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As we approach League City's 50th year, it is time to reflect and give thanks to all the mayors and council members that have preceded us. I am honored to lead our city into its next half-century. We have grown and flourished to become Galveston County's largest city with a population of more than 85,000 as we enter 2012. Among those who deserve thanks are our dedicated city employees who, week in and week out, work hard to move League City forward. There

are many challenges with a fast-growing community. These dedicated servants are meeting them head-on. Be it water, sewer, roads, parks, fire, EMS or police, we're working hard to make sure you get top-quality services at a reasonable cost. We have taken great strides in planning and addressing the needs of our city in a systematic and cost-effective manner. You want the most from your tax dollars, and we're making it happen. Council this year reduced property taxes by more than half a cent, the second straight cut in your League City property tax rate. While we hold your tax bills down, we're still focused on service quality. With League City's rapid growth, we have had to rush to make sure infrastructure can handle new development. At the height of the last housing boom, League City saw more than 1,500 housing starts annually. After the market crashed, we dropped to about 500, and we're now back to about 700 new homes per year. The slowdown gives us a chance to better plan and manage our growth so we

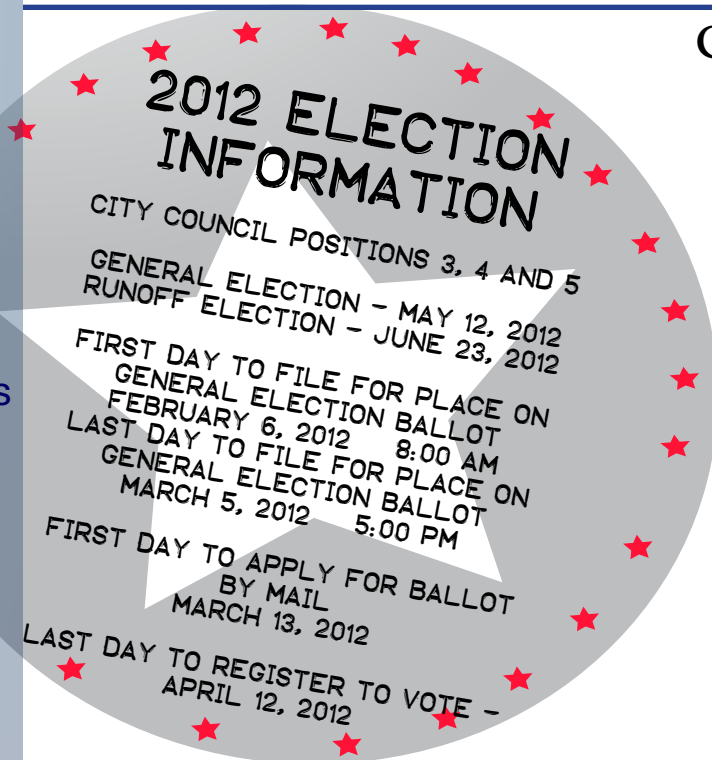
Message from the Mayor

don't get behind the eight-ball again on issues like traffic or water supply. In the last four years, we have crossed numerous things off the city's bucket list: a new overpass at League City Parkway, expansion of the Dallas Salmon Wastewater Treatment Plant, construction of the Southwest Water Reclamation Facility, a new comprehensive plan and new master plans for water and transportation, to name a few. We have numerous road projects in the works, along with new parks and trails. And since mid-year, when we assumed responsibility for traffic signals in League City, we've achieved an 18 percent average reduction in travel times along FM 518 between Bay Area Boulevard and Columbia Memorial Parkway. Soon, you will see us add a blinking yellow arrow at some intersections; this will allow turning when it is clear to do so, without having to wait exclusively for a green arrow. While we improve infrastructure to meet our community's needs, we must also look at our municipal facilities. Our main city complex is

aging and needs serious repairs. We are tackling this by upgrading key mechanical and energy systems to bring them up to code and increase their efficiencies. Rather than spend \$30 million on a new city hall, we are renovating at a fraction of the cost. But there is much more to do. Our police building is undersized and equipped with outdated technology. Even with a renovated City Hall, we don't have enough room for the staff needed to serve a growing city, so we're compelled to rent expensive office space. Despite our successes, these and other challenges await. As we begin another year, your staff and elected representatives are dedicated to giving you the best possible service at the best possible price while humbly giving thanks to those who preceded us, and building on the strong foundation that's been left to us. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.



