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Election Edition

League City Voters Face Historic Choices in May 8 Election

League City voters are to choose a new member of City Council and decide on a potentially historic change in the way the City chooses its chief executive officer in this year's election, set for May 8.

With two council positions on this year's ballot, incumbent Tim Paulissen is unopposed for re-election. Three candidates are seeking to replace outgoing Councilman Jim Nelson; more information from the three is available in this issue of City Matters.

Along with voting on a new councilmember, a highlight of this year's ballot is the first proposed revisions to League City's city charter since 2002. Atop the list of 19 proposed changes is a shift to council-manager form of government from the hybrid form now used in League City, in which the mayor is elected to serve as CEO but a city administrator offers day-to-day assistance in managing City operations.

The council-manager form being proposed for adoption would establish a city manager as CEO, with City Council responsible for hiring and firing the manager. The council-manager form is most popular among cities of similar size to League City, with nearly two-thirds of smaller- to mid-sized communities using this century-old format across America.

The city charter is the city's "constitution," and changes to it require voter approval. Other potential charter changes on the May 8 ballot would make it easier to recall an elected official and bring the charter into line with state law. More information on the proposed charter changes and their potential impact can be found elsewhere in this newsletter or at leaguecity.com.

The election, to be held jointly with the Galveston County Municipal Utility District No. 6 (GCMUD No. 6), includes the following voting opportunities:

- Early voting will be held in the Johnny Arolfo Civic Center, 400 West Walker Street, Monday through Thursday April 26 through April 29 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Friday April 30 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and noon, Saturday May 1 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and Monday and Tuesday May 3 and May 4 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Election Day is Saturday, May 8, and voters may cast ballots from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the following polling sites:
 - City Precinct #1 Fire Station #4, 175 Bay Area Boulevard
 - City Precinct #2 Old Fire Station #2, 411 Newport Boulevard
 - City Precinct #3 League City Civic Center, 400 West Walker Street
 - City Precinct #4 Fire Station #1, 601 Second Street
 - City Precinct #5 Ferguson Elementary School, 1910 South Compass Rose Boulevard
- Mail ballots are available for people who are 65 or older, disabled, out of the county on election day or confined in jail but otherwise eligible to vote. Requests for an application for a ballot by mail shall be made to Barbara F. Long, City Secretary, 300 West Walker Street, League City, Texas 77573. Completed and signed applications for ballot by mail must be received by noon on Friday, April 30, 2010.

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PROPOSITION 1: Shall the City adopt the Council-Manager form of government to provide for the appointment of a City Manager who shall be the chief administrative and executive officer of the City? *Will convert League City's form of government to the council-manager structure common to most U.S. cities of similar size. The key change is in the selection of the City's chief executive. If adopted, the City Council would hire a city manager with experience and expertise in local government management. This professional would report to City Council and bear responsibility for most City functions and services.*

PROPOSITION 2: Shall Article IV, Section 6 of the City Charter be amended to reduce the required number of signatures on a petition to initiate a recall election of an elected officer of the City from twenty (20) percent to ten (10) percent of the total number of persons who appeared on the official list of registered voters in the previous general election, but not less than a minimum of two thousand (2,000) signatures? *Would reduce the number of signatures required to initiate a recall election from the present 20 percent of total registered voters to 10 percent of total registered voters, but in no event less than 2,000 signatures.*

PROPOSITION 3: Shall Article X, Section 28 of the City Charter be amended to update the statutory reference and to require the City Council to review the Charter no less than once every two years? *Presently, the Charter does not require the City Council to periodically review the Charter for possible changes. This proposition would require the City Council to perform such a review not less than every 2 years.*

PROPOSITION 4: Shall Article II, Section 17, paragraph 2 of the City Charter be amended to provide that the Mayor will have the exclusive power to appoint officers for boards, commissions and agencies of the City, subject to confirmation of City Council? *Current Charter contains conflicting language which appears to split the authority between the Mayor and the City Council for the appointment of members to City boards and commissions. This change would allow the Mayor to make such appointments, subject to the confirmation of the City Council.*

PROPOSITION 5: Shall Article II, Section 19 and Article VII, Section 14 of the City Charter be amended to make the requirements for competitive bidding for City procurement consistent with current State law? *This change, if adopted, would require the City's purchasing policy to automatically follow state competitive bidding laws and would remove language from the Charter which refers to repealed state law.*

PROPOSITION 6: Shall Article I, Section 3 of the City Charter be amended to clarify the City's boundaries as they existed when the City was incorporated and as they have subsequently been modified? *Would clarify language in the Charter to confirm that the City's boundaries are defined as they existed when the City was incorporated and as later expanded through subsequent annexations.*

PROPOSITION 7: Shall Article I, Section 4, Subsection (a) of the City Charter be modified to update the statutory reference regarding extending City limits in accordance with State Law? *Would eliminate a reference in the Charter to state law which has been repealed and provide that the City's power to annex additional territory shall be in accordance with current state law.*

PROPOSITION 8: Shall Article II, Section 3 of the City Charter be amended to delete the last sentence dealing with the date elections are to be held as it is redundant? *Would eliminate an unnecessary provision in the Charter concerning the date City elections are to be held since this provision already exists in Article III of the Charter entitled "Elections."*

