



Message from the Mayor

My fellow Staffordians,

As we enter the holiday season, I want to tell every Stafford resident how much you mean to the city. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season, let us enjoy Christmas, Hannukah and Kwanzaa and come together to celebrate.

I would like to congratulate our very own Jose Magana for being named Stafford Fire Chief. He has done so much for this city, and I know that he is doing everything he can to keep all our residents safe and continue to improve our great fire department.

We at the city completed our budget for the Fiscal Year of 2025-2026 at the end of September. With the help of our CFO, department heads and dedicated employees I am confident we can continue serving residents and our business community at the highest levels as we preserve our tradition of no property tax.

There are many events coming up in this holiday season. On Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the city is hosting Santa's Convoy, led by our fire department. Our residents look forward to this every year, and we are so excited to see everyone in the neighborhoods.

The city, in partnership with the Houston Humane Society, will also host a Holiday Pet Pantry on Dec. 20 from 9 to 11 a.m. at our Code Compliance building. This is a wonderful event for those in need of pet food or who need to

get their pets vaccinated. Our Code Compliance team works hard to put this together every year and I am so thankful for them.

Please stay informed by contacting us, visiting our website, attending meetings or reaching out with any thoughts or questions. Your input and involvement is one of the most important parts of our city.

Wishing you a Happy Holidays and a very Merry Christmas!

WE ARE STAFFORD STRONG

Mayor Ken Mathew



City of Stafford News



Santa's Convoy

Christmas is around the corner, and we need your help gathering the much-needed soft toys and books for Santa and his helpers to deliver during this year's Santa's Convoy, which will be held on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. led by the Stafford Fire Department. We will have live updates on Facebook as the Convoy enters each neighborhood!

If you are able, donations are welcome and much appreciated. They can be dropped off at Stafford Fire Station No. 1 at 2710 S. Main Street.

Santa's Convoy is a one-of-a-kind experience for children in the Stafford community. Please help us continue this yearly tradition.

For more information, visit [here](#).

Thank you, we can't wait for this year's convoy and we wish you a happy holidays!

What: Santa's Convoy

When: December 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Missouri City Estates, Vaccaro Manor, Grove West, South Meadow, Sugar Creek, The Promenade, Kingsway, Dove Country, Arcott Place, Woodland West, Stafford Run.

Donations: Soft toys and books may be donated at Stafford Fire Department No. 1, 2710 S. Main St., Stafford TX, 77477



City of Stafford/HHS Pet Pantry Event

The City of Stafford and Houston Humane Society will team up to host a holiday Pet Pantry on Saturday, Dec. 20 to help those in need with free pet food and pet vaccinations.

The event will run from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Stafford Code Compliance Building (2510 S. Main St.) across the street from City Hall. No appointments are necessary.

Individuals will be served on a first-come, first-serve basis. Vaccinations for rabies, K9 Distemper and Feline Distemper will be provided for the first 100 patients. Vaccines are limited to three pets per household.

We look forward to seeing you there as we celebrate our love for pets and help those in need this holiday season!

For more information, click [here](#) to go to the City of Stafford Website and click [here](#) to go to the Houston Humane Society's Website.

What: City of Stafford/Houston Humane Society Pet Pantry

When: December 20, 9 to 11 a.m.

Where: 2510 S. Main St., Stafford TX, 77477



Fort Bend Symphony Orchestra & Chorus Deck the Halls Concert

Kick off your festive season with the Fort Bend Symphony Orchestra and Chorus and Deck the Halls! Hear timeless tunes and new favorites. Sing along to carols new and old, shop for those hard-to-buy-for relatives at the Holiday Handmade Market, and be transported into the holiday season! Join the orchestra and chorus for the Symphony's most anticipated concert of the year on Sunday, December 7th, at 2 pm, at the Stafford Centre. For more information visit the Fort Bend Symphony Website.

What: Fort Bend Symphony & Chorus Deck the Halls Concert

When: December 7, 2 p.m.

Where: Stafford Centre, 10505 Cash Rd, Stafford TX, 77477

CITY OF STAFFORD'S 2026 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING



CITY HALL, 2610 S MAIN ST, STAFFORD TX

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 7 PM

City of Stafford Annual Town Meeting

The City of Stafford will hold its Annual Town Meeting on Jan. 28 here at City Hall in Council Chambers. The Meeting will start at 7 p.m. Mayor Mathew will outline the city's goals for the upcoming year, the public will be able to ask questions and make statements and City Council members will be available to respond to questions and deliver statements.

What: City of Stafford Annual Town Meeting

When: January 28, 7 p.m.

Where: Stafford City Hall, 2610 S. Main St., Stafford TX, 77477



Magana named Fire Chief

Stafford City council officially named Jose Magana as the new Fire Chief of the Stafford Fire Department during a City Council meeting on Sept. 17. Chief Magana had served as Interim Fire Chief since the start of September and now takes on the role permanently, bringing several years of experience and service in Stafford to the community.



FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

City Council Adopts Budget

Stafford City council approved the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 during a Council Meeting on Sept. 29.

