League Park Scheduled to Close for Revitalization Project

League Park will be closed to the public starting Wednesday, February 5 as crews begin work to give the park a complete face lift with a new look and feel. The highly anticipated revitalization project will give the park an improved open design and a lawn area that will be used to host future events. The park’s pavers will be replaced in a layout that is more user friendly for park goers, and the park’s tree canopy will be accented with additional landscape beds along the perimeters. Lighting will be enhanced with new decorative light poles and catenary lighting over a large paver section in the center of the park. The drainage improvement work includes tying into the existing storm sewer on Park Avenue, installation of storm sewer along Railroad Avenue and Coryell Street, and pavement improvements above the storm sewer. Construction is anticipated to be completed by November 2020, just in time for the city’s Holiday in the Park festivities. The park will be completely fenced off to the public until all construction is completed. Once work is finished, League Park will serve as a center for recreational interests for residents, including community concerts, markets, festivals, and more.
League City Mayor Pat Hallisey, along with other local leaders, met with Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner and Mayor Pro Tem David Martin during a Bay Area Transportation Partnership meeting this week. The group discussed a variety of issues affecting both the Harris and Galveston County area including transportation, drainage, the Grand Parkway, and the Ike Dike. Mayor Hallisey described the meeting as extremely productive and a great first step in creating more active and regular dialogue between Houston and the Bay Area, particularly when it comes to transportation and mobility issues.

I-45 Sportsplex Entrance Closed

Due to the ongoing I-45 construction in League City, the I-45 entrance to the Chester L. Sportsplex will be closed from now until the end of next week. Residents can still enter the park through the two other entrances on 96 or Walker Street.

Finance Department Receives Award of Excellence

At this week’s City Council meeting, the League City Finance Department was recognized for receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association for the City’s financial report for 2018. Congratulations to all staff members who made this happen!

Saturday Social

Make plans to spend Leap Day with us at a fun Saturday Social for the whole family. On Saturday, February 29, residents are invited to stop by Hometown Heroes Park at 8:30 a.m. to learn more about the westside sportsplex and new additions and renovations coming to League City’s Parks and Recreation facilities. Free Chick Fil-A breakfast will be served to all who attend. There will also be giveaways that you won’t want to miss!
Public Safety Updates

Wanted Suspect Arrested
On Tuesday, January 28, League City Police arrested a suspect of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child identified as Joel Christopher Acuna. The 27-year-old is accused of contacting a child through the Likee app and pretending to be a representative from a modeling agency. Police say Acuna drove to the child’s home on December 8 and assaulted her. Surveillance video from the home captured images of the suspect, which were released by police and shared thousands of times through social media. On the same day, Acuna turned himself in to the police department and confessed to the crime. He is now being held on a $250,000 bond. League City Public Information Officer John Griffith held a press conference on Tuesday to discuss the case.

School Fire Under Investigation
On January 30, 2020, at approximately 11:40 a.m., a fire alarm was reported by a CCISD staff member at Clear Falls High School. The CCISD Administrative staff informed the fire department that a small fire was reported in the men’s restroom on the second floor of the High School. The fire department arrived on scene and immediately investigated the source of the smoke and the location of the fire. The CCISD staff extinguished most of the fire with a dry chemical extinguisher prior to the arrival of the League City Fire Department.

The League City Fire Marshal’s Office is conducting a thorough fire scene investigation and has asked anyone that has information concerning this fire to call Investigator Bradley Bass at 281-554-1297 or Fire Marshal Tommy Cones at 281-554-1291.

Teamwork Exercise
This week, League City volunteer firefighters participated in a communication team exercise involving Legos. Teams had to build a specific structure with the blocks while dealing with background noise and receiving only voice commands over radio transmission. In the end, those who built the most accurate structure after following instructions won the challenge.

Animal Shelter

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Storage Tank Inspections and Maintenance

Water Production staff is performing maintenance and inspections on the three-million-gallon concrete ground storage tanks at the South Shore and Northside booster pump stations. This is an annual requirement from our regulating body, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Along with inspecting these tanks, staff also power washed the interior of each tank to ensure water quality. The inspection is a comprehensive look at the interior and exterior of each tank and recommendations of actions that are needed based on the inspection. Some details looked at during the inspection are interior and exterior coating systems, water quality, rust or pitting of metals, and access points (manways, ladders). A professional report will be given to the city of each inspection performed. This documentation is important in planning and budgeting for repairs that are needed to extend the life expectancy of each ground storage tank.

