



## CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

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**City Council Updates:** City Council met for a work session on September 11 and a Council meeting on September 12. During the meeting, City Council proposed to adopt a property tax rate of \$0.56500 per \$100 for 2017.

The City Council will receive public comment during two public hearings on the proposed tax rate on September 21 (special Council meeting) and September 26 (regular Council meeting). Both meetings will be held in the Council Chambers and will begin at 6 p.m.

City Council [agendas and supporting documents](#) are available for viewing. Citizens may also view the meeting at <http://leaguecitytx.swagit.com/city-council/> or on Comcast channel 16.

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### **Hurricane Harvey Updates**

**Disaster Recovery Center:** A Disaster Recovery Center is now open at the Recreation Center (450 W. Walker). Representatives from FEMA will be on-site to help answer questions and assist anyone who has been affected by Hurricane Harvey. The center opened on September 14 at 1 p.m.; regular hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week, until further notice. Please share this information with any family members, friends or neighbors who have been impacted by Harvey.

**Debris Removal:** Debris removal began on Thursday, September 7 in five of the neighborhoods most heavily impacted by Harvey: Bay Colony, Bay Ridge, Clear Creek Village, Dove Meadows and Park at Clear Creek. Debris trucks are working in these neighborhoods from approximately 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (depending on landfill access), seven days a week. To date, estimations are that debris removal in these neighborhoods is approximately 30-45 percent complete.

With approximately 7,700 homes damaged in our city and an estimated 150 million pounds of debris to pick-up, we expect the debris removal process to last multiple weeks.

To help make the process as quick and efficient as possible, residents are asked to:

- Separate storm debris from regular household trash.
- Sort debris into different piles, if possible: construction & demolition debris; appliances; and household hazardous waste.
- Move any vehicles that are parked in the streets.
- Keep debris out of bags, if possible. If debris is already bagged, please open the bag or cut a slit in it that makes it possible to identify the contents as storm debris.
- Place debris on the curb, without blocking the roadway or storm drains.

Debris removal trucks will make multiple passes throughout the city, depending on the city's overall need. So if all debris is not picked up the first time the truck comes through, please move the remaining items forward to the right-of-way and it will be picked up on the next trip through the neighborhood.

In addition, the city has a crew working to remove debris from roadside ditches.

As with any large-scale operation, the process becomes more efficient as time passes. The City of League City's debris removal operation is no exception. Three factors are coming to continually increase the efficiency of the process in our community:

- Communication and coordination between the city's debris removal contractor and the FEMA-required debris removal monitoring contractor is continually improving.
- Additional truck resources have been – and continue to be – routed to our region. Currently, there are seven trucks exclusively working to pick up construction debris in League City and an additional three trucks addressing household hazardous waste, electronics and appliances. Our contractor has committed three additional trucks to pick-up construction debris to League City, and those trucks are currently en route. Additionally, our contractor has committed to deploying additional trucks as they become available.
- Efficiencies in both routing and on-site operational procedures associated with the local landfills have occurred. Initially, post-Harvey, wait times at landfills were 2-3 hours. Now, they are measured in tens of minutes.

**Trash Service:** Republic restarted trash service on September 1 and is working to restore regular service to League City residents and businesses as quickly as possible. Additional resources have been deployed in the city to expedite the process. But due to large volumes of trash, extremely long wait times at the landfill, and additional drivers who are new to the area and may have inadvertently missed some streets, their regular service time has been reduced. Anyone who has not received trash service in a week or longer should call Donna Ofsanko at (281) 554-1445, and she will work directly with Republic to get their trash picked up as quickly as possible.

**Curbside Recycling:** Curbside recycling service will resume next week.

**Town Hall:** Commissioner Ken Clark will hold a FEMA and SBA Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, September 19 from 6-9 p.m. at Walter Hall Park (807 Hwy. 3 N.). FEMA and SBA representatives will give a presentation outlining what Disaster Assistance programs are available to residents in Galveston County. Afterwards, representatives will be available to answer questions and have one-on-one discussions.

