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## Mayor's Report



If you wanted a good example of our how local government is changing for the better, you don't have to look any further than May's elections. This spring, with help from City staff, our City Council worked together to inform and educate voters on a series of proposed amendments to our city charter. The result was overwhelming voter approval of what may be the most significant changes our city's "constitution" has ever seen.

I'm proud of our council and staff, and while we might have hoped for higher voter turnout, I appreciate every one of you who took the time to learn about the proposed charter amendments and cast a ballot on these important proposals.

Your support was critical in our adoption of council-manager form of government and other key changes.

The new charter changes my job. Marcus Jahns, our new city manager, now functions as CEO of League City and reports to the council (similar to a board of directors). While I'm no longer responsible for the City's day-to-day operations, I still preside at City Council meetings, represent the City in and outside our community, and work closely with the council to resolve difficult issues.

One of the most enjoyable parts of my job is hearing from you. If you'd like me to visit your neighborhood group or other community organization, please call 311 and let them know. We have important challenges still ahead. We're working to address community concerns about the 518 Bypass (which we're now calling the "Five Corners Bypass"). Staff is preparing a proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year, balancing community needs with resources that are still limited by difficult economic conditions. And potential budget cuts at NASA still threaten to deal us another blow (thank you to Councilman Mike Lee for visiting our nation's capital this spring to advocate for local NASA workers).

Roles may have changed, but I'm still committed to working for you and for League City. I know that's the case for our council as well, including newly-elected Councilwoman Joanna Sharp Dawson. Please join me in welcoming her and expressing appreciation to other members of City Council for all their dedication and efforts on your behalf. These are exciting times for League City, with plenty of challenges and opportunities ahead, and I look forward to working with Council, our new city manager and his team, and each of you to make our community even greater, as I know it can be.

Mayor Toni Randall  
City of League City

## Election Update

League City City Council has moved quickly to implement recent decisions by League City voters, who on May 8 chose a new member of City Council, re-elected another and overwhelmingly approved an overhaul of the city's "constitution."

Joanna Sharp Dawson was elected to City Council Position 7, replacing outgoing Councilman Jim Nelson. She received nearly 56 percent of the vote with three opponents on the ballot. Councilwoman Sharp was sworn in to office on May 18 along with returning Councilman Tim Paulissen, who was re-elected to a second term without opposition.

With approval rates ranging from 60 to 95 percent, voters also gave their OK for 19 proposed amendments to the City Charter, which is similar to a constitution for the City. Most of the proposed changes, which took effect May 18, are "housekeeping" measures designed to bring the charter into line with existing state law or eliminate outdated references. However, five have a more significant impact on League City and its local government:

- Proposition 1 changes League City's form of government to the council-manager structure common to most U.S. cities of similar size (for more on this, see "League City Voter Choose New Form of Government," p. 2).
- Proposition 2 reduces 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 requires the City Council to review the charter for possible changes no less than every two years.
- Proposition 4 resolves conflicting language and makes clear that authority for appointing members to City boards and commissions belongs to the mayor, with the mayor's appointments subject to council approval.
- Proposition 5 provides that the City's purchasing and contract bidding policies will automatically follow applicable state laws, and eliminates charter language which referred to repealed state law.

For more on the May elections, including vote counts and a pre-election overview of the charter changes and their effects, visit [leaguecity.com/election2010](http://leaguecity.com/election2010)

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# League City Voters Choose New Form of Government



Of the 19 charter amendments approved by League City voters in May, perhaps the most significant was Proposition 1, which changed the way the City selects its chief executive officer by adopting the council-manager form of government.

The most popular form of government among U.S. cities of similar size to League City, the council-manager form of government establishes the mayor and councilmembers as a sort of “board of directors.” The city manager serves as CEO, overseeing the day-to-day operations of the City while reporting to the council. This role is held by Marcus Jahns, who had been named city administrator shortly before the May 8 elections. As city manager, Jahns now has responsibility for presenting a proposed budget to council for their consideration and approval, and hiring and firing City staff except for the city secretary, city attorney and municipal court judges.

Day-to-day oversight of City functions had been the purview of the mayor and city administrator, with their duties and responsibilities defined by charter and by ordinance. The change to the council-manager form, which has been in use in the United States for close to a century, moves most of those responsibilities to the city manager. Advocates of the council-manager form contend that this shift helps to minimize the effect of politics on City operations, with the council establishing direction and policy and the city manager and staff responsible for implementation.

