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Mowing Season is Upon Us

By Paul Menzies, Director of Planning and Development

Even in just it is somewhat accurate for us in Texas to claim we have only two seasons: flood and drought. Just a few years ago we were all wondering if it were ever going to rain again; however, and as is always the case, the weather patterns change and we have been experiencing a relatively wet period here in southeast Texas. In fact, League City has received almost 60-inches of rain in the one-year period beginning last April 2014. Combine the recent rainy period and the arrival of spring and we have what can be affectionately referred to as "mowing season." As such, League City property owners are reminded that keeping their properties and the adjacent rights-of-way (ROW's) mowed in compliance with City ordinance facilitates the overall high aesthetic quality of our City and enhances the ability of our drainage systems to do their job.

Those of you that are regular readers of this publication may recall last fall's article discussing the City's long-embraced mowing-related ordinance. Since 1968, property owners in League City have held themselves to the requirement that vegetation (grass, weeds, etc.) be maintained at less than 12-inches in height. The referenced ordinance also requires the property owner to maintain the same standard along the road ROW adjacent to their properties, all the way to the curb or street, including any roadside ditches. This includes all properties, regardless of adjacency to City or State maintained roads. Historically, however, many property owners along State highways (SH 3, FM 270, FM 646, etc.) have had the additional benefit of State (TxDOT) crews mowing the ROW up to nine times per year. Hence, the property owner needed only maintain the ROW during those few gaps between the State mowing cycles that may have been excessively rainy. In recent years, State funding for ROW mowing has been reduced, and mowing by State crews of these same ROW's has been proportionately reduced to only two

to three times per year. This reduction, as well as the recent rainy period, has renewed focus on the need for property owners to maintain the vegetation on their properties and the adjacent ROW's in compliance with City ordinance. But the responsibility of continuing the high aesthetic standard of our unique city is not that of the property owners alone. City crews have the responsibility of mowing and maintaining our local taxpayer-owned properties including the numerous city parks, fire station sites, hike and bike trails, and the government center on Walker Street. In addition, City crews have recently focused on previously unkempt areas considered "no man's lands" along our roadways such as pipeline corridors, railroad crossings, and non-HOA maintained drainage areas. To further this City-wide beautification effort, the City recently created the position of Neighborhood Services Manager (formerly Code Compliance Manager) whose responsibilities include not only the oversight of the City's code compliance function but also the coordination of the above described mowing/maintenance by private property owners and City crews.

Regardless of the season, a vast majority of the City's residential and commercial property owners, either individually or collectively (HOA, CMA, etc.), achieve a level of maintenance on their properties and adjacent ROW's above and beyond that of the city's ordinance. Our beautiful city will likely have its 100,000th resident later this year and, as we continue steady growth, it is imperative for all of us to continue the long-standing tradition of keeping our properties and roadways maintained to facilitate the continued prosperity of our community. If you or your neighbors have questions about this particular City ordinance or need to report a related compliance issue, please contact the City's Code Compliance Department by phone at 281-554-1030. Compliance issues can also be reported via the City's 311 system at www.leaguecity.com.

Why Economic Development is Important

By Owen Rock, Economic Development Manager

Economic development seems like a remote issue with little relevance to your daily lives. But on close examination it impacts you in many ways:

- Job opportunities – what if residents could find a job in League City that pays as well as jobs outside the city? Currently there are limited opportunities to find comparable jobs in League City as there are only a handful of large businesses in League City. There are no business parks or large office parks in League City (excluding the office development in South Shore Harbour) to accommodate new businesses wanting to move to the City.
- Shorter driving time – what if residents did not have to drive to Houston or other communities for employment and shopping? If residents could work and shop in League City they would not have to deal with the challenges of Houston traffic on a daily basis, along with the ordeal of going to the mall to purchase goods and imagine the savings on gasoline. Residents would be able to spend more time with their family in League City rather than in traffic.
- Shopping opportunities – what if residents could find all the goods and products they needed in League City?

League City has a shortage of stores in many categories including but not limited to; furniture, home furnishings, electronics & appliance stores, clothing stores, books & music stores, full service restaurants, and specialty food stores. If residents want to buy products sold in these types of stores they often have to leave League City. Attracting more retail to the City means more sales tax dollars stay local and lessens the burden on homeowner's property tax. It would also attract customers from other communities and they would be paying the sales tax to League City.

