

# CITY OF ROBINSON TEXAS

CITY OF ROBINSON PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT

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## Calendar:

Plat/Zoning & Board of Adjust. Deadline  
 December 23, 6 p.m.

City Hall Closed - Christmas Eve  
 December 24

City Hall Closed - Christmas Day  
 (Garbage pick-up will run one day late)  
 December 25, all day

City Hall Closed - New Years Day  
 January 1, all day  
 (Garbage pick-up will run one day late)

City Council Meeting  
 January 5, 6 p.m.

Chipper/Shredder Day  
 January 9, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Meeting  
 January 19, 6 p.m.

Plat/Zoning & Board of Adjust. Deadline  
 January 22, 6 p.m.



## It's the Season of Giving

Christmas is the Season of Giving, and one easy way to give this year is to help provide toys and food to families in need this holiday season, right here in Robinson. By giving a toy, food, or monetary donation to Blue Santa you are ensuring that a family in need receives the blessings of Christmas.

Blue Santa was created by the Robinson Police Association over 15 years ago to fill the need of the large number of families, in the Robinson area, that were unable to provide Christmas to their families.

In 2014, Blue Santa raised over \$3,200 and received numerous toy donations, providing Christmas to 45 kids and helped a total of 19 families. Blue Santa aims to do the same this Christmas season and cannot achieve this goal without the generous support from the citizens and employees of Robinson.



Please contact Chris Lopez, with the Robinson Police Department, to find out ways you can help support the Blue Santa families by calling him at 254.662.1415 x5126 or emailing c.lopez@robinsonstexas.org.

To make things a little easier we have compiled a couple of different lists to give you an idea of some popular gift items sure to bring joy, not only for the Blue Santa families, but the loved ones in your lives this Christmas. See *Christmas Ideas Section Below*

### Blue Santa Drop Off Locations

#### For Toys:

Robinson Police Department and Robinson: Brookshires, Dollar General, & Family Dollar

#### Money:

Robinson Police Department

## Gift Ideas for Kids to Teens

### Kids:

- The Pie in the Face Game
- Boggle Junior Game
- Elmo of All Time Toy: Play All Day Elmo
- Nerf Rebelle Secrets & Spies Arrow Revolution Bow Blaster
- Finger Printing Art Set
- Footwelt Mini Self-Balancing 2 Wheel Scooter with LED Light
- Interactive Remote Control R2 D2 from Star Wars
- LeapFrog LeapPad Ultra Kids' Learning Tablet
- Scooter
- Legos
- Magna-Tiles 100 Piece Set

### Tween Girls (8-12):

- Creatibles DIY Erasers Kit
- Fujifilm Instax Mini 8 Instant Film Camera
- Ravensburger Tula Moon: Eiffel Tower – 3D Puzzle
- Under Armour UA Storm Watch Me Duffie
- Conair Foot Spa and 3D Nail Art Sticker Collection Set
- Klutz String Art Book Kit and Klutz Shrink and Link Jewelry
- the Book: A Smart Girl's Guide: Friendship Troubles : Dealing with fights, being left out & the whole popularity thing, American Girl
- LEGO Friends Heartlake Private Jet
- Sewing School: 21 Sewing Projects Kids Will Love to Make
- New Set of Pajamas
- Nerf Rebelle Star Shot Targeting Set
- Jumbo teddy bear

### Tweens Boys (8-12):

- Meccano Meccanoid Robot
- Star Wars Good vs. Evil All Over Print Snapback Hat
- LEGO Dimensions Starter Pack
- Spikeball Game
- Marvel Comics Leather Character Trifold Wallet w/ Gift Box
- Under Armour Hustle Duffel Bag
- Totally Gross The Game

### Teen Girls:

- Boot socks, scarves or other winter accessories
- Makeup brush set
- Perfume
- Sinjimoru Cell Phone Stick-On Wallet
- Infiniti Pro by Conair Curl Secret
- Tile (Gen 2) – Phone Finder. Key Finder.
- Wireless Bluetooth Waterproof Outdoor/Shower Speaker
- Rain boots
- Smart Phone Projector
- Phone Cases

### Teen Boys:

- HD+ RC Quadcopter Drone with HD Camera
- Double Sided Hanging Magnetic Dart Board Set
- Tile (Gen 2) – Phone Finder. Key Finder.
- Mini Ultra-Compact Portable External Battery Backup Charger
- SKLZ 10 Man Flag Football New Deluxe Set
- Mini Portable Speaker with Rechargeable Battery and Enhanced Bass Resonator
- OWI Robotic Arm Edge
- Xbox One
- Cologne
- Under Armour Men's UA Storm Caliber Big Logo Hoodie

## Continue the Season of Giving

The Season of Giving doesn't have to be over when the Christmas Season is over. You can continue the benefits of your giving all throughout the new year by focusing your Christmas Giving to one of these great charities that provide services all throughout the year to help individuals and families in need:

**Compassion Ministries** helps to reintegrate homeless individuals and those on the verge of homelessness into permanent housing and employment. To reach that goal, Compassion Ministries provides needed services for residents while living in our transitional housing facility, both in-house and in conjunction with local agencies currently providing services. These services include: Counseling, Job training/search, Drug/alcohol treatment, Daycare, Children's programs, Transportation, GED preparation, Health care, Social, domestic and work skills training.

