# CONVERSE CONNECTION

COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2025

*COMING UP NOV. 8*

# 2nd ANNUAL VETERANS DAY PARADE

***ALSO INSIDE:***
***Converse EDC maps out new expansion and Ideas for the future***

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# CITY DIRECTORY

## CONVERSE CITY HALL
## 406 S. SEGUIN

**Administrative Offices** ..... 210-658-5356

**Building Dept** ..... 210-658-8285

**Finance Dept** ..... 210-658-5357

**Human Resources** ..... 210-566-1446

**Municipal Court** ..... 210-658-8021

**Utility Billing Dept** ..... 210-658-1965
Pay-by-Phone ..... 877-385-7181

**Converse Central Fire Station**
602 Toepperwein. ..... 210-658-8900

**Converse Police Department**
402 S. Seguin ..... 210-658-2322

**Converse Public Library**
601 S. Seguin ..... 210-659-4160

**Converse Economic Development Corporation**
110 W. Legion ..... 210-659-9163
Toll Free ..... 800-984-5020

**Converse Public Works**
8711 Business Court ..... 210-659-9513

**Converse Utilities**
9239 Converse Business Lane ..... 210-658-3453

**Converse Animal Care Facility**
8755 FM 1516 ..... 210-658-5369

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY — DIAL 911**

# MEETINGS

## WATCH MEETINGS LIVE
**CONVERSETX.NET/263/WATCH-OUR-MEETINGS-ONLINE**

**City Council**
1st and 3rd Tuesday of the Month - 7:00 PM
**Parks & Recreation**
2nd Monday of the Month - 6:00 PM
**Planning & Zoning**
3rd Monday of the Month - 7:00 PM

To view meeting agendas, please visit https://www.conversetx.net/archive.aspx
(Subject to change due to holidays)

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## OCTOBER 2025
***Adopt a Shelter Dog Month***
Visit the Converse Animal Care Facility (8755 FM 1516) to find your "fur"ever pet!

**7th** **National Night Out**
**13th** **Columbus Day**
(City Offices Closed)
**16th** **Meet the Candidates**
(City Council Chambers)
**18th** **Trunk or Treat**
**25th** **Community Cleanup**
8 a.m. – 11 a.m.
(w/ Paper Shredding – 501 North St.)

## NOVEMBER 2025
***National Military Family Month***
A BIG Thank You to our Military Families for your commitment, dedication, and support that make it possible for our military to remain strong!

**2nd** **Daylight Savings Time Ends**
Remember to Set
Your Clocks Back One Hour
**4th** **Election Day**
Be sure to get out and Vote!
**8th** **Veterans Day Parade**
Beginning at 10 a.m.
**11th** **Veterans Day** (City Offices Closed)
**11th** **Veterans Day Ceremony/**
Converse Purple Heart Recipients
Unveiling
**27th** **Thanksgiving Day** (City Offices Closed)
**28th** **Day-after Thanksgiving**
(City Offices Closed)

## DECEMBER 2025
***Happy Holidays***




**1st** **Holiday Parade &**
**Tree Lighting Ceremony**
**6th** **Pancakes with Santa**
**24th** **Christmas Holiday**
(City Offices Closed)
**25th** **Christmas Holiday**
(City Offices Closed)

## RECURRING EVENTS
***Mayor's Call***
***2nd and 4th Saturday***
Converse Senior Center
405 S. Seguin Rd.
8:00 AM to 10:00 AM
No appointment necessary.

# FROM YOUR MAYOR



## *Dear Citizens of Converse,*

**We have completed our 2025-26 Balanced City Budget and will continue to provide the best services possible for all residents. The city of Converse is financially sound with $5,397,229.00 (28.5 %) reserves set aside for any emergencies. In addition the City of Converse maintains a very high OUTSTANDING AA- Bond Rating.As always, we value your continuous feedback and suggestions at all times and we look forward to hearing from you.If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us anytime. Please feel free to call me anytime, email, text or stop by for a one-to-one visit at Mayor's Call.**

We recently welcomed our new city manager Stan Farmer and bid farewell to Interim City Manager Lanny Lambert for his OUTSTANDING 6 months of services to the city of Converse. Please stop by city hall andmeet our newly appointed City Manager Stan Farmer.