PROPOSITION 9: Shall Article II, Section 4 of the City Charter be amended to make the date of runoff elections consistent with State law? *Like Proposition 8, this would eliminate language concerning City elections which already appears in Article III of the Charter entitled "Elections" and would confirm that runoff elections are to be held in accordance with current state election laws.*

PROPOSITION 10: Shall Article II, Section 11 of the City Charter be amended to delete language that was relevant only prior to May 1993 and to replace the word "adjourn" with "convene" in the last sentence? *Would eliminate language from the Charter which describes how a quorum of City Council existed prior to May of 1993 and change the description of how the City Council meets by replacing the word "adjourn" with "convene."*

PROPOSITION 11: Shall Article II of the City Charter be amended by deleting Section 26 as the provisions for an interim government are no longer relevant? *Prior to the first regular City Council election in 1963, an interim city council served as the governing body. Since this body no longer exists, this would eliminate this section from the Charter.*

PROPOSITION 12: Shall Article III, Section 1 of the City Charter be amended to make the date of the general election consistent with state law? *This change, if adopted, would confirm that general elections in the City will continue to be held in May of each year in accordance with current state election laws.*

PROPOSITION 13: Shall Article III, Section 4 of the City Charter be amended to require the date for canvassing of elections to be same as required by State law? *Would clarify that the canvass of the results of each municipal election in the City would be conducted on the date following the election set by current state election laws.*

PROPOSITION 14: Shall Article VII, Section 1 of the City Charter be amended to clarify the dates of the City's fiscal year? *Would eliminate a reference to the City's first fiscal year in 1962 and continue the present City fiscal year, beginning October 1 and ending on September 30 of the following year.*

PROPOSITION 15: Shall Article VII, Section 15 of the City Charter be amended to delete an outdated statutory reference? *Would eliminate references in the Charter to repealed state laws governing a City's power to issue bonds or other financial instruments and provide that the City's power on these matters will continue to be generally governed by current state law.*

PROPOSITION 16: Shall Article VII, Section 16 of the City Charter be amended to delete the last sentence regarding the first closing audit for the period ending September 1963? *Would eliminate language from the Charter which refers to the closing audit to be performed for the period covering the time from the original adoption of the Charter through September of 1963.*

PROPOSITION 17: Shall Article X, Section 15 of the City Charter be amended to factually restate the effective date of the Charter? *This change, if adopted, would simply eliminate a statement from 1962 which spoke of the future adoption of the Charter by the voters and confirm that the Charter became effective on March 27, 1962.*

PROPOSITION 18: Shall Article X, Section 24 of the City Charter be amended to update the statutory reference for the City's sanitary code? *Would rename this section of the Charter from "Sanitary Code" to "Sanitary and Health Code" and provide that on such matters the City will be governed by current state health and safety codes.*

PROPOSITION 19: Shall Article X, Section 36 of the City Charter be amended to grammatically correct this section? *This change, if adopted, would revise language from 1962 which spoke of the coming 1962 charter election and re-word it so that it factually summarizes the actions taken by the original Charter Commission and the subsequent approval of the Charter by the voters.*

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Mayor's Report

As I suggested in my recent state of the City speech, there is a long list of ways to get involved in your city and make a difference for the better. The most important of those is voting. With annual elections in League City, we're used to choosing councilmembers, and this year is no exception: Councilman Tim Paulissen is unopposed for re-election, while four candidates are competing to replace outgoing Councilman Jim Nelson.

What makes this year's election unusual is that it also includes the opportunity for you to weigh in directly on how your local government operates and how we choose the person with responsibility for the City's day-to-day affairs. Your City Council has voted unanimously to ask voters to decide on 19 proposed changes to the city charter, which is the founding document of League City government. Of these changes, five bring the potential for significant change in how the City operates; the remaining 14 are focused on correcting grammar, eliminating outdated references to state law, and making sure that the charter is consistent with state laws in place (which already trump the charter).

A possible switch to council-manager form of government is the lead proposal on the amendment list. If approved, this would change the way your City chooses its chief executive officer; the practice of hiring a professional manager with executive authority under supervision of the council, or legislative branch, is used in nearly two-thirds of U.S. cities in League City's population range.

Another important proposal would make it easier for League City voters to recall elected City officials by reducing the number of signatures required for a successful recall petition. More information on these and others is available in this issue of City Matters and on the City's website. Also, keep an eye on LCTV (Channel 16) for candidate forum coverage and more discussion of the potential charter changes.

Reading the city charter may not be on your "bucket list," but it's important to understand. The charter is like the constitution of our city, the "rule book" we look to when we have questions about the basic structure of our government and what we expect from our elected and appointed leaders. Our City staff will be working hard to make sure charter election information is easy to get and easy to understand – please take advantage of this chance to make a historic decision and shape League City's future.



Mayor Toni Randall
City of League City

State of League City

Citing a "long-range, strategic focus and a new emphasis on customer service," Mayor Toni Randall highlighted League City's progress and plans during the League City Chamber of Commerce's annual "State of the Community" luncheon at South Shore Harbor.

