

JULY 2012 CITY MATTERS



Message From the Mayor



First, we're getting ready to move back into our renovated City Hall. After Hurricane Ike exposed structural deficiencies in the building, we could have looked at constructing new City offices. Instead, we chose to remodel. The result? More space, a structurally sound building that should last another 20 to 30 years, and we did it for about 20 percent of what a new building would have cost.

Sometimes our opportunities go beyond making your tax dollars go further. Sometimes we get the chance to put money back in your pocket. That's what we've done with our drainage improvements around the city, and it's saving our residents and businesses money on flood insurance. Our Community Rating System (CRS) score, which

helps drive insurance rates through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), improved from 9 to 8 last year and is to improve again – from 8 to 6 – in October. This should yield insurance premium savings of up to 20 percent for owners of property in a floodplain, and up to 10 percent for those outside the floodplain. From updating building codes to cleaning out ditches, I'm proud of the work our City employees have done to improve this rating and save money for those of you who have flood insurance on your homes and businesses.

Taking care of our resources requires your help. As summer approaches and our weather heats up, please remember to conserve water. We have a new drought contingency plan that makes water rationing

easier to understand and follow, but we're hoping to avoid using that plan. Please take care as you shower, do laundry, water your yard or wash your car: water is our most precious resource, and it's up to all of us to protect it.

Finally, please join me in welcoming Mike Loftin as our new city manager. As summer approaches. And don't forget that July marks the start of candidate filing for City offices as we move toward our new November date for municipal elections. Have a happy and safe summer, everyone.

Timothy Paulissen, Mayor



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As mayor, one of my commitments to you is to work closely with City Council and City staff to make sure we use your tax dollars wisely. This issue of City Matters has some good examples of how we're protecting your pocketbook by finding savings on our projects and making improvements that bring return on your investment.

Mike Loftin Named New City Manager



The League City City Council voted 6-1 on to name Mike Loftin city manager. Loftin has been serving as the City's acting city manager since former

acting city manager Rich Oller resigned in February.

Loftin, who is a League City resident, has served as a member of League City's staff since December 2009. He began his work in League City as director of finance and was named assistant city manager for management services after an organizational restructuring in June 2010.

"Working with our highly dedicated and competent staff and elected leaders, I'm excited about the opportunity to help make League City an even better place to live and work. I'm humbled and honored, and I look forward to building stronger relationships with our residents and business people while working to fulfill the Council's goals for our community," said Loftin.

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League City City Hall Remodel Completed in June 2012!



Left: City Hall prior to structural and interior remodel. The building was damaged during Hurricane Ike in September 2008. Remodel began in November of 2010 and was completed in June of 2012. City Hall was temporarily relocated to South Shore Harbour Marina Plaza for the duration of the remodel.

Below: City Hall two weeks prior to re-opening to employees and citizens. The new City Hall will feature a new drive-thru where citizens can make water bill payments. Images of new City Hall exterior, offices, entry help-desk and employee workstations.



2012 ELECTION INFORMATION

General Election - November 6, 2012

First Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot - July 23rd 8:00 am.

Last Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot - August 20th 5:00 pm.

Last Day to Register to Vote - Oct. 9th

First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail - Sept. 7th

Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail - Oct. 30th

More information and specific times and locations will be provided as the election nears. If you have any questions please call the City Secretary's Office at 281-554-1031.

The Ghirardi Oak Gets a New Home



The Ghirardi Compton Oak gets a new home this summer. The tree was relocated to the future site of the WaterSmart Park. This 100-year-old tree was moved with two cranes and four large steel beams to support the frame of the planter box that was created to support the oak. Photos of the process from start to finish can be found on our website at www.leaguecity.com under photo galleries on the home page in a gallery called "Ghirardi Oak Relocation Process"

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For hurricane disaster preparedness information, visit
WWW.READYLC.COM
or call the League City Office
of Emergency Management at 281.554.1300.

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Plan. Prepare. Plug In.

Hotel and Motel Fire Safety

When traveling, it is important to become familiar with your surroundings. The United States Fire Administration would like you to review the following safety tips to assist you in preparing for fire safe traveling.

Plan Ahead

- When making your reservations, ask if the hotel has smoke detectors and fire sprinklers.
- When traveling, take a flashlight with you.
- Read the fire evacuation plan carefully. If one is not posted in your room, request one from the front desk.
- Locate the two exits from your room.
- Count the number of doors between your room and the exits. This will assist you in the event of an emergency evacuation.
- Locate the fire alarms on your floor.
- Never smoke in bed.

