



AGENDA

NEIGHBOR ENGAGEMENT AND INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

Anna Municipal Complex, Council Chambers
120 W. 7th Street, Anna, TX 75409

Monday, March 24, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of Quorum.**
2. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Neighbor's Input.**
At this time, any person may address the Neighbor Engagement and Inclusion Advisory Commission regarding an item on this meeting agenda that is not scheduled for public hearing. Also, at this time any person may address the Neighbor Engagement and Inclusion Advisory Commission regarding an item that is not on this meeting agenda. Each person will be allowed up to 3 minutes to speak. No discussion or action may be taken at this meeting on items not listed on this agenda, other than to make statements of specific information in response to a citizen's inquiry or to recite existing policy in response to the inquiry.
4. **Reports.**
 - a. Receive a presentation on special events and recreational programming.
 - b. Programs and Events Update.
5. **Items For Individual Consideration.**
 - a. Consider, Discuss, Act approving the minutes from the February 24, 2025, Neighbor Engagement and Inclusion Advisory Commission Meeting.
6. **Future Consideration.**
 - a. Discuss ideas and advise the City Council on how to acknowledge and celebrate gay citizens (Commissioner Jodi Foster).
 - b. Advise the City Council to change the Commission name back to Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Commission (Jodi Foster).
7. **Adjourn.**

This is to certify that I, Taylor Lough, Assistant City Manager, posted this Agenda on the City's website (www.annatexas.gov) and at the Anna Municipal Complex bulletin board at or before 5:00 p.m. on 03/21/2025.

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Taylor Lough, Assistant City Manager

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Recreation Programs and Events



About Us

- The Neighborhood Services Department..."Community Built Here!"
- The **Recreation** team facilitates experiences for fun, health, and play that are inclusive and uplifting in every way and plans, coordinates, and implements special community events and programs.



Administration

- *Marc D. Marchand, MLS, CPM – Director*
- *Jeff Freeth, CPRP – Assistant Director*
- **Functions**
 - *Department oversight and budget*
 - *Project development and management*
 - *Community Improvement Program*
 - *Strategic Planning*
 - *Policy development and implementation*
 - *Recreation Services and Special Events*
 - *Park Maintenance*
 - *Park Planning and Development*
 - *Library Services*



MEET THE TEAM



Marc Marchand
Director of Neighborhood Services



Jeff Freeth
Assistant Director of Neighborhood Services



Matt Lewis
Parks Superintendent



Brent Armstrong
Parks Supervisor



Trent Borchardt
Maintenance Worker II /
Irrigation and Chemical Appl.
Tech



Daniel Herbert
Park Maintenance II



Jacob Dickson
Park Maintenance I



Shawn Pina
Park Maintenance I



Major Mosier
Park Maintenance I



Denny Mitchell
Park Maintenance I



Carlos Juarez
Park Maintenance I



Luke Carter
Park Maintenance I



Tristen Pierce
Recreation Coordinator



Amy Lacey
Recreation Coordinator



Barbara Smith
Recreation Coordinator



Heather Standerfer
Support Specialist

Meet Your Library Staff



Meredith Tillet
Circulation Supervisor



Ed Veal
Library Services Manager



Susie Bibb
Librarian I



Continual Improvement Process

Certifications

- 2 Certified Parks and Recreation Professionals
- 2 Certified Festival and Events Associates (Pending)
- All Staff Certified CPR, First Aid, Stop the Bleed and AED staff

Awards

- 2024 Texas Festival and Events Association Onsite Décor Award for Boots and Booms
- 2023 Texas Recreation and Parks Society Promotions & Marketing Excellence Award Class V for the branding of Pop-up Recreation
- 2022 Viddy Gold Award for Anna Fest Video
- 2022 3CMA Award of Excellence (Printed Publications - Catalogs/Guides: Recreation Guide)

Quarterly Staff Trainings, Safety Trainings and Program and Event Post-Evaluations