- Increasing the tax base - what if we could attract new businesses and retail along with keeping the business we have already? New and existing businesses are essential to increasing our tax base along with helping to pay for necessary operating expenses and capital improvement in the City. The tax burden on you, the existing resident, could be reduced. Economic Development in League City is handled by Owen Rock. If you would like any more information regarding this important area or would like to share your ideas please contact:
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Email – owen.rock@leaguecity.com

Message from the Mayor

Welcome to spring, League City! We are a few months into 2015 and already we have accomplished a great many things. If you joined us at the State of the City last month, you learned that we have been busy addressing your concerns in the community and also working to provide world-class services to you and your family.

We are seeing retail development on our west side, including a fourth Kroger location in League City, and a Walmart Neighborhood Market, the possibility of more retail development in the Entertainment District near Jimmy Changas and Big League Dreams. Cabela's long-awaited location begins construction this month, with an opening date slated for next spring.

League City is building for recreation and learning. After years of discussion, we have finally moved forward on a new municipal pool at Hometown Heroes Park to serve everyone from youth to swim teams to senior citizens getting some exercise, and just as important, we did it without borrowing any money by working closely with our 4B development corporation. This 50-meter Olympic sized competition pool can accommodate multiple teams at once and even has an area for children to play and swim. We're proud to be able to open this new facility to the public on Memorial Day weekend.

We're also investing in lifelong learning with our renovation projects at the Helen Hall Library. The library now boasts an expanded theater dedicated to children's programming and a new teen section upstairs. Phase II of these improvements include a renovated circulation desk, the addition of a Friends of the Helen Hall Library book store, and the incorporation

of the RFID system which will allow for a more convenient high-tech approach to the tracking, inventory and security of our library materials.

We're also continuing to give you safe and convenient ways to get around on foot or bicycle. We've nearly completed the eight new City trails, adding an additional 4.8 miles to the current trail system.

It's been a productive year and there is more to come. This spring and summer we offer exciting new programs for families and recurring successful programs from years past.

City Hall in the Park is back for the second year with four dates for you to attend. May, June, July and August offer different themes to each event. We will feature adoption specials at the upcoming event in May, and we are pairing the June City Hall in the Park with our National Trails Day event. Check out the event list for City Hall in the Park in this issue of City Matters – we hope to see you there.

League City is continuing to grow and I look forward to these upcoming months in our City. We want to hear from you, about what is important to you and your family. See you in the park.



-Tim Paulissen, Mayor



Certificate of Obligation Issue

City Seeks to Issue Certificates of Obligation (COs) to fund \$17.9 Million in Projects Included in the 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

In 2014, the City Council adopted the 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Plan. This plan provides for \$229 million in city projects over the next five years. These projects include necessary roadways, facilities and water utility initiatives. Citizens can view the plan in its entirety on the City's website at www.leaguecity.com.

Funding for the plan's projects is provided from various sources and is also outlined in the 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Existing bond funds, operating funds, grant funds, 4B funds and other available funds are exhausted first, before the use of Certificates of Obligation. The plan estimates both the costs and the required funding on an annual basis. For 2015, the CIP anticipated \$20.6 million in debt for fiscal year 2015. Staff's review of both the status of the projects and the funding determined the actual needs for the next 12 months to propose this debt issue of \$16.24 million - \$4.3 million less than projected in the CIP and over \$1 million less than what is being retired for the year from past debt.

FY 2015 Projects
This proposed debt will fund both "tax supported" and "revenue supported" projects. This terminology refers to the sources of city revenue that will be used to pay the debt.

"Tax supported" projects are funded through city property taxes. For this debt issue, \$3.5 million in projects will be funded. They include Calder Road, Ervin/Hobbs Road and Five Corners.

"Revenue supported" projects are funded through water and wastewater customer charges. The projects for this year include the 36" Water Line, South Shore Harbour Booster Station and the Eastside Elevated Tank and Well. \$14.4 million of this debt issue is for these projects.