Life Safety Steps

- If the fire is in your room, get out quickly. Close the door, sound the alarm and notify the front desk.
- Always use a stairwell, never an elevator. The elevator could stop at the floor of the fire.
- If the fire is not in your room, leave if it is safe to do so. Be sure to take your room key with you in case fire blocks your escape and you need to re-enter your room.
- To check the hallway for fire, touch the door with the back of your hand to test the temperature. If the door is cool, get low to the floor, brace your shoulder against the door and open it slowly. Be ready to close it quickly if there are flames on the other side. Crawl low in the smoke to the nearest exit; the freshest air is near the floor.
- If your room door is hot, do not open it. Instead, seal the door with wet towels or sheets. Turn off the fans and air conditioners. Call the fire department to give your location. Signal from your window.

Be Flood Smart, League City



The City of League City participates in the Community Rating System (CRS), a voluntary federal program that rewards communities for implementing higher standards in exchange for discounts on flood insurance policies. The efforts of City staff have led to an improved score in the CRS, which translates to greater savings to property owners. Effective October 1, 2012, League City residents located in the floodplain will receive a 20% discount on their flood insurance premiums (up from 10%) and some property owners outside the floodplain may be eligible for a 10% discount (up from 5%). For more information about flood insurance, contact the National Flood Insurance Program at www.floodsmart.org, the League City Building Department at 281-554-1428, or call your insurance agent.

Whether caused by a severe thunderstorm, hurricane, or tropical storm, there is no doubt that League City is susceptible to flooding. That is why it's important for every household to purchase flood insurance. Basic homeowner's insurance does not cover damage from floods. The City of League City participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, which means that federally-subsidized flood insurance is available to everyone in the City, regardless of location and past damage. Some people have purchased flood insurance because it was required by the bank or loan company when they obtained a mortgage or home improvement loan. Usually these policies just cover the building's structure and not the contents; however, coverage for both contents and building is available. Remember, there is a 30-day waiting period before a policy becomes effective, and the policy must be renewed annually.

Here are some flood safety tips to follow:

- Do not walk through flowing water. Drowning is the number one cause of flood-related deaths. Currents can be deceptive, and six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet.
- Do not drive through a flooded area. The majority of vehicle-related deaths are caused by drivers trying to cross flooded streets.
- Learn the safest route from your property to higher ground, but stay tuned to reports of changing flood conditions.
- If emergency officials tell you to evacuate or leave your home, go immediately to a safe shelter, hotel, or relative's house. Evacuation maps are on League City's emergency preparedness website www.readylc.com.
- Stay away from power lines.

The Texas Natural Resources Information System (TNRIS) is gathering data for a high water mark inventory for the state. Citizens are encouraged to send their pictures, emails, and other information to the agency at this email: highwatermarks@tnris.org. High water marks, or debris lines, can establish a basis for understanding typical flooding events and can help experts estimate the kind of damage future floods may bring.

For more information on flood safety and flood insurance, please visit www.ready.gov/floods or www.texasprepares.org.

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LEAGUE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT



Congratulations to Class 20 of the Citizen Police Academy. Applications for Class 21 are being accepted and will begin August 9, 2012



National Night Out (NNO) 2012 will be Tuesday, October 2nd from 6-9pm so plan early! National Night Out is a community awareness-raising event. The event is meant to increase awareness about police programs in communities such as neighborhood watch and promote involvement in local crime prevention programs and efforts. It also strengthens police-community partnerships. The event has been held annually since 1984 and is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. Neighborhoods organize block parties or cookouts and are visited by local emergency services and city dignitaries.

Group organizers can register with the national organization at www.natw.org to receive an organizers packet but all local events should register with the League City Police Department (LCPD). When you register your event with LCPD you will receive a NNO "goody bag" with t-shirts and other promotional items. LCPD Community Services Division is now taking block party registrations! Complete the online form at www.lcpd.com. All registrations are due by September 26th to allow scheduling of police, fire and EMS to visit the locations. This is a great opportunity for apartment complexes as well to "welcome" new residents and promote safety on their property. For more information contact Officer Christy Galyean at 281-338-8201 or email at christy.galyean@lcpd.com.

What is the League City Citizens Police Academy?

The League City Citizens Police Academy (CPA) is presented by the League City Police Department to instruct attendees in the philosophy, values and the day-to-day operations of the department. The focus is on HOW and WHY members of the department perform their various duties. The program is held on Thursdays from 6-9 pm and lasts for 15 weeks.

Minimum Requirements

Applicants must be employed in or be a resident of the City of League City and must be at least 18 years of age. Applicants must be in good standing in the community and must not have any previous criminal convictions and have a valid Texas Drivers License. We are currently accepting applications for the next class to begin on August 9th, 2012. Applications can be downloaded from our website at www.lcpd.com

For more information, call Officer Christy Galyean at 281-338-8201.

