Santa Cops

The Hutchins Police Department will be accepting donated toys, and monetary donations to help with the Police Department Santa Cops Program. The Santa Cops Program helps economically disadvantaged children in the community. Through this program, Christmas wishes are fulfilled to many area children each year.

Santa Cops is funded entirely by local donations. It is organized and implemented by the Hutchins Police Department, their families and community volunteers. Santa Cops would be non-existent without the extreme generosity of the people of this great community!

Donations may be made in person or by mail at 550 W. Palestine St. Hutchins, Texas 75141.

Annual Christmas Parade

The City of Hutchins Annual Christmas Parade will be Saturday December 9th, 2023 @ 10:00am.

Please follow the city web page and social media for updates. We look forward to seeing you!

Upcoming Events

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Embrace the Joy of Fall and Winter: Unleash the Power of Parks and Libraries!

Hello, fellow citizens! As the year comes to a close, it's time to celebrate the spirit of the season and all the wonderful opportunities it brings. Amidst the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, let's not forget the incredible benefits that our local parks and library offer. Join us in exploring the magic of recreation and literacy this season, and unlock a world of joy, relaxation, and personal growth!

This time of year might be chilly, but our parks remain a treasure trove of recreational activities and natural beauty. Refreshing Outdoor Activities: Embrace the invigorating air by taking a brisk walk, jogging, or cycling through the park. Engaging in physical activities not only boosts your health but also helps relieve stress and improve your overall well-being.

Also remember Atwell Public Library is a Gateway to Knowledge and Imagination.

Escape into New Worlds: Dive into the vast collection of books, magazines, movies, and newspapers that our library offers. Immerse yourself in captivating stories, expand your knowledge, and discover new perspectives. Our library is not just for children; we cater to all age groups.

With the upcoming chill outside, Atwell public library provides a cozy sanctuary where you can curl up with a good book and escape the chaos of the outside world. It's the perfect place to find solace, recharge, and indulge in some much-needed self-care.

So, bundle up and head to the park or library. Let's make this November and December our months of discovery, relaxation, and personal growth. Happy exploring!

Hutchins Community Service Department

As we move into the winter months and cooler temperatures, make sure to keep an eye on your water pipes and plumbing.

Frozen pipes that break or burst can cause expensive water damage. Even a small tear in a water pipe can pour hundreds of gallons of water each minute into your home or residence.

As many homeowners take time over the winter holidays to visit family and travel, it’s important to know what preventative measures you can take to help prevent frozen or burst pipes.
It’s fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

**Half** of the home decoration fires in December are started by candles.

**More than 1/3** of home decoration fires are started by candles.

Christmas is the peak day for candle fires.

Keep candles at least **12 inches** away from anything that burns.

A dry Christmas tree can burn very hot and very fast.

More than 1 in every 5 Christmas tree fires were caused by a heat source too close to the tree.

Read manufacturer’s instructions for the number of light strands to connect.

Make sure your tree is **at least 3 feet away** from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits.

Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.

For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit [usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/holiday.html](http://usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/holiday.html) and [nfpa.org/winter](http://nfpa.org/winter).