

City of Hempstead
Commerce and Civic Association Meeting
Tuesday, April 16, 2024

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome Visitor's
4. Sign In Sheet
5. Approval for the March 2024 HCCA Minutes.
6. Approval for the April 2024 HCCA Treasurers Report.
7. Honor and Recognize Robert Smith with First Class BBQ for Winning the BBQ Grand Champion at the Austin Rodeo.
8. Honor and Recognize the Hempstead ISD Staff for March 2024 for the Early Childhood Center Campus – Teacher of the Month was Catherine Johns, and the Support Staff was Gloria Torres.
9. Honor and Recognize the Hempstead ISD Staff for March 2024 for the Elementary Campus – Teacher of the Month was Tabitha Collins, and the Support Staff of the Month was Renita Robinson.
10. Honor and Recognize the Hempstead ISD Staff for March 2024 for the Middle School Campus – Teacher of the Month was Christina Conklin, and the Support Staff was Tameko Wilder.
11. Honor and Recognize the Hempstead ISD Staff for March 2024 for the High School Campus – Teacher of the Month was Abigail Murray, and the Support Staff was Esmeralda Carrillo.
12. Honor and Recognize the FFA Students for Winning Grand and Reserve Champion at the Hempstead FFA Ag Show: The Grand Champions were Javier Padilla / Broilers – Jacob Cook / Rabbits – Cole David Wood / Goat and Lamb – Skylar Gullledge / Swine – Brylee Sanders / Heifer, and Kenzey Cox / Steer. The Reserve Champions: Sohpia Harvey / Broilers – Haley Carter / Rabbits – Edi Wood / Goat – Brianna Padilla / Lamb and Swine, and Braden Roehling / Heifer and Steer.
13. Honor and Recognize Ten HHS Graduating Seniors for 2024 that the HCCA Adopted:

Joseph Apodace, Haley Anhorn, Kaleb Blackmon, Marla Burkey, Haley Carter, John Duran, Natalie Gallegos, Valeria Garcia, Nubia Rivera, and Branden Roehling.

14. Honor and Recognize the Watermelon Festival Queen Scholarships to the 2022 Watermelon Queen Haley Carter and 2023 Watermelon Queen Hailey Anhorn.
15. Presentation of a HCCA donation to Dustin Stanley for the Texas BBQ Throwdown Benefiting the Texas Chrome Hero's Foundation.
16. Hempstead Independent School District Bond 2024 – Presentation by Superintendent Mr. Herbert O'Neil and School Board President Connie Wawarofsky.
17. HCCA Upcoming Great Ideas Event – Thursday, April 25th, 2024, with the Hempstead EDC Director, Ramiro Bautista, PH. D. at the Pilcher Airbnb located at 1812 12th Street, Hempstead, Texas. Refreshments and drinks will be served.
18. HCCA Membership – Business Builder Membership is \$100.00, Non-Profit Membership is \$50.00, and Individual Membership is \$25.00.
19. Introduction of the Candidates Present that are Running for Mayor and City Council positions for the City of Hempstead.
20. Upcoming HCCA Events – Cindo De Mayo Celebration, Memorial Day Parade and Program, and the Watermelon Festival – Need Volunteers
21. Old Business
22. New Business
23. Upcoming Local Events

*Hempstead Police Department Open House – Thursday, April 18th, 2024, at the downtown gazebo from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. There will be food, fun and games and arts and crafts.

*15th Annual TAFR Charity Wild Game Cook-Off, with BBQ, Broncs, and Bulls – Rodeo is on Friday, April 19th, 2024, and the Cook-Off is on April 19th and 20th, 2024 at the Waller County Fair Grounds, 21988 FM 359, Hempstead.

*Burton Cotton Gin Festival - Saturday, April 20th, 2024, in downtown Burton, Texas and Admission is free.

*Becoming A Better Community Outreach – Sunday, April 21st, 2024, at the Hempstead City Park, 250 Blasingame Road, Hempstead, Texas, from 2:00 to 7:00 P.M. There will be sports training, bounce houses, Food & Drinks, Community Fellowship, Facials, Music and more. For more information, please contact Jay Lewis-Brooks at 832-643-8191 or Taylor Lewis at 346-412-4570.

*Mudbug Crawfish Boil Dinner and Auction – Friday, April 26th, 2024, at the Waller County Fairgrounds, 21988 FM 359, Hempstead, Texas, with all you can eat crawfish.

*Power Wheels Demolition Derby for the Kids – Saturday, April 27th, 2024, at 3:30 P.M. at the Waller County Fairgrounds, 21988 FM 359, Hempstead, Texas.

