



Current and former Mayors, City Council members, community residents and city staff gathered to celebrate City Hall's 100th anniversary.

2025 CITY OF TEXARKANA, TEXAS ANNUAL REPORT

“UNITY IS STRENGTH...WHEN THERE IS TEAMWORK AND
COLLABORATION, WONDERFUL THINGS CAN BE ACHIEVED.”
— MATTIE STEPANEK



Downtown U.S. Post Office & Courthouse Stateline Sign



Swanger Complex Entrance



Swanger Mural by Texarkana Native Will Bryant

WHAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED THIS YEAR?

- Partnered with Symmetry Sports to update Swanger Sports Complex and Grady T Wallace Soccer Complex as a part of the implementation of the **Sports Promotion, Tourism & Economic Development bond issuance of \$14.7 million.**
- **Supported the expansion of Red River Army Depot** in partnership with the Texarkana Chamber of Commerce **Military Affairs Committee** through congressional leadership meetings in Washington, DC, a Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG) application in partnership with Riverbend Water Resources and a **\$50,000 annual contribution towards strengthening our military affairs regional efforts.**
- **Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)** project upgrading water meters throughout both cities in partnership with Texarkana, Arkansas. The **Water and Sewer Revenue Bond for \$21.285 million also includes the lead and copper line identification and replacement program.**
- Finance received the **GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 10th year in a row** for the FY 2025 budget document
- Finalized an **Economic Development 5 Year Strategic Plan** for the city in partnership with AR-TX REDI.
- Became a **Certified Film Friendly Community** through the **Texas Film Commission** office of Governor Abbott.
- **Received \$2 million in grant funds from the T.L.L. Temple Foundation** in collaboration with AR-TX REDI, TC, TAMUT, UAHT, and Texarkana, Arkansas for business entrepreneurship projects such as The Assembly Line a regional business incubator and creator space, in partnership with, REDI Set Move, and Pitch It.
- Made **improvements to Southwest Center** pickleball courts, basketball court and bleachers and **completely renovated Kidtopia** in downtown.
- **Awarded \$320,279 Continuum of Care (CoC) Grant; housed 31 homeless individuals.**
- **Awarded \$500,000 EPA Community-Wide Assessment Grant; presented at EPA Brownfields National Conference.**
- Planning and Community Development secured **\$1.5M in housing improvements.**
- **HOME Investment Partnerships Program- 12 homes in process: 5 under construction, 4 pending demolition, 3 in contracting, plus 2 match homes in FY26.**
- Health Department collaborated with ACE program at TISD, **providing healthy snack education** through WIC.
- Continued the implementation of the **voluntary annexation service plan for an additional 84 acres along Pleasant Grove Road and Cooper Ln for future housing developments** along both corridors.
- Completed **acquisition and clearing of 17 acres of land** owned by the Texarkana Chamber of Commerce for site development in the Falvey Industrial Park



Grady T Wallace Soccer Complex



Swanger Sports Complex



Grim Hotel/Lofts At The Grim



Council Members (L-R) Mary Hart, Jean Matlock, Christie Page



Historic Preservation Officer Matt Solomon talks TXK History with residents

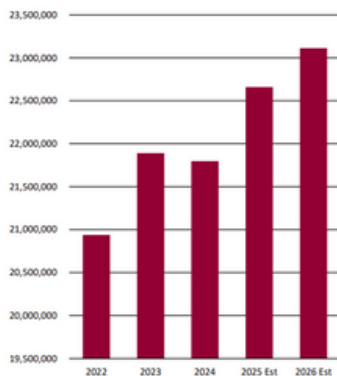


Community attends City Hall's 100th Anniversary Celebration

2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS CONTINUED

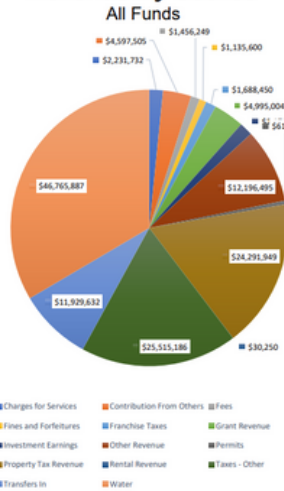
- IT received a **\$25,000 Texas State and Local Government Cyber Security Grant** to purchase and deploy a vulnerability detection and management solution.
- TTPD **refurbished the former auto auction building** next to the city garage and moved our traffic unit into the space.
- Hosted the **Caddo Conference for the Caddo Nation of Oklahoma** at the Texarkana Convention Center.
- TTFD **added a Fire/Rescue UTV and Trailer and Zodiac Rescue Boat**. They also saw transformative improvements over the past year, **investing more than \$1 million in upgrades across all five fire stations**.
- Streets **completed approximately 39,585 linear feet of full depth street reconstruction**, mill and overlays, and full depth concrete replacement.
- **TWU designed and began the relocation of approximately 35,000 feet of 10" water pipe** along Highway 82, west of Dekalb.
- **Expanded recreational programming at the Southwest Center** to include new and returning favorites such as Barre, Pound, Zumba, and a cooking class, all of which received strong community participation.
- **Provided training to 37 students through the EPA Brownfields Job Training Grant** in partnership with Texarkana College.

