

SCHERTZ, TEXAS ★ NOVEMBER 2026

SCHERTZ

— *magazine* —



DOSS AUDIOLOGY & HEARING CENTER

Can You Hear The Leaves Rustling?

*If not, schedule an appointment
with one of our local hearing experts!*



Ashley Piña, AuD



Jenny Blanco-Doe, Au.D.



Phallon Doss, Au.D.



Stephen Williams, M.A.

FLORESVILLE
(830) 542-8957

www.dossaudiology.com

SCHERTZ
(210) 819-5002



18905 IH 35 N,
SCHERTZ, TX
CALL OR STOP BY
TODAY!
830-609-7759

COME EXPERIENCE THE FREEDOM &
AFFORDABILITY OF RV & TINY HOME LIVING!

- * FULL HOOKUPS * 2 DOG PARKS *
- * LAUNDRY & SHOWERS *
- * ADULT POOL & HOT TUB *
- * FAMILY POOL * KIDS PLAYGROUND *
- * FITNESS CENTER * RECREATION HALLS *
- * WIFI & VIDEO STREAMING AVAILABLE *
- * CONVENIENTLY LOCATED TO I 35,
RESTAURANTS & SHOPPING *

Edward Jones

> edwardjones.com | Member SIPC

**Looking for a new financial
advisor? Let's talk.**



Matthew C Bauer, AAMS®, CRPC™
Financial Advisor
matthew.bauer@edwardjones.com
1 Commercial Place, Suite 101
Schertz, TX 78154
726-232-8296

MKT-5894M-A-SM

SCHERTZ

— magazine —

**NOT RECEIVING THE MAGAZINE BUT WOULD
LIKE TO? OR PREFER TO STOP RECEIVING A
PRINTED COPY? LET US KNOW!**

Residents can request to be added to or removed
from the magazine mailing list by emailing
magazine@schertz.com or calling (210) 619-1630.





**SCHERTZ
BANK &
TRUST**

Thankful for Our Community

Local. Family-Owned. Here for You.

For more than a century, Schertz Bank & Trust has been proud to serve the families, businesses, and organizations that make our communities special. This season, we are especially grateful for the relationships and trust our customers place in us every day.



**Personal
Banking**



**Business
Banking**



**Commercial
Lending**



**Treasury
Solutions**

Proudly Serving Our Communities

SCHERTZ | SEGUIN | SAN MARCOS | KIRBY | NEW BRAUNFELS



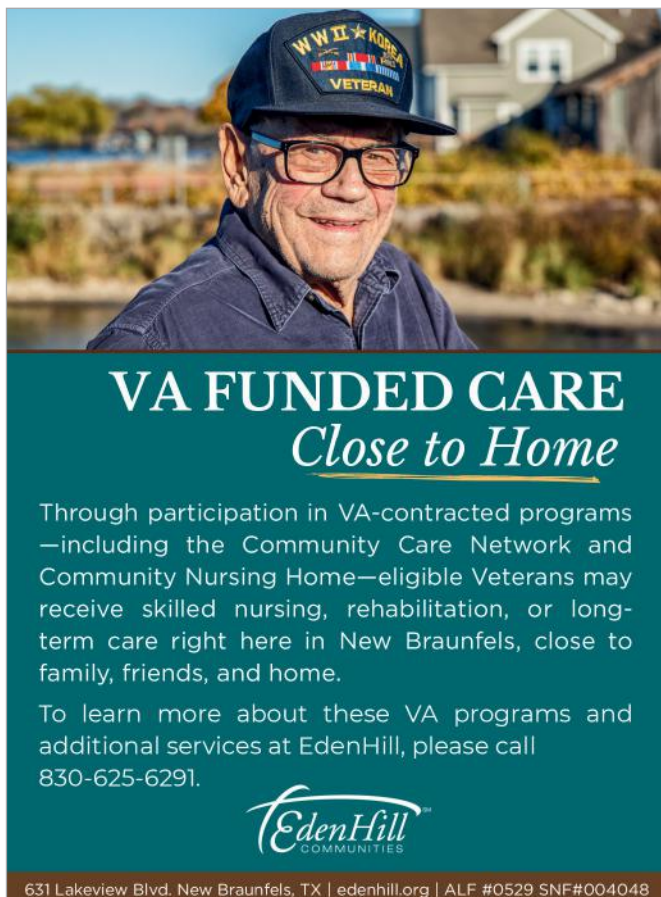
(210) 945-7400



SCHERTZBANK.COM

**Member
FDIC**





VA FUNDED CARE *Close to Home*

Through participation in VA-contracted programs—including the Community Care Network and Community Nursing Home—eligible Veterans may receive skilled nursing, rehabilitation, or long-term care right here in New Braunfels, close to family, friends, and home.

To learn more about these VA programs and additional services at EdenHill, please call 830-625-6291.



631 Lakeview Blvd. New Braunfels, TX | edenhill.org | ALF #0529 SNF#004048





Frost

Small business has always been a big deal to us

For generations, we've been helping build businesses with sound advice and award-winning service.

Visit us at **FrostBank.com** or call **(800) 51-FROST**.

Exactly What You Unexpected™

Member FDIC



NOVEMBER 2026

Table of Contents

- 05 City Headlines
- 11 Feature
- 14 Happening this Month
- 16 Parks & Recreation
- 18 Library
- 28 Around the Community



ON THE COVER

As we celebrate our veterans this November, we spotlight VFW Cibolo Valley Post 8315, which has spent 80 years supporting veterans and their families, helping local youth, and serving the Schertz community.

FEATURE



11 VFW Post 8315 Reflects on 80 Years of Service

SCHERTZ
— magazine —

➔ VISIT SCHERTZ.COM



ABOUT OUR MAGAZINE

Schertz Magazine is a monthly popular lifestyle/entertainment/community events publication wholly owned and operated by the City of Schertz and produced internally by the Schertz Public Affairs Department. It serves as the primary dissemination source for government information for a growing city of over 43,000 residents. The magazine is mailed to 15,000+ local households and over 1,000 businesses.

Our mailing address is 1400 Schertz Parkway, Schertz, Texas 78154. The editorial office of *Schertz Magazine* is located at the Hal Baldwin Municipal Complex, Bldg. 2. Call (210) 619-1630 or go to Schertz.com/schertzmagazine.



CITY COUNCIL

Ralph Rodriguez Mayor
Dr. Mark E. Davis Councilmember
Michelle Watson Councilmember
Paul Macaluso Councilmember
Benjamin Guerrero Councilmember
Robert Westbrook Councilmember
Sarah Dietz Councilmember
Dr. Robert L. Sheridan III Councilmember

EXECUTIVE TEAM

Steve Williams City Manager
Brian James Deputy City Manager
Sarah Gonzalez Assistant City Manager
Greg Rodgers Fire Chief
James Lowery Police Chief
Jason Mabbitt EMS Chief

EDITORIAL TEAM

Krystal Haynes Director of Public Affairs
Devan Christensen Communications Manager
Tatum Hearn Marketing and Communications Specialist
Victoria Garza Communications Coordinator

CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Krystal Haynes, Devan Christensen, Tatum Hearn, Victoria Garza, Sarah Gonzalez, Sydney Paredes, Stephanie Barbosa, Ashley Ritchey, Maggie Titterington, Anna Kraft, Amy Madison, Michelle Cherry, Samantha Raby, Lisa Locken.

CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHERS

Krystal Haynes, Devan Christensen, Tatum Hearn, Victoria Garza, Stacey Lovett, Antonio Morano, Anna Kraft, Joe Herczeg, Christy Cobb

NEWS POLICY

Schertz Magazine encourages submission of news and event announcement items. Publication is not guaranteed. If you would like to submit an item to *Schertz Magazine*, email magazine@schertz.com or call (210) 619-1630.

The appearance of advertising in this publication does not constitute endorsement by the City of Schertz. Articles that appear in *Schertz Magazine* do not necessarily reflect the official position of the City of Schertz and does not constitute an endorsement therein. Any publication of *Schertz Magazine* is sole property of the City of Schertz and cannot be reproduced or distributed in any way without the permission and written consent of the City of Schertz.

Schertz Celebrates National Night Out

Schertz neighborhoods came together on October 6 for this year's National Night Out. Residents hosted gatherings throughout the city and welcomed visits from the Schertz Police Department, Schertz Fire, Schertz EMS, City Councilmembers, and city staff.

