General Election

The City of Schertz will be holding a General Election on November 4, 2025, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, Council Members in Place 1 and Place 2, for a three-year term, November 2025 to November 2028.

Any City of Schertz resident desiring to have his or her name on the Official Ballot shall file with the City Secretary an application in writing in the form prescribed by the Texas Election Code declaring themselves a candidate. The filing date is no sooner than Saturday, July 19, 2025, and no later than 5 p.m. Monday, August 18, 2025.

Completed applications with filing fee will be accepted by the City Secretary's Office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 21, 2025 – August 18, 2025.

Qualifications for candidacy include the following: must have attained the age of eighteen or older on the first day of the term of office for which elected, be a registered voter of the City of Schertz, and have been a resident of the City of Schertz for at least twelve consecutive months immediately preceding the deadline for filing an application for a place on the ballot.

- ⦿ The Candidate packet will be available in the City Secretary's Office, Hal Baldwin Municipal Complex, 1400 Schertz Parkway, Building 2, or online at [Schertz.com](http://Schertz.com). Should you have any questions, please contact the City Secretary's Office at (210) 619-1030.

ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY

# Jubilee

## JUBILEE BRINGS FREEDOM AND FUN IN 2025!

THE CITY OF SCHERTZ PROUDLY CELEBRATED ITS 49TH ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY JUBILEE AT PICKRELL PARK, CONTINUING THE TRADITION OF HONORING FREEDOM, COMMUNITY, AND FUN.

Festivities kicked off on June 30 with Project Flagline, where 90 volunteers and City staff lined Schertz Parkway from FM 78 to IH-35 with American flags in a powerful display of patriotic pride.

On July 4th, the day began bright and early with the “Let Freedom Run” 5K through downtown Schertz, drawing 425 runners of all ages. The always-popular Jubilee Parade followed, featuring over 900 participants along the 1.7-mile route that stretched across Schertz Parkway, Main Street, and FM 1518.

Festivalgoers enjoyed a full lineup of entertainment and activities throughout the day, including a variety of food vendors and

food trucks, classic carnival rides and games at Thulemeyer Park, and a crowd-pleasing live performance by Gunpowder Soup under the large pavillion. The ever-popular Float & Fireworks at Pickrell Park Pool sold out weeks in advance, and the night closed with a spectacular fireworks show sponsored by H-E-B.

Families also enjoyed free activities hosted by Schertz Parks and Recreation and Monster’s Vale, making the day an unforgettable community celebration.



A huge thank you to our 2025 sponsors: H-E-B, Caterpillar, Schertz Cibolo Emergency Clinic, and Renewal by Andersen.



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## Schertz Fire Rescue Inspires Future Firefighters at Annual Youth Academies

THIS SUMMER, SCHERTZ FIRE RESCUE HOSTED ITS 9TH ANNUAL JR. FIRE ACADEMY AND 6TH ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL FIRE ACADEMY, PROVIDING LOCAL YOUTH WITH A HANDS-ON INTRODUCTION TO THE WORLD OF FIREFIGHTING.



Held from June 9 to June 13, 2025, these immersive academies welcomed students entering 5th and 6th grade for the Jr. Academy and students entering grades 9 through 12 in the upcoming 2025 – 2026 school year for the High School Academy. The programs offered an exciting opportunity to learn valuable firefighting skills while fostering teamwork, leadership, and confidence.

The week kicked off with a breakfast served by Schertz firefighters, followed by a series of interactive training sessions. Participants learned about fire streams, vehicle

extrication, thermal imaging, pumping operations, and fire extinguisher use. They also explored fire chemistry, fire prevention, and hazardous materials response, gaining practical knowledge that could help save lives.

Academy highlights included trying on hazmat suits, navigating the fire safety house, and practicing search and rescue drills. Participants tested their physical agility, practiced ladder exercises, and participated in rope rescue training, all while receiving guidance and support from Schertz firefighters.

The week concluded with a graduation party on June 13, where the youth firefighters were recognized for their dedication and hard work.

👉 **Stay tuned to the Schertz Fire Department's social media pages for updates and information on next year's Junior and High School Fire Academies! For additional details or questions, you can also visit [Schertz.com/jrfireacademy](https://www.schertz.com/jrfireacademy) or call (210) 619-1300.**



## Youth Gain Hands-On Experience at Junior & Teen Police Academy

EACH YEAR, THE SCHERTZ POLICE DEPARTMENT HOSTS ITS JUNIOR AND TEEN POLICE ACADEMIES TO GIVE YOUNG PEOPLE A BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK AT HOW THE DEPARTMENT OPERATES.

Participants gain a deeper understanding of police work through engaging presentations and interactive activities led by officers and special guests.