City Debt
This debt issue is the first debt issue since August 2012. At 9/30/12, the City debt was \$275.8 million. At September 30, 2014, that amount had been paid down to \$251.1 million. During the current fiscal year, the City will reduce that further by \$17.7 million in principal payments. So after adding this issue, the City's debt will decline \$1.4 million this year to end the year at \$249.7 million.

The City's credit is "AA". This very strong rating is reflective of the financial strength of the City and the capability to repay our outstanding

debt. The long term goal of the City Council, as reflected in the recently adopted "Roadmap to the Future", is to encourage economic development, which in turn will generate additional revenue and provide greater opportunities for significant debt reduction over time. Meanwhile a rapidly growing city has created enormous capital project needs. Certificates of Obligation (CO) are debt instruments available to the city. While very similar to "bonds", COs do not require voter approval. This type of debt is recommended because it is the most cost effective method of financing. Similar to general obligation bonds, COs are 'backed' by the full faith and credit of the City. The result is lower interest cost than "revenue bonds". The "revenue supported" projects could be financed through a "revenue bond" – an instrument that is only secured by water and sewer system revenues. Revenue bonds have a higher cost. For this issue, the City estimates saving \$795,000 by issuing COs.

Additionally, the country is in a rising interest rate environment. We expect that interest rates will increase during the summer and fall months. Delay of this issue will slow project progress and likely result in higher interest costs.

By law, (Local Government Code, Chapter 271), the City Council may issue COs after publishing a "Notice of Intent". This is a legal notice that informs voters of the planned debt issue and gives them 30 days to petition the Council for an election. If the City Council does not receive a petition, the COs may be issued. If a petition of 5% of the voters is presented, the COs may not be issued until an election is held.

For this issue, the City is reaching out to the public in addition to posting the legal notice. Two public hearings will be held during City Council meetings on April 14th and June 9th. At that time, residents will have the opportunity for public comment on the proposed issue. This information will be distributed via press release, website and social media.

Council is scheduled to vote to issue the debt at the June 9th City Council meeting after the second public hearing.

More information and supporting documents associated with this bond issue can be found on the City's website at www.leaguecity.com/bondissue2015.

Friends Book Sale



The Friends of the Helen Hall Library Book Sale will be held May 14, 15, and 16. Between now and then, the Friends will be taking book donations at the library and recruiting volunteers to help out.

The Friends membership drive begins Thursday, May 14 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Become a member of the Friends of the Helen Hall Library in order to shop on May

14 (memberships start at just five dollars.) The book sale opens to the general public on Friday, May 15 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and on Saturday, May 16 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. For more information please call Jenny Brewer at 281-554-1108.

Ghirardi Family WaterSmart Park Wins Award

The Ghirardi Family WaterSmart Park was selected as the winner of the 2014 Texas Recreation and Parks Society (TRAPS) East Region Award in the 'Innovations in Park and Facility Development' category. The TRAPS East Region is an association of local governments in the 32-county Eastern region of Texas. The TRAPS East Region presents awards annually in several different categories related to Parks & Recreation. The Ghirardi Family WaterSmart Park serves as a model for other projects in the region. The TRAPS East Region established the Award Program in order to recognize and honor individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the field of parks and recreation. The winning entry in the 'Innovations in Park and Facility Development' category must demonstrate best practices and collaboration between design professionals and parks and recreation professionals. Entries are evaluated on originality, innovation, adaptability in the project, and impact on the community. These projects serve as models

for planning and project implementation for parks and natural areas in the region. "This park is unlike any other in the city or in the region," said Chien Wei, Director of Parks and Cultural Services. "It's a place for citizens to visit, learn, and play. But it's also a working lab collecting data for future possibilities in incorporating water quality management requirements in our city development codes."

The Ghirardi Family WaterSmart Park opened in March 2014 and boasts 3.75 acres of passive park which is dedicated to teaching citizens ways to conserve their water use at home. It consists of native planting displays, a rain garden, swales, pervious and impervious paved parking areas, an outdoor classroom setting, a small nature play area, picnic area, decomposed granite trails, interpretive signage, green roof kiosk and water cistern. The park was built around the previously relocated and internationally famous Ghirardi Oak.