We have completed the Rocket Lane Road expansion project and would like to thank everyone for theirpatience and understanding. We continue with our Street Improvements and have planned projects to repave Thornton Lane and Schaefer Road. Our city manager will coordinate with the contractor to provide a daily flow of safe traffic through the construction zones at all times. If you have any questions or concerns please contact us immediately. Rest assured that we will work diligently to minimize any inconveniences to our residents while traveling through the construction zones.

Some of the 2025-26 Balanced Budget highlights include: 2 Part-time Library Attendants, Animal Shelter Officer, Animal Shelter Technician, Building Permit Technician, Code Enforcement Sergeant, Park Improvements, 2 Police Motorcycles, Police Tasers, Fire Department Ambulance, and Employee Salary pay raises. These improvements will continue the outstanding quality services to the citizens of Converse. Rest assured thatPublicsafety is always our number onepriority.Wearecommitted to providing thebestservices to all the citizens of Converse.

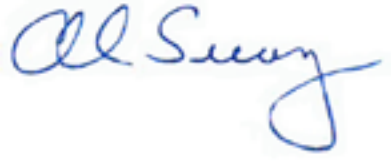
Some of our recent developments will include Culebra Meat Market at the intersection of Donalan Street & FM 1516, and a Tractor Supply Inc. at the old Big Lots location. Stay tuned for additional developments in the works and currently under the planning stage. We are committed to providing the best amenities possible to make Converse a better place to live and raise a family.

The ADS Sports Complex located at the intersection of FM 1604 & FM 78 is currently on schedule accordingto owner Tim Porter. The Coffee Shop is currently under construction with the restaurant and Sports Dome Facility to follow. In Addition, stay tuned for the huge ADS Sports Complex announcement set for late September. ADS is committed to the Converse and surrounding communities.

The Code Enforcement Office is now under the direction of Police Chief Bobby Lane and will be working diligently to address ALL City Code violations. Please report all city code violations to Code Enforcement via the city website or contact the police non-emergency number at 210-658-2322. Rest assured all reported code violations will be investigated immediately for compliance.

Finally, as always, there's an open invitation for anyone to attend **"MAYOR'S CALL" which is hosted every other weekend on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of every month, no appointment necessary, from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Converse Senior Center located at 405 S. Seguin.Please feel free to send me an email anytime at mayorsuarez@conversetx.net or callmeat210-204-0557.Welookforwardtohearingfromyouverysoon andprovidinguswithyourconcerns/suggestions.PublicSafetyandEmergencyManagementOperationswill ALWAYS be our number one priority and we will take all necessary steps to keep CONVERSESAFE for ALL RESIDENTS.**

**TOGETHER,LET'S KEEP THE CITY OF CONVERSE MOVING FORWARD!!**





# Election Information

# November 4, 2025

## GENERAL ELECTION – CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES IN BALLOT ORDER

| MAYOR | COUNCIL PLACE 1 | COUNCIL PLACE 3 | COUNCIL PLACE 5 |
|---|---|---|---|
| John Shadron | Renee Paschall | Robert E. Raney | Terry Bourland |
| Al Suarez | | | |
| Marc Gilbert | | | |
| Emilio Silvas | Stephanie Gonzalez | Kassandra Leon | Stacey L. Adams, Sr. |

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**Voter Registration Deadline: October 6, 2025**

To register to vote, you can visit www.bexar.org and complete the voter registration application card online. Call the Voter Registration office at 210-335-8683 to request a voter registration application to be mailed to you. If mailing the application, it must be postmarked 30-days before an election for you to be eligible to vote in this election.

