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It has been a busy, hot and dry summer. I would like to begin by thanking all of you for your patience during one of the worst heat waves and droughts in state history. In spite of severe high temperatures and little or no rain, League City's water supply has been stretched, but not broken, thanks to lots of help and attention from you.

In our fast-paced lives, we too often take things for granted. We can go to a grocery store and buy bottled water, and we can get 24-48 bottles for around \$4. But, what if there was a shortage or stoppage of water? Could we still buy that same water for the same price? We're working to acquire more supply, but water is a limited resource –



there's only so much of it, and we need to be careful how we use it.

League City's water supply is about 21 million gallons per day. When our daily usage hits 80% of supply, we are forced to enact certain stages of our Drought Contingency Plan. At various times this summer, we used upwards of 17 million gallons, which triggered various stages of our plan. Most of the time, that meant limiting your sprinklers to twice a week and doing other watering by hand. But then we were advised by the Gulf Coast Water Authority and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality that they were mandating total restriction on any and all outside watering of landscapes.

Although some other communities chose to ignore the mandate, League City has big water needs and defying state agencies that control our supplies was not in our best interest. We complied with the state order and triggered our drought plan's Stage 5, the only legal means to enforce a total ban on outside watering. The state later reversed its position, and we returned back to stage 2, where we sat as of early September.

RICH OLLER NAMED ACTING CITY MANAGER

On July 27 the League City City Council named Rich Oller acting city manager. Oller has most recently served as the City of League City's assistant city manager of public works and will continue in the role while serving as acting city manager. "League City has a great team of professionals and an eager group of elected officials. I plan to team up with each group

Message from the Mayor

You have been great, but we can't expect you to live with this situation long-term. We heard from many of you frustrated because your lawns and landscaping were dying. I can relate to each and every one of you, because I go outside and water my plants daily by hand with a garden hose (in compliance with the Drought Contingency Plan). It is a routine that we all go through to keep our homes and yards looking good.

During League City's rapid growth of the last decade, our city's leadership failed to secure sufficient water supply to accommodate our expanding needs. Restrictions have affected our daily lives two of the last three summers and we have to take drastic steps to get this city more water. We are now working to purchase up to 10 million gallons per day of capacity from the City of Pasadena, and have updated our five-year capital improvement plan to get this additional water supply to your homes and businesses.

Meanwhile, we are also looking at new ways to conserve, including use of "gray" water for non-potable purposes such as watering athletic fields and landscaping. And we need your help in taking care of

our limited supplies and using them wisely. Look for ways to conserve water, even if it's something simple like not running the faucet while you brush your teeth, or landscaping with native plants that will tolerate our feast-or-famine rainfall cycles, or catching rainwater in a barrel to water a flowerbed. While we're working to increase supply, you can make a difference to your City (and save a little money) by reducing your water usage.

P.S. Speaking of being conservative, as I write this, we are working on our 2012 budget, and we plan to hold your City property tax rate steady after reducing rates a year ago. Based on a review of several peer cities, League City's local government has fewer employees per capita and spends less per capita than comparable communities across our region and state, but we are still looking for additional ways to conserve and make your tax dollars go farther.

Timothy Paulissen, Mayor

to help League City strive to reach its goals of promoting trust and accountability, planning responsibly and acting decisively, maintaining world-class customer service and a healthy community," said Oller.

Oller joined the City of League City's staff in October 2009 as interim director of public works. A few short weeks later he was named director

of public works. In May 2010, after organizational restructuring, Oller was named assistant city manager of public works. "There is still a lot of work to be done to address League City's water situation and other public works issues. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to continue the work I've done to address those needs, as well as the needs of the city as a whole," said Oller.

COUNCIL APPROVES SCALED BACK BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012

Holding the property tax rate steady after a 1.4-cent reduction one year ago, City Council has approved the City's budget for FY12 after making a variety of spending cuts to the original proposal.

The new operating budget of \$93.5 million represents a plan for funding City programs, projects and services through the fiscal year beginning October 1 and ending September 30, 2012. Approved unanimously on one reading by Council at its September 13 meeting, FY12 spending is to increase of 2.1 percent from the FY11 budget. Including capital funding for infrastructure and other long-term investments, the approved FY12 budget stands at \$200.8 million after a total of \$21.6 million in cuts were made by Council based on recommendations from staff and councilmembers.