A total of 33 neighborhoods registered their National Night Out events. Eight teams traveled throughout the city, visiting communities from as far north as Northcliffe to the southern end of Hallie Heights. The teams gave residents a chance to meet with local police, firefighters, EMS personnel, city staff, and their Councilmembers.

Each registered neighborhood received a proclamation recognizing

its participation in National Night Out. The proclamations were read on-site by the visiting Councilmember.

National Night Out is held each year on the first Tuesday of October and gives residents an opportunity to connect with the people who serve their community. Thank you to all of the neighborhoods that hosted events and helped make this year's celebration a success.

We look forward to the next National Night Out on October 5, 2027, and we can't wait to celebrate with everyone again!



Blue Santa Brings Holiday Cheer to Schertz Families



The holiday season is just around the corner, and the Schertz Police Department is once again bringing the community together through its Blue Santa Program. This long-standing program helps provide Christmas

gifts to local children and families who could use some extra support during the holidays.

If you would like to help make a child's Christmas a little brighter, the Blue

Santa Tree will be set up in the Schertz Police Department lobby beginning November 23. Each ornament on the tree represents a child's holiday wish. Community members can choose an ornament, purchase the requested gift, and return the gift unwrapped to the police department by December 11.

Officers, volunteers, and community partners will then organize and wrap the gifts before delivering them to participating families. Every gift donated helps bring a little extra joy to a local child on Christmas morning.

Families who would like to request assistance, as well as those who would like to nominate a family, have until Thursday, November 19 to apply.

➤ Applications are available online at [Schertz.com/BlueSanta](https://www.schertz.com/BlueSanta) or in person at the Schertz Police Department. For more information about the Blue Santa Program, contact Officer Anna Kraft at (210) 619-1264 or akraft@schertz.com.



General Election

THE CITY OF SCHERTZ WILL HOLD A GENERAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026, TO ELECT CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR PLACE 3, PLACE 4, AND PLACE 5. COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTED TO THESE POSITIONS WILL SERVE THREE-YEAR TERMS FROM NOVEMBER 2026 THROUGH NOVEMBER 2029.

Election Day: November 3, 2026

Polls Open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

On Election Day, eligible VOTERS MAY VOTE AT ANY of the locations in the county in which they reside. Voters are NOT limited to only voting in the precinct where they are registered to vote.

GUADALUPE COUNTY

CLOSEST POLLING LOCATIONS:

VC #24: Schertz United Methodist Church
3460 Roy Richard Drive
Schertz, TX 78154

VC #26: Crosspoint Fellowship Church
2600 Roy Richard Drive
Schertz, TX 78154

VC #28: Schertz Community Center
1400 Schertz Parkway, Bldg. 3
Schertz, TX 78154

VC #29: Mikulski Hall
509 Schertz Parkway
Schertz, TX 78154

VC #30: Schertz Community Center North
3501 Morning Drive
Schertz, TX 78108

BEXAR COUNTY

CLOSEST POLLING LOCATIONS:

VC #417: Corbett Junior High School
12000 Ray Corbett Dr.
Schertz, TX 78154

VC #429: Schertz Fire Station #3
11917 Lower Seguin Road
Schertz, TX 78154

COMAL COUNTY

CLOSEST POLLING LOCATIONS:

VC #13: Garden Ridge Community Center,
Wildflower Room
9500 Municipal Parkway
Garden Ridge, TX 78266

VC#15: Westside Public Library
2932 S. IH 35
New Braunfels, TX 78130

➤ A list of all County Election Day Voting Centers can be found on [Schertz.com/Election](https://www.schertz.com/Election) or on the county website. For questions about the City election, contact the City Secretary's Office at (210) 619-1030.

COUNTY ELECTION WEBSITES

Visit [Schertz.com/Election](https://www.schertz.com/Election) or scan the QR codes below to view all voting locations. Election Day voting locations and additional voting information are also available through your county elections office.



Guadalupe
County



Bexar
County



Comal
County

* INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Schertz Fire Department Recognizes Jesse Ruiz and Matt Hamilton for 20 Years of Service

FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS, JESSE RUIZ AND MATT HAMILTON HAVE BEEN PART OF THE TEAM PROTECTING AND SERVING THE SCHERTZ COMMUNITY



Since joining the department in 2005 and 2006, respectively, both have dedicated their careers to serving the community and responding to emergencies.

Ruiz joined the department in January 2005 after graduating from John Jay High School in 2000. He attended the fire academy and earned his EMT-Basic certification in 2003, gaining experience with Bexar County District 2 and a private ambulance service before joining Schertz. Throughout his time with the department, Ruiz has served as a firefighter and remained on C Shift for nearly his entire career. He has been part of numerous major incidents, including fires, vehicle extrications and emergency responses requiring AirLife.

Hamilton joined the Schertz Fire Department in August 2006 after beginning his fire service career with the Aransas Pass Fire Department. A graduate of Alamo Heights High School, he also spent several years in culinary school before entering the fire service. He spent most of his career as a firefighter before becoming a driver operator. Over the years, he has responded to many memorable calls that have stayed with him throughout his career.

Outside the fire department, both Ruiz and Hamilton have built careers in roofing. Ruiz owns Magnum Roofing, a business he started to build a second career for the future. Hamilton began working part time in the roofing

industry in 2017 and founded TriPoint Roofing in 2024. Both stay busy on their days off while continuing to serve the Schertz community.

Family is also an important part of life for both firefighters. Ruiz and his wife have been together since 2000 and married since 2007. They have three children, including a daughter who is attending the fire academy and hopes to follow in his footsteps. In his free time, Ruiz enjoys spending time with his family and vacationing.

Hamilton and his wife have been married for 14 years and have a daughter. Outside of work, he enjoys family time, traveling, outdoor activities and CrossFit.

After more than two decades with the Schertz Fire Department, both Ruiz and Hamilton value the experiences and relationships that have shaped their careers. For Ruiz, remaining on C Shift and building lasting friendships have been especially meaningful. Hamilton also carries with him memories of the many calls he has answered throughout his years of service.

The City of Schertz thanks Ruiz and Hamilton for their more than 20 years of service, their commitment to public safety and their continued dedication to the community.

City Presents 2026 Class of Staff Emerging Leaders Program



THE SCHERTZ EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM, NOW CONCLUDING ITS FIFTH YEAR, REMAINS A CORNERSTONE OF THE COMMITMENT THE CITY HAS MADE TO DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP ACROSS ALL LEVELS WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION.

The program is steadfast in its mission to challenge participants, helping them unlock and cultivate their leadership potential. As we wrapped up year five of the program, we celebrated the achievements of our graduates at the October 20 City Council meeting.

In the fifth year of this program, City employees who were carefully selected through a rigorous application process engaged in an intensive 8-month curriculum. The curriculum covered a wide array of leadership concepts, including but not limited to human behavior, trust-building, effective communication, conflict resolution, emotional intelligence, team dynamics, and coaching techniques. These concepts were delivered through a mix of classroom sessions and practical exercises to ensure a well-rounded

development experience. The class also got to spend a day learning about the operations of the Schertz Seguin Local Government Corporation and taking a tour of the facilities.

Furthermore, to provide invaluable support throughout the program, each participant was paired with a seasoned mentor from within the organization. These mentors served as guides and advisors, offering counsel at regular intervals to aid in the participants' growth and development as emerging leaders. This mentorship component added a personalized touch to the program, enhancing the learning experience and fostering strong connections within our workforce.

The next class of the Schertz Emerging Leaders is scheduled to begin in early 2027.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2026:

- Harris Atilano-Fuentes, Public Works, Streets Maintenance Worker Trainee
- Starla Blake, Police, Police Records Manager
- Tatum Hearn, Public Affairs, Marketing & Communication Specialist
- Miguel Martinez, Library, Library Assistant
- Cole Moody, Parks & Recreation, Park Maintenance Technician II
- Jeremiah Rodriguez, EMS, Paramedic
- Rodolfo Rosales, Utility Billing, Utility Billing Manager
- Jose Sanchez, Public Works, Streets Maintenance Worker II

Schertz Area Senior Center Celebrates a Year of Improvements



The Schertz Area Senior Center is celebrating a year of continued improvements and operations with the City of Schertz. A ribbon-cutting ceremony held on October 16 marked the occasion and highlighted the updates made to create a more welcoming, comfortable, and accessible space for local seniors.

Over the past year, the City has made several improvements throughout the Center, including fresh paint, parking

lot resurfacing and restriping, additional tables and card tables, upgraded storage, and new televisions. Members can also enjoy a new logo mural and an Honor Tree art installation, adding personal touches to the space.