**Early Voting period begins on October 20, 2025, and ends on October 31, 2025.**

The Hours of Early Voting will be (***subject to change***):

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| Monday, October 20, 2025, thru Friday, October 24, 2025, | 8:00 am - 6:00 pm |
| Saturday, October 25, 2025, | 8:00 am - 8:00 pm |
| Sunday, October 26, 2025, | 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm |
| Monday, October 27, 2025, thru Friday, October 31, 2025, | 8:00 am – 8:00 pm |

Last Day to receive Ballots by Mail shall be no later than the close of business on: October 24, 2025. Bexar County Elections Department, Attn: Michele Carew, 1103 S. Frio, Ste. 100, San Antonio, TX 78207

**Voting Location:** Converse Community Center, 407 S. Seguin Rd., Converse, Texas 78109.
For a complete list of Early Voting and Election Day Polling Locations, please visit www.bexar.org




# Investing in Our People

## *HR Brings Big Wins for #TeamConverse*

The Human Resources Department has been hard at work this year, and we're excited to share the progress that directly benefits not only our employees, but the Converse community as a whole.

### A Healthier Future, Thanks to Council Support

One of the biggest accomplishments this summer was securing a new health benefits partnership through the Texas Health Benefits Pool (TXHP). This interlocal agreement, approved by Mayor Al Suarez and the Converse City Council, marks a major step forward in providing high-quality, cost-effective health insurance for our employees and their families. Their leadership made it possible to move forward with a plan that balances fiscal responsibility with genuine care for the people who serve our city every day.

### Wellness Month: A Community Effort

August was a milestone month as we launched the City's first Wellness Initiative. Employees across every department joined in a step challenge, fitness sessions, and the much-anticipated Wellness Appreciation Event. Local businesses and organizations stepped up in a big way to make it a success.

Special thanks to a few of our participating partners:

- Airrosti for injury prevention and mobility resources
- YMCA for community fitness and wellness programs
- STW Krav Maga for a self-defense and confidence-building class
- Sin Miedo Mexican Delights for fueling the day with local flavor
- Texas Health Benefits Pool for answering employee benefit questions face to face
- Paul G. Mobile Massage Therapy for relaxation and recovery
- Lars Nielsen State Farm for their community wellness support
- CPS Energy for providing plants that brightened our event space

These businesses and partners reminded us that wellness is a team effort and that Converse thrives when local organizations and the city work hand in hand.

### Why It Matters to You

When employees are trained, healthy, and supported, residents feel the difference. Whether it's faster service at City Hall, safer streets, or cleaner parks, their well being impacts the community.

# LINES FROM THE CONVERSE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Summer Reading 2025 is in the bag! Once again, programs were the highlight of the summer, with our outdoor events setting attendance records of over 1000 attendees at the Touch-a-Truck. The number of participants in the reading portion of the program increased this year, and our adult participation doubled!

Brand new for adults, Lars Nielsen is giving back to the community and will be presenting a FREE Financial Fitness Workshop monthly! Held the fourth Saturday of each month from 11 a.m. – 12 noon inside the adult wing of the library. Learn how to manage your money, build savings, and plan for the future. Space is limited, registration required at: https://converse.biblionix.com/events/login/

This October we will be holding our 12th Annual Book Themed Pumpkin Decorating Contest! We hope many of you submit decorated pumpkins again this year. Pumpkins are to be at the library Tuesday, October 21st by 6pm to get the most exposure for voting! We ask you not to carve into the pumpkin, we don't want rotting veggies in the library. Prizes will be awarded for the following: age 4 & under, age 5-8, age 9-12, age 13-17, age 18+, and family. Start planning now!

In November, we will be hosting our annual Stuffed Animal Sleep Over for the little one's favorite friends. December's Pajama Storytime will be back due to popular demand! Please look at our new website for dates and further information.

**WE HOPE YOU WILL COME "CHECK US OUT" SOON!**



## LIBRARY SCHEDULE

**WE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS**

Thursday, November 27
Friday, November 28
Saturday, November 29
Wednesday, December 24
Thursday, December 25




**Third Quarter Report:**

# Progress, Partnerships, and Community Impacts

During the third quarter, the Animal Care Facility had several important milestones and accomplishments. In May, we hosted our first-ever adoption event, the "Summer Paw-ty," which successfully placed six animals into loving homes. We consider the event a success and are excited to continue building on this momentum with our next event planned for September. In June, we welcomed the Marshall Reddrick Real Estate group for a large volunteer day. Their team assisted with cleaning, walking dogs, and creating enrichment activities that provided our animals with engagement and mental stimulation, helping to improve their overall well-being.