*9th Annual Demolition Derby - Saturday, April 27th, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at the Waller County Fairgrounds, 21988 FM 359, Hempstead, Texas.

*Hempstead Garden Club Kentucky Derby Tea - Friday, May 3, 2024, at 11:00 A.M. at the 2K Reserve, located at 26260 Nelson Road, Hempstead, Texas. Enjoy a social honor from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. featuring Mint Juleps and appetizers. An award-winning fiddler, lunch buffet, photo booth, quilt raffle, hat contest, and plant and décor sale. Featured Speaker: The Honorable Judge Trey Duhon. Tickets are \$40.00 and a table for 8 is \$280.00. For Reservations contact Barbara at 281-793-9528 or bezub@att.net

*Waller Area Chamber of Commerce Bingo – Friday, May 3, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. at the Edmonds Hall at the Waller County Fairgrounds located at 21988 FM 359, Hempstead, Texas.

*Brenham Maifest Celebration – Friday, May 3rd and Saturday, May 4th, 2024, at the Fireman’s Park in Brenham, Texas. Entertainment, food, activities, retail booths, and a carnival.

*City of Hempstead Election, Hempstead ISD School Board and School Bond Election -Saturday, May 4th, 2024, from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at your polling location. For more information on the school bond, please visit hempsteadisd.org/bond2024. Early voting starts on Monday, April 22nd and goes on to Tuesday, April 30th, 2024.

*Cinco de Mayo Parade and Celebration - Saturday, May 4, 2024, sponsored by HCCA and St Katharine Drexel Catholic Church. The Parade will start at 10:00 A.M. and the Celebration will be held at the downtown gazebo with food, games, and entertainment.

*39th Annual German Sausage Dinner – Saturday, May 4th, 2024, at the Christ Lutheran Church in Pattison located at 35912 Royal Road, Pattison, Texas off FM359. Dinner, German music, food, silent and live auction, children’s area and family fun. Dine in or Drive Thru to go lunch. For more information call Christ Lutheran Church at 281-934-8218.

*Refuge Market - Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at 1346 Wilkins Street, Hempstead, Texas. Art and crafts and food vendors.

*Texas BBQ Throwdown for the Texas Chrome Hero's Foundation - Friday, May 10th and Saturday, May 11th, 2024, at The Barbbque Store at 850 Hwy 290 North, Hempstead. All proceeds benefiting the Texas Chrome Heros Foundation.

*Waller County 4-H 72nd Annual BBQ & Fundraiser - Saturday, May 18th, 2024, at the Waller County Fairgrounds, 21988 FM 359, Hempstead.

*Cross of Christ Lutheran Church Event – Saturday, May 20th, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Located 19361 FM 362, Waller, Texas. Vendors, food and drinks, snow cones, antique and craft sale and more.

*HISD Senior Week May 20th to May 24th, 2024. HISD graduation is on Friday, May 24th, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. in Prairie View.

*Memorial Day Parade and Program to Honor Our Fallen Waller County Veterans is on Monday, May 27th, 2024. The parade begins at 9:15 A.M. and the Memorial Day Program will be at the Downtown Gazebo right after the parade. There will be free food and drinks. We need volunteers.

*"90 Miles on 90" – Friday, June 7th and Saturday, June 8th, 2024, more than 90 miles of yard and antique sales along Hwy 90 and throughout. Columbus, Glidden, Weimer, Schulenburg, Flatonia, Waelder, Luling, Hardwood, Seguin, Geronimo, and McQueeney. Sales will be along Hwy 90 and throughout the towns. Maps will be available on www.schulenburgchamber.org/90miles-on-90.

*Hempstead Church of Christ 11th Annual Ladies Day – Saturday, June 8th, 2024, for information, please contact the church. The church is located at 23100 FM 359, Hempstead, Texas.

*4th Annual Sporting Clay Tournament – Presented by Sheriff Troy Guidry and the Waller County Sheriff's Office – Friday, June 14th, 2024, at the Westside Sporting Grounds located at 10120 Pattison Road, Katy, Texas. Benefiting Waller County Youth and Youth Programs. Contact s.brazil@wallercounty.us for more information.

*Buckles & Badges BBQ Cook-Off – Friday, June 14th and Saturday, June 15th, 2024, located at 850 Hwy 290 North, Hempstead, Texas. All proceeds benefit the WCSO

Reserve Command. For more information email dustin@thebarbquestore.com.

27. Next Meeting – May 21st, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at the St Bartholomew's Episcopal Church at 811 14th Street, Hempstead, Texas.
28. Drawing for Door Prizes.
29. Adjourn and Refreshments Served.