Timothy Paulissen, Mayor



2012 ELECTION INFORMATION

- CITY COUNCIL POSITIONS 3, 4 AND 5
- GENERAL ELECTION - MAY 12, 2012
- RUNOFF ELECTION - JUNE 23, 2012
- FIRST DAY TO FILE FOR PLACE ON GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT - FEBRUARY 6, 2012 8:00 AM
- LAST DAY TO FILE FOR PLACE ON GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT - MARCH 5, 2012 5:00 PM
- FIRST DAY TO APPLY FOR BALLOT BY MAIL - MARCH 13, 2012
- LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE - APRIL 12, 2012

CITY COMES IN UNDER BUDGET FOR 2011

Heeding calls for more conservative use of public funds, League City underspent its operating budget by about 2.5 percent for the 2011 fiscal year.

The City's general and utility funds, which include the funding for most of League City's operations, finished the year with Council-approved budgets totaling \$78.58 million. Total spending for the two budgets totaled \$76.61 million, nearly \$2 million underbudget.

Leftover funds are to roll into the general and utility fund balances, which work much like savings accounts or "rainy day" funds, providing a reserve that helps cushion against unexpected costs or drops in revenue, and is also used to pay for one-time major investments in items like equipment or technology.

"I'm proud of the work our City employees have done, and the way they've adjusted to our new focus on holding costs down

and managing taxpayers' money more carefully," said Acting City Manager Rich Oller. "Our costs for utilities, fuel and other essentials go up just like everyone else's, but our staff found smarter, less expensive ways to meet our operating goals and deliver world-class customer service to our residents and businesses."

"This shows the discipline and conservative principles our City is using to manage public funds," added Mayor Tim Paulissen, who was among the members of Council supporting a property tax cut for the second straight year in fiscal year 2012, which began October 1. "The cuts we're making are incremental steps, but they add up to more money in the pockets of League City taxpayers. Better service at a lower cost is the kind of performance that should make any business or City Hall proud, and I congratulate our Council and staff on their hard work toward this goal."



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LEAGUE CITY INSTALLS GALVESTON COUNTY'S FIRST FLASHING YELLOW ARROW SIGNAL

The League City Traffic and Transportation Department will begin installing new left turn signals along FM 518 from Columbia Memorial Parkway to Country Lane. This is the first phase of a four phase program that will also include the SH 96 Corridor, the FM 2094 Corridor, and the FM 646 Corridor. This turn signal is one of a series of signals that will be installed along FM 518 to allow for permissive left turns. This program is being implemented to continue the improvement of traffic flow along the City's major arterials. The new signal implementation will decrease left turn wait time off of the major arterials where the new signals are implemented.

The program consists of replacing some of the current signals that only allow for protected left turns with signals that allow for both protected and permissive left turns. This new traffic signal head is called a flashing yellow arrow signal head. The flashing yellow arrow signal head operates as follows:

Green Arrow – left turns are protected; left turn can be made because opposing traffic is stopped.

Flashing Yellow Arrow – left turns are permissive, left turn can be made after yielding to opposing traffic and to pedestrians.

Solid Yellow Arrow – caution should be used and the motorist should prepare to stop because the traffic signal will soon turn red.

Solid Red Arrow – motorist should stop.

Installation of the new flashing yellow arrow signals will begin at Magnolia Estates/Claremont on December 6, 2011. Installation will move back to the east to Columbia Memorial Parkway and move westward. Installation will take place at the following intersections in addition to Columbia Memorial and Magnolia Estates/Claremont:

FM 518 at Meadow Parkway

FM 518 at Meadow Bend

FM 518 at Pinehurst

FM 518 at Louisiana

FM 518 at Iowa

FM 518 at Interurban

FM 518 at Calder

FM 518 at Wesley

FM 518 at Hobbs

FM 518 at Landing

FM 518 at W. Bay Area Boulevard

FM 518 at Country Lane

The installation of all of the new signals along FM 518 should be complete by the end of January of 2012.