This quarter also presented challenges, most notably a difficult outbreak of Feline Panleukopenia. With the guidance of our veterinarian and the implementation of strict biohazard protocols, we were able to contain the outbreak and officially declare an "all clear" after several weeks. City Council approved a comprehensive update to Chapter 6 of our City Ordinances, modernizing animal ownership laws and strengthening protections within our community. Overall, we helped 59 animals find homes through adoption and transferred 67 animals to our rescue partners, continuing our commitment to animal welfare and responsible care.

## CONVERSE SENIOR CENTER




The City of Converse is accepting applications for Veterans who have received the Purple Heart and have ties to Converse to be recognized on the City's Heroes Memorial. Applications are being accepted through October 15, 2025

The application and for more information please visit the city website at conversetx.net or email dsahanek@conversetx.net.




### Converse Senior Center is open to all those 55 and older

For more information you may contact 210-988-1621 or seniorcenter@conversetx.net Seniors Staying Active and Social. Let's enjoy making new friends and participating in fun activities at the Senior Center.

- Exercise every M-W-F at 9:00 a.m.
- Karaoke, Paint Parties, Line Dancing, Movies, Train Dominoes and more
- BINGO every Thursday at 2:30 p.m.
- Educational seminars by the Food Bank, Texas AgriLife, Catholic Charities and more

# Converse Pool Renovation Makes Big Splash for Labor Day



A familiar sound returned to a beloved Converse landmark over Labor Day weekend: **"CANNONBALL!"**

After months of anticipation, Converse residents got their first splash at the newly renovated City Pool, and it didn't disappoint. The celebration kicked off Friday, August 29, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by City Council, Converse Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Board members, and neighbors eager to see what's new. After the ribbon was cut and photos were taken, a celebration hosted by Converse EDC ensued, complete with food, music, giveaways, and plenty of rave reviews from the community.

## How the Project Took Shape

The idea first materialized at a March 2024 EDC Board meeting, where members discussed a wide range of possible strategic investments in quality-of-life projects for residents. A citywide survey, conducted by the Parks and Recreation Commission and Public Works Department, which oversees the parks, revealed that residents valued improvements to the park system, especially City Pool.

At the time, the facility's pumps and filters were undersized and aging, leading to frequent closures. Around the same time, Texas Parks & Wildlife awarded Converse a matching grant to address the pool's mechanical issues. But there was just one hiccup: matching funds weren't slated to enter the city budget for another year. Recognizing the urgency of fixing a pool that would undoubtedly experience another busy Texas summer, the EDC Board proposed covering the grant money and expanding the scope of renovations to include upgrades that would significantly improve residents' pool experience. With a project declaration made by the EDC in November and final approval made by City Council in December, project planning could officially begin.



## What Changed

Overall, the EDC's total investment was roughly $472,000. The project delivered extensive upgrades to both the infrastructure and amenities, creating a safer, more enjoyable environment for Converse residents and visitors. Key improvements included repairing and resurfacing the pool deck, sealing expansion joints, and applying a new durable concrete coating on the pool deck. The pool basin was fully replastered, and critical components such as main drain grates and the aging filter and pump system were replaced, significantly boosting operational reliability and water quality.

In addition to these essential upgrades, the EDC focused on improving the overall user experience. The project added 18 new lounge chairs, 12 Adirondack chairs, six freeform benches, five stylish shade structures, and secure modern fencing around the facility. These enhancements not only improved the look and feel of the space but also increased comfort and safety for families enjoying the pool.

> "By investing in this renovation, we've turned a well-used community resource into a true asset for Converse residents," said EDC Director Elan Vallender. "The goal was to create a space that's not only functional but also inviting—somewhere people want to gather and spend time."

## A Community Effort

This 18-month project was made possible by the City of Converse, the Converse EDC, and a Texas Parks & Wildlife grant. It reflects City Council's commitment to maintaining and improving public amenities, along with the EDC's broader strategy to invest in infrastructure and quality-of-life projects that serve both residents' and visitors' well-being.

With renovations complete, City Pool is ready to remain a place for cooling off, connecting with neighbors, and making lasting memories for many more summers to come.




