



Weekly Report – April 10, 2026

City Council Meeting

Join us on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Annetta Town Hall, 450 Thunder Head Lane. Your participation plays an important role in shaping our community, and we encourage all residents to attend.

Tornado Season Reminder

Tornado season is here – be sure to review the safety tips on page 2 to help you stay prepared. Always remain weather aware and have a plan in place to keep you and your family safe.

Thank You, Master Gardeners!

The Parker County Master Gardeners visited Town Hall last Wednesday to tend to the landscape beds. Their hard work has made everything look beautiful! If you see them around town, please take a moment to thank them for their time and dedication to our community.



Hummingbird Season is Here

It’s time to put out hummingbird feeders if you enjoy watching and feeding them. We’ve already spotted a few at Town Hall, which means more will likely be arriving soon! To attract them, consider placing feeders in a shaded area and keeping them clean and filled with fresh nectar. It’s a simple way to enjoy a little extra beauty and wildlife right in your own backyard.



The option to renew the Town of Annetta’s one-quarter cent sales tax dedicated to street maintenance will be on the May 2, 2026, Special Election ballot. This sales tax was originally authorized by voters in 2014 and was renewed in the 2018 and 2022 elections.

This tax currently funds 100 percent of street maintenance and improvements within the Town. If voters choose not to renew the tax, the funds may be claimed by another jurisdiction.

The ballot will ask voters to consider renewing the tax for an additional four-year period. Residents are encouraged to stay informed and participate in the upcoming election.

For additional information, please visit the Town’s website at <https://www.annettatx.org/sales-tax-history>.

Regular Early Voting Hours and Days (Horas y días regulares de votación anticipada)

Monday, April 20, 2026 (Lunes 20 de abril de 2026)	8:00AM-5:00PM
Tuesday, April 21, 2026 (Martes 21 de abril de 2026)	<i>State Holiday-CLOSED (Día feriado estatal: no se puede votar)</i>
Wednesday, April 22, 2026 (Miércoles 22 de abril de 2026)	8:00AM-5:00PM
Thursday, April 23, 2026 (Jueves 23 de abril de 2026)	8:00AM-5:00PM
Friday, April 24, 2026 (Viernes 24 de abril de 2026)	8:00AM-5:00PM
Monday, April 27, 2026 (Lunes 27 de abril de 2026)	7:00AM-7:00PM
Tuesday, April 28, 2026 (Martes 28 de abril de 2026)	8:00AM-5:00PM

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Louden Room
1008 Bailey Ranch Rd
Aledo, 76008**

Tornado Season Preparation Tips

Be Informed. Make a Plan. Build a Kit.

WHAT TO DO DURING A TORNADO

When severe weather is approaching, you may not be able to see funnel clouds, so learn how to look for other weather conditions that may indicate tornadic activity:

- A dark or green-colored sky
- Large, dark, low-lying clouds
- Large hail
- A loud roar that sounds like a freight train

If you see any of these signs

- Go to your shelter immediately and tune in to local radio and television news.
- Help alert others by reporting tornado sightings to the media.

In your car

- If you see a tornado while you are driving, stop your car and get out. Find the lowest spot, such as a ditch, and lie flat on the ground. Cover your head with your hands.
- Do not seek shelter beneath overpasses as wind speeds can be higher in narrow passages. Never try to out-drive a tornado.

At school, the office or shopping centers

- In schools and office buildings, go to a designated shelter. If there is not one, the safest place is the basement or an interior hallway on the lowest floor.
- In shopping centers, move as far away from glass doors and windows as possible. If you are in a building with a large-span roof, such as a gymnasium or auditorium, seek shelter elsewhere.

WHAT TO DO AFTER A TORNADO

Once a tornado has passed, the danger is not over. In fact, half of all tornado-related injuries occur following the storm. Before you leave your shelter, look outside to assess potential hazards.

Once at home, follow these precautions:

- Use extreme caution when entering damaged homes or structures.
- Beware of unstable trees and limbs. Falling tree limbs are a major cause of injury and death following tornadoes.
- Downed power lines are a serious electrocution hazard. Never touch downed power lines or any objects in contact with them, including water.
- Do not enter flooded homes if the electricity may still be on. Report electrical hazards to authorities.
- If you smell gas in your home, leave the area and call the gas company. If you can safely turn off the main gas valve, do so. Open windows and doors. Do not smoke, light candles, use cell or landline phones, or use matches.
- Wear sturdy shoes or boots, long pants, long sleeves, and gloves when cleaning up.
- Help avoid injuries when using chain saws and power tools by learning how to operate them properly, and always follow recommended safety procedures.
- Whenever possible, use battery-powered flashlights and lanterns instead of candles.
- After a tornado, it's normal to experience emotional distress. Allow yourself and family members time to grieve.
- If you lose power for an extended period of time, discard food from your refrigerator if it has reached room temperature. Drink bottled or purified water until authorities say your tap water is safe.