Bay Area Builders Association Operation Finally Home Kick-Off

By Councilman Todd Kisney

Last April the city sponsored the Salute to Heroes veterans benefit in conjunction with its partners, the South Shore Harbour Resort and Operation Finally Home (OFH).

The goal of the event was to raise money to build a home for a disabled veteran in League City. The community embraced the goal and raised more than \$75,000.00 to help a deserving hero. That hero is US Marine Sargent Jonathan Dowdell who will be in his new home by summer's end.

On Thursday, February 5, 2015 Councilmembers Todd Kinsey, Geri Bentley and Tommy Cones represented the city at the Bay Area Builders Association - Operation Finally Home Kick Off Event.

The event invites members of the Bay Area builders association to work with Harbour Classic Homes to partner in



the building of Sgt. Dowdell's home.

Murphy Yates who is the owner of Harbour Classic Homes stated that construction would begin later this spring and the Dowdell's would move in to their home by summer's end. The home will be built especially for their needs and will be able to accommodate Jonathan's unique situation.

Any suppliers of subcontractors interested in working on this community project can contact Harbour Classic Homes at (281) 538-7967.

League City Police Guardian Program

The League City Police Department is excited to announce the Guardian Program. The Guardian Program was created in conjunction with local parents of children with Autism-Spectrum disorders who were concerned their children would be fearful of first responders in an emergency and unable to communicate basic information in a crisis.

The Guardian Program allows parents or guardians to register their children or dependent adults with the League City Police Department in order to quickly reunite the registrant with family if separated and, if necessary, issue regional or statewide alerts without delay. The registration is completely free and voluntary. Registration information is maintained in a secure database and includes biographical information, vehicles associated with the registrant, communication preferences, soothing techniques, and emergency contact information. In addition, the medical paperwork required to issue an alert is kept on file with a current picture. Each year, the online registration form and photos will be updated to ensure the information remains valid.

The Guardian Program is available if the:

- Participant or guardian is a resident of League City
- Participant attends school in League City
- Participant may be unable to communicate basic personal information due to a diagnosed medical disorder

- Participant is prone to wander away or run away from guardians, residence, or school due to a diagnosed medical disorder.

"The League City Police Department must respond to the needs of all populations, especially the vulnerable populations. By implementing the Guardian Program, our goal is to provide another layer of protection and improved service to members of our community who have special needs. It is our privilege and duty to work with the parents in our community to help meet these needs," stated Chief Michael Kramm.

The League City Police Department plans to host a casual informational session for our community at the League City Public Safety Building in early May. Registrants will receive decals and patches with the Guardian Program logo at that time.

For more information on the Guardian Program, please visit our website at www.leaguecity.com/Guardian.



TogetherWeCan Challenge

In honor of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, the League City Police Department is challenging the community to get involved in supporting crime victims.

The League City Police Department is excited to announce the first annual TogetherWeCan Challenge. The TogetherWeCan Challenge urges Clear Lake area businesses and schools to get their employees involved during National Crime Victims' Rights Week by donating money to wear jeans or blue shirts. We ask participants to donate the proceeds to one of our local crime victim resource and shelter partners listed below. Businesses are also encouraged to upload their photos showing their active support and use #TogetherWeCan #LCPD.

Employees of the City of League City are taking a stand in support of crime victims everywhere. During National Crime Victims' Rights Week, civilian employees can make a minimum donation of \$5/person to wear jeans. All money's received will be utilized by the League City Police Department's Crime Victim Services Unit to assist local crime victims in times of crisis when federal money is months away from being available.

The TogetherWeCan Challenge serves several purposes: It brings about awareness of crime victims, allows our community to advocate for them, and provides some financial support to local agencies who work on behalf of crime victims.

Crime Victim Resource Centers:

- Bay Area Turning Point 281-338-7600
- Galveston County Resource and Crisis Center 409-763-1441
- Children's Advocacy Center 409-741-6000
- Forensic Nursing Team-UTMB 409-772-1425
- League City Police Department Crime Victims Advocate Program 281-338-4172

In addition to the TogetherWeCan Challenge, League City Police Department has partnered with HopeLine from Verizon. HopeLine from Verizon supports victims of domestic violence by providing wireless phones and cash grants to local shelters and non-profit organizations throughout the country that focus on domestic violence prevention and awareness. Refurbished phones, complete with 3,000 minutes of wireless service, are provided to local domestic violence organizations or local government and law enforcement agencies for use with their domestic violence clients.