Programs

Youth Programs

- Pop-up Recreation
- Teen Events
- Monthly Drop-in Crafts

Adult Programs

- Paint Nights
- Fitness at the Park

Adults 50+ Programs

- Foodie Troop
- Trips
- Crafting Corner
- Book Club
- Quarterly Luncheons

Athletics

- Youth Baseball and Softball
- Youth Soccer
- Adult Softball

Outdoor Recreation

- Hikes
- Fishing Tackle & Disc Golf Loaner Programs



2025 Event Calendar



APRIL 12
EASTER
EGGSTRAVAGANZA



APRIL 17
TEEN GLOW PARTY



APRIL 26
EARTH DAY



MAY 17
TOUCH-A-TRUCK



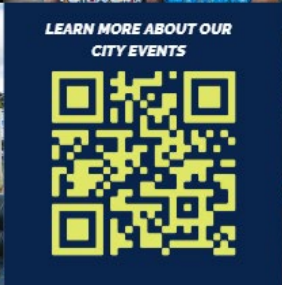
JUNE 14
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JUNE 28
BOOTS AND
BOOMS



OCTOBER 4
ANNAFEST



LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR
CITY EVENTS



DECEMBER 6-17
12 DAYS OF ANNA

Special Events

Tristen Pierce, Recreation Coordinator - Events



Easter Eggstravaganza

Purpose

A family-friendly event that brings together the neighbors of Anna through an egg hunt that includes adaptive components and various activities and photo opportunities.

Activities

Traditional Egg Hunts, Adaptive Egg Hunts, Selfies with Easter Bunnies/ Characters, Inflatables, Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Food Vendors and DJ!

Attendance

2024 Attendance: 2500

Estimated Attendance: 2800-3500



THE CITY OF ANNA PRESENTS

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA
EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA EGG HUNT WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

SATURDAY APRIL 12TH **DOUBLE THE EGGS FROM LAST YEAR! TRADITIONAL AND ADAPTIVE EGG HUNTS** **TIME 10^{AM} - 1^{PM}**

TRADITIONAL EGG HUNT GROUPS:
All groups start at 11 am.
2-3 yrs. (Field 4), 4-6 yrs. (Field 3), 7-10 yrs. (Field 1), 11-12 yrs. (Field 2).

ADAPTIVE EGG HUNT GROUPS (PRE-REGISTRATION REQUESTED):
Children with visual impairments - all ages (10 am)
2-3 yrs. (10:15 am), 4-6 yrs. (10:30 am), 7-10 yrs. (10:45 am), 11-12 yrs. (11:15 am), 13+ yrs. (11:30 am)

NO FEE **AGES VARY**

ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE SELFIE PHOTOS WITH THE EASTER BUNNY, PETTING ZOO, PONY CAROUSEL, BOUNCE HOUSES, AND FOOD VENDORS

**TRADITIONAL: SLAYTER CREEK PARK BALLFIELDS
ADAPTIVE EGG HUNTS: SLAYTER CREEK PARK SPLASH PAD**



THE CITY OF
Anna

Multicultural Night

Presented by the Anna ISD, in Collaboration with the City of Anna

Purpose

A remarkable celebration of diversity and community spirit featuring cultures from around the world, it provides a platform for attendees to sample foods, traditions, and customs from around the world, all within the familiar surroundings of our city.

Activities

Event Passport to visit encouraging participants to visit the different cultural booths, Danza Azteca, Ballet Folklorico, Performances, Fashion Show, Food Vendors and a DJ!

Attendance

2024 Attendance: 25 cultures represented, 500 attendees

Estimated Attendance: 750-1000



THE CITY OF
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Touch-a-Truck

Purpose

To provide neighbors of all ages an event that features various city departments and local organizations. Achieving this by providing them with information and the opportunity to interact with city equipment/vehicles thus, widening their knowledge on city operations.

Activities

Touch and Climb on City work vehicles, Tricycle Course, Inflatables, Sand boxes, Balloon Artists, Face painters and Food Vendors!

Attendance

2024 Attendance: 1500

Estimated Attendance: 1800-2000



THE CITY OF
Anna

Juneteenth

Purpose

A memorable Juneteenth celebration, commemorating the freedom of African Americans in Texas and across the country. This special event will be packed with excitement, entertainment, and community spirit, and we can't wait to share it with you!

Activities

Pastor led moment of prayer, Infinite Arts Group Performances, Knockout Basketball Contests, Pickleball Vs. Police, Music from a DJ, Food Trucks, Booth Vendors and Giveaways

Attendance

2024 Attendance: 300

Estimated Attendance: 500+





THE CITY OF
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Boots and Booms

Purpose

Independence Day Celebration – featuring live music, family friendly activities, food trucks and more! This is more than just a celebration—it's a chance to come together, honor our nation's history, and create lasting memories.

