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COUNTY OF BLANCO

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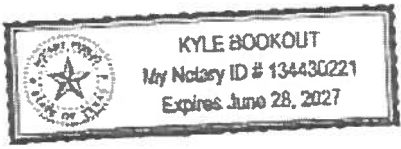
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Newspaper Representative's Signature

Subscribed and sworn to me this 16 day of August, 2023, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

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Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

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# Johnson City

Independent School District



## 2023-2024 Academic Calendar

New Teacher Orientation
Aug. 3-4 Comp or Staff PD / Work Day
Staff PD / Work Day
Student Holiday
Staff/Student Holiday
Student Early Release 12:00
<b>Grading Cycle</b>
Aug 16-Oct 13: 1 <sup>st</sup> QTR (40 Days)
Oct 17-Dec 21: 2 <sup>nd</sup> QTR (43 Days)
Jan 9-Mar 7: 3 <sup>rd</sup> QTR (40 Days)
Mar 18-May 23: 4 <sup>th</sup> QTR (46 Days)
STAAR   EOC Exams
Dec 5-15 EOC (All EOC Retest)
Apr 16-26: (3-8 ELAR, ENG I & II)
Apr 23-May 3: (5-8 SCI; 8 SS; BIO, US HIST)
Apr 30-May 10: (3-8 Math, ALG I)
June 18-28: (All EOC Retest)
<b>District Information</b>
Elementary School: 7:50-3:40
Middle/High School: 7:55-3:45
Graduation: May 24
Instructional Days: 169
Teacher Workdays: 187

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Board Approved: Feb. 13, 2023

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET CITY OF JOHNSON CITY, TEXAS

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET WILL BE HELD ON August 15 & September 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. CST at the City of Johnson City City Hall Council Chambers, 303 E. Pecan Dr., Johnson City, TX 78636.

This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$166,671.57 or 15.98%, and of that amount \$23,022.05 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

The City of Johnson City, TX proposes to use the increase in total tax revenue for the purpose of providing essential services to the community, replacement of capital equipment, and maintaining competitive employee compensation. The proposed FY 2023-2024 budget is available for review on the City's website at [www.johnsoncitytx.org](http://www.johnsoncitytx.org).

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$ 0.3715 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of the City of Johnson City, Texas

Table with 2 columns: Tax Rate and per \$100 valuation. Rows include Proposed Tax Rate (\$0.3715), NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE (\$0.3107), and VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE (\$0.3715).

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2023 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for the City of Johnson City, Texas from the same properties in both the 2022 tax year and the 2023 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that the City of Johnson City, Texas may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that the City of Johnson City, Texas is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2023 tax year.

A PUBLIC MEETING TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. CDT at the City of Johnson City City Hall Council Chambers, 303 E. Pecan Dr., Johnson City, TX 76860

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, the City of Johnson City, Texas is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the City Council of the City of Johnson City, Texas at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount = (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property) x 1.00

List names of all members of the governing body/justify shortly for each voted on the proposed tax rate or, if one or more were absent, justify absence:

FOR the proposal: Councilpersons Babb, Thomas, Coleman, Gutierrez & Dillina
AGAINST the proposal:
PRESENT and not voting: Mayor Stephanie Fisher
ABSENT:

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by the City of Johnson City, Texas, last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by the City of Johnson City, Texas this year.

Table with 4 columns: Category, 2022, 2023, and Change. Rows include Total tax rate, Average homestead taxable value, Tax on average homestead, and Total tax levy on all properties.

(Include the following text if these no-new-revenue rate adjustments apply for the taxing unit)

No-New-Revenue Maintenance and Operations Rate Adjustments

State Criminal Justice Mandate (counties)
The County Auditor certifies that County has spent \$ in the previous 12 months for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Indigent Health Care Compensation Expenditures (counties)
The County spent \$ from July 1 to June 30 on indigent health care compensation procedures at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance.

Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures (counties)
The County spent \$ from July 1 to June 30 to provide appointed counsel for eligible individuals in criminal or civil proceedings in accordance with the schedule of fees adopted under Article 26.05, Code of Criminal Procedure.

Eligible County Hospital Expenditures (cities and counties)
The County spent \$ from July 1 to June 30 on expenditures to maintain and operate an eligible county hospital.

(If the tax assessor for the taxing unit maintains an internet website)
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MUSTARD SEEDS: Culverts and crocodiles

By Keith J. McClellan

One day when I was nine or ten years old, my buddy and I came upon the opening to a long, dark "cave." It was built of concrete and was four or five feet in diameter. It went back under a hill and curved so that we couldn't see the other end. There was something forbidding about the place and a still small voice inside me warned me to leave it be. But being very young, curiosity and our need to explore got the best of us. We just had to know what lurked in its dark recesses.