On Tuesday, April 21st from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. representatives from each of the crime victim resource centers below will be available in the lobby of the League City Public Safety Building to provide information to the public. Wireless phones and TogetherWeCan Challenge donations will be accepted at the event.

For more information on how you can participate, please visit our Crime Victims Services site at www.leaguecity.com/CrimeVictimServices.

Flood Insurance - Know Your Options

Did you know the City of League City participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)? This allows residents of the City to obtain federally subsidized flood insurance, regardless of flood zone or previous flood damage. Many banks and lenders require that homeowners purchase flood insurance when taking out a mortgage or home improvement loan on property within high risk areas.

Basic homeowners insurance does not cover flood damage. Homeowners should be sure to know the specifics of their policy's coverage. Some policies will cover both the structure and the contents of a property; other policies will only cover the structure. Your insurance agent will be able to provide you with more information. The City also participates in the Community Rating System (CRS) which is a voluntary program within the NFIP that rewards communities who exceed NFIP standards by offering further reductions in premiums.

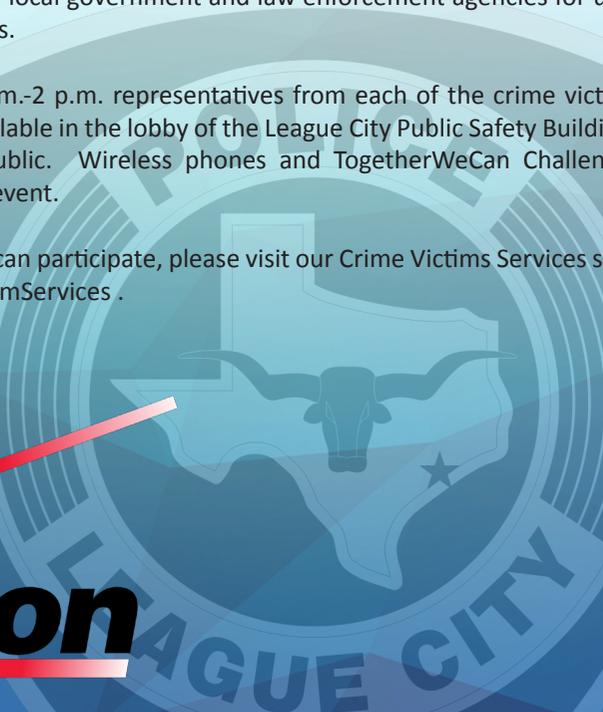
The City's participation in the CRS program translates to a 20% reduction in premiums for policies in high risk areas. A reduction in premiums of up to 10% may be available for properties outside of high risk areas. Residents outside of high risk areas may be eligible for a Preferred Risk Policy. These policies are designed for properties in moderate-to-low risk areas and have lower premiums relative to policies on property in high risk areas. Preferred Risk Policies can be as low as \$129 per year for residential property in a low risk area. Low risk does not mean no risk, about 25% of NFIP flood insurance claims are on policies outside of high risk areas. Because flood insurance is not required for mortgages outside of high risk areas, this is likely an underestimation of the exposure to risk. Flood insurance is also available to renters in all flood risk areas and covers the contents of the rented property. Premiums for renters can be as low as \$57 dollars per year for properties in low risk areas. Be prepared for hurricane season.

Hurricane season runs from June through October. There is typically a 30-day waiting period before flood insurance policies take effect. Now is the time to start talking to your insurance agent to see what options are appropriate for you and your property.

For more information on flood insurance, visit www.floodsmart.gov or contact your insurance agent. For more information about your risk of exposure to flooding hazards, contact the City's Floodplain Management Coordinator at (281)554-1428 or at Tak.Makino@leaguecity.com.



