



RED LIGHT LOCATIONS

FUTURE RED LIGHT CAMERA LOCATION SUGGESTIONS BY CITY STAFF

The Amarillo City Council voted unanimously this week to approve renewing the City of Amarillo's contract for red light cameras and to add more red light cameras at various intersections approved by a subcommittee.

While the exact locations of the red light cameras that will be added are unknown, there are some clues left by a presentation from City staff. The City of Amarillo's Traffic Field Operations unit recommended that the City install new red light cameras at Coulter and Hillside, Georgia and 26th Avenue, and Western and 45th Avenue. The City staff also made a recommendation to eliminate the cameras at Coulter and Elmhurst and Pierce and 11th Avenue.

While there were no further recommendations, a list of high traffic intersections was given by City staff to members of the City Council. Here are some of the intersections that were listed by City staff:

- South Georgia and Wolflin
- South Georgia and SW 34th Avenue
- South Western and Paramount
- South Buchanan and SW 3rd Avenue
- South Georgia and SW 26th Avenue
- South Coulter and SW 45th Avenue
- North Grand and East Amarillo Boulevard
- South Bell and Plains
- South Western and SW 45th Avenue
- South Coulter and Hillside
- South Western and I-40
- South Grand and I-40
- South Georgia and I-40



These locations are not yet official as locations for new red light cameras but they will be suggested to the Citizens Advisory Committee. The committee will be appointed by the Amarillo City Council and the Traffic Advisory Board to determine new locations for the cameras.

It is not clear how a person can go about being placed on the subcommittee.

For more information, please visit amarillo.gov.

Texas GOP Chair Dickey to Visit Amarillo

Texas Republican chairman James Dickey will be visiting Amarillo on August 22nd.

It was announced that Dickey will be in Amarillo next Tuesday to speak to the High Plains Republican Women luncheon at Leal's Restaurant (1619 S. Kentucky). Dickey's presentation was announced earlier this month.

Dickey has served as Texas Republican chairman since earlier this summer. Dickey was narrowly elected by party officials to succeed chairman Tom Mechler. Dickey defeated businessman Rick Figueroa to take the position.

Dickey's presentation will take place at 11am. If you plan to attend, you are asked to RSVP by calling 806-640-4215.



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One Time in Amarillo: Restaurant Gets Air Conditioner, Is Praised As "Coolest Place to Dine" in Amarillo (1936)

In August of 1936, an Amarillo restaurant obtained an air conditioner and patrons from around Amarillo dined in the "coolest place" in all of town.

According to museum archives, the Mexican Inn, which sat at 322 West Sixth Avenue, equipped itself with one of the "finest" air conditioners in Amarillo. The temperature inside of the restaurant was a steady 70 degrees for all patrons who walked through the its doors.

The air conditioner worked on a process of air being pushed through a network while water was sprayed to cool it. The Mexican Inn's air conditioner was inspired by the air conditioners of "the better theaters" in the country, according to records from the restaurant's general manager, Terry Lomax.

The air conditioner was one of two major innovations launched by the restaurant in August of 1936. Miguel Araizo, a famous chef from Mexico City, was brought in as the head chef of the restaurant. Araizo was hailed as one of the "best chefs in the United States in the preparation of Mexican dishes."

Today, the former home of the Mexican Inn serves as a parking lot for Lupita's Mexican Restaurant in downtown Amarillo.



Martindale Joins Crowded Race for Randall County Court at Law Spot

Attorney Matt Martindale has joined the race for the Randall County Court at Law #2 position, currently held by Judge Ronnie Walker.

Martindale is an attorney who has practiced in Amarillo for 16 years. Martindale is the former city attorney for Gray County and is also the frontman for the band Cooder Graw.

Martindale did not return our request for comment.

The race for Randall County Court at Law is currently packed, featuring Martindale and local attorneys Stewart Werner and James Abbott. It is not clear whether Ronnie Walker will seek re-election to the bench.

Candidates may file for a position on the ballot until December 11th.



Rangers Sweep Tigers

The Texas Rangers have defeated the Detroit Tigers in the final game of a three game series, boosting the team's chances of reaching the American League Wild Card.

The Rangers defeated the Tigers, 12-6. Run contributions came from many players on the lineup and Cole Hamels pitched a dominant six inning performance to pick up his eighth win of the season.

Detroit's Chad Bell took the loss for the game.

Tonight the Rangers will be looking to continue their momentum as they host the Chicago White Sox at home. That game begins at 7:05pm on FSSW.

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Building Dreams, Solving Problems

City: 7th Avenue Closes for Partial Streetscaping Project

"Beginning Monday, Aug. 21, the City of Amarillo will close 7th Avenue between Pierce and Buchanan streets for rehabilitation. The project is expected to last approximately five to six weeks for demolition and placement of historical pavers.

The closure and reconstruction are Phase IV of the downtown parking garage construction plan that includes this streetscaping project. The historical pavers salvaged from 6th and 7th avenues will be reconditioned and replaced.

The City and its contractor would like to thank residents and motorists in advance for their patience and understanding. For more information or questions concerning this project, please call the City of Amarillo's Facilities department at (806) 378-9386."

-City of Amarillo



Texas Rangers Watch

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Chicago White Sox

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Governor Abbott Appoints Lubbock Judge to Seventh Court of Appeals Spot

Governor Greg Abbott has appointed a new justice to take a spot on the Texas Seventh Court of Appeals.

Lubbock's Judge Judy Parker has been appointed to a spot on the Seventh Court of Appeals with a term to last until December 31, 2018 or "until her successor shall be duly elected and qualified." Parker currently serves as the Lubbock County Court at Law #3 judge.

Parker is a member of the State Bar of Texas, president of the Texas Tech Law School Inn of Court and a member and past president for the Lubbock Area Bar Association, according to the Governor's office. Parker is also past chair of the Lubbock United Way Board of Directors.

The Seventh Court of Appeals is the court that covers most of the Texas Panhandle, including Potter and Randall counties. Brian Quinn, James T. Campbell and Patrick A. Pirtle currently serve as justices in the Court.

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Lowery-Hart Nears Three Years at Amarillo College President

Russell Lowery-Hart is nearing three years at the helm of Amarillo's community college.

Lowery-Hart was named the sole finalist for the position of Amarillo College president in late July of 2014 and was formally appointed by the college's board of regents on August 26, 2014. Lowery-Hart was chosen to replace the retired Dr. Paul Matney.

Following the board's decision to hire Lowery-Hart, then-board president Donald Nicholson wrote in a statement: "We're fortunate and proud to have Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart as our president."

Dr. Lowery-Hart posted to Facebook this morning detailing his experience as the school's president for three years.

"We've face mighty difficulties and innovated and loved our way through them," Lowery-Hart wrote, "I have never been so proud of our colleagues working at AC as I am watching the magic they are creating at the moment."

Lowery-Hart is currently serving as the 14th president of Amarillo College.



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