The mayor recognized City Council members, staff and community volunteers as key players in the City's successes, noting that "This council has set a new standard for elected officials in our city.... We can disagree respectfully, and our conversations are about progress, not politics." Staff, meanwhile, is developing into a team of "talented professionals committed to world-class customer service," she added.

From public works and public safety to planning, parks and community outreach, Mayor Randall pointed to numerous areas in which the City has moved forward. Central to this success is an increasing focus on planning, communication and performance, the mayor said, calling for the City to initiate a citizen satisfaction survey to gather customer feedback about City services.

Taxpayers should benefit directly from one of the City's biggest achievements of the past year -- the recent success in improving its Insurance Services Office fire protection rating -- according to Mayor Randall, who pointed to a collaborative effort between the City's planning and permit, public works, and public safety groups. "The result should be lower insurance bills for League City businesses and residents," the mayor said. "That's good for economic development, that's good for your pocketbook, and that's the way we should be using your tax dollars."

In terms of financial health, "League City is feeling the effects of the national recession, but we are well-prepared to weather the storm," the mayor said. With reserve funds strengthened through recent years of rapid growth, the City is positioned to navigate the economic downturn with prudent decision-making, she added.

While the City's elected leadership and staff are focused on quality and the City's finances are sound, challenges remain, the mayor noted. "Growth is inevitable, and we have to get ahead of it," she said, pointing to water and traffic as key issues to be emphasized in the City's new five-year capital improvement plan. Additionally, homeowners still bear too much of the community's property tax burden, making it essential for the City to pursue new business development while retaining its existing employers, she said.

With the economy still struggling, City revenues are vulnerable to stagnation in property values and cutbacks in consumer spending, Mayor Randall cautioned, pointing to NASA's potential budget cuts as another threat to local economic stability. But, she added, "difficult times always have a bright side." The slowdown in growth gives the City time to revisit its plans, prepare for the rebound that will eventually arrive, and ensure that appropriate attention is given to existing neighborhoods while groundwork is laid for new development, the mayor said.

Leaner income streams are spurring the City to find new efficiencies, Mayor Randall said, calling the result "a more streamlined organization ready to capitalize on developing opportunities as the economy turns." And, she added, challenges including the proposed NASA budget cuts offer the opportunity to build regional partnerships with officials like Galveston County Judge Jim Yarbrough and leaders from neighboring communities.

"Your elected officials and staff are working hard to make League City a better place, but we can't do it without help from all of you," the mayor said, closing with a call for citizen involvement in community improvement. "Find a way to make a difference. Volunteer. Take a survey. Go to a public meeting and share your thoughts. And vote. Remember that our May elections are an important opportunity to make sure your city keeps moving forward.... Cast your ballot thinking of the city we'll leave for our children."



LEAN CLEAN GREEN

The City of League City has launched a new initiative called Lean.Clean.Green. The idea was formulated by League City Councilmembers Neil Baron, Mick Phalen and Mike Lee. The campaign is the City's effort to encourage residents to live a healthy lifestyle, go green, and keep League City beautiful.

Each City department is participating by finding ways to incorporate the Lean.Clean.Green. philosophy into their work habits and providing tips to help residents go Lean.Clean.Green. at home. You can take the challenge by visiting www.leaguecity.com/leancleangreen to sign up and by attending the League City Open House on April 17th at League Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Once you've signed up, view our Lean.Clean.Green. tips on our website, information videos like the ones listed below on LCTV-16 and YouTube.com/CityofLeagueCityTX, and follow us on Facebook and Twitter for advice on living the Lean.Clean.Green. lifestyle. Residents should also get involved by taking part in Lean.Clean.Green. events and projects hosted by the City. Just look for the logo in City Matters, on our website and LCTV-16. Also, attend the City's Open House on April 17th at League Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for more on Lean.Clean.Green.

This is your chance to make an impact on your community. Take the challenge and be sure to share with us your stories of Lean.Clean.Green success.



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LCTV-16

LEAN CLEAN GREEN



TPDES Program

What is the TPDES Program

The City of League City's participation in the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) program is a federal requirement. This program regulates storm water quality. Storm water is rainwater runoff that eventually drains to our bayous, rivers, streams, bays and estuaries.

Storm water runoff is a primary source of pollutants entering our nation's waterways. Examples of pollutants carried by storm water include sediments from exposed soils (such as those found on construction sites), lawn and agricultural fertilizers, pet wastes, grass clippings, pesticides and herbicides, hydrocarbons from cars and trucks, and other chemicals or even solids that can be picked up and carried away by our rain water.

The TPDES program is administered in Texas by our lead state environmental agency, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality or TCEQ. We are required by this agency to implement storm water permitting at what is known as the "Phase II" level — this level is for municipalities like League City that have a population under 100,000 citizens.

As part of our permit implementation, we have drafted a required Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) that includes measures selected to meet the federal program's standard of "reducing pollution and protecting water quality in storm water to the maximum extent practicable". We have listed six required measures in the plan that we must implement to meet this standard (see list below). In addition, we have proposed a 7th "optional" measure that we can implement if we chose.