LEAGUE CITY TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT CONSTRUCTS ITS FIRST TRAFFIC IN-HOUSE TRAFFIC SIGNAL

The League City Traffic and Transportation Department (Traffic) has begun construction on the City's first in-house traffic signal project. The traffic signal is being constructed to replace the existing multi-way (four-way) stop at the intersection of Lawrence Road and Village Way. This intersection is located at the entrance to Clear Creek Independent School District's Education Village.

Field observations at the beginning of the school year indicated problems with this multi-way stop and the intersection of SH 96 and Lawrence Road. Modifications were made to the signal timing at SH 96 and Lawrence Road to help improve entering and exiting of vehicles to the three schools. This improved the congestion created by school arrivals in the morning and school departures in the afternoon. However, the full benefits

of the improvements could not be felt unless police officers were placed at the multi-way stop to direct traffic and feed the traffic light at SH 96 and Lawrence Road. After extensive observations, it was determined that a traffic light in place of the multi-way stop would allow for better operations and for the full benefits of the new signal timing to be achieved.

Plans were developed to install a temporary traffic signal using wood poles at the intersection of Lawrence Road and Village Way. Included with the installation of the new traffic light, a pan/tilt/zoom camera will be installed at the intersection of SH 96 and Lawrence Road. This camera will allow Traffic staff to monitor school traffic at both intersections. Wireless communication is also being installed for communication.

This includes the installation of antennas and radios on the South Shore Harbor water tower and the Amegy Bank building, in the traffic signal cabinets at the intersections of SH 96 and Lawrence Road and Lawrence Road and Village Way; and in the four school zone flashers located along SH 96 for Education Village. These radios will all Traffic staff to monitor traffic and signal operations remotely.

Construction began on this project the week of Thanksgiving, and is being constructed by the Traffic and Transportation Department in conjunction with the Streets Department, the Planning Department, and Republic ITS (maintenance contractor). Construction completion and traffic signal turn on is scheduled for mid-January, 2012.

TIPS FROM MIKE AND THE MECHANICS VEHICLE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

With the colder weather here, most of us have packed away our summer clothes and have gotten out our warmer ones. This is also a great time to get your car or truck ready for the cooler weather ahead, and it doesn't have to be a big hassle. We have put together some ideas that just might help give you a peace of mind as you drive into winter months.

Check your antifreeze; overtime antifreeze can lose its effectiveness, so you should change it at least every two years. If you didn't get a chance to do it last year, do it this year. Check your owner's manual for the proper mixture and type to use. Most are half water and half antifreeze, but if you're not sure ask a mechanic.

Check your fluids; as any good mechanic will tell you, by checking your fluids regularly (once a month) you'll save yourself from a possible headache in the future and save money too. Keep your maintenance current in your vehicle; change your engine oil about every 3000 miles and your transmission fluid about every two years. Don't forget your other fluid levels like your power steering, brake, and battery fluids. Fill these to the recommended levels. Last, don't leave out your windshield washer fluid; do not dilute this since in cold weather this will cause it to freeze.

Check your battery; the average life of a battery is about 3 ½ years. Most have a date on the top, but if you're not sure or you can't remember, it's probably time to replace. Have a technician check it out, or buy an inexpensive battery hydrometer and test it yourself. This preventive maintenance might seem a bit costly, but towing and then paying for a new battery will cost even more.

Check your lights; Accidents can occur if you can't see where you're driving, or if the other driver can't see you, especially as we approach winter's short days and long nights.

Check you tires; Cold air will cause the air in your tires to contract and they may be a little low. Check your tread, if your tires are worn, get some new ones. Make sure that you have a spare (with air) and a jack in your trunk.

Check your brakes; make sure that they're functioning to their optimum level. In winter it's possible that the roads may be slippery, wet and possibly icy, you'll want your brakes to be able to handle the roads if this occurs.

Check your Boots; no not the ones on your feet; front wheel drive vehicles equipped with CV (constant velocity) joints should have the boots checked for rips and cracks. When the joints are exposed damage can occur. Replacing a joint can cost hundreds of dollars, but replacing a boot is a small fraction of that.

Rubber parts under your hood need maintenance, too. Radiator, heater and vacuum hoses, among others, should be checked for cracks and bulges. Check all belts too.

Yes, it's true that the weather here in Texas normally stays above freezing, but there's still that possibility so why not be prepared.