When is My Child Ready to Use the Stove or Oven? *The League City Fire Department Welcomes Its Newest Volunteers*

Because every child's development and personality is different, there is no single rule that can determine when your child can be given responsibility for cooking. Here are some things to consider:

How Old Is Your Child? Before the age of about 11 years old, children can't really anticipate events they haven't experienced. If something unexpected happens, they are unprepared. This has nothing to do with the child's intelligence; it is simply normal brain development.

Parents are often fooled by children of this age...Elementary school children are very good at following directions. If they are shown how to do something, most often they can perform even a complex chore correctly time and again—as long as the pattern remains the same.

What they are not good at is anticipating what might go wrong and how to respond if something does. So even if they can cook, and do so regularly, they need close supervision. If the grease catches on fire or a napkin falls across a burner, it is only by chance that they will respond quickly and appropriately.

Think about hiring a babysitter for your own children. Most people want a sitter who is older than elementary school age. They understand, intuitively, that one of the key responsibilities of a babysitter is to keep their children safe in an emergency – that is, to be able to respond if something unexpected happens. The Babysitting Training Courses sanctioned by the American Red Cross and the National Safety Council are designed for 11-to-15-year-olds, setting a national standard concerning the age of responsibility."

How well does your child comply with other types of rules? Some children are more impulsive than others, some are more compliant, some are bigger risk-takers. A 14-year-old who is a risk-taker may not be ready to be given this responsibility while a more compliant 12-year-old is.

Have you taught your child clear rules about cooking, such as:

1. Stay close to the stove and watch it carefully when you're cooking food.
2. Keep a pan's lid and a dry oven mitt nearby, and know what to do if food or grease catches fire.
3. Keep anything that can catch fire, including oven mitts, towels, wooden utensils, a safe distance from the stovetop.
4. Turn pot handles away from the stove's edge.
5. Wear short, close fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking.
6. Always use oven mitts when putting things in or taking things out of the oven.
7. In case of an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed Note: be sure your child knows the rules for safe microwaving too.

Do you use safe techniques yourself when you cook? What you do can be more important than what you tell a child. Leaving food cooking on the stove unattended not only creates an immediate hazard but tells children that fire needn't be treated seriously.

The League City Volunteer Fire Department would like to welcome our newest members to our department. League City Fire Academy Cadets receive over 120 hours of training through online course work and hands on skills assessment classes. Each cadet is expected to maintain a 75% grade average on 4 phase test or they will be removed from the academy. Some of the hands on classes consist of; live fire trainings, extrication, fire streams, hose lays, wild land fire, ventilation, forcible entry, search and rescue, and fire fighter survival. Cadets meet two-three times per week for mandatory physical training, that is one hour long on Wednesdays, Fridays and every other Saturday from 7:30 pm -8:30 pm.

- Tim Alexander - Station 4
- Travis Barker - Station 3
- Tom Bremer - Station 4
- Niki Bremer - Station 4
- John Cornor - Station 1
- Jesse Falcon - Station 3
- Ronald Gloston - Station 3
- Jacob Hamilton - Station 4
- Ignacio Hernandez - Station 5
- Michael Hester Jr. - Station 2
- James Kachinski - Station 1
- Gerardo Salazar - Station 5
- Ben Spooner - Station 3
- Ben VanDyke - Station 4
- James Werner - Station 3



Spreading the Word About the Importance of Fire Prevention

As volunteer fire fighters we know that there is much more to being a fire fighter than just responding to calls. We have worked hard in building our Public Relations with the community. We provide station tours and fire prevention talks for the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Mother's Day Out programs. We also provide fire prevention talks for your children at their schools. We believe that teaching children what do to in case there is a fire is just as important as us putting out the fires. If you are interested in having a station tour you can call 281-554-1465 or you can send in an email request to john.waddell@leaguecity.com. As volunteers we try our best to accommodate each and every request.



Parks Recreation Summer Programs

Girl's Softball

The League City Parks Recreation Department is preparing for its Girl's ASA Fall Softball Program. The program will be open to girl's ages 5-18. There are six (6) separate age divisions for this program. They are as follows:

Pixie I	Ages 5-6
Pixie II	Ages 7-8
Freshman	Ages 9-10
Sophomore	Ages 11-12
Intermediate	Ages 13-14
Junior/Senior	Ages 15-18
Place:	Chester L. Davis Sportsplex, 1251 Highway 96, AND AT PARKS IN OTHER PARTICIPATING CITIES.

Times: Games will start the weekend of September 8-9, and finish the weekend of November 17-18. All games will be played on the weekends. (Saturday or Sunday afternoons).