We obtained flashlights and squeezed through the metal grate that covered its entrance. It seemed to us that we explored the mysterious tunnel for hours. We never did find the other end. We had a great time. So great, in fact, that we went back the next day with friends in order to share our Tom Sawyer-Huck Finn adventure with them.

Much to our horror, we found our "cave" running high to the ceiling with brown, frothy, swirling irrigation water. Had we inside the culvert when the head gate was lifted, our remains might never have been found in that onslaught of rushing water.

Elder Boyd K. Packer related an incident during a visit to a game preserve in what was then Rhodesia in Africa. "We stopped at a water hole to watch animals come to drink," he said. "It was a very dry season and there was not much water. When elephants stepped into the soft mud the water would seep into the depression and the animals would drink from the elephant tracks."

"The antelope were particularly nervous. They would approach the mud hole only to turn and run away in great fright. I could see there were no lions about and asked the guide why they didn't drink. His answer was, 'Crocodiles.'

I knew he must be joking and asked seriously, "What is the problem?" The answer again was, "Crocodiles." "Nonsense," I said, "There are no crocodiles out there. Anyone can see that." "The guide determined to teach me a lesson and we drove to another location where the car was on an embankment above the muddy water hole where we could look down. 'There,' he said, 'See for yourself.'

"Then all at once I saw it!—a large crocodile settled into the mud, waiting for some unsuspecting ani-

mal to get thirsty enough to come for a drink. Suddenly I was a believer. When he could see I was willing to listen, he continued with the lesson. "There are crocodiles all over the park," he said, "not just in the rivers. We don't have any water without a crocodile somewhere near it, and you'd better count on it."

Elder Packer said that the guide was kinder to him than perhaps he deserved. He could have told him, "Well, go out and see for yourself!"

Another ranger related to Elder Packer an account of a young Englishman who worked for a season in a park hotel. In spite of constant and repeated warnings, he went through the compound fence to check something across a shallow splash of water that didn't cover his tennis shoes.

"He was two steps in," the ranger said, "before a crocodile had him, and we could do nothing to save him." (Boyd K. Packer, "Spiritual Crocodiles", Ensign Magazine, May 1976)

We live in dangerous times. There are inviting culverts and hidden crocodiles all around us. On a personal level, they may come disguised in the alluring attire of alcohol abuse, illicit drugs, debt, pornography, gambling or even overeating. Giving in to such crocodiles will strip us of our self-respect and will destroy our well-being along with that of our spouses and children.

On a societal level there are the crocodiles of forgetting our roots and the things that have made this country one of the greatest societies and economies that this world has ever known. If we are to avoid being devoured, we must sustain the Constitution of this great land as penned by our forefathers. There is safety and security in subscribing to and upholding its precepts. We must be ever vigilant to make sure that our children are able to enjoy the blessings of freedom that we enjoy.

Another wily crocodile lurking in the mud is the neglect of family ties. David O. McKay declared, "No other success can compensate for failure in the home." Friends and acquaintances come and go, but families can be forever. May these forbidden caves remain unexplored and may these hidden crocodiles never be allowed to deprive us of life, liberty and our pursuit of happiness.

(Comments? mustardseeds101@yahoo.com)

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Due Monday at 5 p.m.

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No changes/cancellations may be made after 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

# Crabapple fire 100 percent contained

A total of 56 acres burned last week in the two-day Crabapple fire in western Blanco County, which is now 100 percent contained.

The Texas A&M Forest Service announced Thursday evening that it joined local departments to respond to the fire, which was then reported as approximately 40 acres. The fire was 15 percent contained when first reported just after 7:30 p.m. by the Forest Service. The fire became 50 percent contained by 10 p.m. Thursday night, and TFS announced the dozers were on scene to build a containment line while firefighters patrolled the area and performed mop up duties. The fire was declared 100 percent contained by 10 p.m. Friday.

Fires have flared up throughout the state, and high temperatures and dry conditions have made conditions worse. TFS announced Monday that it responded to 80 wildfires covering 8,521 burned acres in the previous week. Just over half - 41 - of the wildfires began since Friday.

Also on Monday, TFS declared a Level 4 Wildland Fire Preparedness Level. The rating goes from 1 to 5, with 5 as the highest rating. According to TFS, a Level 4 rating means "A very high volume of wildfires, including large fires and fires that are resistant to control, is reported daily across the state. The fire environment will support increased wildfire activity and a heavy commitment of state and local resources for long durations

is likely required. Continued mobilization of interagency resources and the activation of incident management teams may occur."