Each measure sets forth Best Management Practices (BMPs) developed to achieve the program's goals. BMPs are specific steps that we can take to reduce pollutants in our storm water runoff. A few examples of our BMPs are: the creation of an Adopt a Stream Program, and an Inlet Marking Program to indicate that dumping is both illegal and harmful to our waterways.

Our Six Minimum Control Measures or MCMs:

- Public Education and Outreach
- Public Involvement and Participation
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
- Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control
- Post-Construction Storm Water Management in New Development and Redevelopment
- Pollution Prevention/ Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

Our 7th Optional MCM:

Authorization for municipal construction activities

Free Energy Efficiency Home Repairs

A new federally funded program is being provided by the City of League City and BKR Consulting to help residents with home repairs. This program is designed to maximize each homeowner's energy consumption by implementing cost savings measures to their home. Repairs will include but not limited to: CFL light bulbs, Energy Star ceiling fans, window units, refrigerators, solar screens, attic insulation, and solar powered attic fans. This is a first come first serve program. Funds are limited.

Qualifications for program are as follows:

- Applicants must be the homeowner and occupant of the residence (no rental properties)
- Valid ID is required for everyone in the home
- Verification of income for everyone 18 years or older in the home (current IRS tax return 1040) or Social Security award letter
- Copy of warranty deed for home to show proof of ownership, and an electric bill (doesn't have to be most recent).

Applications for the program will be available at the front desk of City Hall, 300 W. Walker, League City, TX 77573

Building Department



Neighbor's Grass too High?

Call League City Code Enforcement or dial 311.

Read more about this subject in the Building Department's article "Timmy Learns About High Grass" at www.leaguecity.com/Timmy





LEAGUE CITY
Speaks

Becoming a PROACTIVE, AGGRESSIVE and RESPONSIBLE city means making tough decisions about the future. SHOULDN'T YOU BE INVOLVED?

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION VISIT WWW.LEAGUECITY.COM/LEAGUECITYSPEAKS

League City EMS

League City E.M.S receives every type of call imaginable. Your cooperation when you see us on the roadways could help save a life. Below are a few tips to remember when you are sharing the road with an ambulance.

What to do when an emergency vehicle is approaching:

- Stay Calm! Do not slam on the brakes or pull over suddenly.
- Listen for the direction in which the vehicle is coming.
- Put on the right-turn signal, and begin to move to the right if possible.
- Pull off to the far right-hand side of the roadway
- Turn on your hazard flashers.
- Remain stopped.

What to do if it is not possible to move off of the road:

- If at all possible, move to the far right of the road.
- If you are stopped at a red light and cannot move, stay there. It is better to let the driver of the emergency vehicle move around the vehicle than to pull to the left or into the left turn lane.
- Do not stop where there is not enough room to pull over safely.

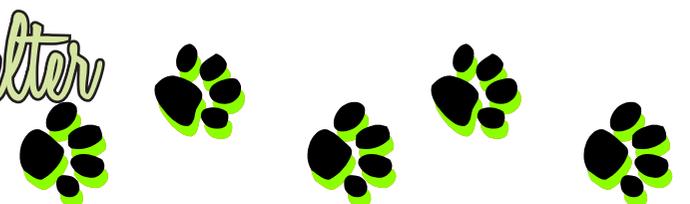
If traffic is really bad the ambulance driver will do what is called contra-flow and drive into the oncoming traffic lanes to bypass the traffic jam. Don't worry, we are not going to hit you. We will move over in the middle of the intersection, and hopefully people will remember to move to the right.

Remember, in an emergency minutes can mean the difference between life and death. Take sirens seriously and make way for all emergency vehicles, it's the law.



League City Animal Shelter

Spring & Summer Pet Safety Tips



As the mercury rises, remember to take a few simple steps to keep your pets comfortable and safe.

- Bring your pets inside during the heat of the day. Always provide plenty of cool, clean water for your animal. Provide plenty of shade for outdoor pets. A properly constructed dog house is best.
- Don't force your animal to exercise in hot, humid weather. Always exercise him or her in the cool of the early morning or evening. Keep walks to a minimum. Their paws can burn since they are not protected by shoes.
- Never leave an animal alone in a vehicle. A parked vehicle can quickly become a furnace, even with the windows open. Parking in shade offers little protection, as the sun shifts during the day. When traveling, carry a thermos filled with fresh, cool water.
- Be alert for coolant spills or leaks from your vehicle. Animals are attracted to the sweet taste of coolant and ingesting just a small amount can cause an animal's death. Consider using animal-friendly products.
- Avoid walking your dog in areas that you suspect have been sprayed with insecticides or other chemicals. Poisonings increase during the summer when gardens, lawns and trees are sprayed.
- A clean coat can help prevent summer skin problems, so keep your dog or cat well groomed. If your dog has a heavy coat, shaving your dog's hair to a 1-inch length will help prevent overheating. Don't shave a dog's hair down to the skin; this robs him of protection from the sun. A cat should be brushed frequently to keep his coat tangle-free.
- Take your pet to the veterinarian for a spring or early summer checkup, including a test for heartworm if your dog isn't on year-round preventative medication. Have the doctor recommend a safe, effective flea and tick control program.