This summer, the department held its tenth annual Youth Police Academy, offering two sessions—one for ages 11 – 13 and one for ages 14 – 17. The Junior Academy took place June 23 – 27, and the Teen Academy was held July 14 – 18. Each session was a week-long program consisting of four-hour daily classes filled with hands-on learning and real-world demonstrations.

Throughout the week, cadets explored a wide range of law enforcement topics, including the tools officers carry on their belts, fingerprinting and forensics, internet safety, and the importance of teamwork. They also had the chance to tackle an obstacle course designed to build confidence and keep things fun and active.

Special guest speakers helped bring

the curriculum to life. Officer De la Torre and K9 Sharik impressed the cadets with a live K9 demonstration, showing how police dogs assist with daily operations. Another standout session featured Warden Kathleen Stuman from Texas Parks and Wildlife. She spoke about boating and hunting safety, as well as native Texas wildlife, and brought along animal pelts and interactive materials. Parents may have heard their cadets talking about life jackets—Warden Stuman made a strong impression about water safety!

Cadets also toured Schertz EMS and the Schertz Fire Department. At EMS, they learned about emergency response, explored both an ambulance and the

AMBUS unit, and reviewed basic first aid and medical tools. While visiting the Fire Department, cadets met local firefighters, climbed aboard fire apparatus, and even had a chance to spray water from the hoses—a definite highlight for many.

A big thank-you goes to the Schertz Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association for their continued support, providing snacks and drinks and assisting with logistics throughout the week.

With full classes and active waitlists, the Schertz Police Department looks forward to continuing these popular academies next summer. Stay tuned to the Schertz Police Department's social media pages for updates and information on next year's Junior and Teen Police Academies.





## Fire Marshal Ben Boney Honored for 20 Years

AT THE JUNE 3 SCHERTZ CITY COUNCIL MEETING, FIRE MARSHAL BEN BONEY WAS HONORED FOR ACHIEVING A SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE—20 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF SCHERTZ AND ITS RESIDENTS.



Boney began his career with the Schertz Fire Department on January 3, 2005, serving first as a firefighter and later as a driver operator on

Base. He attended school on base through 8th grade and graduated from Samuel Clemens High School

the suppression side. His commitment to community safety led him to transition into the administrative side of the department, where he has since held roles as Fire Inspector, Deputy Fire Marshal, and, since July 2021, Fire Marshal.

In his current role, Boney works to ensure the safety of the community by enforcing fire codes in new construction and existing buildings, delivering public fire prevention education, and conducting fire investigations.

Originally from Grand Forks, North Dakota, Boney relocated to Texas early in life when his father was stationed at Randolph Air Force

in the Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City Independent School District. While in high school, he was active in both baseball and basketball. He later attended San Antonio College, where he earned his Firefighting and Emergency Medical Technician - Basic certifications.

Boney is a dedicated family man, married to his wife Melissa for nearly 20 years. Together, they are raising four energetic boys—Deyton, Jackson, Liam, and Griffin—who keep the family calendar full with sports, band, choir, and ROTC activities. Outside of work, Boney enjoys road trips with his family, often setting off with little more than a destination in mind and a sense of adventure.

His two decades of service reflect a deep commitment to both public safety and the Schertz community. The City of Schertz is proud to recognize Fire Marshal Ben Boney for his outstanding service and unwavering dedication.

Join Us As We Review The Proposed

# FY 2025-26 BUDGET



As the City of Schertz prepares its budget for the upcoming fiscal year, community feedback plays a vital role in shaping future funding decisions. Engaged residents are key to a successful city government, and we encourage you to get involved.

The City will hold a public hearing to present the proposed FY 2025-26 budget and highlight major programs, services, and projects planned for the next fiscal year. If you're interested in learning how your tax dollars are being used or what new initiatives are on the horizon, we invite you to attend.

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## Honoring a Legacy of Service: Celebrating Our Recent Retirees

THE CITY OF SCHERTZ IS PROUD TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THE REMARKABLE CAREERS OF A FEW LONGTIME STAFF MEMBERS WHO RECENTLY RETIRED. THESE INDIVIDUALS DEDICATED DECADES OF THEIR LIVES TO SERVING OUR COMMUNITY WITH INTEGRITY, HEART, AND AN UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE. AS THEY STEP INTO WELL-EARNED RETIREMENTS, WE REFLECT ON THE LEGACIES THEY LEAVE BEHIND—AND THE LASTING IMPACT THEY’VE MADE.



### **Sergeant Steve Solitto**

*23 Years of Service with Schertz PD*

With a career spanning over two decades, Sergeant Steve Solitto has been a pillar of dedication and leadership within the Schertz Police Department. Steve began his law enforcement journey in 1997 with the Bexar County Sheriff's Office and joined the Schertz PD in 2002. Over the years, he served in patrol, criminal investigations, school resource, animal services, the field training program, and honor guard, where he was Honor Guard Commander.