There have been several active fires lately in neighboring counties. A 75-acre fire was reported Monday in eastern Gillespie County, and it was 100 percent contained the same day. The Oak Grove fire in Hays County began Saturday and enveloped an estimated 400 acres. The fire was 75 percent contained Monday night, the Forest Service said. It was reported Sunday that one residence and several out buildings were destroyed in the fire. In Bexar County, there was an 8-acre fire Friday which is also 100 percent contained.

Last week, TFS issued a warning of increased wildfire dangers due to high temperatures and dry conditions across the state. "Since mid-July, wildfire activity has increased substantially across Texas due to expanding drought conditions," said Wes Moorhead, Texas A&M Forest Service Fire Chief. Elevated fire weather, characterized by triple-digit temperatures, low humidity and increased wind speeds, create an environment with high potential for wildfires that are difficult to control.

"Texas A&M Forest Service is working closely with the Texas Division of Emergency Management, fire departments, and local jurisdictions across the state

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PUBLIC NOTICE

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

This notice does not apply to a taxing unit that has a de minimis rate.

PROPOSED TAX RATE \$ 0.3715 per \$100  
 NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$ 0.3107 per \$100  
 VOTER APPROVAL TAX RATE \$ 0.3715 per \$100

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The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, the City of Johnson City, Texas is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the City Council of the City of Johnson City, Texas at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:  
 Property tax amount = (Tax rate) x (Assessable value of your property) / 100

(Add amount of increases of the governing body, but excluding any amount of the proposal to increase the tax rate, to the amount of the existing amount.)

FOR the proposal, Councilmembers Babb Thomas, Coleman, Guthrie & Dikine

AGAINST the proposal

PRESENT and not voting Mayor Stephanie Fisher

ABSENT

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	2022	2023	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	2022 adopted tax rate \$0.3569	2023 proposed tax rate \$0.3715	(Increase/Decrease) of (nominal difference between tax rate for preceding year and proposed tax rate for current year) per \$100 or (percentage difference between tax rate for preceding year and proposed tax rate for current year) % 4.05% Increase
Average homestead taxable value	2022 average taxable value of residence homestead \$245,658.00	2023 average taxable value of residence homestead \$277,443.00	(Increase/Decrease) of (percentage difference between average taxable value of residence homestead for preceding year and current year) % 12.94% Increase
Tax on average homestead	2022 amount of taxes on average taxable value of residence homestead \$876.75	2023 amount of taxes on average taxable value of residence homestead \$1,030.70	(Increase/Decrease) of (nominal difference between amount of taxes imposed on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the preceding year and the amount of taxes proposed on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the current year), or (percentage difference between taxes imposed for preceding year and taxes proposed for current year) % 17.55% Increase
Total tax levy on all properties	2022 levy \$1,042,688.69	(2023 proposed rate x current total value)/100 \$1,254,513.98	(Increase/Decrease) of (nominal difference between preceding year levy and proposed levy for current year), or (percentage difference between preceding year levy and proposed levy for current year) % 20.31% Increase

(Include the following text if these no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate adjustments apply for the taxing unit) No-New-Revenue Maintenance and Operations Rate Adjustments

The State Criminal Justice Mandate (counties) The \_\_\_\_\_ County Auditor certifies that \_\_\_\_\_ County has spent \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in the previous 12 months for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice \_\_\_\_\_ County Sheriff has provided \_\_\_\_\_ information on these costs minus the state revenues received for the reimbursement of such costs.

This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \_\_\_\_\_ /\$100 Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures (counties)

The City of Johnson City, Texas spent \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from July 1 \_\_\_\_\_ to June 30, 2023 to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals in criminal or civil proceedings in accordance with the schedule of fees adapted under Article 26.05, Code of Criminal Procedure, and to fund the operations of a public defender's office under Article 26.044, Code of Criminal Procedure, less the amount of any state grants received. For current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent defense compensation expenditures is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \_\_\_\_\_ /\$100

Eligible County Hospital Expenditures (cities and counties)

The City of Johnson City, Texas spent \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from July 1 \_\_\_\_\_ to June 30, 2023 on expenditures to maintain and operate an eligible county hospital. For current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's eligible county hospital expenditures is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \_\_\_\_\_ /\$100

(If the tax assessor for the taxing unit maintains an internet website)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice About 2023 Tax Rates

Property Tax Rates in the City of Johnson City, Texas
This notice concerns the 2023 property tax rates for the City of Johnson City, Texas
This notice provides information about the tax rates used in adopting the current tax year's tax rate.

Unencumbered Fund Balances
The following estimated balances will be left in the taxing unit's accounts at the end of the fiscal year.

