

# End Summer with friends, not cellmates says TxDOT

Staff Reports

Whether it’s coming home from the pool or a barbecue, summer fun can end quickly with just one bad decision. Every 23 minutes there’s a crash in Texas involving a driver under the influence of alcohol. That’s more than 60 crashes a day and adds up to a lifetime of pain for families who lose loved ones.

As the Labor Day holiday approaches, the Texas Department of Transportation is asking Texans not to drink and drive and to always choose a sober ride. Law enforcement will

be watching for Texas drivers who make the wrong choice and drive drunk instead of calling a ride, taking public transit or designating a sober driver. Texans know that it’s never just about following the law — it’s about saving lives.

“As Texans, we care about our neighbors and families, and that doesn’t stop when we get behind the wheel,” said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. “Even when you are celebrating Labor Day, it’s important to do so responsibly and choose a sober ride so we can all get home

safely.”

Drunk driving has far-reaching risks and consequences, but drivers can always find a sober ride. That’s the message TxDOT hopes to spread with its “Drive Sober. No Regrets” Labor Day campaign and partnership with Texas law enforcement agencies.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is conducting a national enforcement period August 15 - Sept. 1 to stop drunk drivers. Local Texas law enforcement will mirror the same enforcement period and boost efforts

to identify motorists suspected of driving while intoxicated.

From June 1 to August 31, 2024, a total of 273 people were killed and 596 were seriously injured from driving under the influence of alcohol-related crashes. Over Labor Day weekend alone, there were 327 DUI-alcohol related traffic crashes, resulting in 10 fatalities and 36 serious injuries. Twenty four percent of the total traffic deaths during the Labor Day weekend were DUI-alcohol related.



Did you know that feeding deer is bad for them? The City of Woodcreek prohibits the feeding of deer in the city. Per city code § 90.20, it is unlawful for any person to intentionally or knowingly feed whitetail deer, or any other member of the deer family, within city limits. Prohibited actions include maintaining receptacles, such as feeders, with corn, oats, commercial mixes or other vegetable matter not part of a live, growing plant hand-feeding deer; intentionally leaving food in areas where deer commonly feed. Violations are subject to enforcement.

**Election Season Update**

Election season is here. Six candidates will draw for a place on the ballot at City Hall on August 25th at 10 a.m. Following the drawing, the candidates will be announced in the order in which they will appear on the ballot.

# Chef’s pop-up dinner at Creekhaven Inn

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Mississippi Pot Roast, southern-style green beans and Mama’s Best Banana Pudding are just a few of the homecooked gems to be enjoyed at Chef Cable’s pop-up dinner at Creekhaven Inn and Spa, September 6.

Perfect for a Saturday night date, a girls’ night out, or to celebrate something special, guests can enjoy a

thoughtfully curated menu of seasonal and locally-sourced ingredients. The event is hosted by Creekhaven Inn and Spa and will take place on the their serene, tree-lined grounds.

The evening will begin with antipasto skewers drizzled with fig balsamic, followed by a fresh garden salad dressed with a choice of champagne vinaigrette or buttermilk ranch.

For the main course,

guests will select from two entrées, Mississippi pot roast served over garlic parsley mashed potatoes, with pepperoncini peppers, carrots and rich savory juices or chicken with bacon, spinach and mushroom cream sauce served over tender herb egg noodles.

Both options will be accompanied by southern-style green beans, homemade garlic parmesan bread and finished with the sweet

Southern favorite, Mama’s Best Banana Pudding.

Dinner begins at 6 p.m. Reservations are required and entree selections are due September 1. Tickets are \$80 per person and available at <https://shop.creekhaveninn.com/products/pop-up-dinner-september-6-2025>.

Creekhaven Inn and Spa is located at 400 Mill Race Lane in Wimberley, Texas.

## Wimberley Valley Chamber of Commerce

**August 28**

Chamber Mixer at Roland Brown Law Firm  
5:30 to 7 p.m.  
180 Joe Wimberley Blvd, Ste 201  
RSVP Sara Aragon 512-847-2201, [sara@wimberley.org](mailto:sara@wimberley.org)

**September 4**

Networking Breakfast at ARTSPACE  
8 a.m.  
111 River Rd.  
RSVP Sara Aragon 512-847-2201, [sara@wimberley.org](mailto:sara@wimberley.org)

**For the latest updates and events, visit [wimberley.org/events/events-calendar](https://wimberley.org/events/events-calendar).**

## NOTICE ABOUT 2025 TAX RATES

Property Tax Rates in City of Woodcreek.

This notice concerns the 2025 property tax rates for City of Woodcreek.

This notice provides information about two tax rates used in adopting the current tax year’s tax rate. The no-new-revenue tax rate would impose the same amount of taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. In most cases, the voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate a taxing unit can adopt without holding an election. In each case, these rates are calculated by dividing the total amount of taxes by the current taxable value with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

**This year’s no-new-revenue tax rate** ..... \$0.182830/\$100.

**This year’s voter-approval tax rate** ..... \$0.234465/\$100.

To see the full calculations, please visit <https://hays.countytaxrates.com/> for a copy of the Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet.

**Unencumbered Fund Balances.**

The following estimated balances will be left in the taxing unit’s accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Fund	Balance
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**Current Year Debt Service.**

The following amounts are for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from upcoming property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment To be Paid From Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid From Property Taxes	Other Amounts To be Paid	Total Payment
WOODCREEK GO BOND WOOD 823GO	\$160,000	\$139,612	\$0	\$299,612

Total required for 2025 debt service	\$ 239,612
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in unencumbered funds	\$ 0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources	\$ 0
- Excess collections last year	\$ 0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2025	\$ 239,612
+ Amount added in anticipation that the taxing unit will collect only 99.450000% of its taxes in 2025	\$ 1,325
= Total Debt Levy	\$ 240,937

This notice contains a summary of the no-new-revenue and voter-approval calculations as certified by Jennifer Escobar, Tax Assessor/Collector, 8/20/2025.

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

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## NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.182000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Woodcreek.

PROPOSED TAX RATE: \$0.182000 per \$100  
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE: \$0.182830 per \$100  
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE: \$0.234465 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2025 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Woodcreek from the same properties in both the 2024 tax year and the 2025 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that City of Woodcreek may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that City of Woodcreek is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2025 tax year.

A PUBLIC MEETING TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON 09/10/2025 05:30 PM (CT) at Woodcreek City Hall, 41 Champions Circle, Woodcreek, TX.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, City of Woodcreek is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the City Council of City of Woodcreek at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

**YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:**

Property tax amount = ( tax rate ) x ( taxable value of your property ) / 100

(List names of all members of the governing body below, showing how each voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase or, if one or more were absent, indicating absences.)

FOR the proposal: Chrys Grummert, Debra Hines, Krista Richardson, Linnea Bailey, Russell Scott  
AGAINST the proposal: NONE  
PRESENT and not voting: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

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The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Woodcreek last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Woodcreek this year.

	2024	2025	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.190800	\$0.182000	4.61% decrease
Average homestead taxable value	\$445,833	\$453,546	1.73% increase
Tax on average homestead	\$850	\$825	2.94% decrease
Total tax levy on all properties	\$713,491	\$713,095	0.05% decrease

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for City of Woodcreek at (512) 393-5545 or [jennifer.escobar@co.hays.tx.us](mailto:jennifer.escobar@co.hays.tx.us), or visit <https://www.hayscountytx.gov/tax-assessor-collector> for more information.

