



Rhome Record

November – 2023

Welcome to November!

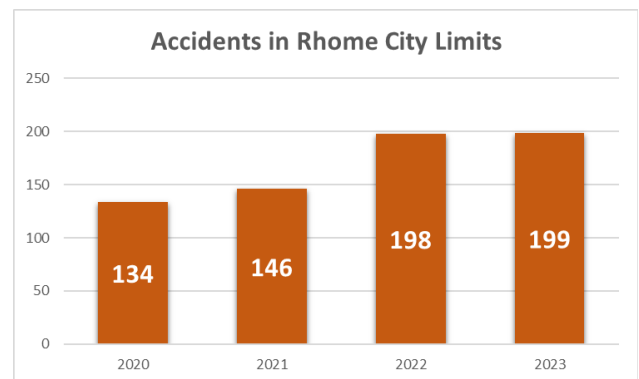
We hope you all are preparing for a month of cooler temperatures, family, thankfulness, and bountiful food as we continue through the month. The City is in its second month of the new fiscal year and are working with Council to prepare a Capital Improvement Plan for the community. Some of the projects that we know need to be addressed are the upgrade or replacement of our West Wastewater Treatment Plant, replacement of the old clay pipes that contribute to overflow at the West plant, securing additional water sources, and street repair and maintenance.

Council will be determining how we can fund these projects and in what order so that it will benefit the community. Please stay tuned as we work through these important topics!

Election Time ~

This November 7th, we will have the opportunity to vote on 14 different amendments to the State's constitution. Voting is very important to our governmental operations and gives us a voice in the process. You may find early voting and election day polling information at this website: <https://www.co.wise.tx.us/315/Elections>

ACCIDENTS CONTINUE... We continue to experience an increasing number of accidents on Hwy 287 near and around the Ramhorn Hill Road area as well as along Hwy 114 at the crossovers. While our police and fire department respond to accidents in this area, the roadway is built, designed, and repaired by TxDOT. We report the accidents to the State each time one occurs and will update you if anything changes for the roadway in that area. Please continue to be cautious in this area and along Hwy 114.



AUDIT – The financial information, bank reconciliations, and other related paperwork has been submitted to our auditing firm! We know this has been a longer than normal process due to a deep dive review of our account information and internal processes to ensure everything is aligned. The work we are doing this year will also better prepare us for the future. We appreciate your patience and look forward to bringing you the results as soon as we have news.



PETITION FILED TO ROLLBACK TAX RATE

As we brought to you in our last newsletter, Council voted to keep the tax rate the same for the 23-24 budget year as our previous year. They further directed staff to restrict the approximate \$200,000 in funds for infrastructure/roadway projects. This option was based on feedback received from the resident survey and the need for improvements in the city.

As a petition to protest this option was submitted, the residents will now have the opportunity to vote on the tax rate at the next uniform election date. Stay tuned for election dates and information.

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Important Dates to Remember:

- ✓ Election Day – November 7, 2023 – <https://www.co.wise.tx.us/315/Elections>
- ✓ Bulk Trash Pick-up, Tuesday, November 7th
- ✓ City Hall Closed - Wednesday, November 8th at noon for Staff Development
- ✓ City Hall Closed – Friday, November 10th in observance of Veteran’s Day and Thursday & Friday, November 23rd & 24th for Thanksgiving

Meetings at the Marie Moore Educational Center (Community Center next to the Fire Dept.)

- ✓ Planning & Zoning - November 6th at 6:00 p.m.
 - ✓ Council Meeting(s) – November 9th at 6:00 p.m.
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Celebrations/Events/Information:

- ✓ Recognition of Municipal Court Clerks Week, November 6th – 10th

Why is this month called November?

“November got its name from the Roman word "novem," which means nine. Originally there were only ten months in the year until the months of January and February were added in 45 B.C., making November the eleventh month, rather than the ninth month.” www.thespruce.com

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