Activities

Live Music, Kids Zone with carnival games, Food Trucks, and Fireworks Show.

Attendance

2024 Attendance: 7500

Estimated Attendance: 7500-10000



06.28.25
CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY
PERFORMANCE BY
COFFEY ANDERSON

THE CITY OF Anna
BOOTS & BOOMS 2025

FOOD TRUCKS
FIREWORKS
KIDS ZONE

SLAYTER CREEK PARK
EVENING EVENTS BEGIN AT 5 PM

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[Boots and Booms 2024 Highlight Video](#)



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AnnaFest

Purpose

In honor of Texas's cultural heritage, AnnaFest introduces a new spin on Texas-themed celebrations by paying homage to the old west. Bring your boots and a cowboy hat for a Texas-sized celebration!

Activities

This event offers western games, armadillo races, live Texas music and performances, mouthwatering food, and old western reenactment, photo ops with a live longhorn, hobby horsing, axe throwing and mechanical bull rides!

Attendance

2024 Attendance: 2500

Estimated Attendance: 2800-4000





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12 Days of Anna

Purpose

Experience the enchanting world of holiday magic from our Santa's Village and Tree lighting! Our new plaza will be transformed into a winter wonderland, radiating the spirit of the season with an ice-skating rink, photo opportunities with Santa and his reindeer, inflatables, delectable food vendors, and a plethora of festive activities. Get ready to kick off the holiday season with joy and cheer! We invite you to our annual Santa's Village & Tree Lighting, where the spirit of the holidays come alive.