Promoted to Corporal in 2006 and Sergeant in 2009, Steve holds a Master Peace Officer Certification and numerous specialized certifications. Of his 23 years with Schertz PD, 17 were spent on patrol, showcasing his unwavering commitment to public safety.

Outside of work, Steve has been a trail guide for Jeep Jamboree USA and held leadership roles in the San Antonio Jeep Exclusive (SAJA), contributing to charity work benefiting children's organizations. As he looks forward to retirement, Steve is embracing his role as a dedicated band/color guard and JROTC dad, supporting his children Hallie and Tristan through high school and beyond.



### **Officer Frank Schmidt**

*20 Years of Service with Schertz PD*

Frank Schmidt's path to public service was shaped by a strong foundation of discipline and resilience developed during his time as a U.S. Army combat medic. After his military service, Frank transitioned into law enforcement, joining the Bexar County Sheriff's Office before moving to the Schertz Police Department in 2005.

Over his 20-year career with Schertz PD, Frank experienced the full spectrum of policing—from the high-paced excitement of night shift patrols to the meaningful connections built as a School Resource Officer. He served at several schools, including DAEP, Ray Corbett Junior High, Paschal Elementary, Rose Garden Elementary, and finally, Samuel Clemens High School.

Frank's service left a lasting mark not only on the department but also on the students and community members he worked with daily. He retires as a stronger, wiser individual, filled with gratitude for his family, colleagues, and the City of Schertz.



## Library Director Melissa Uhlhorn

*23 Years of Service with Schertz Public Library*

Melissa Uhlhorn began her journey with the Schertz Public Library in 2002 as the City's first Children's Librarian. She quickly advanced to Library Manager in 2003, Assistant Director in 2012, and Library Director in 2014. Over her 23-year career, she led the library through tremendous growth, most notably overseeing the design and construction of the current library facility.

Under her leadership, the library earned seven TMLDA awards and recently secured new funding thanks to her successful grant writing efforts. Melissa considers her greatest achievement to be building a talented, people-focused staff at the heart of the library's success.

In retirement, she looks forward to remodeling her bathroom, teaching diorama classes at Barbie conventions, relaxing with coffee and books, and traveling with friends, all while continuing to grow her impressive vintage Barbie collection.

*To Steve, Frank, and Melissa—thank you for your dedication, your leadership, and your service. You've helped shape the culture, safety, and growth of our city. Your commitment will not be forgotten, and you will always remain a cherished part of the Schertz family. Enjoy this next chapter—you've more than earned it.*

An advertisement for State Farm featuring a close-up of a car's headlight and grille. The text reads: "DRIVE THROUGH AUGUST WITH CONFIDENCE - COVERAGE THAT GOES THE DISTANCE!" and "AS SUMMER WINDS DOWN AND THE ROADS STAY BUSY, MAKE SURE YOUR AUTO INSURANCE KEEPS PACE." A QR code is present. Below is the State Farm logo and contact information for Steven Garza, Agent: 210-658-6264, Steven@StevenGarzaInsurance.com. A circular portrait of Steven Garza is on the right.

A collage of social media-related images and text promoting the City of Schertz's online presence. It includes a Facebook post on a laptop, a hand holding a smartphone showing a Schertz Instagram post, and a hand holding a tablet showing a YouTube video. Text includes: "Like. Share. Comment.", "facebook.com/cityofschertz", "See the complete picture.", "instagram.com/cityofschertz", "Watch online, anytime.", "youtube.com/cityofschertz", and the Schertz logo with the tagline "COMMUNITY • SERVICE • OPPORTUNITY".

# A Legacy of Service: Remembering Mayor Robert C. Bueker

ROBERT C. BUEKER—FORMER SCHERTZ MAYOR, CITY MANAGER, WORLD WAR II VETERAN, AND GERMAN PRISONER OF WAR—PEACEFULLY PASSED AWAY IN HIS SLEEP ON JUNE 6, SURROUNDED BY FAMILY.

By RICHARD ERICKSON

**D**ubbed by the media “Mr. Fourth of July,” Bueker would have turned 101 years old on the Fourth of July. He was buried with full military honors at Fort Sam Houston Cemetery next to Mary, his wife of 68 years.

Even so, his long life had an important impact on many people—but none so much as the residents of Schertz.

Bueker was born in 1924 in Omaha, Nebraska, and raised during the Depression. When war was declared in 1941, Bueker waited to enlist until his high school graduation nearly a year later. After training in Hondo, Texas, he was assigned to Italy as an Army Air Corps navigator, a member of a B-24 crew flying bombing missions over Austria and Germany.

Disaster occurred on his 23rd mission in November 1944. “We were not shot down,” he told an interviewer in 2015 for the National World War II Museum’s oral history project. “We had our aircraft sabotaged. The engines would run wild; the feathering buttons had been detached. The pilot couldn’t take his foot off full rudder, or he’d go into a flat spin. So, he was trapped.”