With more day-to-day authority vested in the city manager, the mayor’s role also changes. The mayor will still preside over council meetings, and will also have sole authority to appoint members of City boards and commissions subject to council approval. Finally, the mayor will continue to represent the City within and outside the community as the ceremonial head of League City’s government.

## Meet Councilmember Joanna Sharp Dawson

What a great privilege it is to have been elected to serve the City of League City! To everyone who voted for me I would like to deliver a heartfelt word of thanks, and to those who did not vote for me, I would like to assure you that my goal is to help make all of our citizens proud of their community and proud of their government.

How will I accomplish such a lofty goal?



The process of accomplishment begins with listening and ends with actions, that reflect a sincere desire to do the right thing at the right time in the right place. I believe in proper planning, proper due diligence, and proper respect, for the linkage between our history and our future.

For more than four decades, I have lived and worked in League City. My family was raised here. I have been a part of the business community, and I’ve been a civic volunteer, working with the Historic District and on the Parks Board.

Over the past forty years I have seen League City grow from a small, sleepy bedroom community into the largest city in Galveston County. That transition has sometimes been painful as we have struggled to develop a consensus that clearly defines who we are, who we want to be, and exactly what record of achievement we want to leave for the generations to come.

Hopefully, the citizens of League City, in 2050, will think we did the right things in 2010 to insure that they inherited a functional government, that is proactive and protective of collective and individual rights; a government that serves and protects rather than merely taxes and spends.

How much of what we are doing today reflects a concern for the quality of life in 2050? How many of the projects we have undertaken in recent years will even be recognizable in 2050? How much of our rich heritage will be preserved and woven into the fabric of our future identity?

We cannot begin to find the right answers until we ask the right questions. We cannot begin to establish a legacy of accomplishment, until we display a sincere willingness to strive for excellence and prioritize quality over quantity. Most importantly, we need to develop a clearer sense of our identity and end an era where we have largely taken a copy and paste approach to development. We can be unique and creative in formulating a blueprint for success in League City.

We need not be Everytown or Anytown, USA.

We are League City, Texas, and our future can be bright if we maintain a spirit of optimism and creativity; and if we are willing to listen to each other and to our collective conscience.

Let’s do the things that need to be done, and do them well. Let’s roll up our sleeves, check our egos and personal agendas at the door, put we before I, and do something now for the sake of those citizens of 2050.

Again, I thank you for allowing me to serve you, and I promise to work hard to maintain your trust.

# League City Utility Billing Department

## Standardization of Utility Billing Periods

Like every city, League City has a minimum usage level to establish the basic cost of access to water and wastewater service. Many customers consistently use amounts of water equal to or less than the minimum consumption level of 3,000 gallons per month. Sometimes, when the City reads these minimum users' meters at longer than desired intervals, the water customer is billed more than a minimum usage pattern warrants. If this happens to you, please contact the Utility Billing Department at (281) 554-1335, in person at City Hall at 300 Walker, or via email at [UtilityBilling@leaguecity.com](mailto:UtilityBilling@leaguecity.com).

An example of a customer who consumes 100 gallons every day might be billed as follows. The scenario below includes ten extra days in December causing consumption in that month to be 1,000 higher than an average 30 day period. Consequently, the customer is billed an extra \$10.52 for December.

Month	Metered Period	Actual Consumption	Billed Consumption
November	30 Days	3,000 Gals.	3,000 gals.
\$21.01 (Minimum)			
December	40 Days	4,000 Gals.	4,000 gals.
\$31.53			
January	20 Days	2,000 Gals.	3,000 gals.
\$21.01 (Minimum)			

In situations like this, upon the customer's request an adjustment will be made to December to reflect usage of 3,000 gallons by adding 1,000 gallons to January. In this scenario, then each month would be billed for the \$21.01 (Minimum). If the same customer had actually consumed 3,000 gallons in January based on the shortened meter reading period, no billing adjustment would be made. This is because the billed consumption in January would be 4,000 gallons upon adjustment and the \$10.52 for the extra 1,000 gallons of water would be still be payable.

The Utility Billing Department intends to prevent and/or minimize occurrences of the scenario above by setting a standard for meter reading and water billing. We will maintain a standard that water meters will be read between 28 and 32 days after the last reading.

Please contact us with any question you have about your water bill.