To view the City's adopted budget, visit: [here](#).

To view the SEDC adopted budget, visit: [here](#).



National Night Out

National Night out was such an amazing time! Thank you to all who participated or hosted an event. It was a great night where our police and first responders connected with the Stafford community and build connections that will last.



Stafford POA Trunk or Treat

The Stafford Police Officer Association's first Trunk or Treat was a resounding success. Thank you to the so many who came out, participated, donated or went out of their way to help make this event happen. It was amazing to see so many from the community come together. We loved seeing all the families out having a safe and fun Halloween with our officers, Fire Department and City Staff.



Veterans Day Event

The Stafford Parks Committee held a Veterans Day event and it was a very special day for all involved. We honored veterans with a special ceremony, including a live performance of Taps. Thank you so much to our Parks Committee, who's members went above and beyond to make this event happen.



Tzu Chi University visits Stafford STEM Magnet Academy

We had such a wonderful time hosting Tzu Chi University at the Stafford STEM Magnet Academy and Stafford City Hall. Our City Councilmember Alice Chen and Stafford STEM Magnet Academy Principal Ginny Liang hosted members of the University showed them all the amazing things happening at the Magnet School. They also stopped by City Hall to see everything happening around Stafford. They were fantastic guests and we cannot wait until their next visit!



Hispanic Heritage Alliance Fiesta at the Centre

The Stafford Hispanic Heritage Alliance held its Fiesta at the Centre in partnership with the City of Stafford on Nov. 28 that featured a live concert from Latin Grammy-winning Tejano artist Marcos Orozco.

It was a special night of celebration where and we thank those who came out and made a difference. Proceeds benefited the H2A Scholarship Fund, which empowers local students to achieve their education dreams and become the leaders of tomorrow.



H2A honors "Trailblazers"

Joe Longoria and Maria "Curly" Alvarado were honored as "Trailblazers" who helped pave the way for the City of Stafford and SMSD at this year's Fiesta at the Plaza hosted by the Hispanic Heritage Alliance of Stafford. Both Joe and Maria have done so much for our community. We thank them and thank the H2A for honoring them.



Target Opens, Sam's Club Reopens

Target opened a beautiful store in The Grid and Sam's Club reopened it's store in Stafford recently. Mayor Mathew and City Council members were on hand for both and it was an amazing time!



Stafford Charter Review Commission gets to work

The City of Stafford recently put together a Charter Review Commission to review and update items in the City of Stafford's Home Rule Charter. The Commission has been hard at work going over each item and choosing what to bring before the City Council.



Stafford Economic Development Corporation News

Hello, Stafford residents,

The Stafford Economic Development Corporation is working to improve our city by soliciting businesses that will improve our quality of life and bring sales tax to the city.

Our citizens have been discussing the need for a full-service grocery store for our city for years. We have many international grocery stores along with our Walmart and Target grocery store options. The desire is for a H-E-B or Kroger full-service option.

City Council and EDC have heard your requests for many years and have continuously reached out to these types of site selectors to encourage investments in our city. The City of Stafford's no property tax policy has yet to be successful in attracting them.

We will continue to reach out to the site selectors, but please continue supporting our existing stores.

The holidays are here, and our local merchants would appreciate your patronage if you can eat and shop locally. Please support them wherever you can.

Enjoy the holidays with your friends and family by gathering and reaching out to your loved ones. Time is our most valuable asset that we fail to keep track of.

It's a finite amount so use it wisely.

Happy Holidays!

Randy Krahn
President, SEDC





SMSD Christmas Concert

The Stafford Municipal School District will host its annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the Stafford Centre. We hope to see you there as we support our talented students! This event will also be streamed live on The City of Stafford's YouTube page and on SMETV.

What: SMSD Christmas Concert

When: Tuesday, December 9, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Stafford Centre, 10505 Cash Rd., Stafford TX, 77477



SMSD Holiday on the Plaza

The Stafford Municipal School District will host its annual Holiday on the Plaza on Dec. 13 from 3 to 6 p.m.

We hope you join us. This festive community tradition brings together students, families, staff, and neighbors for an evening filled with music, lights, and seasonal cheer. It will include performances by SMSD student groups, holiday crafts and activities, hot cocoa and treats, community photo opportunities and a special visit from a very jolly guest.

What: SMSD Holiday on the Plaza

When: Saturday, December 13, 3 to 6 p.m.

Where: SMSD Educational Plaza, 1625 Staffordshire Rd. Stafford TX, 77477



The Stafford Municipal School District will be on break from Dec. 22 through Jan. 5. This break is a time to recharge, reflect, and enjoy the company of loved ones. We hope this season brings you warmth, joy, and plenty of memorable moments. Whether you're relaxing at home, traveling, or spending time with family and friends, we wish you a peaceful and refreshing break.



Merry Christmas

From all of us here at the City of Stafford, we wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

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City Updates

City offices will be closed on:

Wednesday, December 24

Thursday, December 25

Thursday, January 1

Monday, January 19



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