# EDC Maps Out a Vision for the Future

In spring 2023, the Converse EDC Board of Directors gathered for a visioning retreat to take a fresh look at the city's long-term economic goals. Guided by input from City Council and a range of community voices, including residents, businesses, and commercial realtors, the Board identified five strategic priorities to shape Converse's growth. Those priorities are:

- **Quality Jobs:** Attract and grow employment that boosts consumer demand and, in turn, our economy.
- **Destination:** Thoughtfully create places and experiences that balance residents' needs with tourism that generates revenue.
- **Land Development:** Promote smart, sustainable use of land and infrastructure.
- **Business Retention & Expansion:** Help local businesses grow and thrive for community well-being.
- **Marketing & Communications:** Broadcast Converse's story to target audiences clearly, consistently, and persuasively.

## Looking Ahead

This year, the Board revisited its priorities in a follow-up retreat. The goal: deepen the long-term impact of these planning sessions by expanding the workplans to cover the next five years. Guided by its vision to connect community and commerce, the EDC expects to adopt its new five-year strategic plan by October 2025, ensuring Converse remains a great place to live, work, and visit.



## Luncheon of Champions: Celebrating Local Business

By the time Dr. Carol Wheeler was done speaking, the room was ready to get started on building the future of Converse.

On Wednesday, September 17, the Converse EDC hosted its Business Appreciation Luncheon at Bella on the Vine, bringing together local storefronts and startups together for one purpose: saying thanks for their investment, innovation, and community spirit. Guests shared a complimentary lunch, played quick games, picked up gifts, and won door prizes—small tokens of big appreciation for the outsized role local businesses play in Converse.

Wheeler's talk delivered practical tactics owners could use that same afternoon. Between tables, conversations turned to hiring, expansion, and next steps, echoing the EDC's priorities around quality jobs, sustainable growth, and a thriving local economy.

Everyone left recognized for the work they do every day. Supporting jobs. Strengthening revenues. And, ultimately, raising the quality of life for the people who call Converse home.



# Converse Explores Arts & Entertainment District Vision




In fall 2024, Converse EDC launched a citywide conversation about the future of arts and entertainment in our community. Over the course of multiple engagement sessions, residents, business owners, and community members shared their hopes for a space that reflects Converse's character while offering new experiences for locals and visitors alike.

The focus: an area near Toepperwein Road and FM 1976, identified for its potential to grow into a thriving arts-and-entertainment district. With its central location, multiple parcels ready for development, and easy access from major roads, the site offers a rare opportunity to create something both practical and ambitious.

From the hundreds of ideas collected, clear priorities emerged. Residents want a place that's unmistakably Converse—that is, unique enough to draw visitors, but grounded in the everyday needs of the people who live here. They see a district that's flexible and active year-round, with spaces for live performances, rotating events, and public art that invites interaction. They want it easy to reach and simple to navigate on foot or by car, with enough variety to make every visit different, whether for a family outing, date night, or an afternoon with friends.

The vision also includes a commitment to affordability and accessibility for all ages, plus a focus on local makers and small businesses. The community wants to see their own creativity and culture reflected back, especially through food, music, art, and experiences that could only happen here.

Using these guiding principles, the EDC worked with planners to develop several design concepts. These include a welcoming gateway to the district, a mixed-use hub with dining and entertainment, a versatile village for events and pop-ups, and scalable opportunity zones for phased growth. Each concept is designed to evolve with the community's needs while staying true to the shared vision residents helped create.

The next steps will involve exploring feasibility, attracting partners, and continuing the conversation with the people who will ultimately shape—and enjoy—the district. If realized, this district will be a place that could transform Converse into an even more incredible community.

## Keep It in Converse!

Every swipe of your card at a neighborhood business is a high five to our community. Here's why it matters:

- **$68** out of every $100 spent at an independent business stays here.
- **$0.015** of every taxable dollar funds streets, police, fire, and parks.
- Small businesses give over **2.5 times** as much to local charities and youth programs as large corporations.
- **84 percent** of net new Texas jobs last year came from small businesses.

