



# Key to the City

Information on the City of Pflugerville for November 20 – November 27, 2009

## **Pflugerville selects Brandon Wade as final candidate for City Manager position**

The City of Pflugerville City Council announced Thursday that it intends to hire Brandon Wade of Galveston as the new City Manager of Pflugerville.

“I am pleased to announce our selection of Brandon Wade to the Pflugerville City Manager position, as he holds the experience and technical proficiency that our City Council was looking for,” Mayor Jeff Coleman said. “I’m excited about the vision Brandon expressed for Pflugerville’s growth and our need to maintain Pflugerville’s unique sense of community as our growth continues to spiral.”



The City Council is expected to take action at the November 24 meeting to formally appoint Wade to the City Manager position. Wade has been Deputy City Manager for the City of Galveston for 10 years and comes to Pflugerville with more than 20 years of experience in city government. Wade has worked for several Texas cities including Galveston, Alvin, Richland Hills and Dallas holding a variety of positions including Deputy City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Director of Public Works and Municipal Utilities, and Director of Community Development. Wade obtained his Master’s Degree in Public Administration-Urban Management from the University of Houston and Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Texas Tech University. Wade was selected from 89 applicants and will assume his new position on January 4, 2010.

## **Pflugerville renews solid waste and recycling contract with IESI; new rates on November Utility Bills**

The City of Pflugerville has renewed its solid waste and recycling contract with IESI while expanding the City’s recycling program, implementing a revised pickup schedule and adopting new customer rates.

The garbage rate for Pflugerville is \$15.60 plus tax for in-city customers and \$17.60 plus tax for out of city customers; an increase of less than \$1 per month over the previous pickup rate. Starting February 1, 2010, Pflugerville customers will begin a once-a-week trash pickup service and every-other-week single stream recycling.



With the new services beginning in February, solid waste customers will be able to recycle plastics 1-7; metal, tin, and aluminum cans; glass including jars and bottles; corrugated cardboard and box board including cereal and soft drink boxes; paper including office paper, phone books, junk mail and newspaper at the curb. Customers will receive notices on their utility bills in November, December and January on the implementation of the new trash schedule. For more information, visit [www.cityofpflugerville.com/recycle](http://www.cityofpflugerville.com/recycle) or call the City of Pflugerville at 512-990-6100.

## City offices closed for Thanksgiving Holidays; Modified Trash schedule

In celebration of Thanksgiving, City offices and Pflugerville Recreation will be closed November 26 and 27. The Pflugerville Recreation Center is open normal hours Saturday and Sunday. The Community Library closes at 6 pm on Wednesday, November 25 in observance of Thanksgiving and is closed through the weekend. All city offices, the library and recreation center will be open on Monday, November 30.



Trash pickup will not occur on Thursday due to Thanksgiving. Customers with Thursday trash pickups will move to Friday and Friday pickups will be on Saturday. For public safety or water/wastewater concerns, please call the Pflugerville Police Department Community Information line at 512.251-4004 or in the case of an emergency, please dial 9-1-1. List of [holiday hours and closings](#).

## Kick off your holiday shopping at Saturday's Pfall Pfest

Get ready to shop the Pfall Pfest when the Parks and Recreation Department hosts the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pfall Pfest on Saturday, November 21 from 9 am - 3 pm at the [Pflugerville Recreation Center](#), 400 Immanuel Road. Come shop for items including handcrafted blankets, quilts, afghans, baked goods, jewelry of all styles, natural and vegan handmade soaps and bath products, artwork, photographs, baby items, jams and jellies, a large assortment of holiday decorations and more!

Grab a bite to eat as you shop and enjoy live music from the Detentions from 10 am – noon and Double J Band from noon -2 pm. The Senior Activity Center will sell BBQ sandwiches, Frito pie, hotdogs and nachos for a nominal fee. The Seniors will also host a raffle for memberships to the Pflugerville Recreation Center, a flat screen television, and more. Parking available at the Pflugerville Recreation Center and Immanuel Lutheran Church. For information call 251-5082.

## Library offers tips for those writing a novel – NaNoWriMo!

Are you writing a novel for NaNoWriMo, National Novel Writing Month? Come to the Pflugerville Community Library and check out these books to help you along the way.

**No Plot? No Problem! A Low-Stress, High-Velocity Guide to Writing a Novel in 30 Days by Chris Baty (NaNoWriMo founder)** Every fall, thousands of people sign up for National Novel Writing Month, which author Baty founded, determined to write a novel or finish a novel in -- kid you not -- 30 days. In *No Plot? No Problem!*, Baty, instigator of this wildly successful writing revolution, spells out the secrets of writing -- and finishing -- a novel.