Mike and the Mechanics

League City Vehicle Maintenance Department

This isn't exactly rocket science, but doing a bit of TLC for your car will save you money and keep you safe.

Tip 1: If it isn't broken, don't fix it

If you are lucky enough to have a new car, remember that's it's covered by at least a three year warranty. If you suspect something is wrong take it to your dealership and ask them to check it out; they'll almost always fix it for free. This warranty coverage follows the car, not the original buyer, so you can make use of it even if you didn't buy the car new. Last, note when the warranty expires; the cost of extending the warranty is usually reasonable.

Shop around for roadside services that offer discount programs. Towing your car can be expensive and most roadside policies cover you, not just the car. So keep the emergency number on your phone and in your glove box, if you're a passenger in your friend's car when it breaks down you can be their hero.

Tip 2: An ounce of prevention

Keeping up with your regular scheduled maintenance is the best way to avoid problems; modern cars need very little attention between trips to the professionals. Not keeping your car's service history up to date can ruin its value, so find the service book, see how often service needs to be performed and don't forget when the next service is due.

Tip 3: Getting your hands dirty

There are usually only three things to bother with under the hood, they're all fluids.

- **Windshield Washer Fluid:** This is the only fluid likely to need refilling between services. Use your service manual to find out where to pour it in and what mixture to use.
- **Oil:** Check your oil by using the dipstick. If you can't find it, consult your service manual. Keep in mind that some cars check the oil for you and don't have a dipstick. For instructions log onto leaguecity.com/mikeandthemechanics
- **Coolant:** this is easier to check. Most cars have a see-through reservoir under the hood with high and low markings. A quick look is all that's required. Make sure when filling that you use only the manufactures recommended brand.

Tip4: Feel the pressure

Worn tires are dangerous and should be replaced. Under inflated tires are costly because they take away from your fuel mileage. You can find the proper tire pressure on the tire itself, or inside your driver's side door jamb. Check it at least once a month.

Tip 5: Pit-stops without the pain

Changing a tire can be a miserable and possibly dangerous experience (roadside service is a great option). If you get a flat, pull well off the road out of the way of oncoming traffic. If you can make it to a side street or parking lot, this would be a much safer location to change your tire. Turn your flashers on and use a flare if you have one, put it about 25-35 feet behind your car. An old sheet will help keep you clean when you have to kneel or sit while changing your tire. After you have applied your parking brake, find the jacking point on your car then jack your car up to a point where the tire is just about off the ground. Next, loosen the lug nuts just enough to start removing the nuts. Now jack the car high enough to remove the flat and replace it with your spare, (do this process in reverse for installing the spare).

It's a smart idea to practice this while in the comforts of your driveway. Keep a set of gloves, a reflective vest and a flash light in your trunk to help you perform this task safely.

Recycle Glass, Oil, Oil Filters & Antifreeze

League City Recycling Center
Maintained by Vehicle Maintenance
1535 Dickinson Ave.





League City Parks and Recreation Department

Youth Programs

The League City Parks Recreation Department offers a variety of youth programs including flag football, gymnastics and karate. For information please visit www.leaguecity.com or pick the Parks Recreation Department summer brochure at City Hall.

Camp By The Creek

Summer is a time to play in the sun, exercise, swim, and learn! Where can your children do all of this? Camp by the Creek! This summer camp will be held Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.. Extended care is available from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., and from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. for an additional fee. Our energetic and talented camp staff entertains the children with different programs, arts and crafts, games, field trips, and outdoor activities. Camp is designed for children ages 6-12. There will be five, two week sessions of camp, for a total of 10 full weeks of fun!

Place: CCISD School TBD
 Dates: June 7 - August 13, 2010
 Fees: Residents \$200/Non-residents \$220 per 2 week session. There is a \$10 discount for an additional child. Extended care is an additional \$20 per session, per child. A non-refundable \$20 deposit will secure your child a place at Camp by the Creek. Deposits are not transferable toward other sessions in event of cancellations. All balances for each session are due the Monday prior to the start of a new session.

Walk-in Registration: Tuesday, April 27, 2010, from 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (or until all slots are filled) at the Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center, 400 W. Walker St. After April 27, you may register at the Parks Recreation Office (200 North Park Avenue - League Park) during regular office hours.

Call-in Registration: None. Call Maggie for more information at (281) 554-1184, or email her at maggie.jackson@leaguecity.com

League City Swimming Pool

The pool opens on May 29, at 1:00 p.m., for A FREE WEEKEND! League City Residents will swim free again this summer with the purchase of a \$10 Swim Pass. Passes can be purchased at the Parks Recreation Office **WITH A COPY OF YOUR CURRENT WATER BILL OR TAX BILL**. Be sure to bring proof of age for all children's passes purchased. Any child under the age of ten will not be allowed entry unless accompanied by an adult.

Please note: Resident and Non-Resident swim passes will be available at the Parks Recreation Office May 4 -May 28. After May 28, swim passes will need to be purchased at the pool during open swim hours. Everyone will be charged daily admission fees if they don't have their passes when they come to the pool.