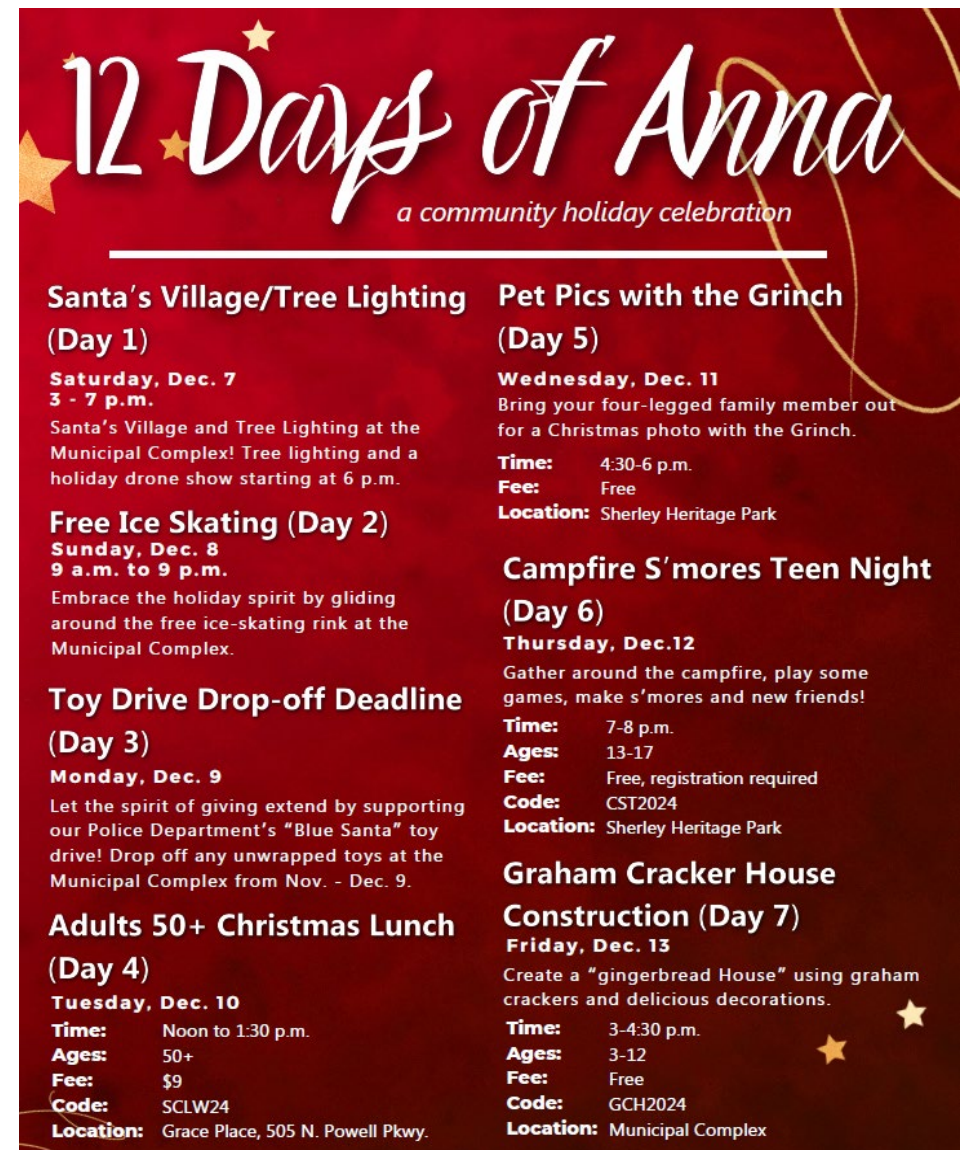
Activities

Ice-skating rink, photo opportunities with Santa and his reindeer, inflatables, Carolers, delectable food vendors, and holiday drone show!

Attendance

2024 Attendance: 500+ (Weather cancellation), Drone Show 1000+

Estimated Attendance: 2000-4000



12 Days of Anna
a community holiday celebration

Santa's Village/Tree Lighting (Day 1)
Saturday, Dec. 7
3 - 7 p.m.
Santa's Village and Tree Lighting at the Municipal Complex! Tree lighting and a holiday drone show starting at 6 p.m.

Free Ice Skating (Day 2)
Sunday, Dec. 8
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Embrace the holiday spirit by gliding around the free ice-skating rink at the Municipal Complex.

Toy Drive Drop-off Deadline (Day 3)
Monday, Dec. 9
Let the spirit of giving extend by supporting our Police Department's "Blue Santa" toy drive! Drop off any unwrapped toys at the Municipal Complex from Nov. - Dec. 9.

Adults 50+ Christmas Lunch (Day 4)
Tuesday, Dec. 10
Time: Noon to 1:30 p.m.
Ages: 50+
Fee: \$9
Code: SCLW24
Location: Grace Place, 505 N. Powell Pkwy.

Pet Pics with the Grinch (Day 5)
Wednesday, Dec. 11
Bring your four-legged family member out for a Christmas photo with the Grinch.
Time: 4:30-6 p.m.
Fee: Free
Location: Sherley Heritage Park

Campfire S'mores Teen Night (Day 6)
Thursday, Dec. 12
Gather around the campfire, play some games, make s'mores and new friends!
Time: 7-8 p.m.
Ages: 13-17
Fee: Free, registration required
Code: CST2024
Location: Sherley Heritage Park

Graham Cracker House Construction (Day 7)
Friday, Dec. 13
Create a "gingerbread House" using graham crackers and delicious decorations.
Time: 3-4:30 p.m.
Ages: 3-12
Fee: Free
Code: GCH2024
Location: Municipal Complex

THE CITY OF
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Special Event Permits

Steps:

1. Register/Apply through CivicRec
2. Meet/Discuss with Applicant
3. Reviewed by internal committee
4. Provide feedback to applicant and finalize
5. Approved according to ordinance

SPECIAL EVENTS PERMITS

Special Event Permit Application

Are you interested in hosting a Special Event here in Anna? Special events such as downtown festivals or large outdoor gatherings on public property require a Special Event Permit process. We look forward to helping you create a fun, safe and engaging event!

Special Event Permit Application

Location TBD

All Ages

TBD

Fee includes \$50.00 permit application fee and \$300.00 refundable deposit due at time of application.

Special Event Permit Application, Certificate of Insurance/Letter of Intent to obtain, and Event Site Map are required to complete the application.

