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Constable's Update



As the leaves begin to turn and the weather turns cooler, as much as it can here in Texas, I want to take a moment to wish everyone a happy and healthy fall season from all of us here at Constable Precinct 5.

It's been a busy time for our office. We've been responding to a record number of evictions, and with recent changes in state law, we are preparing for an expected increase in squatter-related property removal cases. The new legislation now requires constables to remove individuals illegally trespassing on private property, and our office is working diligently to respond with professionalism, fairness, and efficiency.

We were also proud to host another successful National Night Out at Wooten Park. A heartfelt thank you to APD Chief Lisa Davis and AFD Chief Joel Baker for taking the time to join us. It's always encouraging to see our first responder leadership out in the community, building trust and relationships with the people we serve.

Our commitment to community continues through programs like Silver Watch, where we regularly check in on elderly residents in our precinct. Amid ongoing budget cuts, we're working hard to ensure our clients have the food, fans, and basic necessities they need, while also making sure they feel safe, seen, and supported.

Thank you for your continued trust in our office. We are honored to serve Travis County and remain committed to keeping our community safe, supported, and informed.

- Carlos B. Lopez



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Back to School

As summer ended, the Constable Precinct 5 Community Outreach Team kicked off the school year by supporting students and educators across Travis County through our annual Back-to-School Supply Drive.

Thanks to the generosity of our community and the hard work of our team, we delivered backpacks, school supplies, and encouragement to students at Wooten Elementary, T.A. Brown Elementary, and Webb-Ready College Prep Middle School.

Teamwork in Action

Led by Corporal Shelby Criswell, the outreach team also included Shantel Brentham, Sgt. Smith, Deputy Rodrigo Serpas, Deputy Anthony McCauley, and Sgt. Robert Cantu. Their efforts made a tangible impact on dozens of students, helping them start the year feeling confident and cared for.

Special thanks to Sr. Deputy Lydia Barron, who helped distribute supplies at Webb Middle School alongside Corporal Criswell.

Support From the Community

We are especially grateful to our generous partners:

- Jasmine with North Austin Toyota, who donated school supplies to help set students up for success.
- Marcia with People Helping People (PHP), who donated backpacks and contributed a generous monetary donation to support our outreach efforts.

These donations—big and small—helped ensure that students had the tools they needed for a strong start to the year.

Looking Ahead

Constable Carlos B. Lopez and the entire CN5 team are proud to support our local schools, families, and future leaders. We look forward to continuing these efforts throughout the year as part of our ongoing mission to serve the community with compassion and care.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this Back-to-School season a success!



Accessible Parking

Tax-Free Weekend in Texas is always a busy time for shoppers, and a critical time to remind the public about the importance of respecting accessible parking laws.

Several Precinct 5 deputies and volunteers were out in full force during the weekend, patrolling shopping centers and high-traffic areas to ensure accessible parking spaces remained open for those who need them most.

Our presence serves as both a reminder and a reinforcement of the law:

Parking in a designated accessible spot without a proper placard or license plate can result in a \$500 fine.

We appreciate the cooperation of our community members and local businesses during this high-volume weekend. Keeping accessible spaces available isn't just about the law, it's about respect, inclusion, and safety.

Thank you to all who made thoughtful choices while shopping and helped protect access for individuals with disabilities.



Ribbon Cutting

The Travis County Constable Precinct 5 team was honored to attend the grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new PHP Financial Services location. This special event marked an exciting milestone for a valued community partner committed to empowering individuals and families through financial education and resources.

During the celebration, our team received a guided tour of the new facility and had the opportunity to meet the dedicated staff who make PHP's mission possible. We're grateful for the warm welcome and proud to support an organization that continues to make a meaningful difference in our community.

Congratulations to PHP Financial Services on this achievement! We look forward to watching your continued growth and the lasting impact you'll have across Travis County.



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First Responders Breakfast

Recently, Constable Carlos Lopez, Chief Lanterman, LT Eller, Sgt. Reyes, Corporal Criswell, and Deputy Barron represented the Travis County Precinct 5 Constable's Office, at the 3rd Annual First Responders Breakfast.

A big thank you to Heather Arispe, Public Safety Wellness Clinic Administrator, and Steve Riddick, General Manager of Toyota North Austin, for sharing their appreciation for first responders.

Constable Carlos Lopez, who will be celebrating an incredible 48 years of service this coming February, also spoke on the importance of the work first responders do every day to serve and protect our community.