Passes: Residents - \$10 per person, 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)

Swimming Lessons - American Red Cross

Most Classes - Eight, 30 minute lessons
 \$40 Residents and \$45 Non-Residents

Preschool & Advanced Swim Level Classes
 \$50 Residents and \$55 Non-Residents

Other Classes offered: Parent-Child and Adult lessons
 Place: League City Municipal Pool, 450 W. Walker Street
 Lesson times: Monday-Thursday, for 2 weeks, 8 classes total
 Morning and Evening Classes Available

Walk-in Registration: Beginning May 4, 2010, at the Parks Recreation Office (200 North Park Avenue - League Park) during regular office hours.

Call-in Registration: None. Call John for more information at (281) 554-1185, or email him at john.orsag@leaguecity.com

Special Events

Spring Arts and Craft Show

The League City Parks Recreation Department would like to invite you to celebrate the spring season by attending our Arts and Craft Show. The activities for the day will include arts and craft booths and plenty of food and beverages. The show will be held at League Park on Saturday, April 10, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.. The fee for a booth space will be \$50. Please call (281) 554-1195, or email william.morris@leaguecity.com for more information.

Pitch, Hit & Run Baseball Competition

It's once again time for the annual Baseball Competition. This year's local contest will be held on Sunday, April 25, at the Chester L. Davis Sportsplex. This event allows area youth to test their abilities in three areas: batting, throwing, and base running. The competition is open to boys and girls ages 7 - 14. This is a free event so don't miss your chance to advance to the next level. Call-in registration begins April 6. Please call (281) 554-1195, or email william.morris@leaguecity.com for more information.

July 4th Citizen Appreciation Day

Our annual July 4'th celebration will be held on Saturday, July 3, from 11:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., at League Park. The Mayor, City Council and Parks Recreation staff members will be serving refreshments in appreciation of the citizens of League City. There will be live music and other live entertainment. All refreshments will be FREE! Please call Maggie for more information at (281) 554-1184, or email her at maggie.jackson@leaguecity.com

Concerts in the Park & Movies in the Park (League Park Plaza)

2010 Schedule

<u>Entertainer/Movie</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Texas Star - Country	May 29	7:00 p.m.
MOVIE IN THE PARK (TBA)	June 5	7:30 p.m.
League City Pops - Classical	June 12	7:00 p.m.
Alvin Community Band - Big Band	June 19	7:00 p.m.
Kurland Street Band - Big Band	June 26	7:00 p.m.

Please call (281) 554-1195, or email william.morris@leaguecity.com for more.



Thanks to Ben Cucchia of the City of League City Parks Dept., Scout Master Dave Baker, Scout Cy Miessler & Troop 609 for building park benches and cleaning the trails at League City's Countryside Park in January 2010

League City Emergency Management

Hurricane Season 2010

Last year's Hurricane Season was relatively mild compared to previous years, with only one hurricane and one tropical storm making landfall in the United States. The position of El Nino near the South American coast and cool Atlantic waters inhibited storm growth last season. However, we cannot count on the 2010 Hurricane Season being so uneventful! The City of League City urges residents to BE INFORMED and BE PREPARED!



Be Informed

League City Emergency Information and Resources

- Storm-related information will be available on League City's website, www.leaguecity.com, LCTV Channel 16, Facebook and Twitter (you can link to Facebook and Twitter from the city's website).
- Sign up for Blackboard Connect, League City's emergency and public outreach notification system. Blackboard Connect can send informational and emergency messages to home and cell phones, email, and texting devices. Look for this button on the city's website, and register your information.



- If you or someone you know needs assistance evacuating, please call the 2-1-1 Texas Helpline to register. Once registered, the League City Office of Emergency Management will contact you to discuss your needs.

Hurricane Season 2010 Changes

- Watches and warnings for tropical storms and hurricanes along threatened coastal areas will be issued 12 hours earlier than in previous years.
- The Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale will become operational. The scale keeps the same wind speed ranges as the original Saffir-Simpson scale for each of the five hurricane categories, but no longer ties specific storm surge and flooding effects to each category.

Be Prepared

Create an Emergency Plan

Hurricane hazards come in many forms – storm surge, high winds, tornadoes, and flooding. This means it is important for your family to have a plan that includes all of these hazards. Visit www.Ready.gov to utilize their online Family Emergency Planning Tools.

Evacuate

- Evacuation is always encouraged, especially for residents with special medical needs.
- Determine where you will go if the city calls for an evacuation. Don't forget to include your pets in the plan.
- Secure your home before you leave.

- Plan to stay where you are for several days while the city restores essential services.
- If you cannot evacuate, be prepared to live without power and water for a week – no matter the size of the storm.

Get the Insurance You Need

- There are separate policies for homeowner, windstorm and flood insurances.
- All residents are encouraged to purchase flood insurance. You do not have to live in a designated floodplain to purchase flood insurance.
- Familiarize yourself with your insurance policies, and address any questions with your agent or company.
- Remember – it typically takes 30 days for insurance policies to be activated, so don't wait!