## Meter Management Project

As part of the City's Meter Management Program, Utility Billing has hired Thielsch Engineering Inc. to upgrade approximately 1,500 of the automatic water meter applications in League City. These 1,500 automatic meter reading applications are part of the 16,000 initially installed in 2002-2003 that are not picking up the water meter reads electronically due to a battery failure. These applications are spread throughout League City.



The Meter Management Program is in place as an ongoing and proactive program that fits into the Council Goals of Planning Responsibly and Acting Decisively.

This project should begin in June and run through August. The City of League City wants to ensure that we complete this project with as little inconvenience as possible to our residents. Please review the following tips:

- IDENTIFYING METER MANAGEMENT PROJECT WORKERS:
  - The workers will be wearing yellow tee-shirts with Thielsch Engineering on the back and a WMS logo on the front of the shirt and will have ID tags.
- RULES CONCERNING THE METER MANAGEMENT PROJECT :
  - The workers will NOT enter your home.
  - The workers will need access to the water meter. Most of the meters in League City are in the front yard; however, the workers may need to enter a "fenced in" area, such as a backyard, if necessary.
  - A doorhanger, stating the date, work performed and the worker's name will be placed on the front door or other visible location, i.e. gate, garage door.
  - Your water may be shut off for approximately 10 minutes during the upgrade process.
- BENEFIT OF THE METER MANAGEMENT PROJECT:
  - Readings collected electronically via drive-by are expected to rise from an unacceptable rate of 92%-94% to an excellent rate of 98%-99%, which will help to ensure reading dates stay between 28-32 days apart .
  - The new parts on the meter will give the City leak, backflow, and theft detection as well as data logging capabilities of the last 96 days.



If you have any questions concerning this program please contact the City of League City by dialing 311.



# Animal Shelter

## Tips for Traveling With Your Pet

Planning a road trip or summer vacation? Traveling with a pet involves more than just loading the animal in the back seat and taking off, especially if you will be driving long distances or plan to be away for a long time. The League City Animal Shelter offers the following tips to help you prepare for a safe and smooth trip:

1. Keep your pets safe and secure in a well-ventilated crate or carrier. There are a variety of wire-mesh, hard plastic and soft-sided carriers available. Whatever you choose, make sure it's large enough for your pet to stand, sit, lie down and turn around in. It's smart to get your pet used to the carrier in the comfort of your home before your trip.
2. Get your pet geared up for a long trip by taking him on a series of short drives first, gradually lengthening time spent in the car. Please be sure to always secure the crate so it won't slide or shift in the event of a quick stop.
3. Never leave your animal alone in a parked vehicle. On a hot day, even with the windows open, a parked automobile can become a furnace in no time, and heatstroke can develop.
4. What in your pet's traveling kit? In addition to travel papers, food, bowl, leash, a waste scoop, plastic bags, grooming supplies, medication and a pet first-aid kit, pack a favorite toy or pillow to give your pet a sense of familiarity.
5. Make sure your pet has a microchip for identification and wears a collar with a tag imprinted with your home address, as well as a temporary travel tag with your cell phone, destination phone number and any other relevant contact information.
6. Traveling across state lines? Bring along your pet's rabies vaccination record, as some states requires this proof at certain interstate crossings. While this generally isn't a problem, it's always smart to be on the safe side.

For some pet parents, a trip's no fun if the four-legged members of the family can't come, but traveling can be highly stressful for both you and your animal companions. With thoughtful preparation, you can ensure a safe and comfortable trip for everyone.



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City Hall. Learn how at  
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# Building Department

## Swimming Pool Safety

Oscar Arevalo, C.B.O.  
Deputy Building Official

Drowning is a leading cause of death in the United States for children under the age of 5, and most drownings occur in residential pools. It is estimated that approximately 350 children under the age of 5 drown each year with over half of those incidents occurring during the months of June, July, and August. Children are naturally attracted to water and will venture into a pool if safeguards are not in place to protect them. In fact, most young children who drowned in pools were last seen in the home, and had been out of sight less than five minutes. That is why it is important for homeowners with swimming pools to be aware of swimming pool safety requirements. The City of League City, like most other cities, requires a building permit to be obtained for the construction of a swimming pool and inspections are conducted to make sure all safety requirements and codes are met.