LEAGUE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT WORDS FROM NEW RECRUITS

We are men and women. We are husbands and wives. We are your fellow citizens. We are the League City Volunteer Fire Department.

We have chosen to take it upon ourselves to come to the aid when our neighbors need us most. We do

not ask for recognition or compensation. We do not take our commitment lightly and try to provide the best service we can. We have a love for helping others and a love for the fire service. It is something others may find hard to understand but just know that when you

need us, we will be there.

When the tone drops, each of us say bye to our families in our own way and head out the door to help yours. Never forget when you dial 911, your neighbor and fellow citizen is coming to help you. With lights flashing and

sirens blaring you become our number one priority.

This is why we do what we do in our own words. "It's a sense of pride and honor to be able to give back and protect the community in which we live in." Craig Corder

"We love to help, we love to be involved, we love to see something succeed when others say it can't. We love to live quietly in the background, simply enjoying the personal knowledge that we made it work." Rick Owens

"As part of my job responsibilities I am trained as a firefighter, medic, hazmat specialist & technical rescuer. I felt that I could contribute as a volunteer in the fire department with these skills. The real up side is that I have been able to take what I've learned as a volunteer firefighter to do a much better job as a responder at work so

this has been a real win-win for me." said Mark Turvey. "Volunteering provides me with an amount of personal satisfaction that I can't describe." Steve Devillier

"I joined after 911 I figured with the loss of so many fire fighters, even though it was in New York, that in some small way I might be able to help." said Gary Chilson.

"This November will be the start of my 8th year, and I still love being a volunteer firefighter." said Daniel Gibbs. "The reasons are limitless, but here are a few. I'm proud to be a member of group of people who are willing to sacrifice it all for a stranger. It is an honor to walk among heros. Nothing makes me happier than that smile on a kids face when they climb on the truck and are so happy for that one moment. Self satisfaction - that

I am doing my part to making a better and stronger community. Lastly, I am making myself a better person by learning many life skills."

"We see people when they are having their absolute worst day. I take pride in the fact that we are the ones to help them get through it and letting them know that they are not alone." John Waddell

Part of the fire service that you may not be aware of is our Public Relations. We are available to appear at schools, daycares and special events. We can talk about fire safety, show our truck or even have station tours.

To schedule an event, contact:

Rachel Castro
rachel.castro@leaguecity.com

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL; GETTING TO KNOW YOU

We want to get to know you. If you have any special needs or situations that emergency personnel need to know when responding to your home in an emergency, such as:

- Physical disabilities.
- Deaf.
- Blind.
- Caring for an elderly family member or friend.
- Caring for children, other than our own.
- Elderly living alone.

Contact the League City Fire Marshal's Office at 281-554-1290. When you call our office, please provide the following information:

- Full Name. Caretaker, if one. Name of person(s) being cared for.
- Full address.
- Contact phone numbers.
- Situation that you are calling about.
- Any special needs.

This information will only be used by League City Emergency Services. The information above will be given to League City Dispatch, so if there is a problem at your address, dispatch can radio to emergency personnel who are in route to your home, so they can be better prepared to provide for your needs.

We hope to hear from you soon!

YOUR TAX DOLLARS HARD AT WORK · PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TACKLES MULTIPLE PROJECTS



The streets and maintenance are a huge responsibility in our City. The repair of these streets are extremely important to maintain safe traveled ways for our citizens.

SAFE COOKING TIPS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE LEAGUE CITY FIRE CHIEF, BRAD GOUDIE

The kitchen can be one of the most hazardous rooms in the home if you don't practice safe cooking behaviors. Here are some safety tips to help:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.
- Stay alert! To prevent cooking fires, you have to be alert. You won't be if you are sleepy, have been drinking alcohol, or have taken medicine that makes you drowsy.
- Keep anything that can catch fire - potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging, towels, or curtains - away from your stovetop.
- Keep the stovetop, burners, and oven clean.
- Wear short, close-fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking. Loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and catch fire if it comes into contact with a gas flame or electric burner.
- Plug microwave ovens and other cooking appliances directly into an outlet. Never use an extension cord for a cooking appliance, as it can overload the circuit and cause a fire.