Annual Sales Tax Collections

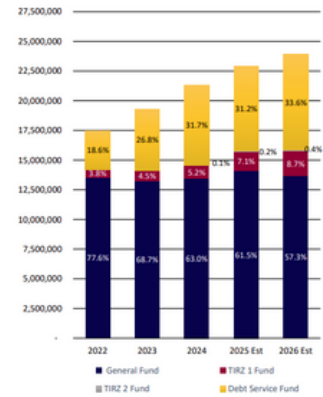


Source: 2025-2026 Annual Budget

Revenue By Source All Funds



Annual Property Tax Collections Current Taxes



Volunteers spend time bringing community garden back to life



Visit TXK greets visitors at Grady T Wallace Soccer Complex Grand Opening

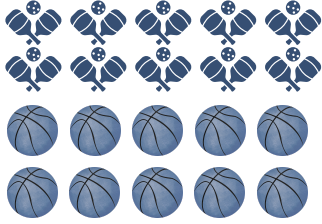


Mayor Bruggeman welcomes 2025 Caddo & East Texas Archaeological Conference to TXK

EVERY MILE, EVERY PROJECT, EVERY CALL MATTERS.

HERE'S A SNAPSHOT OF 2025 BY THE NUMBERS:

2,200 active Southwest Center Memberships



Over 40,000 man hours dedicated to Park, Trail & Public Facility Maintenance



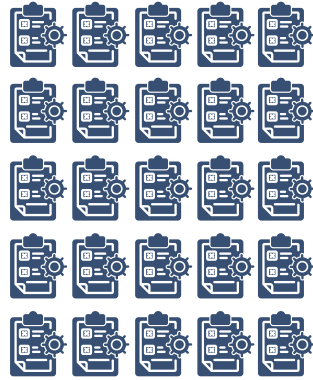
29 substandard structures demolished
771 litter/nuisance cases
1,997 calls for Animal Service



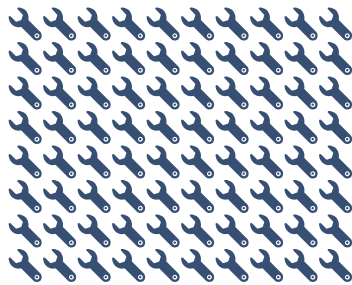
Over 30,000 linear ft of road reconstructed



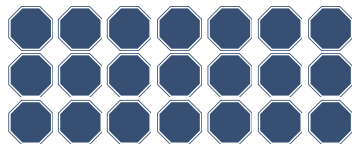
439 acres of parks maintained
Maintained 25 locations of public landscaping



74 commercial permits
112 new residential permits
646 certificates of occupancy



9,163 potholes filled
1,426 signs updated



TTFD demonstrates new Tower 1 Ladder



TWU works on mapping and plans for city water utilities



Streets hang light pole banners in Downtown



TTPD and K9 pose for a picture



4,555 total TTFD runs
2,919 EMS/rescue calls
21,556 total department training hours
2,181 fire hydrants inspected
2,895 business inspections
97 structure fires
225 total fires



49,497 total 911 calls for TTPD



15,633 traffic stops
3,000 total arrests
4,888 citations written



Street Crews clear debris after storm



Parks Department keeps the wasps away so you can play



AC Officer spends some quality time with pup looking for a new home



Parks Maintenance keeps public areas looking fresh

Looking Ahead: What's to Come in FY 2026?

- ✓ Collaborate with Riverbend on implementing the **Lake Wright Patman Ultimate Rule Curve**, addressing water rights, and managing regional water issues.
- ✓ Continue **cross-departmental collaboration teams** in order for staff with different job responsibilities to come together and work towards common goals and solutions using the Strategic Doing model. Teams include **Travel & Tourism, Neighborhood Solutions, and Historic Preservation.**
- ✓ **Align operations of associated entities and shared departments** including TWU, Airport, and Library by September 30, 2026.



Council Members (L-R) Jay Davis, Ward 6 | Jean Matlock, Ward 1 | Mary Hart, Ward 2 | Mayor Bob Bruggeman | Christie Page, Ward 4 | Steve Thompson, Ward 3 | Cole Meador, Ward 5

MISSION, VISION & CORE VALUES



VISION

The vision of the City of Texarkana, Texas is to be a thriving regional center for education, business and culture which attracts and serves our residents and visitors.

MISSION

The mission of the City of Texarkana, Texas is to provide customer focused public services and regional leadership that serves our residents and visitors while offering a safe, vibrant, and welcoming community.



NEW BUSINESSES ANNOUNCED OR OPENED IN 2025

- Assembly Line
- Auto Zone
- Distribution Center (former KMart)
- Fairways Golf
- First Watch
- HomeGoods
- Jagers
- Overhead Garage Door
- Panera Bread
- Popeye Louisiana Kitchen (Richmond Rd)
- Texarkana Roofing
- Sara Berry CPA
- RaceTrac
- Back to Roots Health & Wellness Market
- Hyatt Studios
- Home2 Suites by Hilton
- Planet Fitness (Central Mall)
- Willis Knighton Health System
- Murphey Fuel Station
- SR Aesthetics

EMPLOYMENT SNAPSHOT

As of October 2025:

City of Texarkana, Texas	Employees 380	Vacancies 28
Texarkana Water Utilities	Employees 160	Vacancies 25

→ **APPLY NOW**



UPCOMING EVENTS:



National Professional Fishing League will return to Texarkana on April 23rd-25th.



An airshow returns to Texarkana for the first time in 30 years on June 27th at the Texarkana Regional Airport.



Kiwanis Texas-Oklahoma District Convention will be held at the Texarkana Convention Center July 24th-26th.



Texarkana Youth Advisory students volunteer during Texas Trash-OFF and TAMUT Big Event



Residents and visitors enjoy annual Farmers' Market in downtown Texarkana



First responders across Texarkana come together to celebrate Shop with a Cop



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