One of the most important codes is the requirement that a barrier around your home pool be at least 4 feet above grade. Openings in that barrier should not be greater than 4 inches. Another important requirement is for swimming pools to have self-closing and self-latching gates. These gates should open outward away from the pool. The latching mechanism for these gates must be at least 54 inches above grade. Any door leading from the home into the pool area must also be equip with an audible alarm to warn the occupants when the door is opened. While these requirements are among the most important there are several other requirements and alternative methods to meet the City's code. If you have any questions regarding these requirements or any others please contact the City by calling 311.

Many people are not aware of the dangers and responsibility involved with swimming pools until an accident happens. Drowning usually occurs quickly and silently and unfortunately rescue comes too late to the victims. It only takes a few minutes without oxygen for brain damage or death to occur. It is a good idea for homeowners with swimming pools to not only be constantly vigilant but also to check the safety measures for their swimming pools.

## Report Abandoned Homes

Call League City Code Enforcement or dial 311. Read more about this subject in the Building Department's article "Timmy Discovers an Old House" at [www.leaguecity.com/Timmy](http://www.leaguecity.com/Timmy)





## Mike and the Mechanics

### League City Vehicle Maintenance Department

#### What's a Hybrid Car?

Hybrids are cars that run off a rechargeable battery and gasoline, rather than just gasoline. This type of Hybrid vehicles are termed as full hybrids, where the gasoline engine and the electric motor operate separately. The electric motor can drive the vehicle at lower speeds, and if more speed is needed the gasoline engine kicks in. This switching of power sources is controlled by computers and nothing manually needs to be done.

Hybrid's help reduce fuel emissions and the smog it produces by about 90%. They are far better economically and can travel twice as far on a tank of gasoline as its conventional gasoline counterparts.

Hybrids are currently more convenient than all electric cars because the hybrid's batteries recharge as you drive so there is no need to plug it in. Most electric cars can only travel at about 50 mph and have to be recharged every 75-100 miles. (Although their technology is improving every year)

As for the maintenance of these cars, we recommend that you take them to an authorized Hybrid repair dealership. Hybrids have electric power very similar to that of your home, so safety while working on these cars is very important.

Currently, the City of League City has ten hybrids in our fleet and before the year is over, we expect to have twenty.

Happy Motoring  
Mike and the Mechanics

## Fireworks are Illegal in League City

Fireworks are illegal in the incorporated city limits of League City. It is a violation of the local code to possess, transport, store or use any fire work purchased from a road side stand. Party poppers (no wick) are legal and can be used through the year.

# League City EMS

## Welcome to Summertime

After a cold winter season, summertime provides us a welcome break from all of our indoor activities. It also increases our risk of injuries that we can help prevent. According to the National Safe Kids campaign, the months of May through August are referred to as "trauma season." There is an increase in bicycle accidents, drownings, pedestrian accidents, falls, motor vehicle accidents and other types of hazards. Most often, younger children lack sound judgment to play safely without supervision, whereas older children tend to participate in more risky behavior when left unsupervised. Statistics acquired by the National Safe Kids campaign have shown that July is deadliest month of all for unintentional injury-related accidents.

Remember that most accidents are avoidable! Injury prevention starts with you. Please follow these tips with your family and help protect your children from the top five summertime risks. Pledge to make this a SAFE KIDS summer!

#### Ride Safe!

- ❖ Make sure that kids have their own child safety seat or safety belt that is appropriate for their age and size, and that they sit in a back seat. **\*FOR CHILD SAFETY SEAT INSPECTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT LEAGUE CITY EMS AT 281-554-1201\***

#### Swim Safe!

- ❖ Always supervise young kids near water, including pools, spas, toilets, bathtubs and buckets.
- ❖ Make sure kids wear personal flotation devices when on boats, near open bodies of water or participating in water sports.

#### Wheel Safe!

- ❖ Make sure that kids wear proper fitting helmets and other protective gear every time they ride their bikes, scooters, skates or skateboards.
- ❖ Make sure that kids know the rules of the road and that they obey all traffic laws.

#### Walk Safe!

- ❖ NEVER let a kid under the age of 10 cross the street alone.
- ❖ Make sure kids wear retro-reflective materials and carry a flashlight when it is dark, at dawn or at dusk.

#### Play Safe!

- ❖ Supervise kids at playgrounds and make sure there is a safe surface such as mulch, gravel, rubber, or fine sand.
- ❖ Make sure kids wear the right, properly fitted protective gear when they practice and play team sports.
- ❖ Make sure kids stay hydrated with water and not just sodas, and wear proper sun-protection.

