



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 24, 2025  
**TO:** The Honorable Mayor Moore and Council Members  
**FROM:** Barry Sullivan, City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Friday Staff Report

### Upcoming Meetings

- City Council Meeting **Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** at City Hall.
- City Council Workshop on Streets **Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.** at City Hall.
- City Council Meeting **Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** at City Hall.
- Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting on **Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.** at City Hall.
- TML Conference on **Tuesday, October 28 – Friday, October 31, 2025** in Fort Worth.

### Events

- Frank Buck Zoo's Costume Strut on **Saturday, October 25, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at the Zoo.
- Frankie Fright Express event on **October 28-30, 2025 from 6 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**
- Dia De Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) event on **Saturday, November 4, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.** at the Gainesville Farmers Market.
- City offices will be **closed on Tuesday, November 11, 2025**, in observance of Veterans Day. Tuesday's trash collection will take place on Wednesday. Thursday and Friday routes will remain on schedule.
- Knowledge NOW Luncheon – State of the City: 2025 Update on **Wednesday, November 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** at Gainesville Civic Center.

### General Information & Status Updates

- The City met with S&P Global Ratings and Moody's during the second week of October as part of the bond rating process for the upcoming issuance. S&P upgraded Gainesville from AA- to AA, while Moody's affirmed its Aa3 rating.
- Jennifer Ekstrand gave a presentation to Kiwanis regarding code enforcement on October 21, 2025.
- The roof repair project at the Santa Fe Depot is progressing ahead of schedule and is anticipated to be complete next week.
- Communication and Outreach Director was invited by KXII's Talk of the Town with Jennifer Shumate (Chamber) to speak about festive events in Gainesville-- focus on Scare on the Square, Costume Strut, Boo-Tique Bash, and Frankie Fright Express.
- Communication and Outreach Department sent a pitch deck for a group interested in moving a festival to Texas-- looking at Gainesville as a serious contender.



- Communication and Outreach Department spoke with a media group to get the process started on potential group advertising for FY 2027
- Website redesign meeting has been scheduled to begin talking about timeline for the process.
- October Events Calendar was posted in DPS building glass cases (graphic attached).
- Foundry Water Line is substantially complete with the following items outstanding on the punch list:
  - Get the correct lids for the air release vaults
  - Install bug screens on air release valves
  - Place line markers every 100 feet
  - Connect 2” service to the RR meter
  - Re-stripe RR crossing
  - Provide picture showing 2 inch line tap position for DEF
- Chalmers Sewer Line is substantially complete and flow is on the line, we are awaiting test results for a manhole lining that was corrected this week.

**OCTOBER EVENTS CALENDAR**

		<b>24</b> OCT	<b>ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW</b> RIPPLES GAINESVILLE & OVERSEER PRODUCTIONS
		<b>25</b> OCT	<b>SCARE ON THE SQUARE</b> GAINESVILLE AREA OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
		<b>25</b> OCT	<b>COSTUME STRUT</b> FRANK BUCK ZOO
		<b>25</b> OCT	<b>BOO-TIQUE BASH</b> HISTORIC DOWNTOWN GAINESVILLE ALLIANCE
		<b>25</b> OCT	<b>FARMERS MARKET</b> GAINESVILLE FARMERS MARKET
		<b>28</b> OCT	<b>FRANKIE FRIGHT EXPRESS</b> CITY OF GAINESVILLE - PARKS AND RECREATION OCT 28 - OCT 30