More improvements are on the way, with funding approved in the City's FY 2026-27 Budget. Planned updates include new chairs with armrests, updated furniture for the lobby and reception area, access door controls, and building cameras. These improvements will help enhance the facility and support the needs of its members.

The ribbon-cutting celebration included remarks from Mayor Ralph Rodriguez

and Parks and Recreation Director Lauren Shrum. City Council members and staff also attended to celebrate the occasion alongside the Center's members and recognize the work that has gone into improving the facility.

The City thanks everyone who helped make these improvements possible and those who joined the celebration. As improvements continue, the Schertz Area Senior Center remains a place for local seniors to build friendships, stay active, and connect with their community.

Want to learn more about the Schertz Area Senior Center? Be sure to check out the special Focus on Schertz Area Senior Center section on page 23 of this magazine!

The Schertz Area Senior Center is located at 608 Schertz Parkway and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

➤ For more information about membership, activities, or programs, call (210) 619-1970 or go to [Schertz.com/Seniors](https://www.schertz.com/Seniors).



DeVior Fitness & Yoga

GET FIT BOOT CAMP

**We Believe Being Healthy
Should Be **Fun**, Not Expensive!**

**Monday • Wednesday • Friday
5:15 AM & 6:00 AM**

Lone Oak Plaza, 1208 FM 78, Schertz
www.devoirfitness.com | 210.658.3488



Celebrating Municipal Courts Week, International Accounting Day and GIS Day in Schertz

THIS NOVEMBER, THE CITY OF SCHERTZ IS PROUD TO RECOGNIZE THE DEDICATED EMPLOYEES IN OUR MUNICIPAL COURT, FINANCE DEPARTMENT AND GIS DIVISION. JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THEIR HARD WORK AND THE IMPORTANT ROLE THEY PLAY IN SERVING OUR COMMUNITY.



Municipal Courts Week

From November 2–6, we recognize Municipal Courts Week, honoring the municipal judges, court clerks, court administrators, prosecutors, bailiffs and warrant officers who help ensure our local justice system operates efficiently. This week is an opportunity to recognize their work and educate the public about the important role municipal courts play in our community. We extend a special thank-you to our court staff and Judge Darrell Dullnig for their dedication and service.



International Accounting Day

On Tuesday, November 10, we celebrate International Accounting Day, recognizing the professionals who help keep financial records accurate and our finances running smoothly. Our Finance Department plays an important role in managing the City's budget, tracking revenue and expenses, and ensuring public funds are handled responsibly. Thank you to our Finance team for your attention to detail and commitment to serving Schertz!



National GIS Day

On Wednesday, November 18, we celebrate National GIS Day, a day dedicated to sharing, teaching and inspiring others about Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Our GIS team helps map our city, create dashboards and make information more accessible to the public. Thank you for your expertise and the valuable work you do to support Schertz every day!

VFW Post 8315 Reflects on 80 Years of Service

By DEVAN CHRISTENSEN

FOR 80 YEARS, VFW CIBOLO VALLEY POST 8315 HAS BEEN A PLACE WHERE VETERANS COME TOGETHER TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER AND CONTINUE SERVING THEIR COMMUNITY.

From its beginnings with a group of World War II veterans to the veterans who serve today, the Post has remained active in Schertz by supporting veterans and their families, helping local youth, and taking part in community events.

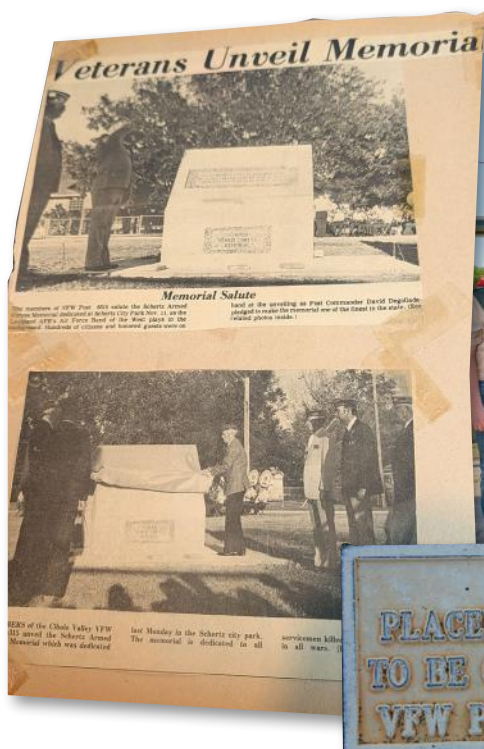
VFW Post 8315 was chartered on August 30, 1946, by 45 World War II veterans. Eighty years later, Post Commander Michael Napolitano says the anniversary is a reminder of the generations of veterans who have helped keep the organization going.

"Eighty years means generations of veterans have kept this Post going, from the World War II veterans who chartered it in 1946 to the Iraq and Afghanistan veterans who are members today," Napolitano said. "For me, it's a reminder that we're caretakers of something bigger than any one of us."

For former Post Commander Henry Conway, the Post's impact on the community became clear when he and his wife, Eileen, were looking for a Boy Scout troop for their two sons after he retired from the military and joined the Post in 2004. They chose Troop 512, which was sponsored by the Post, and saw firsthand how members supported the Scouts with their time, equipment and resources.

"As my wife and I joined this VFW Post, we felt a sense of a welcoming family-oriented atmosphere," Conway wrote. "Members were very friendly, helpful, hard-working and most of the Post work was done by the members who volunteered their time and finances to get the job done."

That history can still be seen around the Post today. One of the most recognizable examples is the M-60





tank outside the Post on FM 78, known as “Earley’s War Wagon.” In the early 1990s, longtime member Jerry Bethke was asked to help find a tank for the Post. After months of calls and coordination with the Army, the tank eventually made its way to Schertz in 1994. It was dedicated as “Earley’s War Wagon” in honor of Claude Earley, who had helped start the effort but passed away before the project was completed.

The Post’s work on Schertz Veterans Memorial Plaza began around 2010, when members partnered with the City and community leaders to help bring the project to life. The Post helped facilitate donations through its nonprofit status, allowing contributions to be tax-deductible. After several years of fundraising, the plaza was dedicated on Veterans Day in 2014. Today, more than 1,500 memorial pavers are available at the plaza, with 1,275 engraved to honor veterans and their service. The City of Schertz Veterans Memorial Plaza also hosts Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies every three years as the observances rotate among Schertz, Cibolo, and Selma.

For Napolitano, projects like the plaza are about more than what can be seen today. The Post also has a time capsule that was sealed around 1987 when the

Hall of Flags was built. It is scheduled to be opened in 2037.

“Whoever sealed it was thinking about people they would never meet,” Napolitano said. “We plant things for the people who come after us.”

That same idea continues through the Post’s work today. VFW Post 8315 provides veterans with a place to connect with others who understand their experiences and offers help navigating VA benefits and other resources. The Post also provides support through its Relief Fund, hosts Disabled American Veterans VA claims seminars, and helps make sure veterans are remembered through ceremonies and community events.

Conway’s memories also reflect how the Post’s service reaches beyond its own members. During his time with the organization, he saw members

help veterans and their families facing financial or physical challenges, assist older residents with home repairs and transportation, and support local schools and youth programs. Eighty years after it was established, that commitment remains part of the Post’s work.

“Now 80 years later, Cibolo Valley Post 8315 is still helping Veterans and their families in more different ways,” Conway wrote.

Its work extends beyond veterans as well. The Post has supported local youth and education programs for decades, including Scouting and scholarship programs such as the Voice of Democracy and Patriot’s Pen. Members also continue to fly flags along Main Street throughout the year. The Post’s monthly fundraising breakfast, held on the third Saturday of each month, is open to the public and gives veterans, families and neighbors an opportunity to gather.

Those connections were on full display when the Post celebrated its 80th anniversary on August 30. The Post hosted an open house with food, anniversary cake, and historical memorabilia before local bands performed that evening. Members and community members filled the building throughout the day.

“For members, it was a chance to look back at what earlier generations built and share some of that history with our neighbors,” Napolitano said. “Seeing the building that full was the best reminder that this community still shows up for its veterans.”

“

I want this Post to be the first place any veteran in this area thinks of when they need help, community, or a way to keep serving.

— MICHAEL NAPOLITANO



That community support is one of the reasons Napolitano believes the Post has remained active for eight decades. Veterans have continued to show up, and the community has continued to support them. With Schertz, Cibolo, and Universal City located near JBSA-Randolph, the area continues to welcome new generations of veterans.