### Why It Matters

Your taco, donut, or haircut in Converse supports local payrolls, sparks more local purchases, and even boosts property values.

### How to Help

- Switch one routine purchase to a locally owned shop.
- Post your finds with #ShopConverse.
- Buy gift cards to give owners a boost now.

Big or small, every purchase you make here makes all the difference. Let's keep those dollars—and our community spirit—circulating at home!

**Scan to take the Arts & Entertainment District Survey**

**Scan to view the Converse 2050 Comprehensive Plan**

# LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Our people and places are what make Converse unique. That's why for this quarter, we're featuring local businesses that each offer something timely for the season ahead.

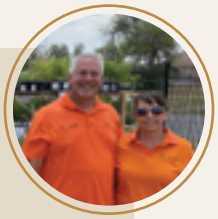


## Mathnasium of Converse

With the school year starting up, Mathnasium is here to help students struggling with math build confidence and sharpen their skills. Their personalized approach meets kids where they are, turning math from a source of stress into a subject they can manage with competence.

"There are so many reasons I love having my business in Converse. The first thing that comes to mind is the small community."

**Michelle Friedeck**
Owner, Mathnasium



## Pollinatives

Fall is prime time for planting, and Pollinatives has everything you need to get your garden ready. Specializing in native plants that thrive in our climate, they're passionate about creating landscapes that are both beautiful and sustainable, making it easy to bring your yard to life.

"Converse is a great place to do business. We love the small-town vibe, the friendly community, and the prime location for reaching customers along the I-35 corridor."

**Donald Gerber**
Owner, Pollinatives



## Arfordable Dog Training

The holidays are just around the corner, offering plenty of opportunities for your dog to show off their best behavior. Arfordable Dog Training offers practical, results-driven programs to help pets and owners enjoy a less stressful, more harmonious home.

"Relocating our small business to Converse, Texas, was a game-changer. The unwavering support from the Converse Economic Development Corporation and the City of Converse made us feel instantly at home."

**Jessica Davis**
Owner, Arfordable Dog Training

By supporting these local businesses, you're investing in the character and vitality of Converse. They're here for us, so let's be there for them.

**Stay in the Know**
**Upcoming EDC Board Meeting Dates**

**October 14**

**November 11**

**December 9**



BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## Brandon Grable | Board Vice President

**Board Member Since February 2024**

"I am committed to transforming our city into a thriving economic hub. Since enlisting in the Army at seventeen, I have served with unwavering dedication, rising to Sergeant Major in the Army Reserve. As the founding attorney of Grable PLLC and a civil rights attorney, I bring a deep understanding of both business operations and regulatory landscapes that affect economic development. My experience collaborating across diverse industries positions me to identify opportunities that drive sustainable growth for Converse. As a proud resident where my family and I call home, I am personally invested in fostering prosperity and opportunity for all our neighbors through strategic economic initiatives."

CONVERSE
POLICE DEPARTMENT

# Converse Police Department Offers Free Security Assessments

The Converse Police Department is proud to offer our community free home and business security assessments conducted by our Certified Crime Prevention Specialists. This service is designed to help residents and business owners strengthen safety, reduce risks, and even potentially save money on insurance premiums.

### What is a Security Assessment?

A security assessment is a walkthrough of your home or business where our trained specialist reviews safety measures and identifies potential vulnerabilities. The process is simple, completely free, and tailored to your property.

### What We Review:

- **Doors and Windows** – strength of locks, strike plates, and glass protection.
- **Exterior Lighting** – placement, brightness, and coverage to deter crime.
- **Security Systems & Cameras** – understanding the difference between alarm systems, cameras, and how each can enhance protection.
- **Camera Placement** – recommendations for interior and exterior coverage, including best camera types for specific needs.
- **Landscaping & Visibility** – ensuring clear sight lines and natural surveillance.
- **Business Safety** – special considerations for access control, cash handling, and employee security.

### Why Schedule an Assessment?

- Absolutely free service to our community.
- Expert advice from Certified Crime Prevention Specialist.
- Peace of mind knowing your property is more secure.
- Possible insurance discounts after implementing security upgrades.
- Custom recommendations based on your home or business needs.