**The Christian Women and Men's Job Corps of Waco** is a free, community-based program to give hope and a future to men and women in need. Although these are considered two separate entities their mission is very similar.

They seek to provide opportunities for individuals to:

- Break the poverty cycle
- Meet their educational and employment goals
- Grow in their Christian faith

**Waco Center for Youth (WCY)** is a psychiatric residential treatment facility that serves teen-agers, ages 13 through 17, with emotional difficulties and/or behavioral problems. Waco Center for Youth bases its treatment philosophy on the belief that both behavior change and an understanding of self and others are equally important in achieving significant long-term success in treatment. The mission of Waco Center for Youth is "to give each youth a chance for change" by providing comprehensive psychiatric residential treatment services to emotionally disturbed adolescents of the state of Texas. The facility is operated by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

## Safety Tips this Holiday Season

### HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

- Be careful what you share on social media. Don't post about your family's travel plans or about expensive electronics you may have received over the holidays.
- Extinguish all fires and blow out any candles before leaving the room. Do not try to plug too many lights into one socket.
- Avoid doing all of your holiday shopping in one day, and don't leave packages visible from your car windows.
- Be careful when shopping online. Only use trusted and secure websites. Look for the padlock icon at the bottom of the screen and "https" in the website URL.
- Stay healthy by managing your stress levels, staying warm and going to regular check-ups.

The Holiday Season is a fun and exciting time surrounded by family, food, and fun activities, but the Holiday Season can also bring with it unnecessary stress and tension. To help ensure our citizens have a less stressed Holiday Season, tension free, we have created a Holiday Safety Video in collaboration with the Robinson Police Department. This video is light hearted, and full of humor, as we cover some of the basics to keep your holiday's merry and bright. Make sure to check our video out at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FRKVIH-ihbQ> or on our social media sites: [facebook.com/cityofrobinson](https://www.facebook.com/cityofrobinson), twitter - @cityofrobinson. We would love for you to leave comments on what you think about our festive video!

## Community News



### Robinson Senior Center

The Robinson Senior Center, located at 300 S. Strauss (across the street from the Robinson Police Department) is inviting anyone interested in starting an exercise or craft class to utilize one of the rooms at the facility. The senior center is open three days a week, from 9 a.m. to noon, they currently play dominoes, but anyone wanting to play other games are more than welcome to come and setup. For more information contact Nelda Wagner at 254.662.2513 or 254.235.9559.

### Robinson Volunteer Fire Department

The Robinson Volunteer Fire Department received the Good Choice Award in the month of October from Members Choice FCU and KWTX for the collection and delivery of donations to the animals affected by the recent Bastrop fires. The Fire Department not only received an award for their efforts, but also a catered meal by Uncle Dan's on November 3rd at the Robinson Fire Station.



Councilmembers (Left Picture: from Left to Right) Jimmy Rogers, Vernon Leuschner, and Steve Janics were sworn into office by Jana Lewellen, Robinson city secretary, on November 16, 2015. Awards were given to (Right Picture: from Left to Right) Warren Johnson, Rusty Steed, and Mayor Ferguson for their years of service and sacrifice for the City of Robinson.

### Recycle your Christmas Items as your Gift to the Earth

Did the Holiday's surprise you with a new TV, cell phone, or computer? Please don't throw the old ones away, below is a list of a few places that will accept your old computers, TVs and cell phones:

- Best Buy
- Goodwill (computers only, no TVs)



**Is that fresh Christmas Tree not so fresh after the Holiday's?** Take your old Christmas Tree to Chipper/Shredder Day on Saturday, January 9th; and for \$10, and with a copy of your most recent water bill, you can take part in saving the environment by disposing of your Christmas Tree in a healthy way. Together we can Save the Earth one Christmas Tree at a time!



### Food for Families Competition

Robinson's friendly Food for Families competition between City Hall and the Police Department, from October 20th to November 20th, produced over 2300 items that were donated to the Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry of Robinson. City Hall won the competition by collecting about 300 more items than the Robinson Police Department, but consider everyone a winner with an event as successful as this one was. The City of Robinson would like to recognize Stacy Allen, a night dispatcher for the Police Department, for donating over 180 items to the food drive.

For more information and photos, visit the official Facebook page for the City of Robinson at [www.facebook.com/cityofrobinson](https://www.facebook.com/cityofrobinson).

**\*\*Correction from last months community news section: Many thanks to the Robinson Area Lions Club for their help with the Fill the Fire Truck Event.\*\***

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