

City of Hempstead
Commerce and Civic Association Meeting
Tuesday, April 15th, 2025

1. Call to Order.
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Welcome Visitor's.
4. Sign In Sheet.
5. Approval of the March 2025 Monthly HCCA Minutes.
6. Approval of the April 2025 HCCA Treasurers Report.
7. Honor and Recognize Veronica Klausmeyer with the Hempstead City Council Position 2 for being this year's sponsor of the HCCA's Easter in the Park.
8. Report on the HCCA Easter in the Park that was held on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at the Downtown Gazebo. Special thanks to Hegemeyer Realty and Associates, Citizens Coffee and Wine Café, the Lions Club and Brian and Amber Trafton with Hunt for Community and the Watermelon Queen and Court, and volunteers for helping with the Easter in the Park.
9. Donation of \$1,000.00 to be Presented to Rick Branek with Meals on Wheels.
10. HCCA's Easter Bags for Meals on Wheels to be given out.
11. Donation of \$1,000.00 to be Presented to Dustin Stanley for the Texas Chrome Hero's Foundation for the Texas BBQ Throwdown.
12. Recognize Dakota and Rylee Smith for their Outstanding Wins in their BBQ Cooking Competitions.
13. Recognize 8 Time World Champion BBQ Cooker Robert Smith with First Class BBQ.
14. Recognize Tanya Simons, the Coordinator of Advanced Academics and CTE with the Hempstead Independent School District to discuss the strides that the Hempstead Career Technical Education is making.
15. Recognize Melissa Carter the HCCA Watermelon Festival Queen and Royalty Chairperson with information on the 35th Watermelon Festival Royalty Contest.
16. Recognize Individuals Running for a position on the HISD School Board. Current School Board Vice President Position 1 Tressy Wilson, Current Board Trustee Position 2 James Glover and also running Candice Adams for School Board Trustee Position 1 as well as Van Daveta running for School Board Trustee Position 2.

17. Recognize individuals Running for a position on the Hempstead City Council. Current Mayor Pro Ten Lonnie Garfield is running for Position 3, Nora Hodges current Council Member is rerunning for Position 5, running also for City Council Position 5 is A. C. Collette, and running for City Council Position 4 is Rooster Smith.
18. HCCA is Teaming Up with the St Katharine Drexel Catholic Church for their Cinco de Mayo Parade, on Saturday, May 3rd, 2025, and the celebration will begin after the parade at the downtown Gazebo to 6:00 P.M.
19. HCCA is Sponsoring the Memorial Day Parade and Program to Honor Our Fallen Waller County Veterans on Monday, May 26th, 2025, with a parade at 9:30 A.M. and the Memorial Day Program will be after the parade. Need Volunteers.
20. 35th Annual Watermelon Festival on Friday, July 18th, and Saturday, July 19th, 2025. Need Volunteers.
21. HCCA Membership – Business Membership is \$100.00, Non-Profit Membership is \$50.00, and Individual Membership is \$25.00.
22. Old Business.
24. New Business.
25. Next Meeting – Tuesday, May 20th, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. at the St Bartholomew's Episcopal Church at 811 14th Street, Hempstead, Texas.

26. Upcoming Events.

- Hempstead Police Department and Municipal Court Annual Meet and Greet on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 5:00 P.M. at the downtown gazebo with food, fun, and games.
- Opening of the Bobcat Stadium Track and Field on Wednesday, April 23rd, 2025, at 5:00 P.M. at 648 Donoho Street, Hempstead, Texas.
- Mudbug Crawfish Boil Dinner & Auction on Friday, April 25, 2025, at the Waller County Fairground located at 21988 FM 359, Hempstead beginning at 5:30 P.M.
- Texas Cotton Gin Festival on Saturday, April 26th, 2025, in Burton, Texas at 12601 West Washington Street, Burton, Texas beginning at 9:00 A.M.
- Power Wheels Demolition Derby on Saturday, April 26th, 2025, at the Waller County Fairgrounds, at 219+88 FM 359, Hempstead, Texas. Check in begins at 3:30 P.M.
- 10th Annual Demolition Derby on Saturday, April 26th, 2025, at the Waller County Fairgrounds located at 21988 FM 359, Hempstead beginning at 6:00 P.M.
- Knights of Columbus 11th Annual Golf Tournament on Sunday, April 27th, 2025, at the Brenham Country Club on Hwy 105 East, Brenham, Texas. Registration, Lunch, and Putting Contest begins at 10:00 A.M.
- Texas BBQ Throwdown for the Texas Chrome Hero's Foundation on Friday, May 2nd and Saturday, May 3rd at the Barbbque Store at 850 HWY 290 North, Hempstead.

- St Katharine Drexel Catholic Church Cinco de Mayo Celebration on Saturday, May 3rd, 2025, parade at 10:00 A.M. and the celebration begins after the parade till 6:00 P.M. at the downtown gazebo.
- Charlies Angels Dog Rescue 7th Annual Fund Raiser on Saturday, May 3rd, 2025, at the Texas Thunder Saloon at 29460 FM 1488, Waller, Texas.
- 2025 Watermelon Festival Queens Court – Mandatory meetings on Thursday, May 8th or Thursday, May 15th, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. at the St Bartholomew's Episcopal Church at 811 14th Street, Hempstead, Texas.
- Waller Area Chamber of Commerce Bingo Night on Friday, May 9th, 2025, at 6:30 P.M. at the Edmonds Hall at the Waller County Fairgrounds, Hempstead, Texas.
- Waller County 4-H 73rd Annual BBQ & Fundraiser on Saturday, May 17th, 2025, at the Waller County Fairgrounds, at 21988 FM 359, Hempstead beginning at 11:30 A.M.
- HCCA Memorial Day Parade and Memorial Day Program on Monday, May 26th, 2025. The parade begins at 9:15 A.M. and the program will start after the parade at the downtown gazebo with free hot dogs, chips, and drinks.
- Waller County Sheriff's Office & Ranch One One Five's 5th Annual Sporting Clay Tournament on Friday, June 20th, 2025 at the Westside Sporting Grounds located at 10120 Pattison Road, Katy, Texas.
- 35th Annual Watermelon Festival on Friday, July 18th and Saturday, July 19th, 2025. You can sign up to be a BBQ Cook-off Judge by going to www.growhempstead.com.
Need Volunteers to help with the Watermelon Festival.

27. Door prizes.

28. Adjourn.