"Staff and our elected officials worked very hard to bring this process to a close and finalize a good plan for the upcoming year," said Acting City Manager Rich Oller. "In a challenging economic environment, this budget demonstrates fiscal restraint. And it targets taxpayers' investment to key improvements that will strengthen our performance and service delivery internally and externally."

Despite ongoing economic challenges at the local, regional and national levels, the City is very healthy financially, according to Mike Loftin, assistant city manager for management services. The FY12 budget preserves the City's fund balance (financial reserves like a savings account or rainy-day fund) well above Council-established requirements that enough money be held in reserve to operate the City for a minimum of 120 days.

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**-RICH OLLER
ACTING CITY MANAGER**

"Our constituents want to see leaner, better government for their money, and I'm pleased with the work staff and Council performed to give our taxpayers the kind of government they've asked for," Mayor Tim Paulissen said. "This budget improves our financial health while continuing to provide basic services at a high level of quality."

Key priorities in the FY12 budget include:

- **Water:** With the City's water supplies not expected to accommodate new growth beyond 2020, League City is pursuing a three-pronged approach to make sure sufficient water is available to support residents' and business' needs. Increased conservation, re-use of non-potable water for landscape irrigation, and acquisition of new supply are all supported in the FY12 budget.
- **Technology:** The new budget reduces total funded positions from 533.5 to 531, but investments in new computer hardware and software are expected to improve efficiency and allow existing staff to achieve more with the new tools, which include a new citywide financial and performance management system to replace the existing system, which dates to the 1990s.
- **Economic development:** Main Street and a planned "Entertainment District" along the I-45 corridor are key priorities for investment in the year ahead. In the city's historic area, the new Main Street Implementation Plan is identifying key improvements to help make the area a destination for local residents and visitors. Meanwhile, Big League Dreams and still-growing retail and restaurant development along I-45 represent important anchors

for developing along the interstate.

Even with reductions, the FY12 budget includes a substantial commitment to infrastructure, especially water-related projects:

- **Water:** Design of a Secondary Water Transmission Line, completion of the Beamer Road water line extension, construction of the Northside water booster station, reconstruction of the South Shore Harbour pump station, and reconstruction of the Highway 3 pump station.
- **Streets & Drainage:** Construction of Texas Avenue, construction of Louisiana Avenue, and design of Calder Road from League City Parkway to Ervin.
- **Drainage:** Construction of the first phase of Robinson Bayou Bank Stabilization

Along with the above priorities, Oller said one of his goals in the months ahead is to find and implement new ways to improve efficiency across the City's organization. This will include a review of staffing to identify areas where duties – or people – can be reassigned to make sure the City is getting the most from its employees. The City's new focus on measuring performance will also be of help, as staff prepares to begin reviews of processes and procedures to improve customer service, he said.

UTILITY BILLING CYCLE UPDATE

As League City continues to grow, it is necessary occasionally to restructure our meter reading routes. This balances the work necessary to complete the meter reading process, and helps us provide you with the most efficient customer service. Restructuring may affect those involved in two ways:

- By changing the billing date, which will affect the due date that you are accustomed to
- The first two bills generated after the change may include more or less reading days than the standard 28 – 32 days, which can affect your consumption, which affects your bill amount. For example; if you usually use our minimum of 3,000 gallons in 30 days,



you may only use 2,000 gallons in 20 days or 4,000 gallons in 40 days. The restructuring will be an on-going process, for approximately two months, starting immediately until the necessary changes are made. We apologize for the inconvenience that this causes. We are glad for the opportunity to serve you and we appreciate your patience. Please email the Utility Billing Department at UBService@leaguecity.com or call 281-554-1335 should you have any questions when you receive your bill. In addition, you can check our web page for information regarding these improvements.

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LEAGUE CITY WELCOMES NEW FIRE CHIEF

The City of League City welcomes the city's first full-time Fire Chief. Chief Brad Goudie has served as League City's full-time fire chief since September. His role includes leading the Fire Department, Fire Marshal's Office, Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Management.

"We will be working together to find opportunities to function seamlessly as one group while working to decrease response time," said Goudie. "Additionally we will evaluate policies, procedures and technology which will allow us to increase the quality of service delivered to all who live in and visit League City while keeping ourselves and the community safe at all times."