Portable Generator Safety

League City Fire Marshal's Office

In an emergency, portable electric generators offer lifesaving benefits when outages affect your home or business. However, portable generator use can also be very hazardous. If you plan on using an emergency generator, it is essential that you take precautions for your safety and the safety of those working to restore power.

Follow these tips for safe portable generator use:

- Always read and follow the manufacturer's operating instructions before running generator.
- Engines emit carbon monoxide. **Never use a generator inside your home, garage, crawl space, or other enclosed areas. Only use your generator outdoors, away from open windows, vents, or doors.**
- Use a battery-powered carbon monoxide detector in the area you are running your generator.
- Gasoline and its vapors are extremely flammable. Allow the generator engine to cool at least 2 minutes before refueling and always use fresh gasoline. If you do not plan to use your generator in 30 days, don't forget to stabilize the gas with fuel stabilizer. Maintain your generator according to the manufacturer's maintenance schedule for peak performance and safety.
- **Never operate the generator near combustible materials.**
- If you have to use extension cords, be sure they are the grounded type and are rated for the application. Coiled cords can get extremely hot; always uncoil cords and lay them in flat open locations.
- **Never plug your generator directly into your home outlet.** If you are connecting a generator into your home electrical system, have a qualified electrician install a **Power Transfer Switch**.
- Generators produce powerful voltage. **Never operate a generator during wet conditions.** Take precautions to protect your generator from exposure to rain and snow.

Hurricane Preparedness Workshop

The City of League City is hosting a Hurricane Preparedness Workshop on Saturday, May 8th at the Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center. City staff, local vendors and volunteer groups will be on hand to help you get ready for Hurricane Season. There will be games for the kids, snacks and best of all – PRIZES! Stop by between 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM!



League City Police Department

LEAGUE CITY CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CANVASSING PROGRAM

The League City Police Department has implemented a new program that utilizes League City Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association members in a new and unique way. The volunteers canvass areas in which a crime has occurred and gather witness information that helps police officers solve cases. The first LCCPAAA Canvassing class started with a bang. Within two hours volunteers attended class, learned the forms and procedures, and hit the streets. They located a victim of a burglary of a motor vehicle and discovered a bicycle that the burglary suspect used to enter the neighborhood. Their find enabled detectives to charge the suspect, and informed citizens of the dangers of leaving valuables in their vehicles and doors unlocked.

From time to time you may receive a Blackboard Connect CTY message informing you that LCCPAAA members will be in your area canvassing for information. This message is sent out to inform you that you may get a knock on the door by a LCCPAAA member conducting a canvass. Everyone's participation and help is very important to us and any information you can pass on may assist police officers in making our community safer.

How do you join? It's easy. First you must enroll in the League City Citizens Police Academy. It is taught twice a year by the Police Department. After completing the LCCPA you must complete a Citizens On Patrol class enabling you to drive the marked Citizens On Patrol vehicle. Then you must complete a LCCPAAA Canvassing class. At this point you will be placed on an email list and notified whenever a canvassing packet is prepared and your assistance is needed. You may volunteer your time seven days a week between the hours of 8am and 8pm.

The League City Police Department views this program as a valuable means to create a practical partnership with the citizens of League City. It not only involves our dedicated citizens in problem solving but allows police officers to have more time to follow up on other leads that result in diminishing crime within our city. If you wish to enroll in the next League City Citizens Police Academy and be on your way to joining the Canvassing program please contact Ofc. Christy Galyean at (281)338-8201 for more information. If you are already a LCCPA member and wish to attend the next LCCPAAA Canvassing Program class please contact Sgt. Jordan at (281)338-8207.



League City Retirements

Betty Nelson Retires from League City EMS



Betty Nelson has retired after 26 years of working as an E.M.S volunteer. Quick thinking and spirited, Betty was an extremely valuable volunteer who will be missed by her former co-workers. In all the years she worked Betty's one regret is not having the opportunity to deliver a baby. She will spend her retirement traveling and spending time with her family.

Sheila Robberson Retires From Helen Hall Library

Sheila Robberson has retired from the Helen Hall Library after 22 years of service. Sheila served as the Assistant Reference Librarian. She hopes to spend her free time with her new grandchild. The staff of Helen Hall Library wish her well in her retirement.



Helen Hall Library offers a variety of programs for children, teens, families and adults. Pick up the Parks and Recreation Department and Helen Hall summer brochure for more information on events at Helen Hall Library or check online at <http://www.leaguecitylibrary.org/>

The Friends of the Helen Hall Library Book Sale

The Friends membership drive begins Thursday, May 13 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Join the Friends and shop early! The book sale opens to the general public on Friday, May 14 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and on Saturday, May 15 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Please bring donated books to Helen Hall Library in a bag or box marked 'Book Sale'. For more information please call Liz Hopkins at 281-554-1106.



The Friends of the Helen Hall Library, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to fostering wider recognition, use and support of the Helen Hall Library. Proceeds benefit the Helen Hall Library, 100 West Walker, League City, TX 77573.

Meet the Candidates for League City Council Position 7

Tim Holloway

Why did you decide to run for League City Council?