In sight of the Danube River, Bueker was ordered to bail out, then was captured by local farmers in Hungary and turned over to the German military.



His aircraft crashed in Yugoslavia, killing half the crew. Bueker eventually ended up in a POW camp in Barth, Germany—a brutal experience he detailed in his 2015 book, *Hidden Strength*. He was liberated by Russian troops in May 1945, but not before seeing thousands of dead bodies German forces left behind at a nearby concentration camp.

Until the book’s publication, he would never speak of those times or experiences, said Paul Bueker, his youngest son. “He said he was just torn up with the PTSD and seeing all those people who were killed. He never talked about it until he was

85 and wrote his book, basically as a soul cleanser, just to get everything out and be done.”

Back in the United States, Bueker became a public information specialist for the Air Force, traveling the world as a communicator for the military. He retired from the service in 1970 as a senior master sergeant and, moving to Schertz, struck up a friendship with his dentist, then-Mayor Dr. Roy Richard (CQ).

And, according to Paul Bueker, Richard offered Robert Bueker the recently created post of city administrator, which later would evolve

into city manager. “I’m sure he asked what Dad did in the service, and they probably looked over all the duties he had during his career, and Richard said that Dad had great organizational skills—skills this city needed.”

But Richard left his elected post in July 1972 to run both his dental practice and Schertz Bank and Trust, and Councilmember Jesse Graham was appointed mayor.

“All seemed well in the world,” remembered Carpenter, “except the council was very divided on what direction it wanted to go. There were factions already forming that said they didn’t ever want Schertz to get any bigger—to stay a lovely small bedroom community, a San Antonio suburb. But another faction said we needed to expand up and down Interstate 35 with as much speed as we could muster.”

Bueker favored expansion and Schertz becoming a home rule city. Graham did not. In the May 1973 election, based mostly on those issues, Bueker challenged Graham for mayor and won by just 13 votes.

“Mayor Bueker was very forward-looking and proceeded to go out and talk to those old German farmers on the other side of I-35, asking them if they wanted to be a part of San Antonio or Selma or Schertz,” Carpenter said.

“He went personally to meet with the families and spoke to them in the German he’d learned in his POW camp,” the former mayor added. “And because of that, they chose Schertz. It’s one of the greatest stories ever. How does something terrible later yield something incredible? Right over there, where Amazon and Sysco and Schertz’s industrial strength are located, is the land that was annexed while he was mayor.”

As a result of Bueker’s initial efforts, the city now has a property tax base

carefully balanced between residential and commercial revenue, Carpenter said, “which means we didn’t have to pay for everything the city needed—and needs—on the backs of the residents like they have to do in a lot of surrounding cities near here.”

Bueker went on to oversee bond approvals for infrastructure additions, city park development, construction of a new municipal complex, and approval of the home rule city charter. He served until April 1980, and subsequent mayors—some winning their elections by a mere handful of votes—continued the expansion of Schertz’s city limits, eventually all the way north to New Braunfels.

“He wanted commercial development for the city,” Paul Bueker said, “but, beyond that, it was because he never wanted to see San Antonio ever incorporate Schertz. He thought if he could block out the I-35 corridor, that would protect his city.”

Robert Bueker went on to begin yet another career—this one in residential real estate—eventually expanding his company to four offices with more than 30 brokers. When he eventually retired—again—he and wife Mary traveled throughout North America and Europe.

“In my eyes, he was a man who loved being alive and found joy in almost everything,” Carpenter explained. “The ebb and flow throughout the life of a 100-year-old man helped define not only who he was, but what Schertz became. We are the beneficiaries of those

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— MICHAEL CARPENTER

experiences. We gained so much from his hard work and from the time that he gave to us.”



# HAPPENING THIS MONTH *in Schertz*

# AUG.

## PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Lego Lab (Ages 5+)	Aug 2 @ 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.	Library Program Room
Little Princess Camp	Aug 4 – 8 @ 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.	North Center
Summer Camp Send Off	Aug 4 – 8 @ 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.	North Center
Schertz Area Genealogists Meeting	Aug 5 @ 6:30 p.m.	Library Meeting Room 1
How Money Works Financial Planning Workshop	Aug 7 @ 6 p.m.	Library Meeting Room 1
Cardboard Boat Regatta	Aug 9 @ 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Pickrell Park Pool
Backyard Family Storytime (all ages)	Aug 9 @ 10:15 – 11 a.m.	Schertz Community Playscape
Guadalupe County Master Gardeners Lunch & Learn: Wildflowers (Adults)	Aug 9 @ 11:30 a.m.	Library Program Room
Sunday Afternoon Mindful Meditation (Adults)	Aug 10 @ 1 p.m.	Library Program Room
Unlimited Horizons Writing Workshop (Adults)	Aug 10 @ 3 p.m.	Library Meeting Room 2
Poem in Your Pocket: Poetry Workshop: Metaphor Dice (Adults)	Aug 14 @ 7 p.m.	Library Meeting Room 1
Family Storytime (all ages)	Aug 16 @ 10:15 – 11 a.m.	Library Program Room
Sensory Play Group (all ages)	Aug 16 @ 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Library Program Room
Cookie Decorating Class: Groovy Class	Aug 21 @ 6 – 8 p.m.	North Center
Read Before Booksale	Aug 22 & 23 @ 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Library Program Room
Monster's Vale Collegium	Aug 23 @ 12 – 5 p.m.	North Center
Medicare 101 (Adults)	Aug 28 @ 6 p.m.	Library Meeting Room 1