The City of Anna must be listed on the COI as additional insured

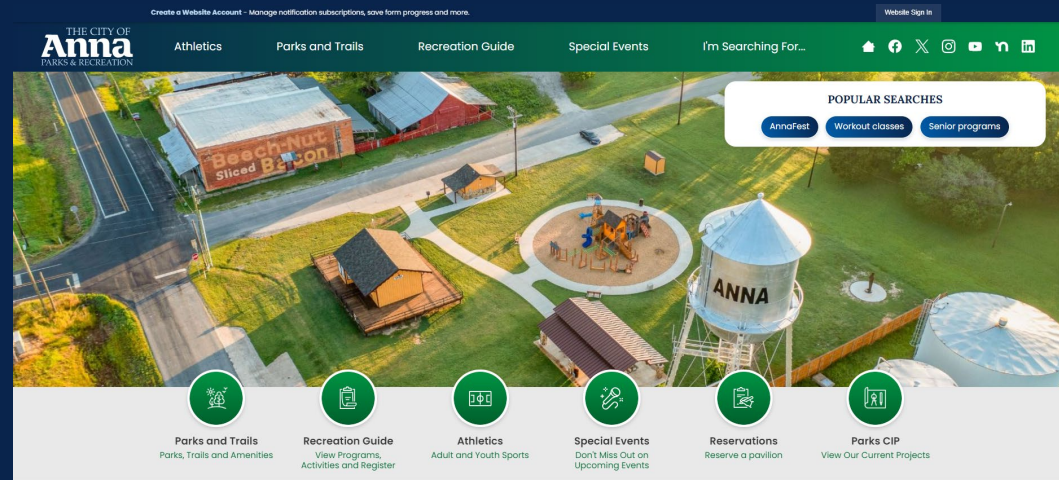
Special Event Permit Application can be found here:

<https://www.annatexas.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5415/Special-Event--Permit-Application?bidId=>

For any questions please contact Recreation 469-885-9428 or recreation@annatexas.gov



How to Stay Connected



Coffee with Cops Saturday

Tomorrow, Saturday, Sept. 14, join the Anna Police Department for Coffee with Cops at Grace Place from 9-11 a.m. Bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the food pantry and receive a \$1 off your coffee.

Bike safety rally registration deadline rapidly approaching

Don't forget to register your kids for the upcoming [Bike Safety Rally](#) hosted by the Anna Police Department on **Sept. 21!** This fun and educational event will teach essential bike safety skills, feature exciting obstacle courses and provide bike and helmet inspections.

Every bike ride begins with putting on a helmet. But it's equally important that you ensure a proper fit so your helmet can best protect you. Let Anna Police help!

Open to kids ages 6-18, the rally offers two sessions based on age groups. [Pre-registration is required by Sept. 15](#), so secure your spot today and get ready for a safe and fun ride!

Distracted driving isn't worth the risk

How to view the Rec Guide and register!

01 Scan the QR Code to visit www.AnnaTexas.gov/RecGuide



02 Flip through the guide

03 Register for classes via CivicRec by clicking the programs that interest you

04 We'll see you soon!

Have questions?

Call 469-885-9428 or email Recreation@annatexas.gov

THE CITY OF Anna

THANK YOU

**Neighbor Engagement and Inclusion Advisory
Commission
Meeting Minutes**



Monday, February 27, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

Anna Municipal Complex – Council Chambers

120 W. 7th Street, Anna, Texas 75409

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of Quorum.

Chairperson Theresa King-Bell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and established quorum.

Commission Members Present:

Chairperson Theresa King-Bell

Vice Chairperson Elijah Nelms

Commission Member Cory Halley

Commission Member Jodi Foster

Commission Member Travis Bates

Commission Members Absent:

Commission Member Akingbade Akinfenwa

Commission Member Susan Easaw

Others in Attendance:

Council Member Lee Miller

Assistant City Manager Taylor Lough

Assistant to the City Manager Kimberly Winarski

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Commission Chair Theresa King-Bell provided an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Neighbor's Input.

N/A

4. Reports

- a. Events and Programs Update.

Taylor Lough gave a recap of programs and events that occurred citywide in January, February and are planned for the next few months. She also reviewed the Commission's work plan and upcoming Commission meeting dates.

- b. Receive a presentation on transit options.

Kimberly Winarski provided a presentation outlining potential options for future public transportation services.

5. Items for Individual Consideration

- a. Consider, Discuss, Act approving the minutes from the January 27, 2025, Neighbor Engagement and Inclusion Advisory Commission Meeting.

MOTION: Commission Member Corey Halley moved to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2024, Neighbor Engagement and Inclusion Advisory Commission Meeting. Commission Member Jodi Foster seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

7. Adjourn.

Chairperson Theresa King-Bell adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Approved on the 24th day of March 2025.

Staff Liaison Taylor Lough

Chairperson Theresa King-Bell