Turbidity in Wastewater

Turbidity is the measure of relative clarity of water. It is a measurement of the amount of light that is scattered by material in the water when a light is shined through the water sample. The higher the amount of materials in the water, the higher the turbidity. Turbidity in wastewater is caused by suspended matter, such as clay, silt, organic and inorganic matter, plankton and other microscopic organisms. Turbid water has a muddy or cloudy appearance and it is aesthetically unattractive. One of a wastewater treatment plant’s goals is to remove the suspended matter from the water to produce clean and clear final effluent water. Tertiary treatment, the last process of removing contaminants, is employed in wastewater treatment to remove stubborn suspended matter that the primary and secondary stages cannot remove. Our wastewater treatment plants utilize disk filters as tertiary treatment to remove the remaining matter thereby making the water clearer and lowering the turbidity. UV disinfection is most effective with low turbidity levels targeting the hidden microorganisms and deactivating their DNA. Low turbidity levels allow the final effluent to be used as Type I reclaimed water. Reclaimed water is treated wastewater that is safe and suitable for contact.

New Pedestrian Crossings

Traffic crews have been installing new pedestrian crossings throughout the city. The most recent installs have been at South Shore Boulevard at Island Crossing Lane, Magnolia Meadows Lane at Carolina Shores Lane, and Austin Street at Ravenna Lane. First, Public Works crews installed wheelchair ramps that are built to “ADA” (American Disabilities Act) standards. Next, crews painted the crosswalks and added glass beads to the wet paint which gives the paint reflectivity to enhance the visibility at night. The glass beads are designed so that when vehicle headlights shine on the markings, the light will reflect back to the driver to illuminate the crossing at night. In addition to the pavement markings, reflective pedestrian signs were added to increase driver awareness where pedestrians are crossing. These improvements will greatly increase the visibility and provide a safe crossing for pedestrians.
CIP Updates

Asphalt Street Rehabilitation Package 4 (RE1704D): Crews have started milling the north half of E. Saunders from Clear Creek Ave to SH3. Crews are working to time placement of level-up of W. Wilkins, W. Saunders, and E. Saunders at the same time. Temporary mailboxes are set up along Clear Creek Avenue, between E. Wilkins and E. Saunders, for the residents to accommodate mail service during construction. Curb replacement on W. Saunders is ongoing despite some weather delays. The purpose of this project is to perform road base repairs and asphalt resurfacing as part of an annual infrastructure reinvestment program on approximately 17,853 linear feet of asphalt roads.

South Shore Boulevard/SH 96 Right Turn Lane and Fire Station No. 6 Median Cut (ST1912): A right-turn lane is being added to northbound South Shore Blvd to eastbound on State Highway 96 along with a turning lane and median cut for Fire Station No. 6 on South Shore Boulevard. The project includes a signal light to stop oncoming traffic so fire trucks may exit the station safely in emergency situations. Mobilization and construction for the median cut have been scheduled to start in February.

Fire Station No. 6 (FR1701): The fire station stairwell marquee letters are scheduled for installation this week. The substantial completion walkthrough has been conducted and the contractor is working on all punch list items. The completion of the new fire station near the intersection of League City Parkway and South Shore Boulevard is on schedule March 2020.

Force Main Upgrade Bay Colony Lift Station to Ervin (WW1206) and Calder Road South Reconstruction (RE1702B): The scope of this project will add a new 18-inch force main along Calder Road South to Bay Colony Lift Station as well as widen Calder Road to two lanes with a center lane from Cross Colony Drive to Ervin Street, and add a waterline. Texas New Mexico Power (TNMP) and Comcast relocated their power poles and lines, and Frontier Communications is set to have their lines moved this month. A construction kick-off meeting is slated to take place within the next two weeks with the awarded contractor.