## RECURRING PROGRAMS

Paper Crafting Crop	Fourth Sunday @ 12 – 5 p.m.	Library Program Room
Senior Center Tech Help*	Second Mondays @ 10 – 11 a.m.	Schertz Senior Center
Monster's Vale: Fighter Practice	Mondays @ 6 p.m.	Pickrell Park
Library Quilt Bee (Time varies, check online)	Second and Fourth Tuesday and Third Saturday	Library Meeting Room 1
Beginner/High Beginner Line Dance Class	Tuesdays @ 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.	Community Center
Improver/Intermediate Line Dance Class	Tuesdays @ 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Community Center
Paws to Read (independent readers; time varies)	Wednesdays @ 1 – 2 p.m.	Library Program Room
Warhammer Club (Ages 13 – 18 yrs.)	Wednesdays @ 4:45 – 7:45 p.m.	Library Program Room
Walk-in Tech Help	Wednesdays @ 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Library Meeting Room 1
Monster's Vale: LARP	Saturdays @ 12 – 4 p.m.	North Center

\* Library spice kits for adults will be available the first week of August featuring Mace.

\*\* A membership to the Schertz Senior Center is required to attend tech help at the Senior Center.

\*\*\* Weekly youth programs are offered on a rotating schedule. These programs are offered for 6 Weeks then pause for 3 weeks. We will resume weekly youth programs beginning the week of September 7.



## SCHERTZ AREA GENEALOGISTS MEETING

Aug 5 @ 6:30 p.m. |

Library Program Room

Join fellow family history enthusiasts for an engaging meeting of sharing tips, resources, and information. Whether you are just getting started or have years of experience, this is a great opportunity to connect with others and learn more about genealogical research.



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**Paws In The Pool**

The dog days of summer are still hanging on, and it's the perfect time for your pup to cool off at Paws in the Pool on Sunday, September 7! Let your furry friend take a dip during one of two sessions at 12 p.m. or 2 p.m. All dogs must be leashed outside the pool area and wear a swim-safe collar. Humans must show proof of up-to-date rabies vaccinations at the gate and be prepared to clean up after their pet. Don't miss this tail-wagging good time!

**Pool Hours Extended**

Summer may be winding down, but there's still time to make a splash! While weekday operations end on August 8, Pickrell Park Pool will remain open on weekends (Saturday and Sunday) through Labor Day from 12 – 7 p.m. Don't miss your last chance to dive in—the final day of the season is Labor Day, September 1!



**Fall Social Leagues**

Get ready for some friendly competition—registration for our Fall Social Leagues is now open! Gather your team and join the fun with Kickball on Sunday nights from 6 – 9 p.m., September 28 through November 2, or test your aim with Cornhole on Tuesday nights from 6 – 9 p.m., September 30 through November 4. Don't miss out on the fun this fall!



**Schertz Hometown Harvest**

Schertz Hometown Harvest is back this fall! Join us for a season of local shopping, live music, and community fun. Markets will be held on the first Saturday of the month—September, October, and November—from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Pickrell Park Large Pavilion. Interested in being a vendor? Apply online at [Schertz.com/HometownHarvest](http://Schertz.com/HometownHarvest).

➤ For more information and to register for Parks & Recreation programs and events, visit [Schertz.com/civicrec](http://Schertz.com/civicrec).

# FM 1518 EXPANSION

Construction has begun to increase mobility and enhance safety along FM 1518.

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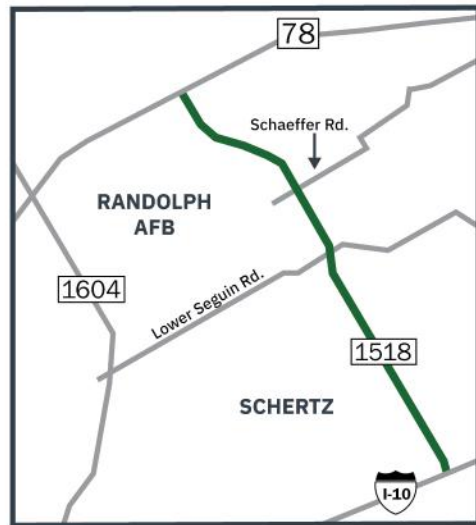


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## PAWS IN THE POOL



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### Guadalupe County Master Gardeners Lunch & Learn: Wildflowers

Discover the joy of cultivating wildflowers and transform your garden into a vibrant haven for pollinators and wildlife. Learn how to preserve the wildflowers and native plants that define the regions of our land to encourage and promote their use in appropriate areas. Learn all about wildflowers—their seeds, varieties, site selection, preparation, maintenance, and watering. Let's get those green thumbs ready on Saturday, August 9 from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Library Program Room. Pre-registration is encouraged at [Schertz.com/AdultCalendar](http://Schertz.com/AdultCalendar).