Whether you'd like a full security assessment or just want to talk through specific questions such as lighting, alarm systems, or camera options, we are here to help.

To schedule your free security assessment, please contact Officer A. Chairez at achairez@conversepdtx.gov or call/text 210-965-2383.

**Together, we can make Converse a safer place to live, work, and do business.**

# Winter Averaging Reminder for Converse Water Customers

As we head into the cooler months, we'd like to remind all Converse residential water customers about an important annual process: Winter Averaging helps determine your sewer rate for the upcoming year, including charges from both Converse and the San Antonio River Authority.

### What is Winter Averaging?

Each year, the city calculates your average water usage over a three-month period between November and March. This period is chosen because outdoor water use tends to be minimal, so most of the water used is assumed to enter the sewer system. This average is then used to set your sewer rate for the following year.

### Why it Matters:

Being mindful of your water use during this time can help you keep your sewer portion of your utility bill as low as possible.

- Track Your Usage with My Water Advisor

  If you haven't already, we encourage you to visit https://mywateradvisor2.com. Using the account information from your water bill, you can create an account to:

- Monitor your daily, weekly, and monthly water usage
- Spot leaks early
- Stay informed and in control of your water costs

It's available both as a website and a mobile app, making it easy to track your usage anytime, anywhere.

CONVERSE

FIRE DEPARTMENT

# Proudly Serving, Always Improving

We have had another amazing year in Converse and continue work hard to improve our services to keep pace with the growth of the City of Converse. In nearly every part of the city, you'll find construction and changes taking place. For us, that means learning about new roads, buildings, fire hydrants, and, of course, welcoming new people into our community.

With emergency call volume on pace to exceed 6,000 this year, our dedicated team of Firefighters stays very busy. Still, they always look for opportunities to stay connected with the community, whether at a school, a business, a neighborhood event, or by hosting programs such as our Youth First Responder Summer Camp or our always-popular Pancakes with Santa on December 6th. Don't forget, you are always welcome to stop by, visit, and learn more about your Fire Department!

We are also proud to report that, following a comprehensive five-year audit by the Insurance Services Organization (ISO), the Converse Fire Department will maintain its prestigious Class 1 rating. This rating, the highest possible, directly impacts homeowners' insurance rates and reflects our department's excellence. Converse is the only Class 1 department in the Randolph metro area and one of only a handful in the entire state of Texas. The audit included a thorough review of our emergency response, scene management, training, water supply and pressure, and dispatch and technology systems. As you know, all of our Firefighters are also Paramedics, working tirelessly to provide the highest level of service to the community we proudly serve.

Mark your calendars now and join us for Pancakes with Santa at Central Fire Station, 602 Toepperwein Rd., on December 6th! This is our biggest annual community event and features plenty of fun activities for families in Converse. The event is organized by our Converse Fire Department Citizens Association, an incredible group of volunteers who are active in nearly everything we do. We are deeply grateful for their hard work and support!




If you'd like to learn more about the Citizens Association, you can connect with them through their Facebook page or even attend one of their monthly meetings, held on the third Wednesday of each month at Central Fire Station (602 Toepperwein Rd.).

# CONVERSE

## PUBLIC WORKS

### Infrastructure Projects:

Progress continues on the mill and pave project on Weichold Road, along with work on Trappers Ridge, FM 3502, Schaefer Road, and Thornton Lane. Notably, sidewalk construction on Schaefer Road aims to improve pedestrian safety and connectivity. These projects are part of our ongoing efforts to enhance transportation infrastructure, ensuring safer, more accessible routes for residents and commuters. For further updates, visit www.conversetx.net.

### Stormwater Improvements:

The Stormwater Department is undertaking key projects to improve drainage and flood management this quarter. Vegetation control and grading will be conducted citywide to maintain optimal water flow. A significant project involves rehabilitating underground stormwater pipes along Copper Way to address pipe failure and protect nearby residents. New flood gates will also be installed in flood-prone areas, supported by enhanced signage and lighting. During heavy rains, remember: Turn Around, Don't Drown. Report stormwater issues via the city website to help us maintain safety and cleanliness.

