

## UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

**Saturday, April 29** (8:30 am-noon): Neighborhood Empowerment Clean Up (Mt. Zion Spiritual Church #2)

**Saturday, April 29** (10:30 am): Library Pop-Up Storytime (Mission Marshall)

**Sunday, April 30** (10:00 am-4:00 pm): Petals & Paws Spring Fling ([Marshall Pet Adoption Center](#))

**Tuesday, May 2** (4:30 pm): Keep Marshall Beautiful board meeting (Marshall Public Library)

**Wednesday, May 3** (4:00 pm): Library Board of Trustees meeting (Marshall Public Library)

**Thursday, May 4** (7:00 pm): Col. Martha McSally USAF (Ret.) presentation ([Memorial City Hall](#))

**Friday, May 5** (4:00 pm-9:00 pm): Taco Wars (Telegraph Park)

**Saturday, May 6** (9:00 am-3:00 pm): Main Street Pop-Up Market (North Washington)

**Saturday, May 6** (9:30 am-12:30 pm): Touch-a-Truck (Downtown Square)

**Thursday, May 11** (6:00 pm): [City Council](#) meeting (City Hall Council Chambers)

**Thursday, May 11** (7:30 pm): Girls Raised in Texas (GRIT) concert (Memorial City Hall)

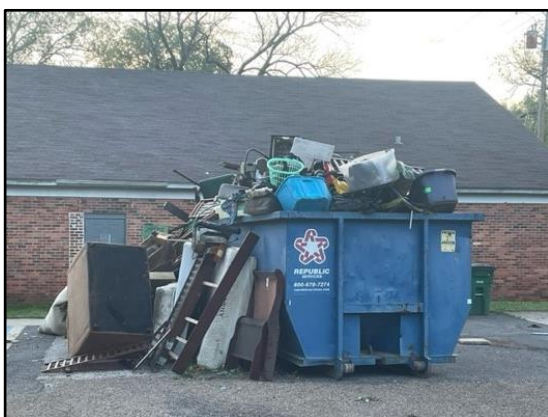
**Saturday, May 13** (5:00 pm): Cruise Night (Washington Street)

## CITY SECRETARY

The City Secretary attended the Municipal Budget Cycle conference for Texas Municipal Clerks Association on April 13-14, 2023. Workshops included such topics as budgeting challenges and innovations and how to manage budget conflicts.

There are still a few vacancies on the following boards: Community Development Advisory, Marshall Public Library Board, and Zoning Board of Adjustment. To volunteer to serve, complete an [application](#) and submit it to the City Secretary.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Dumpster Days was held at the Lions Community Center on Poplar Street on April 10-13 and at the 1100 block of Ward St. on April 24-28. There will be two more sites for Dumpster Days with locations and dates announced soon.

On Saturday, April 29 from 8:30-noon, the Neighborhood Empowerment Initiative Neighborhood Cleanup Program will partner with the [New Town Neighborhood Association](#) at Mt. Zion Spiritual Church #2 on 2200 Pemberton St. to assist in neighborhood cleanup efforts.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

On April 22, the Neighborhood Empowerment Initiative Neighborhood Cleanup Program joined with [Keep Marshall Beautiful](#) to tend to the community garden, rebuild flower beds, and plant flowers and vegetables. The community garden is located on the corner of Sanford and Alvin. Good progress was made, with more to be done!

"Gardening is the work of a lifetime: you never finish." – Oscar De La Renta



The [Friends of a Public Library](#) will be hosting a book sale from Friday, May 5 until Saturday, May 13. Find brand new books, gently read books, DVDs, classics, cookbooks, kids' books, and so much more! Donations are accepted during the book sale. The book sale hours are as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9:30-7:00 | Wednesday & Friday: 9:30-5:00 | Saturday: 9:30-3:00

## FINANCE

The Finance Department would like to take a moment to recognize Laura Adair, the city's accounts payable accountant for over 16 years. Laura is always willing to go the extra mile to assist her fellow employees, vendors, and the citizens of Marshall and is kind, courteous, and friendly. When you walk into the office, Laura makes you feel right at home. A fun fact about Laura is that she has another title besides accountant. With the birth of her first grandchild recently, she is known as Lolli by her granddaughter.

## FIRE



The [EMS Division of the Marshall Fire Department](#) joined Christus Good Shepherd in being recognized as partners in obtaining AHA Stroke Excellence.

Do you know the symptoms of a stroke?  
Think F.A.S.T.



**F:** Face Drooping   **A:** Arm Weakness   **S:** Speech Difficulty   **T:** Time to call 911

Visit the [American Stroke Association website](#) to learn more about how to identify stroke warning signs.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

Christol's Quotes:



Join the City team by checking out the [latest job openings](#) in the City of Marshall.

## MAIN STREET



[Marshall Main Street](#) has been named a 2023 Affiliated Program with National Main Street for their commitment to creating meaningful improvements to downtowns using preservation-based economic development and community revitalization through the Main Street Approach™.

The Main Street Approach™ is centered around the economic development strategies known as Four Points: Economic Vitality, Design, Promotion, and Organization. Marshall was first designated an official Texas Main Street City in 1982.

Upcoming Main Street Events:

- **Saturday, May 6** (5:00 pm): Main Street Pop-Up Market (North Washington)
- **Saturday, May 13** (5:00 pm): Cruise Night

## MEMORIAL CITY HALL



On Thursday, May 4 at 7:00 pm, Col. Martha McSally, USAF (Ret.) will be speaking about her life and sharing stories of flying the A-10 Warthog, the real-life TOP GUN, and how she broke barriers as the first female combat fighter pilot. She will inspire the audience to "soar above the clouds and fly above any turbulence!"