### Sunday Afternoon Mindful Meditation Practice

Take a mindful pause in your weekend with our adult meditation session on Sunday, August 10 from 1 – 2 p.m. in the Library Program Room. This program offers a peaceful space to slow down, reconnect, and center yourself through guided meditation and simple breathing techniques. Whether you are seasoned or just beginning, all are welcome to join in this moment of stillness and reflection. Pre-registration is encouraged at [Schertz.com/AdultCalendar](http://Schertz.com/AdultCalendar).

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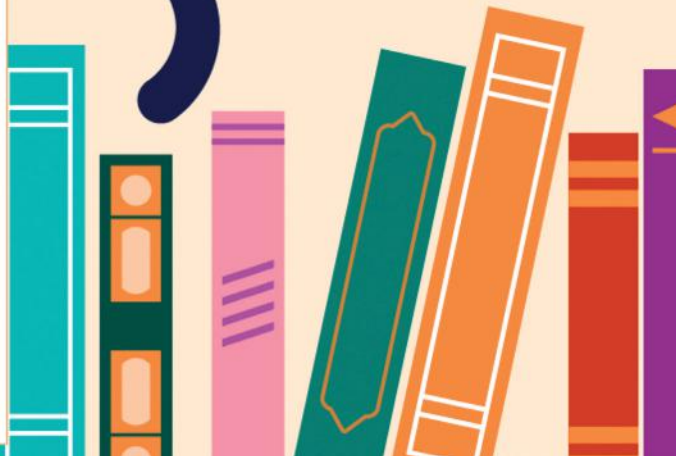
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*Reminding Residents of City  
Provided Services and Programs*



## Check Out Your Community Tool Shed

Did you know the Schertz Community Tool Shed gives residents access to a variety of hand and gas-powered tools at no cost? Whether you're a homeowner, business owner, or part of a community group, you can borrow equipment like lawn mowers, weed trimmers, loppers, shovels, axes, and wheelbarrows to help clean and improve your property. This program fosters a sense of community by encouraging neighbors to help each other out. Equipment can be reserved online, with pick-ups on Fridays at 8:30 a.m. or 3 p.m., and returns on Mondays at 8:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. Proof of residency is required.

🕒 Reserve your tools today at [Schertz.com/toolshed](https://www.schertz.com/toolshed).

## Schertz Animal Services Cares for Area Pets

Did you know that Schertz Animal Services provides essential care and support for our community's pets? They offer a variety of services, including microchipping to help reunite lost pets with their families. In addition, Schertz Animal Services has partnered with Penny Paws to host regular low-cost vaccine clinics, ensuring that pets receive the necessary vaccinations to stay healthy. Residents are encouraged to check the Animal Services Facebook page to see lost pets in the area and help return them to their owners. Schertz Animal Services is also dedicated to finding forever homes for pets through their adoption programs.

🕒 Learn more about Schertz Animal Services at [Schertz.com/AnimalServices](https://www.schertz.com/AnimalServices).



## Tune In for Now You Know Video Series

Did you know the City of Schertz has a "Now You Know Schertz" video series? Join City Manager Steve Williams as he takes residents behind the scenes to explore how the city provides valuable services and programs and highlights the dedicated staff who work hard every day to make our community thrive.

🕒 You can view the series at [Schertz.com/NYK](https://www.schertz.com/NYK) and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube for new videos every month! Tune in to discover more about your city!



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- Don't know your new trash pickup day or new scheduled recycling and brush/bulk week? Search your address using the interactive route map.

## SET IT OUT RIGHT

- Set out cart by 7 a.m. on your collection day. Pick-ups will occur between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- Carts to be placed 3-ft apart or as far from other objects, carts, or brush/bulk items as possible.
- Cart handles must be facing your home, wheels to the curb, and the metal bar facing your street.



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- Before reporting a missed pickup:
  - Check if your neighbors' carts on either side of you have been serviced. Because the trucks use mechanical arms, they can only service one side of the street at a time.