If You Have a Cooking Fire

- When in doubt, just get out. When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire. Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number after you leave.
- If you do try to fight the fire, be sure others are already getting out and you have a clear path to the exit.
- Always keep an oven mitt and a lid nearby when you are cooking. If a small grease fire starts in a pan, smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan (make sure you are wearing the oven mitt). Turn off the burner. Do not move the pan. To keep the fire from restarting, leave the lid on until the pan is completely cool.
- In case of an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed to prevent flames from burning you or your clothing.
- If you have a fire in your microwave

oven, turn it off immediately and keep the door closed. Never open the door until the fire is completely out. Unplug the appliance if you can safely reach the outlet.

- After a fire, both ovens and microwaves should be checked and/or serviced before being used again.

If a smoke alarm sounds during normal cooking, you may need to move it farther away from the kitchen (according to manufacturer's instructions) and/or install a smoke alarm with a pause button. If your alarm already has a pause button, push the pause button, open the door or window, and fan the area around the alarm with a towel to get the air moving. Do not disable the smoke alarm or take the batteries out! Treat every smoke alarm activation as a likely fire and react quickly and safely to the alarm.

Most burns associated with cooking equipment, cookware, and tableware are not caused by fire or flame. In 2009, ranges or ovens were involved in an estimated 17,300 thermal burn injuries seen in U.S. hospital emergency rooms.

Microwaves are a leading cause of scald burns. Be extra careful when opening a heated food container. Heat food in containers that are marked 'microwave safe.' Since foods heat unevenly in the microwave, make sure you stir and test the food before eating.

Children under five face a higher risk of non-fire burns associated with cooking than of being burned in a cooking fire. (You can help prevent these injuries by following a few basic tips:

- Keep children at least 3 feet away from where food and drink are being prepared or carried.
- Keep hot foods and liquids away from the table or counter edges.
- Use the stove's back burners if you have young children in the home.
- Never hold a child while cooking, drinking, or carrying hot foods or liquids. Also, teach children that hot things burn!

COMING SOON TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD-CURBINLETS

In the near future, City Staff will be seen applying these markers to all roadway curb inlets. These markers are being placed as a reminder that we, as stewards of the Nation's waterways, are not to introduce pollutants such as yard clippings, oil, and fertilizers into the City's storm water drainage system which discharges into our streams, creeks, bayous, and lakes. To learn more visit the City website at LeagueCity.com.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LEAGUE CITY CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY CLASS!



The League City Citizens Police Academy was formed in League City in 2002. This class gives residents a unique opportunity to see how and why the Police Department operates as it does. Classes begin in January and August of each year and run for 15 weeks with meetings once a week.

LEAGUE CITY CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY RECEIVES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR

The League City Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association was awarded the prestigious Alumni Association of the Year award by the Texas Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Board. The League City Citizens Police Academy Alumni Assoc. was created in 2002 and has grown from a small organization of local business people and city employees to more than 125 active members. The volunteers are dedicated to making a positive difference in their community by improving its quality of life through their special assistance programs and by supporting and promoting the mission of the League City Police Dept. Citizens continue to register for the Citizen Police Academy classes in greater numbers to understand and appreciate the dedication and courage it takes to be police officers. Upon completion of the 15 weekly classes, the graduates may join the Alumni Association. This year, through their fundraising, the volunteers have raised almost \$10,000.00 to purchase a Bite Suit for the new K9 officer and a Kevlar vest for the department's new dog.

The volunteers have also contributed to "Carl's Crusaders". Carl's Crusaders is a foundation named for a League City Police Officer who has been diagnosed with a rare form of cancer.



LEAGUE CITY PARKS RECREATION DEPARTMENT SPRING PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Basketball

The League City Parks Recreation Department will offer summer basketball for children ages 5-16. Age divisions will be as follows:

Coed Ages 5 & 6	
Boys Ages 7 & 8	Girls Ages 7 & 8
Boys Ages 9 & 10	Girls Ages 9 & 10
Boys Ages 11 & 12	Girls Ages 11 & 12
Boys Ages 13 & 14	Girls Ages 13 & 14
Boys Ages 15 & 16	Girls Ages 15 & 16

Place: CCISD Gyms and Local Church Gyms to be determined
Date: April 30 - June 25, 2012
Times: Games on weeknights

Registration: March 13, 2012 - March 27, 2012, or until all slots are filled. Registration can be completed online by going to www.leaguecity.com. Registration can also be taken over the phone or in person at the League Park Office (512 2nd Street). Call (281) 554-1180 for more information, or send an email to aaron.beck@leaguecity.com.