*This list is meant to assist individuals in taking steps to prevent childhood injuries. For more detailed information, please visit [safekids.org](http://safekids.org)*





# Life Data Project

A new program may save your life in an emergency situation. It's called the Life Data Project. The project is a tool that will inform EMS workers of your vital medical information if you are unable to give it during an emergency. Follow these 4 simple steps to use your Life Data form. You can also save and store this information on a USB memory stick for easy future access to information like medications, doctors, contact phone numbers and health information. Get your Life Data kit at any EMS station.

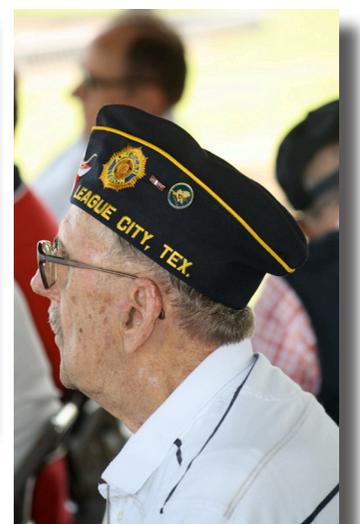
1. Fill out the Life Data form
  - Fill out the data form provided. Answer all or any pertinent questions.
  - Make blank copies of this form to keep information current or go to [www.leaguecity.com/lifedataproject](http://www.leaguecity.com/lifedataproject) to download a form and update information.
2. Place the decal on front of a plastic baggie
  - Place the form you filled out in the plastic baggie.
  - You may also consider placing the following items in the baggie.
 

Copy of EKG	DNR ( Do Not Resuscitate)
Living will or equivalen	Recent Picture of self
3. Place the baggie on your refrigerator door
  - Securely tape plastic baggie to front of refrigerator door.
  - Place the decal on the side of your refrigerator or on the front door where anyone responding to an emergency could easy see it.
4. Place the second decal on your front door
  - Place the decal on the front door so it can easily be seen by anyone responding to an emergency.

Visit EMS Station #1 or log onto [www.lcvems.com](http://www.lcvems.com) to participate in the program.

# Memorial Day Ceremony

May 31, 2010




**Comptroller Leadership Circle Member**

## League City Recognized for Financial Transparency

The City of League City has been awarded the Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle Award for success in implementing financial transparency. The City earned a GOLD Leadership Circle Award by scoring fourteen of fifteen possible points on the Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle Program's ratings criteria. The City of League City is now listed on the Texas Comptroller's Transparency website <http://www.texas transparency.org/local/cities.php>.

Watch the video at [www.leaguecity.com/youtube](http://www.leaguecity.com/youtube)



# League City Police Department Galveston County Police Officers' Memorial Ceremony May 12, 2010



Watch a Video of the Ceremony at [www.leaguecity.com/youtube](http://www.leaguecity.com/youtube)



## **OPERATION LOCK IT OR LOSE IT**

League City experiences over 700 vehicle burglaries each year. Over 68% of the burglarized vehicles were unlocked.

The League City Police Department is launching a campaign called Operation Lock It or Lose It. This program is designed to educate the public on how to avoid becoming a victim of vehicle burglary. Please join the League City Police Department, Galveston County Auto Crimes Task Force, League City Fire Department and League City EMS for one of the following community safety events:

Saturday, June 12, 2010 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Hosted by Kroger located in the parking lot at 2750 East League City Parkway, League City, TX  
Saturday, July 10, 2010 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Hosted by Target located in the parking lot at 3100 Gulf Freeway South, League City, TX

## **LEAGUE CITY CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY**

Applications are currently being  
accepted for the next class that begins  
**August 12, 2010**



The academy is a 15-week program designed to open the lines of communication between the League City Police Department and the community. The goal of the CPA is to increase understanding through education. Topics include patrol operations, traffic laws, crime scene investigations, illicit drugs and firearm safety. Applicants must be 18 or older and live or work in League City and pass a criminal history check. Applications can be downloaded at [www.lcpd.com](http://www.lcpd.com) or contact Academy Coordinator Officer Christy Galyean at [christy.galyean@lcpd.com](mailto:christy.galyean@lcpd.com). Class size is limited, sign-up by August 4, 2010.



# League City Parks and Recreation Department

## Girl's ASA 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
Jr./Sr.	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 11-12,  
and finish the weekend of November 20-21.  
All games will be played on the weekends  
(Saturday and/or Sunday afternoons).