Chief Goudie brings 18 years of management experience with both career and volunteer fire departments. He most recently served as Deputy Fire Chief for the Roanoke Fire Department.

"As the new Fire Chief, I hope to foster an environment of teamwork and world class customer Service" I want everyone to have an immense amount of pride in what they do and show a lot of respect to residents of League City," said Chief Goudie.



HOLIDAY IN THE PARK
"HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD"
&
HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY LEAGUE CITY!
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SOUTHWEST WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

Construction progress of the City's Southwest Water Reclamation Facility (SWWRF) continues to move forward at an accelerated pace. Optimum construction weather and exceptional teamwork from all parties involved, has contributed to moving forward the start up of the facility from March 2013 to mid-summer 2012. This four million gallon per day treatment facility replaces the 30+ year old Countryside Waste Water Treatment Plant (CSWWTP) located at 6125 W. Bay Area Blvd, and will ultimately serve a large portion of the city west of I-45, including future development of the far west service area. The SWWRF design includes many energy and labor saving features that will ensure the efficient operation of the facility for many years to come. Water reuse is a specific treatment capability that the SWWRF will utilize to provide reclaimed water for irrigation, amenity water features, and other uses that help sustain the City's available water capacity.



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WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZED BY STATE

The Water Production and Wastewater Department's cross training programs and licensing improvements continue to progress in a positive manner. Four staff members upgraded their license levels to the most recognized level of accomplishment.

Susie Blake, Pre-treatment Coordinator/ Laboratory Supervisor, and Kenny Printz, Senior Plant Operator acquired their Class "A" Wastewater License, the highest level license recognized by the State of Texas. A person must have a minimum of 8 years of operations experience and many hours of classroom training to be eligible to take the examination, given once a month in Austin.



Mike Moreno, Interim Water Production Superintendent, and Michael Huygen, Maintenance Supervisor, acquired their Class "B" Groundwater Production License. This highly regarded license requires a minimum of 5 years of actual operations experience and also requires many hours of classroom training. The dedication of these individuals further strengthens the knowledge and experience base needed to maintain efficient, regulatory compliant water/wastewater operations.

Cross training between departments continues to progress as expected. Wastewater Department personnel assisted Water Production staff in monitoring irrigation users and distribution operations, during our most critical demand times and the repair of the 42 inch supply line on Highway 3. Cross training will ultimately increase overall efficiency and preparedness of water and wastewater operations, during critical events.

LEAGUE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT HONORS CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNUS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The League City Police Department has selected Sharon Pavey as the League City Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association Volunteer of the Year. The award is presented to an alumnus who has distinguished themselves through their dedicated and voluntary efforts to support the programs and the mission of the Police Department.

Sharon Pavey's contribution of her time, talent, and energy has enhanced the quality of life in League City and the image of the Police Department. She has held positions within the association as the fundraising chairperson and Board member.

The League City Police Department has a diverse collection of volunteer programs designed to control crime such as Disabled Parking Enforcement, Citizens on Patrol, the Canvassing Program, Code Compliance, and the Tactical Observation Platform Program.



Sharon has attended training for every program. During her time as a member of the LCCPAAA, Sharon has led several fundraising efforts resulting in a total of \$7,211 supporting the Police Department's equipment needs. Since 2008, Sharon has contributed over 300 hours to various alumni and police department activities.