Table with 3 columns: Type of Fund, Balance. Row 1: General Fund, \$ 653,007.03

Current Year Debt Service
The following amounts are for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from upcoming property tax revenues.

Table with 5 columns: Description of Debt, Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid From Property Taxes, Interest to be Paid From Property Taxes, Other Amounts to be Paid, Total Payment. Rows include 2012 Series, 2015 Series, 2021 Series, 2023 Series, SCADA (Lease / Purchase), Police Dept. Vehicles (Lease / Purchase No. 1), Police Dept. Vehicles (Lease / Purchase No. 2).

Voter-Approval Tax Rate Adjustments
State Criminal Justice Mandate
The County Auditor certifies that the County has spent \$ (amount) (minus any amount received from state revenue for such costs) in the previous 12 months for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Indigent Health Care Compensation Expenditures
The (county name) spent \$ (amount) from July 1 (prior year) to June 30 (current year) on indigent health care compensation procedures at the increased minimum eligibility standards.

Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures
The (county name) spent \$ (amount) from July 1 (prior year) to June 30 (current year) to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals.

Eligible County Hospital Expenditures
The (county name) spent \$ (amount) from July 1 (prior year) to June 30 (current year) on expenditures to maintain and operate an eligible county hospital.

This notice contains a summary of the no-new-revenue and voter-approval calculations as certified by Candice Fry, Chief Appraiser, 7/27/2023.

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes.

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October. Informational booths are a great opportunity to share eclipse information. These will begin to be located throughout the county at local community events to engage with citizens to help them prepare.

Some upcoming community events are Twin Sisters Raise the Roof Fundraiser, Meet the Police in October, Johnson City Movie Nights, and local activities with the local fire protection and EMS services.

Viewing station updates
Confirmed viewing stations are: Yeti Park and Gem of the Hill. The Blanco Library will offer educational programs in October and April, and organizers hope the library parking lot will be available for the eclipse.

The (Blanco) library is joining with a national program called SEAL (Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries) to provide free glasses and resources." Lumpee said. She added that she'll share this program with the Johnson City Library as well.

The Johnson City Library will be closed, and the availability of the Blanco County Rodeo and Fairgrounds is unknown at this time. As of now, there are no organized viewing sites at the park in Johnson City.

LCRA announced it is accepting reservations, and no Science Mill updates were available at the meeting.

Finances
Lumpee said the website is the only large taskforce expense, and HOT funds may be available for help with eclipse expenses.

Committee updates
Chief Scott Rubin said that Emergency Management Services are meeting monthly, and asked for updates as more viewing locations are confirmed.

The information is needed so the group can plan responses for mass gatherings. Lumpee will continue forwarding responses from the landowner/business directory survey to the committee.

"Law enforcement agrees it will be very important for our right of ways to be respected and left clear of parking and facilities for safety reasons. We will con-

duct business as usual with observance of traffic lights, etc.," said Chris Hall of TxDOT. Transportation committee members agreed that signage and direction for online searches will be very important.

Johnson City Mayor or Stephanie Fisher and Walston said that eclipse education tips and county HOT map are complete and will be made available on the city website and on utility bills.

Walston asked if PEC is providing targeted messaging on social media, via articles, and utility bill inserts. Diana Gonzales of PEC will check regarding county eclipse education. Gonzales will also check to see if anything will be done about the PEC lights around the county that turn on automatically during the eclipse.

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Aly asked, "What are businesses and restaurants to do the morning of the eclipse? What about access for employees and viewers and parking? When do businesses stop serving so that everyone can see the eclipse? Perhaps serve a late breakfast and early dinner? Will there be enough facilities?"

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full-time since 2008. He hasn't always been a writer, but he's written a lot. His parents were both English teachers, and he ended up writing many professional articles during his law career. As he started winding down in his career, he started writing more.



Eddie Rogers

"I wrote a lot of family articles about coming to the Hill Country and posted them on my website. That's what really started thinking about writing a book," he said. Lucky Strike, Rogers' first book and the first in the series, was a Blanco County mystery. The second, The Wrong Choices, was a prequel, while the third, The Gold Coin, was a take off from his first book. And the fourth book, The Assassination? "This one came from out of nowhere," he said. His fifth book was Dollars, Diamonds and Death, while the sixth in the series was Cold Case.

Copies of The Black-mal Murders, authored by the author, can be purchased at the Blanco Library for \$10. All proceeds from the sale of the novel have been donated to the library. Copies and e-books of the novel, as well as copies of his other books, may also be purchased on Amazon and Barnes & Noble. Find his blog at eddyrogers.com.

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