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

Walk-in Registration: Begins Tuesday, August 3, at the Parks Recreation Office (200 North Park Avenue - League Park) during regular office hours. Registration deadline will be on Tuesday, August 17. Call Jenna for more information at (281) 554-1184, or email her at [jenna.simsen@leaguecity.com](mailto:jenna.simsen@leaguecity.com)

## Swimming Lessons - American Red Cross

Most Classes: Eight, 30 minute lessons  
\$40 - League City Residents  
\$45 - Non-Residents

Preschool & Advanced Swim Level Classes:  
\$50 - League City Residents  
\$55 - Non-Residents

Other classes offered: \*Parent-Child  
\*Adult lessons

## Summer Classes

Place: League City Municipal Pool, 450 West Walker Street

Lesson times: Monday-Thursday, for 2 weeks  
Morning and Evening Classes Available

Session C July 5 - July 15  
Session D July 19 - July 29  
Session E August 2 - August 12

Walk-in Registration: Register 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.orsage@leaguecity.com](mailto:john.orsage@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.

<u>Group/Movie</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
July 4'th Celebration	July 3	11:30 am

MOVIE IN THE PARK	July 10	7:30 p.m.
Charles Daughtry Band - Classic Rock	July 17	7:00 p.m.
By Request - Classic Rock & Variety	July 24	7:00 p.m.
Charlotte Henson - Gospel	July 31	7:00 p.m.
MOVIE IN THE PARK	August 7	7:30 p.m.
Jubilee Banjo Band - Bluegrass	August 14	7:00 p.m.
Strand Street 6 7/8 - Big Band	August 21	7:00 p.m.
Bay Area Bluegrass - Bluegrass	August 28	7:00 p.m.
Denise Vargo - Classic Rock	September 4	7:00 p.m.
MOVIE IN THE PARK	September 11	7:30 p.m.

Schedule subject to change! Please call William for more information at (281) 554-1195, or email him at [william.morris@leaguecity.com](mailto:william.morris@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!

## Senior Citizen Program

The League City Senior Citizens' Program is now meeting in the newly renovated Rec Center

### PROGRAM WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

<b>Monday</b>
11:00 am Line Dance
11:30 am Whole Body Exercise
12:15 p.m. Jazzercise
1:15 p.m. Beginner Watercolor class
<b>Tuesday/Thursday</b>
9:00 am Tap Dance
10:00 am Line Dance
11:00 am Jazzercise
12:00 p.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m. Guest speaker or activity
12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Watercolor (Tuesday only)
12:30 - 3:00 p.m. Bridge Club
<b>Wednesday/Friday</b>
11:00 am Line Dance
<b>Wednesday</b>
12:00 p.m. Zumba Gold
1:00 p.m. Drawing



Volunteer opportunities available. Contact Lydia Rodriguez at 281-554-1183 or e-mail her at [lydia.rodriguez@leaguecity.com](mailto:lydia.rodriguez@leaguecity.com) for complete schedule details and OLLI classes.

# LEAN CLEAN GREEN

## League City Open House 2010



Watch our Open House video  
@  
[leaguecity.com/youtube](http://leaguecity.com/youtube)

## Our First Park



League Park was created in 1895 when our city was a growing community of ranchers and farmers from around the world. In an agreement with the local railroad company, J.C. League had land set aside for a park and garden at the same site he agreed to build a train depot. The intention was to provide a place that would become the center for many public activities such as political speeches, live music, traveling shows and holiday

celebrations. A bandstand was built and on weekends local bands would play on the upper level while snacks were sold from the ground level. It was destroyed a few years later in a hurricane but was quickly rebuilt and proved to be a very popular gathering place.

In 1907 dozens of oak trees were brought in on a train and planted throughout the park. Many of those original trees are still there and carefully maintained by the League City Parks Department to ensure their health for their second century. As time passed the once popular bandstand was removed but in preparation for



America's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary a new, single level bandstand was built and dedicated on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1976 and continues to be used daily by visitors along with the return of free live music on many weekends.

Today League Park is as popular as ever with much to offer. It is a great location for pictures and picnics. You can find visitors walking in the shade of the oak trees and enjoying the koi pond and fountain.



There is a playground and basketball court and although the original train depot is gone, a vintage caboose remains near the tracks. A house in the park was also part of the original depot and today houses the League City Recreation Department offices where residents can find out about the many recreation programs available throughout the year and even reserve the park for special occasions.