I am running for council to make sure every League City citizen has a voice. I have new and innovative ideas for the city to implement, to make League City one of the safest and best places to live.

What skills and experience do you have that would be of value to a League City Council member?

I am a good communicator and people person. I have the sales experience to sell our city and bring new economic development to relieve the tax burden from the citizens.

Please describe what you believe are the three most important challenges, opportunities or issues facing League City in the next three years.

1. Crime – because our city is growing, we’re under the national average of police officers for each citizen.
2. Infrastructure/traffic – We’ve grown so big, so fast, traffic is a huge issue for our citizens.
3. Common sense spending – Spend less on frivolous programs, more on senior citizens and youth programs.



Thomas "Tommy" Garland

Why did you decide to run for League City Council?

I have been involved in community service for the majority of my adult life as a police officer and community volunteer. I see the opportunity to have a positive influence within the city serving on City Council and want to be a part of the exciting future of League City.

What skills and experience do you have that would be of value to a League City Council member?

Working with people of different backgrounds and life experiences has taught me to listen to opinions and ideas of different origins and develop conclusions that appeal to

everyone. I will also make decisions that descend from the majority if the matter is not in the best interest of the effected.

Please describe what you believe are the three most important challenges, opportunities or issues facing League City in the next three years.

League City must accept the imminent growth that is upon us. For far too long, the city has remained reactive instead of proactive. We have also failed to form good working relationships with other local governments and State agencies.

We have the ability to shape our city’s future by attracting community friendly, environmentally safe business that produces property tax revenue, middle income jobs and sales tax revenue from the production of goods and services.

Finally, we should take advantage of low interest rates and low construction costs in this economic downturn to make needed improvements within the city.



Joanna Sharp Dawson

Why did you decide to run for League City Council?

In 2003, the City began working on the last Comprehensive Plan and asking for volunteers. I attended community workshops and began going to Council meetings, becoming passionate about the City and soon wanted to run for Council! Since then I have run a LC campaign every year, all winners!

What skills and experience do you have that would be of value to a League City Council member?

I have served on the Parks Board for 5 years, the year-long Charter Review Committee, and the City Butler Longhorn Museum and Heritage Park Board. I have attended almost every Council Meeting, Council Retreat, workshop, in the last 7 years, as well as many meetings of P&Z and 4B. Experience does matter!

Please describe what you believe are the three most important challenges, opportunities or issues facing League City in the next three years.

First and foremost, recruiting honest and caring people to run for public office. We need to be bringing in new blood all the time, while keeping a few “seasoned” ones on each Board, for historical reference as much as anything.

Secondly, we MUST be able to take care of our existing citizens, while preparing for the new folks who are coming.

Thirdly, we need to work harder and smarter planning for the utilization of our existing limited supply of land. When this resource is used up, we will begin to decline slowly. I am EXTREMELY conservative in this department!



Tim Paulissen is unopposed for League City Council Position 6

For more election information

log onto www.leaguecity.com

and look for the

Election 2010 button





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Council Position 2: Mike Barber	832.687.8602 mike.barber@leaguecity.com
Council Position 3: Mick Phalen	281.554.1030 mick.phalen@leaguecity.com
Council Position 4: Mike Lee	281.554.1030 mike.lee@leaguecity.com
Council Position 5: Phyllis Sanborn	281.332.6777 phyllis.sanborn@leaguecity.com
Council Position 6: Tim Paulissen	281.455.3816 tim.paulissen@leaguecity.com
Council Position 7: Jim Nelson	832.561.1901 jim.nelson@leaguecity.com

City Staff

Interim City Administrator	Marcus Jahns
Chief of Police	Mike Jez
Utilities/Public Works Director	Rich Oller
Director of Land Management	Tony Allender
Finance Director	Michael Loftin
Parks & Cultural Services Director	Chien Wei
Director of General Services	Travis Doughty
City Secretary	Barbara Long
City Engineer	Jack Murphy

Contact Information

EMERGENCY Police, Fire, Medical	911
Police Department (non-emergency)	281.332.2566 www.lcpd.com
City Hall	281.554.1000 www.leaguecity.com
City Hall Non-Emergency Information Line	311
Fire Department (non-emergency)	281.554.1465 www.lcvfd.com
Fire Marshal Office	281.554.1290
Helen Hall Library	281.554.1111 www.leaguecitylibrary.org
Parks & Recreation Department	281.554.1188 www.leaguecity.com
Mosquito Control (Galveston County)	281.534.2726 w.co.galveston.tx.us/mosquito_control
Trash Collection	281.585.3200
Animal Control	281.332.2566 www.leaguecityanimalshelter.com
Municipal Court	281.554.1060
League City Chamber of Commerce	281.338.7339 www.leaguecitychamber.com

LCTV Programming Schedule

Jazzercise 6 a.m. & 4 p.m.
 City Council 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
 PowerPoint Loop plays continuously all day with information from all City
 Departments and short segments like "Pet of the Week"
 Council Meetings are also streamed live at www.leaguecity.com and archived at www.leaguecitycouncilmeetings.com