GRIT (Girls Raised In Texas) acoustic tour combines the top Texas country female artists for a one night only experience. GRIT features Texas country artists Sarah Hobbs, Jade Patek, Bri Bagwell and Adrian Johnston who will sing and share the stories behind their songs you've heard on the radio. GRIT will be performing on Thursday, May 11 at 7:30 pm.



Tickets for both events are available at the [box office](#) or by calling (903) 934-7992.

## MARSHALL PET ADOPTION CENTER

Together with the [Green Thumbs Up Garden Club](#), the Marshall Pet Adoption Center is hosting the [Petals & Paws Spring Fling](#) on Sunday, April 30 from 10:00 am-4:00 pm. Plants will be available for purchase and all proceeds go directly to the shelter. Experienced gardeners will be on hand to answer gardening and plant care questions.

Free kids' activities include art projects, sidewalk chalk art, gardening, and face painting. [Tacos El Bueno](#) and [The Sweet Shoppe](#) will also be on site.

## POLICE



Marshall Police Chief Cliff Carruth administers the oath and swears in four new police officers.

From left to right are Michael Bourgeois, Eduardo Jaimes, Samuel Goheen, and Jacob Phelps.

## PUBLIC WORKS

The 2023 Street Improvement Program is in full swing with the following sections completed:

- ✓ Ambassador Blvd. from Warren Dr. to Memorial Dr.
- ✓ Bell St. from Hwy. 59 to Winn St.
- ✓ Caddo St. from Redwood to Stone
- ✓ Carolanne Blvd. from Mary Mack to Lynoak
- ✓ W Emory St. from S. Washington to South Grove St.
- ✓ Five Notch Rd. from Aubrey St. to the City limits
- ✓ Fleetwood Drive from Warren Dr. to Ambassador Blvd.
- ✓ Indian Springs Rd. from E. Travis St. to Victory Dr.
- ✓ Nathan St. from Gordon St. to South Grove St.
- ✓ Pinewood Dr. from Briarwood Dr. to Oakwood Dr.
- ✓ Sun Place from Sunset Loop to the city limits

## SUPPORT SERVICES

Warm up your paddles—it's time to play pickleball!



**Days:** Tuesdays & Wednesdays in May, June, July (25 & 26 only), and August

**Time:** 10:00 am-7:00 pm

**Place:** Marshall Convention Center

**Pickleball Cost:**

- \$5 Daily Pass
- \$50 Punch Card (Good for 10 sessions)
- \$100 Summer Pass (Good for one person between May-August)

For more information, [email](#) us or visit the [Pickleball tab](#) on the Parks & Rec website.

## TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Upcoming Events:

- **Friday, May 5** (4:00 pm): Taco Wars! Come on down to Telegraph Park and enjoy a selection of tacos for purchase from taco trucks and vote on your favorite. For more information, including how to be a taco competitor, contact the Tourism Department at (903) 930-9385.
- **Thursday, May 18** (7:00 pm): Thursday Night Jams at Telegraph Park. Musicians are welcome to come and play, and the public is invited to listen for free!
- **Friday, May 19-Saturday, May 20:** Third Saturday presented by [Marshall Regional Arts Council](#)



## TERRELL'S THOUGHTS

So I've made it a year in the capacity of City Manager for the City of Marshall. When initially appointed to the position, I told the City Council that the goal of my first year would be to listen. Listen, ask a lot of questions, and really learn and understand the City of Marshall. Not only understanding the **needs** and the **wants** of the community, but also learning the current resources available to the City in order to deliver the services desired by the community.

Obviously 365 days is not enough time to meet every need, and Rome wasn't built in a day, but I do believe that this first year has been successful in building upon past successes while also setting the foundation for a new direction for the City of Marshall as an organization and community as a whole. This year:

- The Council established our nine [Strategic Outcome Areas](#) that guides our day-to-day operations and sets the strategic direction for our short-and-long term priorities.
- Developed a multi-year capital improvement strategy for updating our aging infrastructure that will be discussed in further detail during our FY2024 budget process.
  - Improvements will be focused on our streets, parks system (to include improvements to City Arena and Airport Park), Convention Center, drainage, city facilities and our water and wastewater infrastructure.
- Developed an expanded focus on neighborhood revitalization efforts through the new vacant property registration program, offering dumpster days, the expansion of the Certificate of Occupancy Bonus program in conjunction with Marshall EDC, and allocated additional funding for the demolition/clean-up of blighted areas.
- Purchased a new fire ambulance (Still waiting for delivery...sad face).
- Enhanced our focus on internal workforce development through the establishment of an employee engagement committee, employee safety committee, and implemented new policy providing for an annual cost of living adjustment for all city personnel.

There are other things to add to the list, but with the excitement that's been generated from the positives of a changing culture, I would like to be honest about our challenges. Challenges particularly around infrastructure and the need for us to enhance the quality of life that we offer to our residents, visitors, and businesses here in Marshall.

These are items that are not addressed overnight, and my hope is that the community will join in this adventure and trust that the City is listening to concerns that have been raised over the years and we are working diligently to develop **sustainable** action plans that will address these concerns.

If you have made it this far, thank you for your support and I look forward to working with everyone to make Marshall a place we are all proud to call home.



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