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# STORMWATER SMART CONSTRUCTION IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD



When water from rain, snow, or sleet flows over the ground, it becomes “stormwater.” When stormwater flows through a construction site, it can pick up sediment, oil, and chemicals and carry them downstream to local water bodies. That’s why it’s important for construction sites to protect the community by putting up special fences, barriers, and truck pads to prevent pollution in our rivers, lakes, and streams.



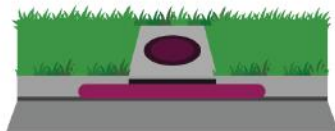
## THE MUD STOPS HERE

Construction entrances should have a pad that keeps mud off the street. Muddy tracks coming out of a site could mean chemicals, dust, and debris will be washed into the storm drain the next time it rains.



## GOOD FENCES MAKE CLEAN NEIGHBORS

A fence or other barrier should be installed that keeps soil and construction debris from washing downstream from the site when it rains, especially sites on a slope or those with dirt piles.



## PROTECT THE PIPES

All storm drains near a construction site should have a protective barrier around them to prevent debris and muddy water from entering storm sewer pipes.



## SOMETHING LOOK WRONG? CALL!

If you see muddy water, chemicals, dirt, or any water that seems polluted flowing from a construction site in your neighborhood, call your local government office that handles construction permits.

Visit [Schertz.com/StormWater](https://www.schertz.com/StormWater) or call 210-619-1820



# Back-to-School Safety Tips

AS SUMMER WINDS DOWN AND THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR APPROACHES, IT'S IMPORTANT TO KEEP SAFETY TOP OF MIND—WHETHER YOUR CHILD WALKS, BIKES, RIDES THE BUS, OR IS DRIVEN TO SCHOOL. HELP KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE BY REVIEWING THESE QUICK TIPS:

## Walking to School

- Practice the route with your child before the first day.
- Use sidewalks when available; if not, walk facing traffic.
- Stop and look left, right, then left again before crossing.
- Make eye contact with drivers and cross at crosswalks or intersections.
- Stay alert—no phones or headphones while walking.

## Biking to School

- Ride the route ahead of time to get familiar.

- Always ride with traffic and in a single file.
- Stop and walk your bike across streets.
- Wear a properly fitted helmet and bright clothing to stay visible.
- Avoid distractions—stay focused on the road.

## Riding the School Bus

- Stand at least 6 feet (3 big steps) from the curb while waiting.
- If crossing in front of the bus, walk 10 feet ahead so the driver can see you.

- Wait for the driver's signal before crossing.

## Driving Kids to School

- Stay alert—no texting or distracted driving.
- Obey posted school zone speed limits.
- Follow school drop-off and pick-up rules.
- Never pass a bus that's loading or unloading.
- Have kids exit curbside. If exiting on the driver's side, ensure they cross in front of your vehicle so you can see them.

A little preparation goes a long way—reviewing these safety tips can help ensure a safe and successful school year for all!

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# Schertz Historical PRESERVATION COMMITTEE




## Pickrell Park

Pickrell Park, named after the influential Pickrell family, has a rich history that mirrors the city's growth and development. The family's legacy—rooted in leadership, service, and civic pride through George W. Pickrell, Jr. who served as Schertz City Secretary and Municipal Judge—continues to shape the character and landscape of Schertz today.

The Schertz Urban Renewal Program, developed in the late 1960s created Pickrell Park and through it's Executive Director, Walter A. Schertz, spent nearly \$2,500,000 by 1972 to among other improvements throughout the city, build the park area. Local lore recalls a retired F-86 fighter jet that once graced the park's grounds. According to a discussion on the TexAgs forum, the jet was a popular attraction for children, who would climb on and explore it. However, the aircraft was removed from the park in the early 1970s.



Pickrell Park began as a modest recreational space that grew in tandem with the city. The construction of the basketball pavilion in 1974 provided a new hub for recreation. Residents fondly recall the summer of 1975 when the first Jubilee was held, featuring a band stage and booths that enlivened the park with music and festivities. Even natural events, such as the 1998 flood of Cibolo Creek—which famously swept a boat onto the concession stand—have become part of Pickrell Park's storied past, weaving together memories of resilience, fun, and community tradition. In the aftermath of the flood, the City of Schertz undertook efforts to rebuild and enhance Pickrell Park. Upgrades included the addition of new playground equipment, and the improvements were part of a

broader effort to enhance the park's facilities, which also involved installing an ornamental fence around the park's perimeter. Today, you can find many events centered around this park, such as Easter in the Park, Music & Movies in the Park and the 4th of July Jubilee, continuing to build memories for generations to come.