# Helen Hall Library

It's not too late!

## Catch the Reading Express

Summer Reading Program facilitated by the Texas State Library

Helen Hall Library

The summer reading program is a state-wide program that encourages children and teens to read or be read to by their parents. Prizes, certificates and other incentives are offered for the number of hours spent reading or being read to. Reading logs can be turned into the library for prizes any time the library is open. Helen Hall library cards are required for registration for reading clubs. Check us out online at [www.leaguecitylibrary.org](http://www.leaguecitylibrary.org) or in person at Helen Hall Library, 100 West Walker, League City, TX 77573.

### Remaining dates for the Summer Reading Program Events

All programs are for individuals, not groups or day cares.

Programs end for summer	Saturday, July 31
Last day to turn in teen reading logs	Monday, August 2
Teen Reading Club Party	Tuesday, August 3
Last day to turn in children's reading logs	Tuesday, August 3
Super Readers Party (1 log +)	Thursday, August 5

### Reading Clubs

**Growing Readers Club** - (babies to grade 2) is for listeners and beginning readers. Prizes are awarded after listening to and/or reading 20, 40, 60, and 80 books **OR** 5, 10, 15, or 20 hours.

**Reading Club** is for readers entering 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Prizes are awarded after reading 10, 20, 30, and 40 hours.

For both reading clubs children will receive a reading certificate and a Super Readers Party invitation after completing the first log. Children may complete four logs for prizes. Each Monday there will be a raffle from all of the logs turned in the previous week for a special prize.

**Free tickets are required and are distributed 15 minutes before all events unless otherwise noted here. Seating is limited.**

### Toddler Programs

Ages 0 to 2

#### Toddler Story Time

Tuesdays at 10:15 and 11:00 am

July 6 to July 27

#### Boogie Babies Dance

Friday, July 16 at 10:15 and 11:00 am

Led by Roxanne Green from Dancemobile

### Preschool Programs

Ages 3 to entering Kindergarten

#### Preschool Story Time

Wednesdays at 10:15 and 11:00 am

July 7 to July 28

#### Boogie Babies Dance

Friday, July 16 at 10:15 and 11:00 am

Led by Roxanne Green from Dancemobile

### Elementary Programs

For children entering 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grades



#### Art on a Cart

Friday, July 30 at 10:00 to 11:00 am

Make fun finger and hand puppets.

### Crazy Mondays

Includes themed stories, crafts, and activities

Mondays from 10:15 to 11:00 am

July 12 – Super Hero Camp

Explore your favorite real-life and fictional heroes and heroines from courageous champions to avatars.

July 19 – Build-It Construction Contest (no ticket required)

Work by yourself or on a team. We supply recyclable materials to work with, like cardboard, plastic and paper. Otherwise bring your own LEGOS® or other building materials. Certificates awarded.

July 26 - Webkinz Party® (no ticket required)

You and your favorite Webkinz® or stuffed animal are invited to a party with games and prizes.

### Creative Dramatics

Friday, July 23 10:15 to 11:15 am

*The Princess and the Pea* – Use props and sound effects to dramatize this favorite fairy tale.

### Dance

Friday, July 9 10:15 to 11:15 am

Come join the fun and try party and line dancing with Roxanne Green from Dancemobile.

### Reading Buddies

Tuesday and Thursday, 2:00 – 2:30 p.m.

July 6 to July 29

Teen tutors share their time with children going into **first through third grades** by reading one-on-one and playing games to reinforce skills learned the previous year of school. This is a drop-in program, and parents must stay near.

### Game Play (no ticket required)

Saturdays, 10:15 to 11:30 am

July 10– July 31

Join others for an hour of relaxed game play. Bring your own game or play some from the library. If you have your own cards, start a Bakugan, Yu-Gi-Oh or Pokemon tournament. An adult must accompany children under 8.

### Family Events

Thursdays

July 8 – 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

#### Bonzo Crunch

Join this former Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus clown for an evening of comic juggling and magic that encourages reading.

July 15– 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. (no ticket required)

#### Bubble Festival

Go from station to station to try fascinating experiments with bubbles. You might get wet!

July 22 – 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

#### Imagination Station: Expressway to the World

Join Mick Corley for a fast paced energetic show of music, magic, mime, stories, and puppets.