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Second Annual Drinking Water Week

The City of League City is pleased to announce its second annual Drinking Water Week Essay Contest for students in grades 9-12. Water is essential to life and is one of our most precious resources. The City of League City has set goals for reducing water consumption and has embarked on a program to promote water conservation awareness throughout our community. This is an excellent way to incorporate real world science issues into language art classes and easily integrate into existing science lessons. The essay contest deadline is Monday, May 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Please deliver entries to the City of League City at 300 W. Walker-Receptionist Area, mail them to: 2014 Water Essay Contest, City of League City, 300 W. Walker St., League City, TX 77573, or email to wateressay@leaguecity.com for final



Essay Contest

judging. Prizes will be awarded for the first three places in each category and winners will be awarded prizes at a future televised City Council Meeting. First, second and third place winners will be selected and will receive Visa gift cards: \$200 for first place, \$150 for second place, and \$100 for third place.

Essay contest winners will be notified by phone or email. Winners will be awarded their prizes at a future televised League City Council Meeting at the League City Council Chambers located at 200 W. Walker St., League City, TX 77573. Please distribute the enclosed entry form, contest guidelines, and judging rubric to your staff and students. You may reach me at 281-554-1041 or Ruben.leos@leaguecity.com.

VOLUNTEERS: We Want You!

League City volunteer fire department has opened up a new position within our department for citizens wanting to help the department but may not have any initial interest or desire to fight fire. We have created a SUPPORT member role that allows citizens to assist in some very basic task, to actually advancing up to helping at out in Rehab on fire scenes. This is great opportunity for those that aren't quite sure if joining the fire department is for them. Our SUPPORT role allows you to test the waters and if you like it, take on more responsibilities. You can even eventually advance to a fire fighter, if this is something you grow to love. We take applications for support members year round. Please visit www.lcvfd.com to download an application, or visit: Fire Administration at 555 W. Walker League City, TX 77573. 281-554-1465



City Hall in the Park Schedule

Share. Learn. Grow. Connect.
Participate in City Hall in the Park to share your ideas and learn more about the projects and initiatives going on in the City.



It's back! For the second year in a row, the City Hall in the Park community events. The City of League City plans to hold monthly "City Hall in the Park" meetings to invite citizens to learn more about their municipal government. The informal monthly meetings will be held once a month from May-August and will feature a question and answer session that allows residents to share ideas about the City and the communities they call home. The meetings are casual and are to be held throughout League City parks. The City hopes to engage the community, create productive dialogues, solve community issues and build partnerships through this new program. This year, we have planned our City Hall in the Park events with family activities in mind. **Here are the dates for the 2015 City Hall in the Park Events:**

Thursday, May 7, 6:00 p.m. – League Park: Pet Adoption/Microchip/Registration with vendors

Saturday, June 6, 10:00 a.m. – Nature Center: National Trails Day Celebration

Saturday, July 18, 10:00 a.m. – Countryside Lynn Gripon Park: Summer Kayak and Canoe clinic and **dragon boat exhibition**

Thursday, August 20, 6:00 p.m. – Hometown Heroes: Open Swim/Float night with floaties and root beer floats served

Please send any comments or concerns to Bridget Kramer. (bridget.kramer@leaguecity.com)



Welcome to our 2015 LCVFD Academy Class



Permitting Process for Marine Structures Made Simple

With the growth of housing near League City's beautiful waterways, League City is reminding everyone of the permitting process for boat houses & docks, piers, fishing docks, bulkheads, and other marine structures. We want to ensure residents that their structure is constructed following all State and City guidelines. Applicants must include the following items in along with their permit application:

- Site Survey
- Plot plan indicating location of new structure or repairs
- Letters from the US Army Corps of Engineers and Texas General Land Office indicating either that the permittee has obtained all necessary permits or that permits are not required from USACE or GLO.
- Piers used in the construction of marine structures must be designed by an engineer licensed in the state of Texas.
- Any development in the regulatory floodway will require an engineer-stamped hydrologic and hydraulic study that certifies that the development will not impact flood levels or the ability of the floodway to



convey waters during a flooding event.

Also, due to their necessary proximity to water, marine structures will likely exist in the Special Flood Hazard Area. Fill dirt will not be permitted in the SFHA without the removal of an equal volume of fill dirt or the creation of an

equal volume of storage capacity elsewhere in the floodplain. This will ensure that the any development will not cause an increase in the height of floodwaters during a flooding event. League City wants their residence to enjoy boat docks, decks and their marine structures year round. We the city are beholden in the protection of their lives and property. So please follow these simple rules and enjoy.