As the Post looks toward its next 80 years, Napolitano hopes it will continue to be a place where veterans know they can turn for support, community, and a way to keep serving.

"I want this Post to be the first place any veteran in this area thinks of when

they need help, community, or a way to keep serving," he said. "That means welcoming veterans, strengthening our Auxiliary, being a good neighbor to Schertz, supporting local youth and community events, and keeping this place a gathering point for people who care about service."

And while the Post is built around veterans, Napolitano wants the community to know that everyone has a place there.

"You don't have to be a veteran to be part of what we do," he said. "Our monthly breakfast is open to everyone, our canteen is open to the public, and our events are for the community."

After 80 years, VFW Post 8315 continues to build on the work of the veterans who came before them while making sure there is a place for those who will serve after them. Its history is part of Schertz's history, and its next chapter is still being written.

Eck

DENTAL PARTNERS

EXPERIENCED IN DENTAL EXCELLENCE

Same Team. New Name. Trusted for Over 43 Years.

Experience excellence in crowns, bridges, dentures, implant placements, wisdom tooth extraction, sedation, and smile makeovers.

Two dentists; all care in one office.

2501 FM 3009, Schertz, TX 78154
(210) 659-1379 • eckdentalpartners.com



Nathan Eck, DMD



Mark A. Penshorn, DDS

HAPPENING THIS MONTH *in Schertz* NOV.



PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Library Knights: Schertz Adult Chess Club	Nov. 1 @ 12:15 – 2 p.m.	Library Meeting Room 2
Schertz Area Genealogists Meeting	Nov. 3 @ 6:30 p.m.	Library Meeting Room 1
Adult Fitness & Wellness Class	Nov. 4 @ 11 a.m.	Library Meeting Room 1
Poem in Your Pocket: Topic: Seasonal Themed Poetry (Adults 18+)	Nov. 5 @ 7 p.m.	Library Meeting Room 1
Story & Swim (Ages Birth – 7 yrs.)	Nov. 6 @ 10 – 11:30 a.m.	Schertz Aquatic Center
My Art Starz: Colored Pencil Workshop	Nov. 6 @ 6 p.m.	Schertz Community Center
Schertz Hometown Harvest	Nov. 7 @ 9 a.m.	Pickrell Park Large Pavilion
Lego Lab (Ages 5+)	Nov. 7 @ 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.	Library Program Room
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Family & Friends Mental Health Workshop (Adults)	Nov. 7 @ 10:30 a.m.	Library Meeting Room 1
Texas Riparian & Stream Ecosystem Workshop (18+)	Nov. 10 @ 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Schertz Civic Center Bluebonnet Hall
Free Legal Advice Clinic with CTDRC (Adults 18+)	Nov. 12 @ 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Library Meeting Room 1
Nature Discovery Series	Nov. 14 @ 9:30 a.m.	Crescent Bend Nature Park
Sunday Afternoon Mindful Meditation (Adults 18+)	Nov. 15 @ 1 p.m.	Library Program Room
Native Plant Society Seed Cleaning & Packaging Program	Nov. 15 @ 1 – 3 p.m.	Library Meeting Room 1
Cookie Decorating Class: Cozy Cookies	Nov. 18 @ 6 p.m.	Schertz North Center
Book Bedazzling Evening (Adults 18+)	Nov. 19 @ 5:30 – 7 p.m.	Library Meeting Room 1
Adult Healthy Cooking Class	Nov. 20 @ 10:30 a.m.	Library Program Room
Craft Lab (Ages 5+)	Nov. 21 @ 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Library Program Room
Nature Scavenger Hunt	Nov. 22 @ 3:30 p.m.	Crescent Bend Nature Park

HOLIDAY CARD MAKING! (ADULTS 18+)

Tues., Nov. 3 | 6 – 7:30 p.m. | Library Program Room

Make someone's spirit bright with a handmade holiday card. All supplies will be provided, and two experienced card makers will be available to guide, assist, and answer any questions you may have. Supplies are limited.

NEXT MONTH IN SCHERTZ...



Save the Date

FIND THE SPY: MISS CRIMSON CHALLENGE GAME

Tues., Dec. 29 | Schertz Public Library

Get ready for a night of mystery and intrigue! Teens and adults are invited to join us for a murder mystery party at the library. Can you solve the mystery? More details coming soon!

RECURRING PROGRAMS

Paper Crafting Crop (Adults)	Fourth Sunday @ 12 – 5 p.m.	Library Program Room
Unlimited Horizons Writing Workshop (Adults 18+)	Second Sunday @ 3 – 5 p.m.	Library Meeting Room 2
Senior Center Tech Help**	Second Mondays @ 10 – 11 a.m.	Schertz Senior Center
Monster's Vale: Fighter Practice	Mondays @ 6 p.m.	Pickrell Park Large Pavilion
Library Quilt Bee (Time varies, check online)	Second and Fourth Tuesday and Third Saturday	Library Meeting Room 1
Beginner/High Beginner Line Dance Class	Tuesdays @ 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.	Community Center
Toddler Storytime (Ages 20 months – 3 yrs.)***	Tuesdays & Wednesdays @ 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Thursdays @ 11 – 11:30 a.m.	Library Program Room
Weekly Mahjong Open Play (Adults 18+)	Tuesdays @ 10:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Library Meeting Room 2
Preschool Storytime (Ages 3 – 6 yrs.)***	Tuesdays & Wednesdays @ 11 – 11:45 a.m. & Thursdays @ 12 – 12:45 p.m.	Library Program Room
Improver/Intermediate Line Dance Class	Tuesdays @ 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Community Center
Fiero Code Club (Ages 8 – 18 yrs.)	Tuesdays @ 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Library Meeting Room 2
Teen Tuesdays (Ages 13 – 18 yrs.)***	Tuesdays @ 4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	Library Program Room
Paws to Read (independent readers)	Wednesdays @ 1 – 2 p.m. & 5 – 6:30 p.m.	Library Program Room
Discovery (Ages 6 – 9 yrs.)***	Wednesdays @ 4:15 – 5 p.m.	Library Program Room
Walk-in Tech Help Wednesdays	Wednesdays @ 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Library Meeting Room 1
Baby & Me Storytime (Ages Birth – 24 months)***	Thursdays @ 10:15 – 10:45 a.m.	Library Program Room
InbeTween (Ages 8 – 12 yrs.)***	Thursdays @ 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Library Program Room
Jugando y Aprendiendo En La Biblioteca (20 meses a 3 años)***	Viernes @ 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Library Program Room
Monster's Vale: LARP	Saturdays @ 12 – 4 p.m.	Pickrell Park

* Library spice kits for adults will be available the first week of November featuring Ground Cloves

** A membership to the Schertz Senior Center is required to attend tech help at the Senior Center.

*** Weekly youth programs are offered on a rotating schedule. These programs are offered for 6 weeks then pause for 3 weeks. We will resume weekly youth programs beginning the week of Nov. 1.





Volunteers Needed

Help make Holidazzle TREE-rific this year! We are seeking volunteers to assist with our holiday festivities on Saturday, December 5. There are a variety of positions available throughout the day at Breakfast with Santa, Holiday Hoopla, and the Festival of Angels Parade. Visit Schertz.com/volunteer for more information or to sign up.



My Art Starz: Colored Pencil Workshop

Discover the vibrant possibilities of colored pencil art on Friday, November 6 at 6 p.m. in the Community Center for this engaging workshop for teens and adults. You will learn how to combine the luminous effects of watercolor pencils with the rich colors of Prismacolors to create expressive and detailed artwork. Through guided demonstrations, students will explore color layering, blending techniques and mixed-media approaches. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced artist looking to expand your skills, this workshop offers a fun and supportive environment to develop your creativity and bring your drawings to life. Sign up today at Schertz.com/CivicRec.



Cookie Decorating: Cozy Cookies

Join us on Wednesday, November 18 at the Schertz North Center at 6 p.m. for our cookie decorating class! The cozy theme will be sure to get you into the fall mood with some seasonal designs. Registrants will get to take home a total of 6 cookies, instruction /recipe sheets, and any leftover icing. Sign up today at Schertz.com/cookie decorating.

➡ For more information and to register for Parks & Recreation programs and events, visit Schertz.com/civicrec.