July 29 – 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. (no ticket required)

#### Oceans Wonderland

Did you know that the earth's oceans are all connected to one another and contain 70% of the earth's surface water, and that they play a vital role in the survival of the human race? Come and learn about how oceans work through crafts and activities.

**Super Reader Party**

For children completing one or more reading logs

Thursday, August 5, 2010

6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Johnny Arolfo Civic Center

**TEEN EVENTS**

For teens going into 6th grade and aged 11 to 18

**Teen Summer Reading Club**

July 6 – August 2

Texas Teens Read! – Within Arms Reach: The Future is Yours!

Great prizes will be given at each level. Plus there's a party at the end of the summer for the select few that achieve the top level!

**Teen Film Workshop**

Tuesday, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

July 6 – July 27

Work with other teens at the library to make a short film. Teens will work together on all aspects of making a short film. Each week teens will have the chance to develop the film. To make the film a success, we will need creative and tech savvy teens to develop a concept for the film, write a script, act in the film, run the camera, and edit the film. The film will then make its debut at a special screening on Friday, July 30th from 1:00 to 1:30pm in the theater. After the debut, the film will be available to watch on the library's website.

**Game On!**

Thursday, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

July 8 – July 29

Drop in to play video games and board games with your friends in the theater. Games may include Super Mario Kart®, Rock Band®, Guitar Hero®, Wii Sports®, Monopoly®, Apples to Apples®, and many more.

**Get Crafty @ Your Library**

Monday, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

July 12 – July 26

Use your creativity to make a variety of crafts.

July 12: Cool Kicks: Bring old shoes, sandals or flip flops to make into wearable art

July 19: Duct Tape Wallets & iPod® Cases

July 26: Sock Monsters & Felt Robots

**Teen Movie Matinee**

Friday, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

July 9 – July 30

Join us in the theater for a weekly matinee movie. We have a mix of anime, 80's movies and new DVD releases. You may bring a snack for yourself or to share. If you bring a snack to share, it must be individually wrapped.

July 9: Moon Phase; Volume 1

July 16: Goonies

July 23: The Spy Next Door

July 30: Ponyo

**Teen Party!!**

Culminating BASH for Teen Summer Reading Club participants who reach the highest level

Tuesday, August 3, 12:00 to 2:00 p.m..

Lunch and Sumo Suit Wrestling

# Book Discussion Club

Helen Hall Library's lively Book Discussion club meets 3rd Mondays at 7 p.m. to discuss works of fiction and nonfiction. New members are always welcome. In July, we'll read *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, (fiction) by Stieg Larsson: "an epic tale of serial murder and corporate trickery spanning several continents, the novel takes in complicated international financial fraud and the buried evil past of a wealthy Swedish industrial family" (from Wikipedia.com).

In August, we'll read "Addict at 10" (nonfiction) by Derek Steele. "Derek Steele was eight when he got drunk for the first time. His parents thought it was funny. By the age of ten, coping with abuse and neglect, he was addicted to pot. He began dealing drugs in junior high, and by 16 he was also hooked on meth and crack cocaine. He dropped out of high school, landed briefly behind bars and by 20 was homeless, unemployed and hiding from a violent dealer he'd swindled. Then, during what he thought would be the biggest drug deal of his life, Derek had a moment of clarity. He vowed to change. With the help of God, mentors and a twelve step program, he conquered his addictions, came to terms with his parents' neglect, and began a new life" (from derekstele.com.)

In September, we will read *Buhle*, written by our member, Logan Asari. Mr. Asari will share with us the history of the book and the experience of writing and publishing a novel.

## Congressman Ron Paul to Present Grant to the Helen Hall Library

The National Endowment for the Humanities has selected the Helen Hall Library as a recipient of the *We the People* "A More Perfect Union" Bookshelf. Congressman Ron Paul will present the grant to the library on Thursday, August 12. A reception with light refreshments begins at 4:30 pm. Congressman Paul will speak at 5:00 pm. The library has received seventeen books that support the theme "A More Perfect Union." Programs will take place in the fall and winter to utilize the materials received from the grant.



When: Thursday, August 12, 2010  
Reception starting at 4:30 pm  
Congressman Paul will speak at 5:00 pm

Where: Helen Hall Library  
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Fire Marshal Office	281.554.1290
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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](http://www.leaguecity.com) and archived at [www.leaguecitycouncilmeetings.com](http://www.leaguecitycouncilmeetings.com)