Contributing writer SHPC member Angie Fain and Maggie Titterington. Resources: Glade, Crystal. "5 Fantastic Things to Do in Schertz, Texas." Texas Hill Country, 18 July 2016, DeKunder, David. "Final Improvements Made to Schertz Park." San Antonio Express-News, 29 Apr. 2010, DeKunder, David. "Schertz Brought Change to Community Named After His Family." San Antonio Express-News, 29 Apr. 2014, book "Schertz, Texas - The story of great ancestry, legacy and development"

## Join the Schertz Historical Preservation Committee!

4th Wed of each month at 6pm  
1400 Schertz Parkway, Building#1  
in the Bob Andrews Conference Room

For more info, go to [schertz.com](http://schertz.com) and search "Boards and Commissions"  
or call 210-619-1030



Follow us and share your memories on our page:



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## Trivia Night a hit at Movies in the Park!

Thank you to all who participated in the SHPC Trivia night! Prizes from sponsors HEB Plus, Mama Margie's, Massage Heights, The Purple Pig and Mattenga's and special thanks to Marc Thornton and the Clemens History Club for helping with the questions



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## Around the Community

### Schertz Student Scores Perfect STAAR Math Score—Twice!

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A student at Wilder Intermediate, Hudson's accomplishment reflects his strong work ethic, sharp math skills, and commitment to excellence. His community is proud to celebrate this outstanding achievement and the bright future ahead of him.

Congratulations, Hudson!



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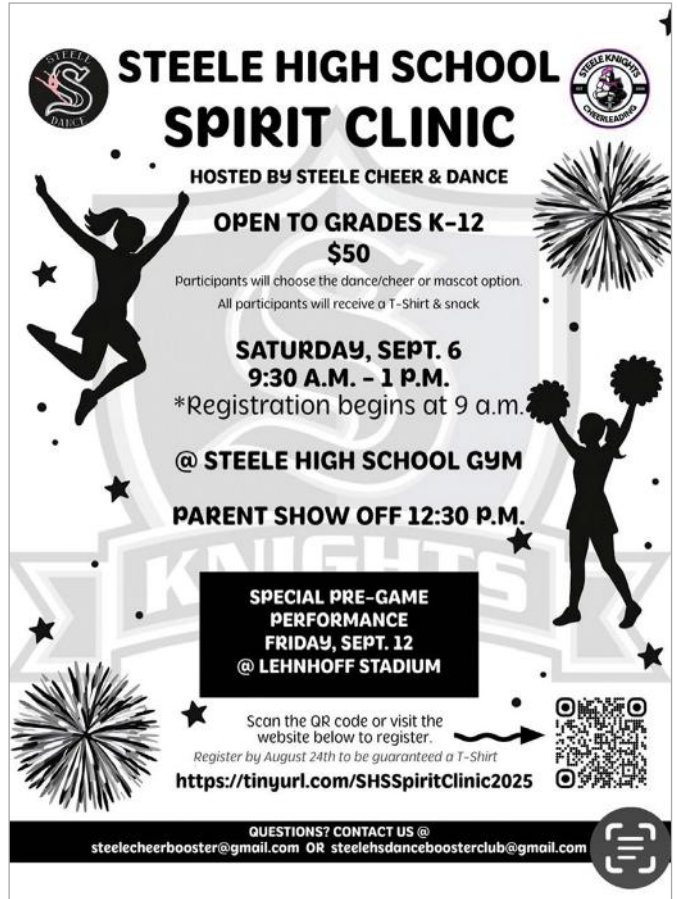




## CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

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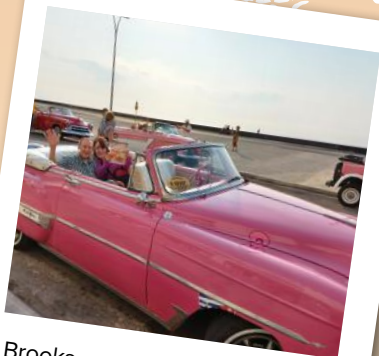
Ken & Mary Porter took their *Schertz Magazine* to visit the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee.



Ron Perry and Shonale Burke traveled to Yellowstone National Park with their *Schertz Magazine*.



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## Official City Meetings

<b>AUG 4</b>	Library Advisory Board 6:30 p.m.   Library Meeting Rm 1
<b>AUG 5</b>	City Council Meeting 6 p.m.   Council Chambers
<b>AUG 6</b>	Animal Svcs Advisory Board 6 p.m.   Schertz Animal Svcs
<b>AUG 6</b>	Planning and Zoning Comm 6 p.m.   Council Chambers
<b>AUG 7</b>	Transp Safety Advisory Comm 5:30 p.m.   Council Chambers

<b>AUG 19</b>	City Council Meeting 6 p.m.   Council Chambers
<b>AUG 21</b>	SSGLC 1:30 p.m.   SSLGC Admin Bldg
<b>AUG 27</b>	Historical Preservation Committee 6 p.m.   Bob Andrews Conf Room
<b>AUG 28</b>	CVLGC 8:30 a.m.   Email jackie.gaines@cvlgc.com
<b>AUG 28</b>	Economic Dev Corp Board 6 p.m.   Council Chambers

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