HOLIDAZZLE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 • HAL BALDWIN COMPLEX

GET READY TO DECK THE HALLS AND SPREAD SOME HOLIDAY CHEER, BECAUSE HOLIDAZZLE 2026 IS HERE! KICKING OFF ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, THIS FESTIVE EVENT HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Start your day off with a scrumptious Breakfast with Santa, served up by his hardworking elves from Abel's Diner. Delicious pancakes and sausage will be on the menu for three sessions at 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m., and 10:30 a.m. Tickets are only \$10.00 each, so hurry up and grab yours before they're gone! Capacity limits will apply. Tickets can be purchased at [Schertz.com/Holidazzle](https://www.schertz.com/Holidazzle). Call the Parks and Recreation Office at (210) 619-1850 for more information.

KRIS KRINGLE MARKET

If you're still on the hunt for the perfect holiday gift, check out the Kris Kringle Market. You'll find handmade crafts, specialty food items, and other unique finds. The market opens at 10 a.m. and runs until 3 p.m. in the Schertz Civic Center.

HOLIDAY HOOPLA

Feeling the need for some winter wonderland fun? Head over to the Holiday Hoopla for some icy excitement! Take a ride down Mt. Schertz snow hill, play around in the snow angel area, or show off your ice-skating skills at the rink. You can even catch Santa before he heads over to the parade at 5:30 p.m. to get your picture taken. And the best part? All of these attractions are FREE for all ages and open at 4 p.m.

FESTIVAL OF ANGELS PARADE

As the sun sets, the Festival of Angels lighted night parade will light up the streets with holiday magic. The parade kicks off at 6 p.m. from Pickrell Park and ends on Community Circle Drive. Make sure to stop by and get some delicious eats and treats at the Fireside Toasting & Roasting food vendors.



If you're interested in being a vendor or participating in the parade, visit [Schertz.com/Holidazzle](https://www.schertz.com/Holidazzle) on CivicRec or call the Parks and Recreation Office at (210) 619-1850. So, come join us for a festive holiday celebration! Keep up with all the excitement by following the City of Schertz on social media or visiting [Schertz.com/Holidazzle](https://www.schertz.com/Holidazzle).



Adopt-a-Grandparent for the Holidays

The holidays should be filled with laughter, love, and togetherness, but for many seniors in assisted living, this season can feel quiet and lonely. Join us for the 5th Annual Adopt-a-Grandparent program and help make the season brighter for a resident at The Pegasus Landing at Forest Ridge Assisted Living Community! If you would like to provide a gift for a resident, stop by the library and select a stocking containing a list of their wants and needs. The stockings will be available starting Friday, November 13 at 10 a.m. We will also have a general list of items that the facility can use throughout the year. For more information, contact the library at (210) 619-1700.

Discovery!

Discovery! is moving to a new time! Starting November 4, join us on Wednesdays from 4:15 – 5 p.m. in the Program Room for hands-on exploring of science, literature, technology, and more. Designed for curious kids ages 6 – 9, join us each week and discover something new!

Texas Riparian & Stream Ecosystem Workshop

What happens along the banks of Cibolo Creek can have a big impact on the health of the creek itself. Join the Texas Riparian Association and Texas Water Resources Institute (TWRI) for a one-day Riparian and Stream Ecosystem Workshop on November 10 at the Schertz Civic Center. Learn how streams and healthy riparian areas function, explore ways to protect and improve them, and gain hands-on experience through streamside education at Crescent Bend Nature Park. Join us November 10 from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Schertz Civic Center Bluebonnet Hall. Register for the free training at: tamu.estore.flywire.com/products/schertz26.

Fiero Code Club

Code Club is a weekly time when kids can learn how to make websites, video games, and apps. Come have fun, make friends, and build cool stuff with us! We meet Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. No coding experience necessary! A library card is required to log in. Library devices will be limited, but



they are available if necessary. We ask that the participants bring their own laptop or tablet with Wi-Fi capability if they are able. Registration is required. This program is open to ages 8 – 18. Register at schertz.librarycalendar.com.



Holiday Magic Self-Service Gift Wrapping Station

Got gifts? We've got the paper, bows, and all the wrapping magic you need! Swing by our free self-service wrapping station and turn your presents into showstoppers. We'll provide the space and supplies. You bring the gifts and your best wrapping flair! The gift-wrapping station will be set up at a table right as you enter the library starting Tuesday, December 1 – Thursday, December 31.

Free Legal Advice Clinic with CTRC

Get free, brief advice from an attorney on non-criminal matters such as divorce, foreclosure, veterans' benefits, wills and estates, bankruptcy, employment, landlord-tenant issues, and more. Registration for a timeslot is required. The clinic will be held on Thursday, November 12 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. in Library Meeting Room 1. Register at schertz.librarycalendar.com.

Connect with us on social media



[Facebook.com/SchertzLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/SchertzLibrary)



[Instagram.com/SchertzPublicLibrary](https://www.instagram.com/SchertzPublicLibrary)

FOR A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL LIBRARY EVENTS PLEASE VISIT SCHERTZLIBRARY.ORG.



PROBATE, ESTATE PLANNING **& FAMILY LAW**

Compassionate Guidance for Life's Key Transitions - Whether Navigating Custody or Planning Your Estate - We're Here to Help!

Proudly Serving

Bexar, Guadalupe, and Comal Counties as well as the Greater Randolph Metrocom Area



Wills, Trusts & Estate Planning



Medical & Financial Powers of Attorney



Probate & Trust Administration



Child Custody and Child Support

(210) 200-8519

WWW.BARGERLAWFIRM.COM

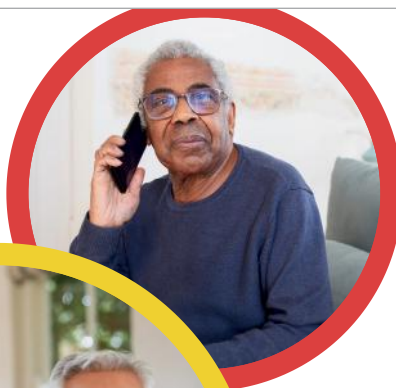
1201 Pat Booker Road • Universal City, TX 78148

Schertz Police Department

ELDERLY FRAUD RESOURCE GUIDE

Empowering older adults with the knowledge and resources needed to recognize scams, protect personal information, and prevent fraud.

**SCAN TO
VIEW GUIDE**



Schertz City Council Approves Economic Agreement to Retain and Expand Local Employer



 **Hollingsworth**

The Schertz City Council approved an economic development performance agreement (EDPA) between the Schertz Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) Board of Directors and Hollingsworth Logistics Group (Hollingsworth), a leading supply chain provider for manufacturing and distribution companies headquartered in Dearborn, Michigan during the regular meeting September 15.

The agreement, previously approved by the SEDC Board on August 27, offers a relocation grant of up to \$1.5 million based on Hollingsworth investing \$19.5 million, relocating or hiring 374 full-time jobs, and executing a seven-year lease on a 340,090-square-foot facility in the City of Schertz over the next six years.

“The strong, long-term partnership between Hollingsworth and the City of Schertz delivered a significant win for our community. Our objective was not only to retain their existing operations, but to support their continued growth and long-term success. We appreciate Hollingsworth’s confidence in our community and look forward to their

continued expansion in the City of Schertz,” said Amy Madison, SEDC Interim Executive Director.

Hollingsworth will relocate its operations from three buildings located at 17745 Lookout Road (Suite 200 and 210) and 6150 Tri-County Parkway to Park35, 22867 IH 35 N, in the City of Schertz, Comal County. The project will expand the capacity for Hollingsworth logistics operations to meet the needs of their aerospace, automotive, government, industrial and retail customers.

“We are proud to have been part of the Schertz community for more than 15 years, and we are excited to continue that relationship as we expand our operations, invest in our local workforce, and position our business for continued growth in the community. We greatly appreciate the support of the City of Schertz and the Schertz Economic Development Corporation, and we thank them for their continued partnership and commitment to our growth,” said Mike McNamara, President, Hollingsworth Logistics Group, LLC.

Schertz’s strong workforce and strategic location—connecting I-35, I-10, I-410, and FM 1604 with quick access to major Texas metros and the San Antonio International Airport—were key factors in the company’s decision, officials said.

“We commend the City of Schertz and the Schertz Economic Development Corporation for their leadership and commitment to Hollingsworth’s continued success. By retaining and expanding a company that serves critical industries, Schertz is strengthening both its local economy and the Greater San Antonio region’s competitive position,” said Ashley Gossen, Chief Economic Development Officer, greater:SATX Regional Economic Partnership.

Hollingsworth’s expansion reflects the value of proactive economic development efforts and the City of Schertz’s continued commitment to helping businesses thrive, invest, and grow within the community.