Soccer

The Spring Youth Soccer League will have five (5) age divisions, all co-ed.

Ages 3-5
Ages 6 & 7
Ages 8 & 9
Ages 10-12
Ages 13-15

This league is for eight (8) weeks, from March 31, 2012 - May 19, 2012.

Place: Chester L. Davis Sportsplex, 1251 Highway 96
Times: Games on Saturdays

Registration: January 17, 2012 - February 7, 2012, or until all slots are filled. Registration can be completed online by going to www.leaguecity.com. Registration can also be taken over the phone or in person at the League Park Office (512 2nd Street). Call (281) 554-1180 for more information, or send an email to aaron.beck@leaguecity.com.

Flag Football

The League City Parks Recreation Department is proud to announce the start of our Summer Flag Football program. Flag Football will be offered to all children (boys and girls) ages 6-14. League play will begin May 19, 2012, and extend through June 30, 2012.

Place: Chester L. Davis Sportsplex, 1251 Highway 96
Times: Games on Saturdays

Registration: April 3, 2012 - April 17, 2012, or until all slots are filled. Registration can be completed online by going to www.leaguecity.com. Registration can also be taken over the phone or in person at the League Park Office (512 2nd Street). Call (281) 554-1180 for more information, or send an email to aaron.beck@leaguecity.com.

T-Ball

This program is designed for children ages 3-5. This is a wonderful program to introduce children to their first organized sport. This program gives children the opportunity to develop social skills and team play. Registration includes a baseball cap and shirt. This program will run for eight (8) weeks from March 24, 2012 - May 12, 2012.

Place: Countryside Park, 100 Alderwood
Times: Games on Saturdays

Registration: January 31, 2012 - February 14, 2012, or until all slots are filled. Registration can be completed online by going to www.leaguecity.com. Registration can also be taken over the phone or in person at the League Park Office (512 2nd Street). Call (281) 554-1180 for more information, or send an email to aaron.beck@leaguecity.com.

Men's Flag Football League

The League City Parks Recreation Department is currently taking registration for its Men's Flag Football League. The league is played at the Chester L. Davis Sportsplex on Wednesday nights. Leagues are offered in the fall, winter and spring seasons. Call William for more information at (281) 554-1195, or email him at william.morris@leaguecity.com.

SPRING 2011 PARKS SPECIAL EVENTS

Fishing Extravaganza

Try your luck at catching catfish on January 6-8, 2012. The pool will be stocked with approximately 2,000 pounds of catfish. The League City Parks Recreation Department is excited to offer this unique opportunity to individuals of all ages and abilities. This event promotes fishing as a lifetime sport as well as a wholesome family event. Fishing licenses are not required since this is a controlled site and a private stocking. So, bring your fishing poles and let's go fishing!

Place: Municipal Pool, 450 W. Walker
Date: January 6-8, 2012

Tickets on sale: December 6, 2011 - January 6, 2012, or until all slots are filled. Registration can be completed online by going to www.leaguecity.com. Registration can also be taken over the phone or in person at the League Park Office (512 2nd Street). Call (281) 554-1180 for more information, or send an email to william.morris@leaguecity.com.

Father and Daughter Valentine's Dinner & Dance

Join the League City Parks Recreation Department for an evening of fine dining and dancing. The Valentine's Dance gives fathers and daughters a chance to spend an extraordinary evening together. The dance will take place on Friday, February 10, 2012, from 6:30pm-9:30pm at the League City Civic Center. There will be a live D.J., a catered meal and a professional photographer to capture your special memories (photos will be an additional charge). Tickets on sale: January 10, 2012 - January 24, 2012, or until all slots are filled. Registration can be completed online by going to www.leaguecity.com. Registration can also be taken over the phone or in person at the League Park Office (512 2nd Street). Call (281) 554-1180 for more information, or send an email to lydia.rodriquez@leaguecity.com.

Egg Hunt

Come join the League City Parks Recreation Department, along with the Knights of Columbus for our annual Egg Hunt. The hunt begins promptly at 1:00 pm on Sunday, April 1, 2012, at the Chester L. Davis Sportsplex. This event is free for children ages toddler through 12 years. Call (281) 554-1180 for more information, or send an email to William.morris@leaguecity.com.



