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AGENDA

H-GAC THOROUGHFARE PLAN OPEN HOUSE

DAYTON - The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC), in coordination with Liberty County, is developing a county-wide Thoroughfare Plan to help guide future roadway connections, improve mobility, and support long-term growth. A Community Open House will be held Wed., Nov. 18, from 6-8 p.m. at the Dayton Community Center, Ballrooms B and D for the public to learn more about the planning process, review the draft thoroughfare network, and provide feedback to help shape the final plan. Liberty County is growing, and planning for its transportation future starts with understanding the needs of the community. The public is encouraged to attend.

FUMC BLOOD DRIVE

LIBERTY - First United Methodist Church Liberty, along with LifeShare Blood Centers, will be hosting its third blood drive of the year, Thursday, November 19, from 3-7 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall at 539 Main Street. Anyone who has not donated whole blood in the last 56 days or double red cells in the last 112 days is eligible. By donating blood, you are truly giving the gift of life. If you have any questions, contact Tom Richert at 936-346-4575.

SMOKED TURKEY OR HAM FUNDRAISER

DAYTON - Let the Dayton Masonic Lodge help out with your holiday dinner. Place your order before Fri., Nov. 20, at 5 p.m. to have a delicious smoked turkey ($60) or smoked ham ($70) as a holiday dinner centerpiece. These smoked-to-perfection holiday turkeys and hams will be ready for pick up Tues., Nov. 24, (time to be announced) at the Masonic Lodge located at 1590 FM 1960. To order, contact John at 281-770-7438, Eric at 936-346-6695, Jakie at 936-334-2414 or Michael at 832-256-1044. Your support of this fundraising effort is greatly appreciated.

DVFD BLOOD DRIVE

DAYTON - Dayton VFD is sponsoring a blood drive Sat., November 21, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The mobile collection bus will be on-site at The Crossroads at 111 N. Church. T-shirts will be available for donors, while supplies last. Please bring a picture ID. Make sure you are feeling well on the day of your donation and have plenty to eat and drink before and after you donate. Appointments are strongly encouraged to efficiently coordinate your donation. Schedule your appointment at mdanderson.org/bloodbank or call 713-792-7777.

Lights In Liberty begins Thurs., Nov. 19

LIBERTY - During the holiday season downtown Liberty comes alive with Lights In Liberty – a community celebration created to bring neighbors, families, churches, local businesses, first responders, and visitors together to experience the joy of the holidays in the heart of Liberty. The downtown area will shine beneath more than 110,000 twinkling lights and holiday decorations on November 19 and 21, and December 3 and 10. On Thursdays, activities will take place from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday hours are from noon until 8 p.m.

This year, Lights In Liberty is celebrating the heroes who serve our community with a special theme featuring our very own first responders. The community is encouraged to be part of honoring those who protect and serve our community while celebrating the traditions that make our small town so special. The beloved old fire truck is making its return, bringing a little nostalgia, hometown pride, and Christmas joy to downtown Liberty.

On Thurs., Nov. 19, the holiday merriment gets underway with a synthetic ice rink, a live nativity at Cornerstone Church and Make & Take Christmas crafts. The five-piece band The Royal Dukes will perform live. The Lighting on the Square, presided over by Mayor John Hebert, will take place at 6 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 21, will begin with the Light in Liberty Christmas Market, which opens at noon. The Street Rally Old Time Car Show, and a chili cookoff with youth and adult competitors will also be held. Caleb Martin will perform live and will meet and greet the public from 4:30-5:30 p.m. The evening will conclude with Make & Take Christmas crafts.

There is still more to come ***December 3 and 10*** with things unique and special to the season, including an illuminated Christmas parade, live entertainment, Santa, children's crafts, food trucks, free food sponsors, local vendors and so much more.

Come stroll beneath the lights, enjoy the festivities, support our community, and make a few new holiday memories along the way.

Register online at lightsinliberty.org.

Still time to sign up for Chili Cook-Off

LIBERTY - Lights In Liberty will bring the holiday season to downtown Liberty on Sat., November 21, with a chili cook-off on the courthouse grounds. The contest is open to youth and adults. This festive event will include food, music, family fun and more. The competition gets underway at 10 a.m. when the cooks set up and the competition begins.



Prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third place finishers in multiple categories. Youth will turn in their best efforts at 3:30 p.m. Adults will follow at 4:30 p.m. Judging will take place at 5 p.m. with the awards presentation at 6 p.m.

Start a new family tradition. To enter contact, Toby Wilburn at 281-212-7020 or Joshua Burk at 936-346-7959.

Walking Tour at Lights In Liberty

LIBERTY - The Liberty County Historical Commission will lead a Walking Tour of historic homes during "Lights In Liberty" on Saturday, November 21, at 3 p.m. LCHC docents will meet participants 10 minutes before 3 p.m. in front of the Humphreys Cultural Center. Wear comfortable walking shoes and be capable of walking over uneven areas of sidewalks and streets. The tour will be on Milam and Austin Streets, the route the wagons will take during the evening. There are several interesting early homes and family histories, which have not been included in previous tours.

The public is invited to assemble at 3 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 21, during "Lights In Liberty" and join the Liberty County Historical Commission to celebrate history.

For more information email: lchc318@gmail.com or text 936-334-5813.

DPOA Movie Night this Saturday, Nov. 21

DAYTON - The Dayton Police Officers Association (DPOA) will host its first-ever Dayton Movie Night on Sat., Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the Dayton Community Center. The feature film will be Toy Story 5. Watch as Buzz, Woody, Jessie, and the rest of the toys face a new challenge when they find themselves competing with modern technology for attention.

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Arthur Loften's colorful shirt caught our eye when he first walked into the VFW Post 5621's Veterans' Day dinner last Wednesday. Arthur is a military veteran himself, although he did not serve during the Vietnam era. The shirt belongs to a dear friend who is now deceased and Arthur wears it to honor his friend who has passed.

Toys for Tots needs your help!
Place a donation box in your business

LIBERTY COUNTY - Christmas is a time of joy, happiness and goodwill. It is a time of giving and helping those who are less fortunate. For over half a century the U.S. Marine Corps is the unchallenged leader in looking after America's less fortunate children at Christmas through the Toys for Tots campaign.

You can help bring holiday joy to the children of Liberty County by joining Luxe Prints and Cuts and the Dayton Police Officers Association for this year's Toys for Tots toy drive. The goal is to bring toys to 4,000 kids in Lib-

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Matt Mitchell, who served his country in the U.S. Army from 2007 until 2011, brought along the whole family to enjoy the delicious smoked pork butt prepared by Toby Wilburn for the VFW's Post 5621's Veterans' Day meal last week. Joining Matt are his wife Roxana and three happy kiddos, (l-r) Barry, Cambria and Cheyenne.