Get Your Home Ready for a Texas Winter



TEXAS WINTERS CAN BE UNPREDICTABLE. WHILE WE MAY ENJOY MILD TEMPERATURES FOR MUCH OF THE SEASON, A SUDDEN COLD FRONT CAN BRING FREEZING TEMPERATURES, STRONG WINDS, AND ICY CONDITIONS WITH LITTLE WARNING. TAKING A LITTLE TIME TO PREPARE BEFORE THE COLD ARRIVES CAN HELP PROTECT YOUR HOME, REDUCE ENERGY COSTS, AND PREVENT WEATHER-RELATED DAMAGE.

The Planning and Community Development Department offers the following tips to help you get your home ready for winter. It's a good idea to begin winterizing your home as soon as the weather starts to turn cooler—before the next cold snap arrives.



1 Check Your Fireplace

Call a chimney sweep to thoroughly clean the chimney before your first winter use. You should also vacuum or sweep out any accumulated ash from the firebox. Only burn dried/seasoned firewood in fireplaces and wood-burning stoves.



2 Add Weather Stripping to Doors and Windows

Weather stripping will prevent cold air from entering your home or heat from escaping, which can help keep your home more comfortable and reduce your power bill.



3 Clean the Gutters

Inspect and clean your gutters of leaves and other debris. Keeping gutters clean can prevent ice dams from forming in freezing weather, which can damage your gutter and roof system.



4 Check Your Furnace Filter

A dirty filter makes your furnace run longer to heat your home. Replace filters at most every three months or according to the manufacturer's recommendations.



5 Protect Your Pipes

Protect your pipes from bursting this winter by insulating them. You can use tubular pipe wrap, rolled pipe wrap, and insulation fittings. Don't forget the spigots! This includes piping in unconditioned areas such as attics and crawl spaces.

Be prepared before the next Texas cold snap. A few simple steps now can help protect your home and make the winter season safer and more comfortable.

Stay Safe This Thanksgiving:

Tips from Schertz Police & Fire Departments



THANKSGIVING IS A TIME FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS, GOOD FOOD, AND GATHERING TOGETHER. WITH MORE PEOPLE SHOPPING, TRAVELING, COOKING, AND SPENDING TIME AWAY FROM HOME, IT'S ALSO A GOOD TIME TO TAKE A FEW EXTRA SAFETY PRECAUTIONS. THE SCHERTZ POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS OFFER THESE TIPS TO HELP YOU ENJOY A SAFE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.

THANKSGIVING SAFETY TIPS FROM SCHERTZ POLICE

While Shopping

- Stay aware of your surroundings and the people around you.
- When possible, shop with family or friends.
- Keep your belongings with you and avoid leaving purses, wallets, or purchases unattended.
- Park in well-lit, busy areas and lock your vehicle when you leave.
- Keep purchases out of sight. If possible, place them in your trunk rather than leaving them visible in your vehicle.
- Have your keys ready before walking to your vehicle.
- Be aware of your surroundings when walking through parking lots, especially after dark.
- Keep high-value purchases discreet and avoid displaying expensive items.

At Home

- Keep doors and windows locked, even when you are home.
- Use outdoor lighting to keep your home and property well-lit.
- Avoid displaying gifts or other valuable items where they can be seen through windows or doors.
- Break down large boxes from expensive purchases before placing them at the curb or recycling bin.
- Be cautious about sharing travel plans or expensive purchases on social media.

If Traveling

- Use timers on lights to make your home appear occupied.
- Ask a trusted neighbor to keep an eye on your home, collect mail and packages, and park in your driveway if appropriate.
- Suspend newspaper delivery while you are away.
- Make sure all doors and windows are locked before leaving.

🔍 If you see something suspicious, say something. Call the Schertz Police non-emergency number at (210) 619-1200. In an emergency, always call 9-1-1.

THANKSGIVING FIRE SAFETY TIPS FROM SCHERTZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

In the Kitchen

- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop and check the oven regularly.
- Never leave cooking food unattended.
- Keep children away from hot stoves, ovens, hot food, and liquids.
- Keep anything that can catch fire, such as towels, paper products, and packaging, away from cooking surfaces.
- Keep pot handles turned inward so they cannot be easily bumped or pulled down.
- Keep knives, matches, and utility lighters out of children's reach.
- Keep electrical cords away from hot surfaces and areas where they could be pulled or tripped over.

- Keep floors and walkways clear of bags, toys, and other items that could cause someone to trip.
- Make sure smoke alarms are working properly before the holiday.
- Keep a properly sized lid nearby when cooking on the stovetop in case you need to smother a small grease fire. Never use water on a grease fire.
- If a fire starts in the oven, turn off the heat and keep the oven door closed. Call 9-1-1 if the fire does not go out.

Before You Serve

Take a few extra minutes to make sure your cooking area is safe before gathering around the table. Keep hot food and liquids away from children and make sure serving areas and walkways are clear. A little preparation can help prevent a holiday emergency and allow you to focus on what Thanksgiving is really about: spending time with the people you care about.



Two-Stepping Through the Years

The Schertz Area Senior Center celebrated an unforgettable evening at its “Two-Stepping Through the Years” Senior Prom! Members traded their everyday attire for formal wear, cowboy hats, boots and plenty of sparkle for a night filled with dinner, dancing, music and memories.

The evening featured a DJ, photo booth, dinner, dancing and the crowning of our Senior Prom Court. Thanks to the incredible support of community partners, sponsors and volunteers, our members were able to enjoy an evening created especially for them.

From posing for pictures with friends to showing off their moves on the dance floor, the Senior Prom was a wonderful reminder that there is no age limit on having fun, making new memories and celebrating friendship!

Community Partners Made Prom Possible

Our “Two-Stepping Through the Years” Senior Prom was made even more special thanks to the generosity, time and energy of local businesses, organizations and volunteers who came together to celebrate our members.

Garcia’s Mexican Restaurant sponsored dinner for the evening, while Pegasus Landing of Forest Ridge sponsored the DJ and photo booth. Flowers with

Shelle provided the beautiful corsages and boutonniere for our Prom Court, adding an extra-special touch to the celebration.

Our volunteers helped bring the entire evening to life. Saint Technologies prepared dinner plates and helped serve cake for dessert. Broadway Bank volunteers assisted with the photo booth and picture areas and helped serve dinner. Members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity (The Q’s) brought incredible energy to the celebration by dancing, interacting with our seniors and helping serve our members throughout the evening.

We are incredibly grateful to every sponsor and volunteer who helped make the night possible. Their support allowed us to create more than an event; it created a joyful experience and lasting memories for our Senior Center members.

Home For The Holidays At The Senior Center

The holiday season is always special at the Schertz Area Senior Center! Members can look forward to opportunities to gather with friends and celebrate throughout November and December.

Our Thanksgiving Lunch will bring everyone together around the table on November 18, followed by Breakfast with Santa on December 16. We’ll finish

2026 in style with our Noon Year’s Eve Celebration on December 31, because you don’t have to stay up until midnight to ring in the New Year!

Stay connected with the Senior Center for additional holiday activities, programs and surprises throughout the season.

More Than A Senior Center

There is always something happening at the Schertz Area Senior Center! From fitness classes, BINGO and card games to educational programs, field trips, special events and opportunities to try something completely new, the Center provides adults ages 50 and older a place to stay active, build friendships and stay connected to their community.

Whether you are looking for a fitness class, a friendly game of cards, your next adventure or simply a place to meet new people, there is something waiting for you at the Senior Center.

Membership is open to adults ages 50+ for just \$36 per year.

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

- Thanksgiving Lunch | Nov. 18 | 11:30 a.m. | Schertz Area Senior Center
- Breakfast with Santa | Dec. 16 | 10 a.m. | Schertz Area Senior Center
- Noon Year’s Eve Celebration | Dec. 31 | 12 p.m. | Schertz Area Senior Center

RECURRING PROGRAMS

- BINGO | Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays | 12:30 p.m.
- The Schertz Scoop | Second Friday of the Month | 11 a.m.
- Silver Serenaders Choir | Meets Tuesdays & Wednesdays @ 9:30 a.m.
- Fitness Classes | Daily | Various Days & Times
- Games & Social Activities | Weekly | Bunco, Bridge, Poker, Pinochle, Wii Bowling & More

SEWER AVERAGING

2026 – 2027

Sewer averaging for the winter months began November 1, 2026, and will continue through March 15, 2027, for cycle billing.