### Greenway Trail Phase 2:

Construction of the Greenway Trail from Northpark to Kitty Hawk Road is scheduled to begin late this year and be completed by Spring 2026. This trail will provide a nearly traffic-free route for walking, jogging, and biking, promoting outdoor activity and sustainable transportation. It will also serve as an alternative route, reducing traffic congestion and improving air quality. The project aligns with community goals of fostering a healthier, more connected environment. Residents are encouraged to stay informed about progress and community events related to this initiative.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 25, 2025**

Movie in The Park & Trunk or Treat at North Park, 7pm. Costume contest for all ages!

**December 12, 2025**

9th Annual Holiday House Lighting Contest. Applications are available from November 24, 2025, to December 8, 2025, on the city website, City Hall, and Library. Judging on December 12, 2025, with prizes: $150 for first place, $100 for second, and $75 for third, awarded on December 13, 2025.

**Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in making our community safer, greener, and more vibrant.**

# BRUSH & STREET SWEEPER CALENDAR

**October - Zone 2**

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**November - Zone 3**

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**December - Zone 4**

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Visit the city's website at https://www.conversetx.net for a map of your service zone.

**BRUSH PICKUP:** Converse residents are no longer required to call for brush pick-up. The city has been divided into four zones, and pick-up will be staggered throughout the year for each zone. Please view the Brush Pick-up Map to determine what zone you are in to see when your pickup will be. Residents must put brush at the curb in front their homes on the Saturday/Sunday before your scheduled pick-up week. Brush pile shall not to exceed 6 feet high, 10 feet long, and 6 feet deep. **Tree Limbs Only** - No banana leaves, cactus, palm leaves, tree stumps, or bags of leaves.

**STREET SWEEPER:** The street sweeper is scheduled to sweep on the last full week of the month, during the week indicated. **Please No Curbside Parking during this time.**

# BULK CALENDAR

**October**

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**Bulk Pick Up:** Bulk pickup is completely different from the brush pickup. It begins on the 3rd Monday of each month and it can take up to two weeks for items to be picked up. **Items need to be placed curbside on the Saturday or Sunday before the pickup week.** Bulk items cannot be placed in front of parked cars, near fences, tree/low hanging trees, mailboxes, beneath overhead power lines or on top of meters. If you have any questions about the bulk collection, please call Utility Billing Dept. at 210-658-1965. **(Max Bulk Size: 6 Cu. Ft.)**



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## WHY UNINSURED/UNDERINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE IS A SMART CHOICE

Did you know that an estimated 20% of drivers on the road don't have insurance? That's one out of every five drivers! It's a startling number—and it's exactly why having Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist (UM/UIM) coverage on your auto insurance policy is so important. Even if you're a careful driver, accidents happen. And when they do, the last thing you want is to be stuck covering medical bills, car repairs, or lost wages because the other driver didn't have enough insurance—or any at all. That's where UM/UIM coverage steps in. Here's why it's worth considering:

**1. Protection Against Uninsured Drivers**
If someone hits you and doesn't have insurance, their lack of coverage doesn't mean you should have to pay out of pocket. UM coverage helps cover medical expenses, repair costs, and other losses caused by uninsured drivers.

**2. Coverage When the Other Driver Isn't Fully Insured**
Sometimes, drivers have insurance, but their coverage limits aren't high enough to pay for all your expenses. That's when underinsured motorist coverage becomes a lifesaver. It helps bridge the gap between what the at-fault driver's insurance pays and what your actual expenses are.

**3. Peace of Mind on the Road**
Knowing that you're protected against drivers who may not be fully insured gives you confidence behind the wheel. You can focus on driving safely without worrying about what could happen if someone else isn't insured properly.

**4. It's Often Affordable**
UM/UIM coverage is typically not very expensive, especially compared to the potential costs of a serious accident. Think of it as an extra layer of safety that's worth every penny.

In short, uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage is like a safety net for your wallet and your health. It's protection you hope you never need, but you'll be incredibly glad to have if the unexpected happens.

If you're unsure whether your current auto insurance includes UM/UIM coverage—or how much coverage is right for you—reach out to your insurance agent. A quick conversation could save you thousands of dollars down the road



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