Helen Hall Library News and Events

Fire Safety for Children

Preschool families were educated and entertained when three of the City of League City's Volunteer Firefighters, Natalie Perrone, John Conor, and Chris Sabin, presented Fire Safety for Children. Information was given in simple terms which were easy to understand. Children



practiced crawling to the fire exit and doing stop, drop, and roll in case their clothing was on fire. One firefighter geared up completely and crawled around the children so they would not be frightened if a firefighter had to help them in a home fire. Following the presentation, children were able to climb and explore the rehab truck. The library staff appreciated their coming and working in collaboration to provide quality programming for children.

Calling All School Kids

If you are in Kindergarten through 5th grades, join the fun at Crazy Thursdays every Thursday in April from 4:30 to 5:15 pm. Build with Lego® blocks, learn about dinosaurs and make a dinosaur diorama, make Play-doh® planets or join the Webkinz® and Pet Pals Club. Check the library website at www.leaguecitylibrary.org for the schedule. Children and teens, come join the summer fun with the Summer Reading Clubs and activities. Reading logs may be picked up at the library or printed out from the Helen Hall Library website on June 8th. Activities kick off with story times on June 9th and activities for all levels beginning on June 15th. Check the library website at www.leaguecitylibrary.org for more information.



Helen Hall Library's First Adult Summer Reading Club

This summer Helen Hall Library will be hosting an adult summer reading club. Participation in the club is very simple. Entries will be accepted via an online form on the library's website. Each week ten random entries will be drawn to receive a prize bag. Prize bags include a tote bag, tumbler and pen. The adult reading club begins on June 8 and ends July 29.



Parks Recreation Spring Programs

Special Events

Summer is a time to play in the sun, exercise, and swim! Where can your children do all of this? Camp by the Creek! This year's camp will be held Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. Extended care is available from 7:00 am - 9:00 am, and from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm for an additional fee. Our energetic and talented camp staff will entertain campers with different programs: arts and craft, games, field trips, and outdoor activities. Camp is designed for children ages 6-12.

Place: Hometown Heroes Park (2105 Dickinson Ave.)

Dates: June 8 - August 21, 2015

Please call for session pricing or check www.leaguecity.com/parks for updates.

There is a \$10 discount for an additional child. Extended care is an additional \$20 per session, per child. A non-refundable \$50 deposit (per session) will secure your child a place at Camp by the Creek. Deposits and payments are not transferable toward other sessions in the event of cancellations. All balances for each session are due the MONDAY prior to the start of a new session. If payment is not received, placement and deposit will be forfeited. Registration: League City residents may register online at leaguecity.com or in person at the Hometown Heroes Park (2105 Dickinson Ave.) beginning April 22, 2015. Non-residents may register online at leaguecity.com or in person at the Hometown Heroes Park (2105 Dickinson Ave.) beginning May 6, 2015. Registration is limited to the first 65 children per session. Please contact Katrina Beecher for more information at 281-554-1180 or katrina.beecher@leaguecity.com.

Citizen Appreciation Day

The annual July 4th celebration will be held Saturday, July 4, beginning at 11:30, at League Park. The Mayor, City Council, Parks Board, and Parks Recreation staff members will serve refreshments in appreciation of the citizens of League City. There will be live music and plenty of live entertainment. All concessions and entertainment will be FREE! Bring your patriotic spirit and celebrate this special day with us.

National Trails Day

June 6, 2015 is National Trails Day. The Parks Recreation Department will host its 2nd annual National Trails day event at with a Family Scavenger Hunt down the 1 mile trail at the Dr. Ned & Fay Dudney Nature Center, 1220 Egret Bay Blvd. The event will start at 9am, as each participant will receive a SWAG bag and a scavenger hunt worksheet. All participants that complete the trail walk will be eligible for door prizes as the conclusion of the 1 mile hike.

Concerts and Movies in the Park

Welcome to our Concerts and Movies in the Park summer series! Sit back, relax, and enjoy. Feel free to bring your lawn chairs, but please remember glass containers are prohibited in all League City parks. Concerts and movies will take place together on the same night, with the movies immediately following the concert. Please call (281) 554-1180 for more information.

