



## City Manager Report

April 2024

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I am pleased to present the City Manager's Report for the month of April 2024. In addition to the departmental reports regarding finance, fire, streets and parks, police and utilities, this report provides an overview of key activities, committees, projects, events, and updates Citywide.

### **Communications and Community Engagement**

The City has begun sharing video introductions of each of our esteemed City Councilmembers on our social media channels. Councilmember Bryan Edwards kicked off this "Council Connections" series!

These video introductions will be posted biweekly on Wednesdays, giving you a chance to learn more about the people working hard to serve our community. After introducing our Councilmembers, we'll dive into rotating topics of interest. You can also keep an eye out for the "Manager's Minute," where our Interim City Manager and Department heads will provide valuable community updates.

### **Streaming Council Meetings**

Exciting news! The City is now streaming Council Meetings, and you can watch them on our City website.

Visit: [https://graniteshoalstx.granicus.com/player/clip/233?publish\\_id=dfa6efca-fe82-11ee-b231-0050569183fa&redirect=true](https://graniteshoalstx.granicus.com/player/clip/233?publish_id=dfa6efca-fe82-11ee-b231-0050569183fa&redirect=true) to access the streams and stay informed about important city matters.

Join us online for transparency and engagement in our community's decision-making process!

### **Heritage Tree Proclamation and Photo Contest**

The City will be launching a Heritage Tree Photo Contest, celebrating the majestic trees that are an integral part of our city's history and beauty. Stay tuned for more information.

## **LCRA Steps Forward**

The City of Granite Shoals hosted volunteers from LCRA as part of “Steps Forward Day” on April 12, 2024. We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to LCRA staff for their invaluable volunteer efforts and the difference made in our community. This volunteer event resulted in a beautifully refreshed coat of paint for handrails and the access ramp to City Hall, greatly enhancing both aesthetics and longevity of the railing. Volunteers also worked to pick up trash in Quarry Park and along the trail system. We are deeply grateful for their commitment to serving our community.



More information about the LCRA Steps Forward program can be found here:

<https://www.lcra.org/community-services/stepsforward/>

## **Committees**

**Community Cat Advisory Committee:** The Community Cat Advisory Committee (CCAC) had a productive meeting on Monday, April 15th. We are excited to share that the committee recently completed a successful small-scale Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) effort behind the Dollar General on 1431. Between April 9-11th, several cats were trapped, transported, and sterilized at the Hope Animal Clinic. We're happy to report that all cats were safely returned to the area where they were trapped, contributing to a healthier and more sustainable community for our feline friends.

The next CCAC meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2024. We look forward to continuing our efforts to improve the well-being of community cats.

**Wildlife Advisory Committee:** Wildlife Advisory Committee (WAC) is actively working on organizing and planning for future activities related to deer management and conservation. By holding workshops, the committee is taking important steps to prepare for future deer count surveys, determine harvest locations, and organize the necessary training and inventory.

This kind of planning and preparation is essential for effective wildlife management, as it allows the committee to collect accurate data on deer populations, assess the impact of hunting, and ensure sustainable practices are followed. Additionally, providing training to volunteers and personnel involved in these activities helps maintain consistency and accuracy in data collection and management. The next WAC meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2024

**Parks Committee:** The Parks meeting on April 4, 2024, focused on discussing park needs, recent accomplishments, the parks budget, and maintenance requirements. The next Parks meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2024.

Recent and upcoming park projects include:

- Barrier rocks were placed at Crockett Park to enhance safety and aesthetics.
- The playground at the Community Center is set to receive a refresh of engineered wood fiber, improving playability for our community members.
- A new restroom facility has been installed at Timber Hill Park, providing added convenience for park visitors.
- We've selected a location at Veteran's Park for a memorial tree in honor of Jack King, a valued member of our community.



Thank you to everyone involved in these projects for their dedication to improving our parks and enhancing the quality of life for Granite Shoals residents!

**Board of Adjustments:** The Board of Adjustments (BOA) meeting took place on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Moving forward, future BOA meeting dates will be scheduled as requests are made.

**Charter Education Committee:** The Charter Education Committee has been hard at work preparing a trifold that details the upcoming amendments that will be on the ballot. You can pick up these informative trifolds at the billing office in City Hall anytime prior to Election Day.

Additionally, for your convenience, the trifold is also available on the City website. Simply visit [www.Graniteshoals.org](http://www.Graniteshoals.org) to access "Charter Amendments Made Easy!"

We encourage all residents to familiarize themselves with the proposed amendments before the upcoming election. Your input and engagement are vital to shaping the future of Granite Shoals.



**Airport:** The Airport Advisory Committee hosted a fantastic Kite Day at the Granite Shoals Airport on April 7, 2024. It was a wonderful community event held the day before the Eclipse, bringing joy to all who attended.

Our next scheduled meeting will take place on May 2, 2024. We look forward to continuing our efforts to enhance our airport and serve the community.

Additionally, please note that the Young Eagles flight day, originally planned for 4/20, has been postponed to a date TBD. This program offers children between the ages of 8-17 an introductory flight in a small plane. Stay tuned for more information on the rescheduled date.

## Weather

1. **City Vehicle Damage:** The recent hailstorm caused damage to several City vehicles. We have identified 5 Police, 1 Utility, and 1 Park vehicle with hail damage and/or broken windshields. Inspections are ongoing to assess other City equipment and facilities.
2. **Report Storm Damage:** The Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) is requesting that residents report all storm damage at <https://damage.tdem.texas.gov>. This link has been shared on both City and Police social media channels. Your reports help us understand the impact and respond effectively.
3. **Community Support:** The Highland Lakes Crisis Network is encouraging residents to check in on their friends and neighbors. They are also offering services like boarding up windows to temporarily weatherize homes damaged from the storm. Check out <https://www.highlandlakescrisisnetwork.com/> for more information.

Thank you for your cooperation and support as we navigate the aftermath of the storm together. Let's continue to look out for one another and work towards recovery.

### **Staffing**

The City of Granite Shoals is currently hiring for the following positions: Municipal Court Clerk, Building Official, Heavy Equipment Operator, Finance Director, and Police Officer.

If you're interested in any of these exciting opportunities, visit <https://www.graniteshoals.org/city-services/human-resources/job-openings> for more information and to apply. Join us in making a difference in our community!

### **Events**

**April 18-21 Carnival** - Get ready for four days of fun at the Granite Shoals Carnival! Mark your calendars for these exciting hours:

- Thursday: 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM
- Friday: 4:00 PM - 11:00 PM
- Saturday: 1:00 PM - 11:00 PM
- Sunday: 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM



Wristband Price:

- \$30 per person for one day.

Don't forget to visit the "Mighty Thomas Carnival" Facebook page for a discount coupon on wristbands!

See you at the carnival for rides, games, and unforgettable memories!

**April 27 – City Wide Clean Up – 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM.** Join us for a city-wide clean-up event! On-site shredding services will be provided by Commercial National Bank from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Flyers in English and Spanish have been distributed throughout the city by our Police and Code Enforcement teams to ensure everyone can benefit from these services.

**June 22 – Battle of the Badges BBQ.** Get ready for a delicious showdown at the Battle of the Badges BBQ! Our Police and Fire departments will be joined by other departments from the region for a BBQ competition you won't want to miss.