LEAGUE CITY SAFELIGHT PROGRAM

The League City Police Department has determined that the second year of the camera enforcement was a success. This reporting period is from July 1st, 2010 to June 30th, 2011. The number of notices issued over this reporting period decreased by 8.84% from 32,864 down to 29,073. Overall the total number of crashes at these three intersections is down 8.48% from 79 crashes to 67 crashes. Rear end crashes are down 7.69% and injury related crashes are down 5.8%. The number of right angle crashes did go up from 0 to 4. The number of vehicles traversing these intersections in the designated lanes has also increased. As a snapshot of traffic volume, 16 of the 36 lanes at the monitored intersections were tallied; in October of 2010 the vehicle count showed 1,754,658 up 37,968 from October 2009 which was a 2.21% increase. Overall for all monitored lanes in October of 2010 2,361 violations were recorded out of the 2,368,390 vehicles that traversed the 21 monitored lanes, which is .09% of the total number of vehicles. These numbers are consistent throughout the entire year. Properly working signals in regular conditions mitigate the flow of traffic best, intersections that have consistent red light violations cause the flow of traffic to slow which disrupts the intended timing cycle of the traffic lights. The League City Police Department is always looking to improve on safety and to address citizen concerns. The League City Police Department is collaborating with the City's Traffic Engineer to insure every avenue is explored to increase safety and improve traffic flow and mitigation. Understanding red light cameras is a very hot political topic and the negative spin placed on them is overwhelming to most cities. It is important that we look beyond the politics and address the problem. Bringing awareness to intersections and reducing the number of red light violations at an intersection is important. Some of the biggest complaints from the citizens of League City involve traffic problems, speeding vehicles and traffic congestion. The League City Police Department is progressively acting to improve the flow of traffic and reduce the crash rate. It is unacceptable and irresponsible for the League City Police department not to act; status quo is not our goal. The camera enforcement system studies and our own statistics have shown to reduce the number of crashes and injuries at intersections.

Safelight Program Mission Statement; Improve the quality of life by improving traffic mitigation in and around League City, to ensure safety of the driver's, passengers and roadway users is foremost in thought and application. Reducing the number of crashes, deaths and injuries are always the first priority.

THE LEAGUE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT HELD THE 11TH ANNUAL SAUL BALDERAS GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT COMMUNITY PROGRAMS ON AUGUST 15, 2011

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FIRE SAFETY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

If you have a disability, you can increase your chances of surviving a fire by taking

safety precautions such as making and practicing a home fire escape plan relevant to your needs and ensuring that working smoke alarms are installed on every level of the home. Think about how your disability may affect your response time to a fire and to the emergency personnel who are trying to help you.

- Have a Fire Escape Plan. It is vitally important to make and practice escape plans. In the event of a fire, time is the biggest enemy and every second counts.
- Live near an exit. Although you have the legal right to live where you choose, you'll be safest on the ground floor, if you live in a multi-story building.
- Know how to evacuate your

- home and have a meeting place outside.
- Plan your escape around your capabilities. Make any necessary accommodations, such as providing exit ramps and widening doorways, to facilitate an emergency escape.
- If you use a walker or wheelchair, check all exits to make sure they can get through the doorways.
- Practice opening locked doors and windows.
- Be sure your home address and/or apartment number is clearly marked and visible from the street.
- Involve the assistance of a building manager, family members, or friends when practicing your fire escape plan.
- Never use an elevator during a fire.
- When a fire occurs, do not waste

- any time saving property or pets. Leave the house immediately. Once out, stay out!
- Have a phone near your bed and call 911 if an emergency arises.
- Install and Maintain Smoke Alarms. Working smoke alarms installed on every level in your home dramatically increase your chances of survival.
- People with physical disabilities should be aware of special fire safety devices that are available. Smoke alarms with vibrating pad or flashing light for the deaf or hard of hearing.
- Smoke alarms with a strobe light mounted outside the home can alert neighbors or other who might pass by.
- Test the smoke alarm every month and replace the batteries twice a year.

LEAGUE CITY ANIMAL CONTROL CENTER IS WORKING WITH IAMS HOME 4 THE HOLIDAYS TO HELP FIND LOVING HOMES FOR 1.5 MILLION HOMELESS PETS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON



League City Animal Control Center Joins Global Pet Adoption Campaign

League City Animal Control Center has teamed with more than 3,500 shelters

from around the world to participate in the annual Iams Home 4 the Holidays pet adoption campaign, founded by Helen Woodward Animal Center and supported by Iams. League City Animal Control Center is participating in the campaign Oct. 1, 2011 through Jan. 4, 2012 to help place 1.5 million pets into homes.

All dogs, cats, puppies and kittens adopted during Iams Home 4 the Holidays will go home with an Iams Adoption Kit. Included in each kit are information tips to help the new parent and their furry friend get off on the right paw. League City Animal Control Center will have special offers each month during this campaign. For more information on these offers and pets available for adoption go by the League City Animal Control Center at 821 N. Kansas Ave. or call 281-554-1377.

"With as many as 8 million homeless pets in the U.S., it is important everyone get involved to help a homeless animal this holiday season," said Laural Powell, Animal Control Superintendent. "We're proud to be a part of this campaign and are dedicated to helping reach the pet adoption goal so 1.5 million homeless animals can experience a happy life with their new family."