**Permit Fees:** Permit fees will be assessed only for the cost of any new construction not related to the flooding. Permits are not required for the following:

- Sheetrock/Drywall removal and replacement
- Flooring removal & replacement
- Cabinet removal & replacement

Permits are required for the following:

- Any construction, repair, alteration, improvement, removal, demolition, and/or replacement to a structure
- Any electrical, mechanical (HVAC) or plumbing. These permits must be obtained by a licensed professional registered with the City unless authorized by the Building Official.
- Total removal of structures damaged by the flood. This includes lower floors, garages, blow out walls, etc. These are considered Demolition permits and will not be charged a fee. Remodeling permits may be obtained at the same time or at a later date.

When obtaining permits, a description of damage needs to be included in the application. Pictures are extremely helpful but not required. The best way to assure the person you are hiring is credible is to verify they are registered with the city. The League City Building Department is here to help with questions or concerns regarding construction, repairs, removal, demolition, and/or replacement of structures damaged during this event and answer any questions related to permit requirements. If you have any questions, please stop by our office or call (281) 554-1490.

**Facilities:** Hometown Heroes reopened on Friday, September 15 for normal business hours. All regular programming at Hometown Heroes resumed at that time. Countryside Park remains closed but is tentatively scheduled to open early next week. The Paddleboat Race scheduled on September 23 at Countryside Park has been postponed until November; a definite date has not yet been set.

**Mosquito Spraying:** Mosquito spraying throughout League City is provided by Galveston County Mosquito Control District (GCMCD) from late March through early November. This includes routine spraying by truck and aerial spraying. Due to the significant rainfall levels and flooding from Hurricane Harvey, low-flying military aircraft will be conducting mosquito spraying throughout our area for the next few weeks. The spraying schedule is available at [www.galvestoncountytexas.gov/cs/mc/Pages/Spray-Schedule.aspx](http://www.galvestoncountytexas.gov/cs/mc/Pages/Spray-Schedule.aspx). Residents may contact the Galveston County Mosquito Control at (800) 842-5622 to request spraying in a specific area.

**Utility Billing:** Due to Hurricane Harvey and the subsequent disruption to the lives of our citizens and city operations, the City of League City will not be processing penalties or disconnections for non-payment of water utility service through September 30.

**Benefit Concerts:** A special benefit concert featuring performer Jake Worthington will be held on Friday, September 15 at 7 p.m. at South Shore Harbour Resort & Conference Center. Tickets for the concert are \$25 per person, and a portion of the proceeds will benefit League City's first responders, including police, fire, EMS and Public Works.

There will be another Harvey Relief Concert on Friday, September 22 from 6-10 p.m. at ACU of Texas Credit Union (1095 W. League City Pkwy). The performer will be Jake Worthington. Admission to the concert is free, but donations will be accepted to support local first responders.

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**Community Health Fair:** The Community Health Fair has been rescheduled and will now be held on Friday, September 22 from 9-11 a.m. at Hometown Heroes Park. There will be free flu shots and free tetanus shots, and multiple health screenings will be offered including: hearing, blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol. There will also be vendors, workout/dance demonstrations, giveaways, entertainment and activities for kids.

**Discounted Pet Vaccinations:** Discounted vaccinations will be offered for cats and dogs this Saturday, September 16 at League City Pets Alive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information on the services offered, visit <http://petvaccs.com/services/> or call 713-738-3131.

**League City Seeking Volunteers:** The City of League City is currently seeking volunteers for city boards, commissions and committees to fill vacancies and positions that are expiring on Dec. 31, 2017. Residents interested in volunteering are encouraged to apply through the online application form at [www.leaguecity.com/forms.aspx?FID=102](http://www.leaguecity.com/forms.aspx?FID=102). Applications are also available from the City Secretary's Office at City Hall, located at 300 W. Walker. Applications must be submitted no later than Oct. 31. For more information, please contact the City Secretary's Office at (281) 554-1030 or visit <http://www.leaguecity.com/Index.aspx?NID=4>

**TxDot Update:** There will be a total closure of the IH 45 northbound main lanes from FM 517 to FM 518, starting at 9 p.m. on Friday, September 15 through 5 a.m. on Monday, September 18. The following ramps will also be closed: the entrance ramp from FM 517, the entrance ramp from FM 646 and the entrance ramp from SH 96.

**Volunteer Fair:** The Helen Hall Library will host a Volunteer Fair on Saturday, September 30 from noon to 2 p.m. in the Johnny Arolfo Civic Center Ballroom. Numerous community organizations will be represented, all with a variety of available volunteer opportunities for adults and teens.