LEAGUE CITY A - B A L L SOFTBALL TEAM WINS STATE COMPETITION FOR FALL 2011

After playing last season as Shockwave 99 and having success, the team decided to go in a different direction in 2011 by changing their name, adding a few new players and revamping the coaching staff. After returning to League City this year, the team entered the fall 2011 season as team Xcel 99. Still managed by Recie Tisdale, League City Police Officer, the League City, Texas natives have started building a legacy for their newly formed team by winning their sixth straight tournament, the USFA Fall State Championship. Xcel 99 is also currently the state's cumulative points leader in US Fast Pitch Association. The weekend-long USFA State tournament was highly competitive and saw the Xcel finish strong by defeating the Texas Cobras in the final championship game 7-4. While playing the fall 12 and under season, Xcel rattled off an amazing 45 wins during their six tournament victories while sustaining only 1 loss during bracket play. With their latest 2011 State Championship win, the Xcel 99 looks to continue their winning ways in the 2012 campaign. This seasons Xcel's coaching staff consist of Manager Recie Tisdale and Coaches Scott Riley, Oscar Balderaz Heather Nunez. The Xcel's roster is comprised of Allie Rich, Kayla Tisdale, Shea Smith, Dalyn Balderaz, Cali Dolfi, Alexis Barton, Shante Davis, Taya Nicholas, Jordan McDonald and Erica Riley.



Twila Lindblade presented three copies of Congressman Paul's latest book to Helen Hall Library. Pictured left to right, Jenny Brewer, Adult Services Librarian, Jeannie Kunzinger, City Librarian, Caris Brown, Local History Librarian, Twila Lindblade, Director of Field Relations for Congressman Ron Paul, and Mayor Paulissen.

NEW LIBRARY PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS!

"AMP! Abilities at Maximum Profit"

Make stuff you'd do anyway do stuff for you! This Spring, Helen Hall Library is launching a series of four Saturday-morning workshops designed to help patrons convert hobbies to income sources. All four workshops require intermediate to advanced Windows, Internet, and typing skills, and some have further prerequisites, too. The workshops are as follows:

Make your Writing Work for You: Yahoo Contributor Network Tips*

- January 28, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
 - Learn to submit articles for publication on Yahoo!
- *Prerequisites: must have Yahoo! And PayPal accounts.

Make your Crafts Work for You: Etsy and Ebay Clinic

- February 25, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
- Bring your art, craft, or collectible pieces, have them photographed, and learn to list them for sale.

Make your Surfing Work for You: Amazon Mechanical Turk Orientation*

- March 24, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
 - Perform "Human Intelligence Tasks" online and get paid for it. Some prerequisites apply.
- *Prerequisites: must have Amazon and Amazon Payments accounts

Make your Skills Work for You: Web pages for freelancers Class*

- April 28, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
 - Create a simple text webpage and take yourself public. Some prerequisites apply.
- *Optional Prerequisite: purchase personalized/Company domain name, if desired

Registration is required for all workshops. Registrations are accepted through e-mail only. To register, send your name, phone number, and workshop choices to: jenny.brewer@leaguecity.com, using the subject "AMP."

CAREER BUILDING WORKSHOPS AT HELEN HALL LIBRARY

Helen Hall Library is partnering with Texas WorkSource to offer a series of career building workshops this Spring. Workshops will be held two Wednesdays per month, in the Library Theater, from 2:00-4:00 pm. Workshop topics include "Creating a Resume," "Completing the Application," "Creating References", Cover and Thank You Letters," interviewing, networking, and more! Please call Adult Services at 281-554-1101

FREE EBOOKS AT HELEN HALL LIBRARY

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BUBBLE JUGGLING AT HELEN HALL!

Bubble juggler Geoff Akins will present his Bubble Wonders show on Sunday, February 5 at both 2:30 and 3:30pm in the theater of Helen Hall Library. Geoff has been seen on the major television networks and has received international acclaim. Free tickets will be passed out 15 minutes before each show.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



Arnulfo "Cappie" Sanchez announced his retirement late in 2011 after 36 years of service with the City of League City Line Repair Department. Thank you to Cappie from the City. Best of luck and congratulations!





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