DON'T ISOLATE YOURSELF!

People with disabilities have often been excluded from the development and practice of escape plans and fire safety drills. As a result, vital information is omitted and fire safety needs remain unfulfilled. Speak up to ensure that all parties receive the fire safety information that everyone deserves.

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Talk it over with your friends and family. Have a plan. Know Your Abilities. Remember, fire safety is your personal responsibility....Fire Stops With You!! The information in this article was developed from the United States Fire Academy publication.



PARKS RECREATION DEPARTMENT YOUTH PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

GIRL'S ASA SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The League City Parks Recreation Department is preparing for its girl's ASA Spring Softball Program. The program will be open to girls ages 5-18. Practices will start in late January 2012. Games will begin the week of February 27, 2012. All games will be played on weeknights (Monday-Thursday). Online registration will be available for League City residents by going to www.leaguecity.com. League City residents can register online from November 22 - November 28 (or until all slots are filled). Walk-in registration will also be held for League City residents November 22 - November 28, at the Parks Recreation Office (512 2'nd Street - League Park) during regular office hours (or until all slots are filled). Online registration will also be available for League City residents and non-residents by going to www.leaguecity.com. League City residents and non-residents can register online from November 29 - December 6 (if slots are still available). Walk-in registration will also be held for League City residents and non-residents November 29 - December 6, at the Parks Recreation Office (512 2'nd Street - League Park) during regular office hours (if slots are still available). The fee is \$85 for League City residents, and \$100 for Non-Residents. Call Lauren for more information at (281) 554-1188, or email her at lauren.wiley@leaguecity.com.

DANCE (TAP & HIP HOP)

This program is being offered by the Contempo Dance Center. We will be offering tap and hip-hop classes to young children. In these classes students will learn the terminology, movements, and traditions of tap and hip-hop in a fun and easy environment. Classes are held monthly.

Place: Contempo Dance Center, 1314 FM 646 West, Suite 24

Times: Mondays	6:00 - 6:45 pm Hip-Hop	Boys & Girls Ages 10 - 12
Mondays	7:30 pm - 8:15 pm Hip-Hop	Boys & Girls Ages 7 - 9
Tuesdays	10:30 - 11:30 am Tap	Boys & Girls Ages 3 & 4
Tuesdays	4:00 - 5:00 pm Tap	Boys & Girls Ages 5 & 6
Wednesdays	7:30 - 8:15 pm Hip-Hop	Boys & Girls - Teens
Thursdays	10:30 - 11:30 am Hip-Hop	Boys & Girls Ages 3 & 4
Thursdays	4:45 - 5:30 pm Hip-Hop	Boys & Girls Ages 5 & 6

Fees: Tap - \$55 per month
Hip-Hop - \$55 per month

Registration: Call John for more information at (281) 554-1185, or email him at john.orsag@leaguecity.com.

GYMNASTICS

In this class you will develop confidence, self awareness, and body control by experiencing challenges that children can master in a safe, non-competitive environment. Apparatus including beams, bars, parallels, wedges and mats are used to increase motor skills and general physical abilities. Classes are held monthly.

Place: League City Elementary School Gym, 709 East Wilkins
Times: Tuesdays
4:30-5:15 pm Beginner Boys & Girls Ages 4 & 5
5:15-6:00 pm Beginner Boys & Girls Ages 6-9
6:00-6:45 pm Experienced Boys & Girls Ages 8-12

Children will be divided into groups according to age and ability.
Fees: \$20 annual registration & \$45 monthly tuition
Registration: Call John for more information at (281) 554-1185, or email him at john.orsag@leaguecity.com.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year the Parks Recreation Department will again be hosting the Harvest Festival in League Park. It will take place on Saturday, October 29, from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. There will be activities for the entire family to participate in and enjoy. If you would like to set up a booth, or if you would like to sign up for one of the activities please contact William Morris. You can call him at (281) 554-1195, or email him at william.morris@leaguecity.com.