Water usage over this period determines your sewer charge for the next billing year, which begins April 1. The water usage readings will be averaged and the average per thousand-gallon usage per month will be multiplied by \$5.57. The final calculation result will be your sewer charge for the next 12 months.

If you get your bill on the 10th day of the month your calculation period will be November 1 to March 1 and if you get your bill on the 25th day your period will be November 15 to March 15.



For more information, go to Schertz.com or call (210) 619-1100

RESIDENTS WITH AN AVERAGE BELOW 12,000 GALLONS

That total will be added to the base rate of \$17.71 for residents with an average below 12,000 gallons.

RESIDENTS WITH AN AVERAGE GREATER THAN 12,001 GALLONS

The first 12,000 gallons will be multiplied by \$5.57 and the portion of the average above 12,000 gallons will be multiplied by \$13.37 and that total will be added to the base rate of \$17.71 for residential use.

SLOW DOWN.

KIDS ARE COUNTING ON YOU.

SLOW DOWN
STAY ALERT
PUT IT AWAY

SCAN TO VIEW
SCHOOL ZONE MAPS

SCHERTZ
COMMUNITY • SERVICE • OPPORTUNITY

ARS
ATTIC RESTORATION SOLUTIONS

YOUR FAMILY'S HEALTH STARTS AT HOME.

ATTIC RESTORATION • AIR SEALING • INSULATION

Air Quality
 Comfort
 Energy Efficiency
 Blower door testing before & after air sealing

FREE ATTIC INSPECTION
512-373-0329

atticrestorationsolutions.com
VETERAN-OWNED • INSURED & BONDED

REPORT AN ISSUE OR COMPLAINT

Schertz.com/report

SCHERTZ
COMMUNITY • SERVICE • OPPORTUNITY



Holiday Happenings

Schertz Area Senior Center Bazaar

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Discover unique, handmade holiday treasures while supporting local seniors at the Schertz Civic Center! Celebrating 24 years of tradition, this annual craft event, originally started by Mayor Baldwin, features up to 41 vendors showcasing homemade Christmas crafts and gifts. Stop by between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to shop for one-of-a-kind creations and support the talented artisans in our community!

Garden Ridge Market Days

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Get a head start on holiday shopping at Garden Ridge Market Days' Holiday Market on Saturday, November 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Northeast Bible Church! Explore more than 200 local vendors offering handmade crafts, fresh produce, unique gifts, and delicious food. Enjoy live music, family-friendly activities, and opportunities to give back through holiday food and toy donations. Admission and parking are free, and friendly leashed dogs are welcome!

Seguin Holiday Stroll

DECEMBER 3 – 6

Get into the magic of the holiday season in downtown Seguin with a weekend full of festive fun! Enjoy the annual Holiday Parade and downtown tree lighting, sip delicious hot chocolate while shopping locally, and take part in the Jingle Bell 5K Run/Walk. Families can also enjoy the North Pole Stroll featuring photos with Santa, children's activities, and holiday crafts. Plus, explore a festive arts and crafts market filled with unique handmade gifts, food, and more. Bring the whole family and make lasting holiday memories in Seguin!

Christmas at Caverns

DECEMBER 5 – 23

Experience the magic of the holidays above and below ground at Christmas at the Caverns at Natural Bridge Caverns, returning December 5–23! Enjoy festive activities for the whole family, including underground Christmas caroling, a dazzling Trail of Lights, visits with Santa, holiday storytelling with Mrs. Claus, a reindeer maze, ice skating for kids, live music, and s'mores around the campfire. Make unforgettable holiday memories at this one-of-a-kind Christmas celebration! For tickets and more information, visit NaturalBridgeCaverns.com/christmas.

Christmas in Bethlehem

DECEMBER 11 – 13

Step back in time and experience the magic of the first Christmas at Christmas in Bethlehem! Join Everyday Christian Fellowship in Cibolo December 11 – 13, from 6–8 p.m., for a free, family-friendly journey through a recreated Bethlehem village. Explore interactive shops, meet costumed characters, visit the live nativity, and enjoy children's crafts, animals, and visits with St. Nicholas. Warm up with complimentary hot cocoa, cookies, and s'mores while making special holiday memories with the whole family! Admission and parking are free. For more information, visit everyday.family/bethlehem.

Cibolo Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

Celebrate the holiday season at the annual Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 12! After the parade, head to the plaza at Pfeil Road and Main Street for a festive Holiday Vendor Market featuring local artisans, seasonal gifts, delicious food, live entertainment, and family-friendly activities. Bring the whole family and enjoy an evening of holiday cheer!

DON'T LET YOUR PIPES GOBBLE UP THE GREASE!

THANKSGIVING COOKING CAN LEAVE YOU WITH PLENTY OF TURKEY, GRAVY, BUTTER, SAUCES, AND OTHER FOODS THAT CONTAIN FATS, OILS, AND GREASE (FOG). WHILE IT MAY BE TEMPTING TO WASH GREASE DOWN THE KITCHEN SINK, THAT CAN LEAD TO CLOGGED PIPES AND SEWER BACKUPS.

FOG can stick to the inside of your pipes as it cools and hardens. Over time, buildup can restrict the flow of wastewater and cause problems in your home and the City's sewer system.

Before you wash those Thanksgiving dishes, remember: cool it, collect it, and throw it away.

Here are a few easy ways to keep grease out of your pipes:

- **Let it cool.** Allow grease and cooking oil to cool before handling it.
- **Collect it.** Pour cooled grease into a container, such as an old jar or can, and place it in the trash.

- **Scrape and wipe.** Scrape food scraps into the trash and wipe greasy pans with a paper towel before washing them.
- **Don't rely on hot water.** Hot water may move grease farther down your pipes, but it can cool and stick to pipes farther along the system.
- **Keep food scraps out, too.** Use a sink strainer to catch food particles and empty them into the trash.

A few extra minutes in the kitchen can help prevent costly plumbing problems and keep Schertz's wastewater system flowing smoothly. This Thanksgiving, give your pipes something to be thankful for: keep the grease out!



Holiday Trash & Recycling Pickup Schedule



The holidays are fast approaching, and this year's holiday trash and recycling pickup schedule will have some slight changes. Trash and recycling collection by Frontier Waste will not occur on Thanksgiving Day. If your regularly scheduled pickup falls on Thursday or Friday, the collection will run one day behind during the week of Thanksgiving.

REGULAR PICK UP DATE	HOLIDAY PICK UP DATE
Monday, November 23 - Normal Service	No change in service
Tuesday, November 24 - Normal Service	No change in service
Wednesday, November 25 - Normal Service	No change in service
Thursday, November 26 (Holiday, No Service; Frontier Waste and City Offices Closed)	Non-service day
Friday, November 27	Thursday Route Pick-up
Saturday, November 28	Friday Route Pick-up

Regular Thursday/Friday service pick up will resume on the week of November 30.
For any questions or concerns, please contact the Frontier Waste at (210) 807-8555.

Remembrances: Main Street's First Transportation "Czar"



Webster defines "czar" as one having great power and authority. Although most apply the term to Russian leaders, in America, it has been a title applied to person appointed to key national agencies or department head figures. Believe it or not, in the 19th and early 20th century, the "czar" of transportation was the town blacksmith and in Schertz, that person was Willy Hillert. As the primary mode of transportation was horse and horse driven wagons or buggies, Willy was the person that the citizens of Schertz depended upon to keep their horses shod and their equipment repaired, protecting their livelihood.

Born in 1879, Willy was also a skilled carpenter and a local Schertz farmer but focused his skills on the blacksmith profession. He entered the profession at a very young age and at 20 years old he owned his own blacksmith shop which was located on what is now a part of the 700 block of Main Street where it meets Randolph Blvd. Schertz and neighboring communities brought their horses and equipment for Willy to service as he was a highly respected professional. Great grandson Conrad Hillert recalls stories of how the local children would come to visit the blacksmith shop and watch Willy crack pecans on his anvil for the children to eat.



Willy's shop (circa 1910)



In the 1930's, the original shop was destroyed by fire and Willy moved his location further down Main Street. Though he was never referred to as a "czar", Willy Hillert certainly qualified as a person of authority on transportation matters of the time.

Willy lived in Schertz and passed away in June of 1971 at the age of 92. We celebrate Willy for his contributions to our Schertz community and the legacy that he leaves behind.

Article abridged from Remembrances Publication Special Edition 2010-1 by Dean Weirtz and edited for content by Maggie Titterington. Blacksmith receipt courtesy of mistercola.com website.

Share your Schertz memories!