Clear Creek Tributaries Clearing & Desnagging Project (DR1910 A-D): This study determined that selective clearing and desnagging of select Clear Creek tributaries would increase capacity. The survey is complete and the engineer is currently reviewing the data. All bores were also completed, and a draft of the geotechnical report has been submitted by the surveyor to the engineer. The drainage modeling summary report was received on January 29 and is currently under review by the City. The review process will take approximately two weeks, after which comments will be submitted to the engineer.
CIP Updates

**MUD 14-15 Lift Station Improvements (WW1206):** The scope of this project is to enhance the current lift station. The City received the 90% drawings in early January and the City’s review comments were returned to the Engineer on January 28. Construction bid anticipated in February 2020 once design is complete.

**FM518/SH3 Water Main Crossing Project (WT1302B):** Construction crews have completed the installation of the steel casing and new water line underneath SH3. In the next week, the westbound right lane of FM518 is scheduled to be temporarily closed for water line tie-in. This project includes the replacement of approximately 500 linear feet of water lines by trenchless construction located at the intersection of SH3 and FM 518. Construction is scheduled to be complete February 2020.

Helen Hall Library Updates

**Anti-Valentine’s Day Bash**
Love stinks! Teens ages 12 to 18 can protest Valentine’s Day by creating fun anti-Valentine’s crafts while eating treats and watching Happy Death Day (rated PG-13). Teens must have transportation arranged in advance of program.

**LEGO® Build**
Bring your kids to LEGO® Build on February 5 at the Helen Hall library. Kids ages 0 to 5 years old can work independently or on a team to build something fantastic out of LEGO® bricks.

**Book Folding Art**
On Tuesday, February 4 from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Lisa Walker will be representing our community and bringing a unique art project for our patrons to take part in. Participants will learn how to recycle an old book into something beautiful. Just in time for Valentine’s Day, they will form a heart with the books’ pages. All materials will be supplied, so come ready to learn this useful and beautiful art form! This program will take place in the Local History Room.
Parks and Recreation Updates

Volunteer Coaches Needed
The Parks and Recreation department is looking for volunteer coaches for t-ball, volleyball, and soccer leagues this coming spring season. Anyone interested in coaching t-ball or volleyball, can contact Tara Dahl-Campbell by email tara.dahl-campbell@leaguecitytx.gov and those interested in coaching soccer can contact Patrick Murphy at patrick.murphy@leaguecitytx.gov.

Middleman Skateboard Camp
Keep your child active this upcoming spring break. League City Parks and Recreation will be offering its annual Middleman skate camp for boys and girls ages 7 to 15 from March 9 through 13 at the Big League Dreams skate park. Registration is now open at Hometown Heroes Park and the fee is $50 for residents and $75 for non-residents. Skateboard instructors will be giving guidance to beginner skaters as well as those experienced with more advanced moves.

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Communications Updates

Mondays with Mayor Pat
Every Monday from 12:30-12:45 p.m., League City Mayor Pat Hallisey discusses important City issues and initiatives and answers questions live on the City’s Facebook page. Have something you want to talk about on Mondays with Mayor Pat? Email sarah.greerosborne@leaguecitytx.gov.

Lunch and Learn
The Communications Department is still accepting applications for anyone interested in joining the Spring 2020 Citizen University Class. In this week’s Lunch and Learn, Sarah Greer-Osborne and Nora Garcia talked about the program and encouraged residents to apply.

LC Local of the Week

James & Kristine Gregory
#LCLocal Residents & Owners of L.L. Auctions

Tell us about L.L. Auctions:
We are a 100% online service which offers estate liquidations, local picker consignments, business liquidations and more.

What do you love about League City?
We both attended Clear Creek High School. We love the area and the residents.

Favorite place to eat in League City?
Opa!'s Bistro

Favorite part about operating in League City?
We love that our business is conveniently located near I-45 between Odessa and Houston.

Fun fact?
Kristine founded a nonprofit called Be the Change Global Outreach. It provides free medical care to those in need in the Philippines and in Houston.

Click here to read more about them

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Events and Meetings
Feb. 8: Nature with Kristine
Feb. 11: City Council Meeting
Feb. 29: Parks and Rec Saturday Social