Schedule of events
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Arts & Craft Booths
Costume Contest (Ages 0-12)
Pie Baking Contest (1 pie per contestant - Apple or Pumpkin)
Pet Costume Contest
Pumpkin Carving Contest (Ages 8-14)



LIGHTING OF THE TREE

The lighting of the tree is co-sponsored by the Knights of Columbus #9310 and the Parks Recreation Department. This event will be held on Thursday, December 1, at 6:30 pm. Come join us for caroling at the tree in front of Helen Hall Library with our special guest, Santa! Call Lauren for more information at (281) 554-1188, or email her at lauren.wiley@leaguecity.com.

FISHING EXTRAVAGANZA

Try your luck at catching catfish January 6 - 8, 2012. The League City Municipal Pool will be stocked with approximately 2,500 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: League City Municipal Pool, 450 West Walker Street
Date: January 6 - 8, 2012
Fees: League City residents \$6/non-residents \$10

Tickets on sale: League City residents can purchase tickets December 6 - December 19 (or until all tickets are sold). League City residents and non-residents can purchase tickets December 20, 2011 - January 6, 2012 (if tickets are still available). Call William for more information at (281) 554-1195, or email him at william.morris@leaguecity.com.

LOOKING FOR A JOB? VISIT HELEN HALL!

The Adult Services Librarian and staff are happy to have the opportunity to assist and support our patrons when they find themselves between jobs. We are also happy when we look around and notice a job-seeking patron hasn't been in for a while! Are you one of these patrons? Did you use the library to find the job you have now? If so, let us know we are looking for success stories to use for promotional purposes. Please send your story- and a photo to jenny.brewer@leaguecity.com.

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS AT HELEN HALL



The Youth Services section of Helen Hall Library will be hosting a variety of activities for each of the holidays. Elementary aged children are invited to a Haunted House and Costume Contest on October 22 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

The afternoon will include scary stories and creepy crafts. On Halloween, October 31, children may Trick or Treating in the library from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. That morning there will be a special Halloween version

of Art on the Cart for preschoolers, which is a drop in program from 10:15 to 11:15 am.

On Monday, November 21, from 10:15 to 11:15 am, Dan Brinkman from Party Animals will be presenting an interactive show for preschool children about the changing seasons called The Scarecrow - Why Leaves Leave.

Free tickets will be passed out at 10:00 am. The annual Holiday Open House with Santa will be held on Thursday, December 1, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm and will be followed by the Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6:30 pm. On Tuesday, December 20, from 1:30 to 3:00 pm will be the second annual Gingerbread Build.

Children may make their own gingerbread houses with small milk cartons, graham crackers, candies, and other goodies. Build memories and make your holidays special. Celebrate the seasons at Helen Hall Library.



IMAGES OF LEAGUE CITY HISTORY WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE THIS FALL



In August of 2010 the Local History Librarian for Helen Hall Library secured a \$4,000 grant from the TexTreasures program for the digitization of approximately 500 photographs and their placement on-line as part of The Portal to Texas History website (<http://texashistory.unt.edu/>). TexTreasures is an annual competitive grant program run by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission designed

to help member libraries make their special collections more accessible to researchers across Texas and beyond. These images will be available on the website this fall. If you have historical or family photos relating to League City history, come by the library and scan them on the public scanner for free. You can save them for yourself and if you would like, you can offer a copy for the library's Local History Collection. See Ms. Brown in Adult Services. These photographs shed light on the history of pioneer cattlemen in the saltgrass area, portray the lives of Japanese and Italian immigrants, and depict life in League City and the Bay Area from its early settlement in the 1850's until the present day. The ability to view these photographs will simultaneously advance the knowledge of Texas history for students, historians, and members of the general public. The local history librarian has chosen the following images to symbolize the project.



League City Historical Society HISTORIC HOMES TOUR

Saturday, December 10, 2011
10:00am - 5:00pm
Advance Tickets: \$13.00 - Day of Event: \$15.00



See six (6) historical sites and hear fascinating stories about League City at the turn of the 20th century.

- The T. J. Dick Home - 720 Second St.
- The Snell-Kilgore Home - 403 N. Kansas Ave.
- The Station Master's House - League Park
- The Friends Church - 923 Third St.
- The Cox-McQuirk Home - 1518 E. Walker St.
- West Bay Common School Children's Museum
210 N. Kansas Ave.

Tickets available at:
West Bay Common School Children's Museum,
Book Haven, Park Avenue Showplace, Nana's Attic,
The Milk Pail, Butler Longhorn Museum & League City Chamber of Commerce

For more information call: 281-554-2994



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