

City of Hempstead
Commerce and Civic Association Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, August 18th, 2026

1. Call to Order.
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call of HCCA Board Members.
4. Welcome HCCA Members and Visitor's.
5. Sign In Sheet for Attendance and Door Prizes.
6. Approval of the June 2026 Monthly HCCA Monthly Minutes.
7. Approval of the August 2026 HCCA Treasurers Reports.
8. Recognize and Honor Carolina Hernandez, Juan Munoz, Nayelia Reyes, and Stephanie Rodriquez the Prosperity Bank Employees for volunteering at the Watermelon Festival with the information booth.
9. Recognize and Honor the Beta Club Members that won at the National Beta Convention.

Liliana Herrera – National Champion for Onsite Art and 7th Place for Drawing

Jose Cardenas – Second Place 11th Grade Spanish

Christian Vega Stephens – Second Place 11th Grade Psychology
10. HCCA Donation to the Hempstead Beta Club in the amount of \$700.00 for helping with the Watermelon Growers Contest and Auction at the Watermelon Festival.
11. HCCA Donation to the Hempstead Theatre Club in the amount of \$700.00 for helping with the clean up after the Watermelon Festival.
12. Report on the previous HCCA 2025 Watermelon Royalty parades.

Luling Watermelon Thump – Won the Mayor's Award

McDade Watermelon Festival – Won First Place for the Best of Town Float
13. Recognize and Honor the 2026 Watermelon Festival Royalty.

Watermelon Queen – Karlea Cruz

Watermelon Princess – Alexa Grimaldo

Watermelon Duchess – Cay'Driann Tucker

Little Miss Watermelon – Skylar Smith
14. Recognize and Honor the winners of the 2026 Watermelon Festival Parade Awards.

Most Creative Entry went to Skylar Smith

Best Decorated Vehicle went to Neysa Aguero

15. House of Help will be having “The Best Hempstead Gala” on Saturday, September 12th, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. at the Red Oak Ranch in Hempstead. The House of Help needs canned goods for their food pantry.
16. HCCA Membership - \$100.00 for businesses, \$50.00 for non-profit organizations, and \$25.00 for an individual.
17. Old Business.
19. New Business.
20. Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 15th, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. at the St Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church at 811 14th Street, Hempstead, Texas.
21. Upcoming Events.
 - Hempstead American Legion Post 459 located at 31667 FM 1736 in Hempstead and next to the fire station. Meetings are held each month on the second Monday of the month at 6:00 P.M.
 - Waller County VFW Meets the first Tuesday of each month at the VFW Hall located at 1236 New Orleans in Hempstead. Doors open at 6:30 P.M. and the meeting starts at 7:00 P.M. All Veterans, auxiliary members, and supporters are welcome.
 - Waller County VFW Firearm Raffle – Runs from July 26th to September 26th, 2026.
 - Waller County Fair Kickoff Dinner and Auction on Friday, September 11th, 2026, at the Edmonds Hall at the Waller County Fairgrounds in Hempstead.
 - House of Help – “The Best of Hempstead Gala” on Saturday, September 12th, 2026, at the Red Oak Ranch located at 52715 US 290 in Hempstead. You will be able to enjoy food and vote for your favorite restaurant. For donations and tickets go to www.hofgala.org.
 - Mount Corinth Missionary Baptist Church will honor Pastor Clarence Talley, Sr and First Lady Carolyn Talley on their 13th Anniversary serving as Pastor and First Lady of the Mount at 11:00 A.M. at the church located at 807 7th Street in Hempstead.
 - Waller County Fair & Rodeo BBQ Cook-off on Friday, September 18th and Saturday, September 19th, 2026, at the Waller County Fairgrounds in Hempstead.
 - Waller County Fair and Rodeo runs from Thursday, September 24th until Saturday, October 3rd, 2026, at the Waller County Fair Grounds.
 - Waller County Fair Parade on Saturday, September 16th, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. in downtown Hempstead.
 - Friends for Wishes BBQ Cook-off 2026 on Friday, October 23rd and Saturday, October 24th, 2026, at the Waller County Fairgrounds in Hempstead. For more information go to www.friendsforwishes.org/bbqcook-off2026.
22. Door prizes and refreshments will be served. The door prizes are being donated by Melissa Hegemeyer with Hegemeyer Realty and Associates and Julian Alvarez with Texas Premier Residential Services, LLC.
23. Adjourn.

