

**City of Hempstead**  
**Commerce and Civic Association Meeting**  
Tuesday, March 19, 2024

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome Visitor's
4. Sign In Sheet
5. Approval for the February 2024 HCCA Minutes.
6. Approval for the March 2024 HCCA Treasurers Report.
7. Honor and Recognize the Hempstead ISD Staff for February 2024 for the Early Childhood Center Campus – Teacher of the Month was Everett Waddle, and the Support Staff was Rebecca Venegas.
8. Honor and Recognize the Hempstead ISD Staff for February 2024 for the Elementary Campus – Teacher of the Month was Lisa Marsh, and the Support Staff of the Month was Mayda Ibarra.
9. Honor and Recognize the Hempstead ISD Staff for February 2024 for the Middle School Campus – Teacher of the Month was Sandra Smith, and the Support Staff was Barbara Reid-Gooden.
10. Honor and Recognize the Hempstead ISD Staff for February 2024 for the High School Campus – Teacher of the Month was Cori Gurka, and the Support Staff was Diana Duncan.
11. Honor and Recognize the Hempstead High School Color Guard for Competing in the MA Dance State Championships back on February 24, 2024, at the Klein Oak High School – The Team Won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Color Guard Ensemble Category – Mr. Walker Band Director and Charli Villarreal the Color Guard Sponsor and Team Leader – Team Members are Anahi Garcia, Emely Hernandez, Casey Seets, Kaylee Lewis, and Leahne Smith. Kaylee Lewis and Leahne Smith's duet earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Color Guard Ensemble Category. Casey Seets received 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 15-16 solo category. Each student qualified for the National Championships scheduled for Saturday, March 23, 2024, at the University of Texas at Arlington.
12. Honor and Recognize the Hempstead Theatre Company Winners from the Brazos Speech Tournament – Champion Anayanzeth Salinas Vargas, 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up Jesus Montero Oliva Competed in Prose – Maeli Smith Placed 5<sup>th</sup> Place in Poetry, and Maeli

Smith Placed 4<sup>th</sup> in Informative Speaking.

13. Honor and Recognize Harlea Smith for Winning the Reserve Champion Red Cross at the Rodeo Austin 2024.
14. Honor and Recognize Robert Smith with First Class BBQ for Winning the 2024 Grand Champion BBQ Cook-Off at the Austin Rodeo.
15. Honor and Recognize Kortnee Solomon – A fourth-generation Texas cowgirl who was only 11-year-old when she competed in the first nationally televised Black Rodeo.
16. Honor and Recognize the City Employees of the Month – January was Sabrina Alvarez, February was Antonio Reyes and March was Guillermo Benitez.
17. HCCA Membership – Business Builder Membership is \$100.00, Non-Profit Membership is \$50.00, and Individual Membership is \$25.00.
18. Adopt a 2024 Hempstead High School Senior – Go to Facebook Page “Adopt a 2024 HHS Senior”.
19. HCCA Ribbon Cutting for Hegemeyer Realty and Associates on Friday, March 22nd, 2024, at 4:00 P.M. located at 820 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Hempstead.
20. Upcoming HCCA Events – Easter in the Park, Memorial Day Parade and Program, and the Watermelon Festival – Need Volunteers
21. Old Business
22. New Business
23. Upcoming Local Events

\*\*Knights of Columbus Famous Friday Night Fish Fry – Friday Nights beginning February 16<sup>th</sup> and runs to Friday, March 22, 2024, beginning at 5:00 P.M. at 22892 Mack Washington Lane, Hempstead, Texas.

\*\*Waller County Courthouse Groundbreaking Ceremony on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 3:00 P.M. at 836 Austin Street, Hempstead.

\*\*Meet Our Agents and Networking Opportunity at Hegemeyer Realty & Associates Office on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. at 820 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Hempstead.

\*\*Meet our Business Colleagues at Hegemeyer Realty & Associates Office on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Come and get connected with our dedicated team of agents, explore exciting real estate opportunities, and join us as we celebrate our partnership with our valued Business Colleagues.

**\*\*Opening Day of the Hempstead Little League – Saturday, March 23, 2024, the Parade is at 9:00 A.M. and Opening Ceremonies begin at 10:00 A.M. – There will be Kona Ice, Fruit Cups, Ice Cream, Fashion, Home Décor, and Scentsy**

**\*\*HCCA Easter in Park – Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, at the Downtown Gazebo from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Free food and drinks, arts and crafts, Easter Egg Hunt, and pictures with the Easter Bunny.**

**\*\*Prairie View Classic Car Show – Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at 36287 Owens Road in Prairie View. Same day registration participation fee is \$20.00 and awards will be given out at 2:00 P.M.**

**\*\*Monville Volunteer Fire Departments 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Crawfish Boil on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, and doors open at 11:30 A.M. located at 13527 Cochran Road, Waller, Texas.**

**\*\*Easter Story Time on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, at Hegemeyer Realty & Associates Office at 820 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Hempstead from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. There will be book readings every 30 minutes, Easter family photos, crafts, book drawings, and snacks.**

**\*\*Agriculture and Natural Resources Family – Family and Community Health – Youth Development – Sponsored by Texas A & M AgriLife Extension Office on March 25, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at the Waller County Community Center located at 21274 FM 1098 #21212, Prairie View.**

**\*\*Waller County Master Gardeners Presents a Horticultural Event with Felder Rushing National know Horticulturist, Author, and NPR Radio Host on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the Hempstead First Baptist Church at 445 Main Street, Hempstead, Texas at 10:00 A.M.**

**\*\*Refuge Market on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the Church of Refuge located at 1346 Wilkins Street, Hempstead.**

**\*\*Sealy Spring Fest on April 13, 2024, at the Sealy Historical Park, 211 East Main Street, Sealy with Brown Sugar Band, Art Show and Sale, Dancers, Vintage Cars, Trucks, and Tractors, with Demonstrations, Old-Fashioned Games, Treasure Hunt, Victorian Tea Party, Train Rides, Handcrafted Items, Great Food, and a Bake Sale with Free Admission.**

**\*\*Chappell Bluebonnet Festival on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in downtown Chappell Hill, Texas and Admission is Free.**

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

**\*\*Burton Cotton Gin Festival on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in downtown Burton, Texas and Admission is free.**

**\*\*Mudbug Crawfish Boil Dinner and Austion – Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the Waller County Fairgrounds, 21988 FM 359, Hempstead. With all you can eat crawfish.**

**\*\*9<sup>th</sup> Annual Demolition Derby on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at the Waller County Fairgrounds, 21988 FM 359, Hempstead.**

**\*\*Texas BBQ Throwdown for the Texas Chrome Hero's Foundation on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at The Barbque Store at 850 Hwy 290 North, Hempstead. All proceeds benefiting the Texas Chrome Heros Foundation.**

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

**\*\*HISD Senior Week May 20<sup>th</sup> to May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024. HISD graduation is on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

27. Next Meeting – April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at the St Bartholomew's Episcopal Church at 811 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Hempstead, Texas

28. Drawing for Door Prizes

29. Adjourn