**On Writing by Stephen King** Part memoir, part master class by one of the bestselling authors of all time, this superb volume is a revealing and practical view of the writer's craft. King's advice is grounded in vivid memories from his struggling early career to his near-fatal accident in 1999 -- and how the link between writing and living spurred his recovery. Brilliantly structured, friendly and inspiring, *On Writing* will empower and entertain everyone who reads it.

**On Writing Romance: How to Craft a Novel that Sells by Leigh Michaels** Award-winning romance novelist Leigh Michaels talks you through each stage of the writing and publishing process. From the origins and evolution of the romance novel to establishing a vital story framework to writing that last line to seeking out appropriate publishers, everything you ever wanted to know about writing a romance novel is here.

**Writing and Selling the YA (Young Adult) Novel by K.L. Going** This book takes readers through every stage of writing for the Young Adult market. Both aspiring writers and established authors hoping to reach a new audience will find guidance on writing for young adults and tips on getting published. The book covers everything from plot, setting, characters and dialogue to revision and approaching publishers.

## **Construction to change traffic routes on Pflugerville Parkway**

Traffic on Pflugerville Parkway from Railroad Ave to Marfa Lights Trail will swap to the newly-paved lanes on December 2 as construction continues on the Pflugerville Parkway Roadway and Construction Project. Please be careful and watch for changes in the traffic pattern as Pflugerville continues to improve this corridor. This project remains on schedule, due for completion by December 24, 2010. [Project information](#).

## **What's Happening**

**Friday, November 20** – no events

### **Saturday, November 21**

**Pfall Pfest arts and craft show** at the Pflugerville Recreation Center, 400 Immanuel Road. [Information](#).

### **Sunday, November 22**

**City Council Meeting (Taped Replay)** - Taped broadcast of the fourth Tuesday night Council Meeting.

Suddenlink Cable TV Channel 10 at 11 am and 7 pm. [Watch online](#).

**Monday, November 23** – no events

### **Tuesday, November 24**

**City Council Meeting** -The Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the City Council Chambers located at 100 East Main, Suite 500. Meetings begin at 7:30 pm. Work sessions, if scheduled, begin at 6:30 pm.

**Last Chance NaNoWriMo Write-In!** - Last chance to pad your word count with us at the Pflugerville Community Library from 6 pm – 8 pm. Free.

### **Wednesday, November 25**

**City Council Meeting (Taped Replay)** - Taped broadcast of the fourth Tuesday night Council Meeting. Suddenlink Cable TV Channel 10 at 7 pm. [Watch online](#).

**Pflugerville Community Library** closes at 6 pm in observance of Thanksgiving. Will reopen Monday, November 30 at 10 am.

### **Thursday, November 26 – Happy Thanksgiving!**

City offices closed.

### **Friday, November 27**

**City Council Meeting (Taped Replay)** - Taped broadcast of the fourth Tuesday night Council Meeting. Suddenlink Cable TV Channel 10 at 11 am and 7 pm. [Watch online](#).

**Saturday – Sunday, November 28 – 29** no city events scheduled.

## Save the Date!

**Friday, December 11 Holidays at Heritage Park** - Revisit Christmas Days from the past with your family at the Holidays at Heritage Park from 6 pm – 9 pm. Enjoy choirs, carolers, children's arts and craft and FREE pictures with Santa. Heritage Park is at 901 Old Hutto Road 512-251-5082.

[www.cityofpflugerville.com](http://www.cityofpflugerville.com)

**Saturday, December 12 Heritage House Holiday Home Tour** – Come tour beautiful historic homes in Pflugerville including the city's museum at the Heritage House at the Holiday Home Tour from 10 am – 5 pm. Advance tickets \$10. For information call 512-251-4362. [vmott@aol.com](mailto:vmott@aol.com) Proceeds benefit the Heritage House Museum. [www.cityofpflugerville.com](http://www.cityofpflugerville.com)

**Saturday, December 12 Pflugerville's Old Town Holiday Stroll and Christmas Parade** - It's time for Pflugerville's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Stroll in downtown Pflugerville. The schedule is bursting with holiday vendors, children's activities, antique cars and cycles and the Parade and Community Tree Lighting.

Schedule:

- Shopping and Vendor Booths 10 am - 8 pm
- Kid's Activities and Entertainment 10 am - 6 pm
- Santa Pictures 10 am - 4 pm
- Car and Cycle Show 2 pm - 4:30 pm
- Lighted Christmas Parade 6:00 pm
- Community Holiday Tree Lighting and Carols immediately following the parade.

<http://www.cityofpflugerville.com/holidaystroll>



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