Registration: League City residents may register online at leaguecity.com July 31 - August 6 (or until all slots are filled). League City residents may also register in person at the League Park Office (512 2nd Street) July 31 - August 6 (or until all slots are filled). League City residents & non-residents may register online at leaguecity.com August 7 - August 21 (if slots are still available). League City residents & non-residents may also register in person at the League Park Office (512 2nd Street) August 7 - August 21 (if slots are still available). Call John for more information at (281) 554-1180, or email him at john.orsag@leaguecity.com.

Soccer

The Parks Recreation Department will be offering a Fall Soccer League. The league will be Co-ed, and divided into five (5) age divisions.

Place:	Eastern Regional Park, 2105 Dickinson Avenue, and Chester L. Davis Sportsplex, 1251 Highway 96
Times:	Games will start September 22, and end on November 10. All games will be played on Saturdays.

Registration: League City residents may register online at leaguecity.com July 31 - August 6 (or until all slots are filled). League City residents may also register in person at the League Park Office (512 2nd Street) July 31 - August 6 (or until all slots are filled). League City residents & non-residents may register online at leaguecity.com August 7 - August 21 (if slots are still available). League City residents & non-residents may also register in person at the League Park Office (512 2nd Street) August 7 - August 21 (if slots are still available). Call Aaron for more information at (281) 554-1180, or email him at aaron.beck@leaguecity.com.

Swimming Lessons - American Red Cross

Most classes - Eight, 30 minute lessons: \$40 League City residents and \$45 non-residents
 Preschool, Advanced Swim Level Classes, and Adult Classes: \$50 League City residents and \$55 non-residents

Place:	League City Municipal Pool, 450 West Walker Street
Lesson times:	Monday - Thursday, for 2 weeks, 8 classes total Morning, Afternoon, & Evening Classes Available
Session C	July 2 - July 12
Session D	July 16 - July 26
Session E	July 30 - August 9

Registration: League City residents and non-residents may register online at leaguecity.com May 8 - July 30 (if slots are still available). League City residents & non-residents may also register in person at the League Park Office (512 2nd Street) May 8 - July 30 (if slots are still available). Call John for more information at (281) 554-1180, or email him at john.orsag@leaguecity.com.

Concerts & Movies in the Park

Concerts & Movies will be held on various Saturdays in League Park during the summer months. The following schedule is good for the months of July, August, and September.

Group/Movie	Date	Time
MOVIE IN THE PARK - 'Puss in Boots'	July 7	7:30 pm
Ghost of Rose - Folk	July 14	7:00 pm
Brass, Rhythm, & Reed - Big Band	July 21	7:00 pm
Charlotte Henson - Gospel	July 28	7:00 pm
MOVIE IN THE PARK - 'Journey 2'	August 4	7:30 pm
Jubilee Banjo Band - Bluegrass	August 11	7:00 pm
Strand Street 6 7/8 - Big Band	August 18	7:00 pm
Rich Latimer Band - Variety	August 25	7:00 pm
Reckless Abandon - Variety	September 1	7:00 pm

Schedule subject to change! Please call Chris for more information at (281) 554-1180, or email him at chris.saddler@leaguecity.com for updates on the entertainment schedule. Feel free to bring your lawn chairs, snacks, picnic dinners and soft drinks, but please remember, GLASS CONTAINERS ARE PROHIBITED IN ALL LEAGUE CITY PARKS!

Basketball News

League City Parks Recreation Department's 10U Boys team, the Blue Beasts, coached by Kevin Dapper, were TAAF Regional Champions and State Runner-Up

The Blue Beasts, a League City Parks Recreation Basketball team headed by Coach Kevin Dapper, competed in the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF) Regional Tournament held in Texas City, March 2-4. They defeated the Texas City Kings in the Finals 29-25 to become Regional Champions. They then went to compete at the TAAF State Tournament in College Station, March 16-18. The Blue Beasts once again made it to the Finals where they lost a close game to place 2nd in the State. The Blue Beasts ended the season with a 19-3 record. Pictured in the photo starting in the back from left to right are Coach Paul Thompson Jr., Coach Kevin Dapper, Players Nick Thompson, Hunter Smith, Luke Berkland, Jaylon White, Kaden Jones, Pete Miller, Kaleb Dapper, Trenton Scott, and Mascot Josh Thompson.





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City Hall

City Hall Non-Emergency Information Line
Fire Department (non-emergency)

Fire Marshal Office
Helen Hall Library

Parks Recreation Department

Mosquito Control (Galveston County)

Trash Collection
Animal Control

Municipal Court
League City Chamber of Commerce

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

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