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- 🗑️ **Coming Soon: Trash Cart Service | May 2026**

Republic Services will begin trash cart service in May 2026.

If you don't already have a Republic Services-provided trash cart, one will be provided as part of your monthly service rate.

📧 Postcards have been mailed to all Republic Services customers with an overview of what's coming.

📅 More details will follow in an additional mailer arriving in early 2026.

Questions? Reach out to 6citiesquestions@RepublicServices.com.



TRASH CART CONVERSION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

BILLING & RATES

- **Will customer rates increase as a result of the trash cart rollout? If yes, how much and when will the increase take effect?**
 - Yes, rates will increase with a new total monthly charge of \$23.21. Goes into effect 5/1/2026.
- **Is the trash cart included in the monthly rate, or is it an additional fee?**
 - Yes, the (1) trash cart fee is included in the total \$23.21 monthly charge.
- **Will there be different rates for different cart sizes?**
 - No, all carts are the same size, with a capacity of 95 gallons.
- **Will residents be charged for replacing a lost or damaged cart?**
 - No

TRASH CART DELIVERY & OPTIONS

- **Do residents need to request a trash cart if they do not already have one, or will carts be delivered automatically?**
 - No, Republic Services is coordinating with the City's Utility Services Department to identify addresses that do and do not have carts. If you would like to confirm your new cart, please email 6citiesquestions@RepublicServices.com.
- **If a resident already has a Republic-issued trash cart, will they keep their existing cart or receive a new one?**
 - They will keep existing cart, they will be provided information in the mailer in March on how to obtain a new cart if the cart they have is damaged.
- **Are residents limited to one cart, or can they request additional carts?**
 - Residents can request additional carts
- **If additional carts are allowed, is there an extra charge?**
 - \$6.50 per cart per month
- **Can residents opt out of receiving a cart if they are currently using their own container?**
 - All bagged trash must be in a Republic Services cart
- **What size trash cart will be provided as the standard option? Are there multiple size options for carts?**
 - All carts have a capacity of 95 gallons.
- **When exactly will carts be delivered if residents are getting a new one?**
 - Carts will be delivered during the last 2 weeks of April
- **What happens if a resident does not receive a cart?**
 - If a resident has not received a cart, they can reach out to Republic Services starting May 1 by emailing 6citiesquestions@RepublicServices.com.

BULK & SPECIAL PICKUP

- **Will bulk pickup be offered under the new cart system?**
 - Yes up to (2) cubic yards per collection day. All brush must be cut/tied/bundled.
- **If so, how will bulk pickup be scheduled?**
 - On normal service days
- **If bulk pickup is no longer available, will there be a drop-off location for large items?**
 - N/A
- **Are there size or weight limits for bulk items?**
 - Bulk items should be 50lbs or less
- **Will tree limbs, brush, and yard debris still be collected?**
 - As long as it is cut/tied/bundled – cut to 4', tied for easy removal, bundled no heavier than 50lbs.

COLLECTION RULES & LIMITS

- **Will trash pickup days or routes change when new carts arrive?**
 - No
- **Will residents still be allowed to place bagged trash outside the cart, or will all trash be required to fit inside the cart?**
 - All bagged trash is required to be inside the Republic Services cart.
- **Will there be any limits on the amount of trash that can be collected each week?**
 - All bagged trash must be in the Republic Services cart, bulk items/bundled brush will be collected on service days and limited to (2) cubic yards
- **What happens if the cart lid will not close?**
 - It must close to contain trash during the automated arm's lift to prevent spillage.
- **What happens if trash is placed out in non-approved containers?**
 - It will not be collected
- **What time should carts be placed at the curb on collection day?**
 - 7:00am
- **How should the cart be placed at the curb (distance from street, cars, mailboxes, etc.)?**
 - Refer to diagram →



For additional questions, please email: 6citiesquestions@RepublicServices.com