/SchertzHistoricalPreservationCommittee



mtitterington@schertz.com

Join the Schertz Historical Preservation Committee!



The Schertz Historical Preservation Committee meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6pm at 1400 Schertz Parkway, Building #2 in Schertz. Information and application is online at Schertz.com under the Government tab.

Around the Community

RACAP Holiday Program Application



The Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program (RACAP) is now accepting applications for the Thanksgiving/Christmas holiday meal basket assistance program. The last day for Thanksgiving applications is November 2, 2026. Christmas applications will be accepted until November 30, 2026. Applications from families in need of a holiday meal basket for the holidays because of limited or no income, who are at or

below the Federal Poverty Guidelines, will be accepted.

RACAP is seeking financial donations to cover the cost of its Holiday Meal Basket Program. Donations from churches, businesses, groups or individuals are greatly appreciated and are being accepted now. Please make all donations payable to RACAP and designate on the check that the donation is specifically for the "General Fund". Donations designated for the "General Fund" allow RACAP to use excess funds in any area, once the Holiday Program is fully funded. Please visit racap.org to donate (top right) or to obtain further information.

Families who reside in our zip code service areas (78108, 78124, 78148, 78154, 78132, 78233 (Live Oak only), 78247, and 78266) and meet income

qualifications are eligible. Applications are available at the RACAP office, 307 Pfeil St., Schertz, starting September 28, 2026. If anyone knows of a family in need of this special assistance, have them call (210) 658-1613.

Churches, businesses, groups or individuals who would like to sponsor a family/families for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas (FOOD ONLY) should contact RACAP or visit racap.org (click on Special Programs link) to obtain the Sponsor Application. Please note RACAP DOES NOT provide gifts and clients are given a list of other agencies in the area who handle just gifts. RACAP concentrates on the holiday meal basket only.

➤ For information on how to apply or how to help, call RACAP at (210) 658-1613 or visit racap.org.

SCHERTZ - CIBOLO - SELMA

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

**NOVEMBER 11, 2026
9:00 AM**

**SELMA HEROES MEMORIAL
9375 CORPORATE DR
SELMA, TX 78154**

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Surrounding students with a community of support,

empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life for more than **30 years**.

Our Work

Our Site Coordinators work inside schools every day to remove barriers that stand in the way of student success. By connecting kids and families to vital resources—like food, counseling, academic support, and more—we help students focus on what matters most:

learning, growing, and thriving.

Get Involved

Donate: Your contribution helps provide essentials like food, mental health support, and academic assistance.

Volunteer: Share your time and skills to mentor students or at our CIS Thrift Store.

Advocate: Spread the word about the power of community support in our schools.

Together, we're building brighter futures—one student at a time.

Learn more about our work at www.cissct.org

430 W. Mill Street, Suite 100,
New Braunfels, TX 78130



Love Where You Live Schertz Sets New Records at Fall Serve Day

THE LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE SCHERTZ FALL COMMUNITY SERVE DAY BROUGHT A RECORD NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS TOGETHER TO SERVE NEIGHBORS ACROSS THE COMMUNITY.

A total of 407 volunteers from 11 local churches came together to assist 107 neighbors with yard work, tree trimming, minor home repairs, and other home maintenance projects.

In preparation for the event, Neighborhood Services staff inspected nearly 1,000 homes throughout Aviation Heights, The Village, Old Schertz (Heritage), and Lone Oak during August and September 2026. These inspections addressed potential code violations such as low-hanging trees, high grass, trash and debris, and alley protrusions. The visits also gave staff an opportunity to connect with residents who needed help with home maintenance and encourage them to request assistance through Love Where You Live.

Through its partnership with Love Where You Live volunteers, Neighborhood Services coordinates

support for residents who need help addressing code violations and completing home maintenance projects. The Fall Serve Day set new records for both volunteers and neighbors served, demonstrating the impact of bringing community members together to help others.

The City of Schertz and Love Where You Live are grateful for the volunteers and partners who made this event possible. First Baptist Church of Schertz hosted the Fall Serve Day, and additional support came from City staff in the Administration and Planning and Community Development departments, as well as local businesses including Frontier Waste, Chick-fil-A, Mattenga's Pizzeria, Shipley Do-Nuts, Physicians Premier ER, James Family Tax, Krafty Home Repair, and WeCare Tree Care.

The Love Where You Live Serve Days continue to provide an opportunity for



the community to come together, put people first, and make a difference in Schertz neighborhoods. The next large service event is tentatively scheduled for April 2027.

➤ To learn more, volunteer, donate, or request assistance, visit www.lwylschertz.com.

✈ SCHERTZ MAGAZINE ✈

ALL OVER THE MAP

Bring your *Schertz Magazine* along during your travels and send us a high resolution photo of you and your magazine to magazine@schertz.com. You may see your photo in an upcoming issue of *Schertz Magazine*!



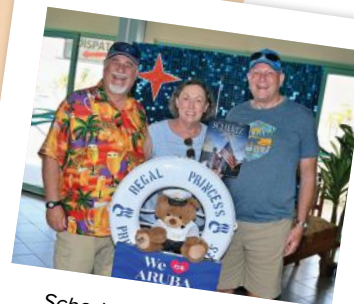
Sharon and Tim O'Neil and Penny and Bob Wallace traveled to Playas Del Coco, Costa Rica with *Schertz Magazine*.



Doug and Lindy Hammerstrom traveled to the Kentucky Derby Museum with their *Schertz Magazine*.



Schertz Magazine traveled with Greg and Susan Moses to the windmills of Mykonos, Greece.



Schertz Magazine visited Aruba with Mike Ontko and Curtis and Jan Jenkins



*Limited to one photo submission per vacation.



NOW YOU
KNOW
SCHERTZ

Go Behind-the-Scenes of City Programs and Services!

WATCH NOW
SCHERTZ.COM/NYK



Official City Meetings and Office Closures

NOV
2

Library Advisory Board
6:30 p.m. | Meeting Room 1

NOV
3

Election Day
All Day

NOV
4

Animal Svcs Adv Comm
6 p.m. | Schertz Animal Services

NOV
4

Planning and Zoning Comm
6 p.m. | Council Chambers

NOV
5

Transp Safety Adv Comm
5:30 p.m. | Council Chambers

NOV
11

Veterans Day
(Offices Closed)

NOV
16

Parks & Recreation Board
5:30 p.m. | Council Chambers

NOV
16

General Election Canvassing
6 p.m. | Council Chambers

NOV
17

City Council Meeting
6 p.m. | Council Chambers

NOV
19

SSLGC
1:30 p.m. | SSLGC Admin Bldg

NOV
26

Thanksgiving
(Offices Closed)

NOV
27

Thanksgiving Observed
(Offices Closed)

* Meeting dates, times, and locations are subject to change.

CITY COUNCIL

Ralph Rodriguez Mayor
(210) 517-9961
ralphrodriguez@schertz.com

Dr. Mark E. Davis Councilmember
(210) 376-9141
markdavis@schertz.com

Michelle Watson Councilmember
(210) 419-8472
mwatson@schertz.com

Paul Macaluso Councilmember
(210) 419-4972
paulmacaluso@schertz.com

Benjamin Guerrero Councilmember
(210) 917-4681
benguerrero@schertz.com

Robert Westbrook Councilmember
(210) 846-8768
robertwestbrook@schertz.com

Sarah Dietz Councilmember
(210) 540-5252
sarahdietz@schertz.com

Dr. Robert L. Sheridan III
Councilmember
(210) 608-2381
robertsheridan@schertz.com

CITY DEPARTMENTS

City of Schertz/311	(210) 619-1000
Animal Services	(210) 619-1550
City Manager	(210) 619-1000
City Secretary	(210) 619-1030
Civic Center	(210) 619-1600
Economic Development	(210) 619-1070
EMS (non-emergency)	(210) 619-1400
Engineering	(210) 619-1820
Fire (non-emergency)	(210) 619-1300
Inspections	(210) 619-1750
Library	(210) 619-1700
Municipal Court	(210) 619-1500
Neighborhood Services	(210) 619-1650
Parks & Recreation	(210) 619-1850
Planning & Comm Dev	(210) 619-1780
Police (non-emergency)	(210) 619-1200
Police Records	(210) 619-1200
Public Affairs	(210) 619-1630
Public Works	(210) 619-1800
Trash & Recycling	(210) 619-1100
Utility Billing	(210) 619-1100

➔ VISIT **SCHERTZ.COM**

SCHERTZ
COMMUNITY • SERVICE • OPPORTUNITY