Dates for Concerts / Movies in the Park are Saturdays, June 13, June 27, July 11, July 25, and July 8.

League City Swimming Pools

This summer, League City will open the new Hometown Heroes Park Olympic size swimming pool for lap swim, open swim, water aerobics classes and swim lessons. The pools will open on May 23, 2015 – May 25, 2015 for Memorial Day Weekend.

Full schedule begins June 8, 2015

Walker Pool

Passes: League City Residents \$10 per person at the Walker Pool

Non-Residents \$85 for a family of four (additional \$20 for each family member thereafter)

Admission fees without a pass: \$2 for adults (Age 10 & up) & \$1.50 for children (Age 9 & under)

Hometown Heroes Park Pool

Please call 281-554-1180 for pricing and scheduling, or check www.leaguecity.com/parks for updates.

Summer Basketball

This recreational program will help children develop basic skills and fundamentals of basketball through recreational play.

Ages: 6-14

Dates: May 18 – August 1, 2015

Games and Practices: Weeknights

Fees: League City Residents \$65, Non-Residents \$80

Location: Hometown Heroes Park (2105 Dickinson Ave)

Registration: League City residents: April 2 – April 28 (or until all slots are filled).

Non-Residents: April 16 – April 28 (or until all slots are filled).

For more information, contact Patrick Murphy at 281-554-1180 or Patrick.murphy@leaguecity.com.

F-Ball

This program is designed for boys and girls ages 3 and 4. It offers children an opportunity to develop social skills and team play while having fun.

Baseball

Dates: June 9 - August 7, 2014

Games and Practices: Weeknights

Fees: Please call for pricing

Location: Chester L. Davis Sportsplex (1251 Highway 96)

Registration: League City residents: April 22 – May 15 (or until all slots are filled).

Non-Residents: May 6 – May 15 (or until all slots are filled).

For more information, contact Katrina Beecher at 281-554-1180 or katrina.beecher@leaguecity.com.

Rookie Ball

This program is designed for boys and girls ages 5 and 6. This stage in recreational baseball helps boys and girls develop techniques in hitting, fielding, throwing and base running.

Coach Pitch Baseball

Coach pitch baseball is open to boys and girls ages 7-9. This stage in recreational baseball will emphasize hitting and fielding in modified game play.

Flag Football

This program will teach kids football fundamentals in a fun environment that emphasizes sportsmanship, self-esteem and healthy competition.

Dates: May 18 – July 18, 2015

Games: Saturday mornings

Fees: League City Residents \$70, Non-Residents \$85

Location: Hometown Heroes Park (2105 Dickinson Avenue)

Registration: League City residents: April 2 – April 28 (or until all slots are filled).

Non-Residents: April 16 – April 28 (or until all slots are filled).

For more information, contact Patrick Murphy at 281-554-1180 or Patrick.murphy@leaguecity.com,

Volleyball

Join us for a fun time playing in the sand! Don't miss this opportunity to get your child involved in this action-packed sport!

Age: 9-12 and 13-17

Location: Chester L. Davis Sportsplex (1251 Highway 96)

Game Time: Saturday Mornings

Dates: May 11 - July 18, 2015

Fees: League City Residents \$50, Non-Residents \$65

Registration: League City residents: April 15 – May 8 (or until all slots are filled).

Non-Residents: April 29 – May 8 (or until all slots are filled).

For more information contact Lydia Rodriguez at 281-554-1180 or lydia.rodriguez@leaguecity.com.

Summer Job Opportunities

We are seeking enthusiastic and safety conscious individuals at least 16 years of age for positions within the City of League City Parks Recreation Department. Apply at www.leaguecity.com.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

Pool Manager

Lifeguards

Recreation Aides

Assistant Summer Camp Director

Summer Camp Counselors





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Parks Recreation Department	281.554.1180	www.leaguecity.com/parks
City Hall	281.554.1000	www.leaguecity.com
League City Information	Dial 311	

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League City Police Department **DRUG TAKE-BACK**

Do you have **expired or unused prescription medications?**

The League City Police Department is hosting a **Drug take-back event**
Saturday, April 25th from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Location: **Public Safety Building**
555 W. Walker

