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LEAGUE CITY GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION MAY 14, 2011 FOR MAYOR & COUNCIL POSITIONS

Early Voting will be held at the Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center starting May 2, 2011.

For all of your election information please visit www.leaguecity.com/election2011.

The General-Special Election for the City of League City will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2011, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, City Council Members for Positions 1 and 2 and a City Council Member for Position 6 for the remainder of the unexpired term and, if necessary, a Runoff Election to be held on Saturday, June 18, 2011.

Early voting will be held in the Johnny Arolfo Civic Center, 400 West Walker Street, Monday through Thursday May 2 through May 5 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Friday May 6 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and noon, Saturday May 7 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and Monday and Tuesday May 9 and May 10 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Voting on Election Day, Saturday, May 14, 2011 will be held at various polling places from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

- City Precinct #1 is at Fire Station #4, 175 Bay Area Boulevard
- City Precinct #2 is at Old Fire Station #2, 411 Newport Boulevard
- City Precinct #3 is at League City Civic Center, 400 West Walker Street
- City Precinct #4 is at Fire Station #1, 601 Second Street
- City Precinct #5 is at Ferguson Elementary School, 1910 South Compass Rose Boulevard

Requests for an application for a ballot by mail should be made to Barbara F. Long, City Secretary, 300 West Walker Street, League City, Texas 77573. Completed and signed applications for ballot by mail must be received by noon on Friday, May 6, 2011.

More information can be found on the City's website at www.leaguecity.com/election2011

La Elección General-Especial para la Ciudad de League City se celebrará el Sábado, 14 de Mayo de 2011, con el fin de elegir el Alcalde, los Concejales para la Posición 1 y Posición 2 y el Concejal para la Posición 6 para el resto de la parte restante del término y, en caso necesario, una Elección de Desempate que se celebrará el Sábado, 18 de Junio de 2011.

La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo: Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center, 400 W Walker que estará abierto: el Lunes 2 de Mayo de 2011 a Jueves, 5 de Mayo de 2011 entre las horas de 8:00 de la mañana y 6:00 de la tarde, a el Viernes 6 de Mayo de 2011 entre las horas de 8:00 de la mañana y el mediodía, el Sábado el 7 de Mayo entre las horas de 8:00 de la mañana y 5:00 de la tarde, y el Lunes 9 de Mayo y Martes 10 de Mayo de 2011 entre las horas de 7:00 de la mañana y 7:00 de la tarde.

Los lugares de la votación para votantes calificados y registrados que residen en la Ciudad de League City estarán abiertos de 7:00 de la mañana a 7:00 de la tarde en el día de las elecciones, el 14 de Mayo de 2011, y son los siguientes:

- L. C. Pct #1 el Parque de bomberos Estaciona No. 4, 175 Bay Area Blvd.
- L. C. Pct #2 el Parque de bomberos Viejo No. 2, 411 Newport Blvd.
- L. C. Pct #3 Centro Municipal de Johnnie Arolfo, 400 W. Walker.
- L. C. Pct #4 el Parque de bomberos No. 1, 601 2nd St.
- L. C. Pct #5 Escuela de enseñanza primaria de Ferguson, 1910 South Compass Rd in South Shore Harbour.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán por correo deberán enviarse a Barbara F. Long, City Secretary, 300 West Walker Street, League City, TX 77573. Las

solicitudes para boletas que se votarán por correo, ya llenadas y firmadas, deberán recibirse antes del mediodía del Viernes, 6 de Mayo.

Más información se puede encontrar en la página web de la Ciudad en www.leaguecity.com/election2011

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OF JUSTICE,
BASIC ELECTION
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AND SPANISH.**

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MEET THE CANDIDATES

Interested in finding out more about the candidates whose name will appear on the May 2011 ballot? You've come to the right place. We've had each candidate answer three questions. Their responses are posted below and are listed in the order they will appear on the ballot. Make an educated vote and get to know your candidates!

1. Why did you decide to run for League City Council/Mayor? (75 words or less)

- I'm running for Mayor to make League City a better steward of your tax dollars. Tighter control is needed on spending. With a sluggish economy and more layoffs looming at NASA and CCISD, citizens are cutting back in their own budgets. City government must do the same. I won't support spending even one dollar of your money that's not absolutely necessary. I will bring conservative thinking and hands-on leadership to the Mayor's office.

2. What skills and experience do you have that would be of value to a League City Council member? (75 words or less)

- As a current City Councilman, I understand how government works. As a small businessman, I understand management and budgets, and that money is hard to earn, and shouldn't

be spent loosely by government. As an active member of our civic community for 22 years, from Little League to soccer, from Rotary to Chamber of Commerce, I know that protecting the interests of my neighbors must be the first and only priority of our local government.

3. Please describe what you believe are the three most important challenges, opportunities or issues facing League City in the next three years. (200 words or less)

- First, League City must improve transportation to relieve the ever-increasing congestion brought on by our population growth. We need bigger roads and better coordinated traffic signals to help us get around town safely, and in a reasonable amount of time. Relieving traffic problems is critical to our quality of life.

Second, we must build a lot more

infrastructure, particularly water facilities. League City is expected to double in size in the next 20 years. This is a great place to live, but as population swells, we'll have to work hard to keep it that way. We'll need more police and fire services, more maintenance, and—most of all—more water. City leaders must be smart and aggressive to meet these needs.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, we must manage this growth without putting undue financial burdens on our citizens. Roads, water lines, and other infrastructure are expensive. We can't afford rising tax rates, rising water rates, and rising trash fees. Infrastructure may be boring and costly, but it's necessary. With such critical capital needs, League City can't afford to waste your money on feel-good projects. City leaders must be good managers and good stewards of your tax dollars.



TIM PAULISSEN
RUNNING FOR:
MAYOR

OCCUPATION:
PUBLISHER

1. Why did you decide to run for League City Council/Mayor? (75 words or less)

- Having grown up here, working in my parents store since I was 8, I heard for years about all of the politics in League City. In my opinion, these activities had reached an out-of-control level. I made the decision to run for Mayor in 2008 because I thought we needed to be run like a business — with honesty and integrity.

Fortunately, the citizens felt the same and I was elected!

2. What skills and experience do you have that would be of value to a League City Council member? (75 words or less)

- Having completed my first term as Mayor of League City during a transition time for the City (going from strong Mayor form of government to

Council-Manager form) has been a very gratifying experience. We have taken the politics out of City operation and have hired some experienced professionals to plan and guide us as we prepare for the future.

3. Please describe what you believe are the three most important challenges, opportunities or issues facing League City in the next three years. (200 words or less)

- The 2010 Census says it all: In the last 10 years League City has grown by 83%, and we must do what it takes to care for all these folks—water, infrastructure, roads, etc. We must accommodate all of that while guaranteeing that our future will evolve in a proactive manner, rather than reactively as League City has been doing for decades!

We must resolve traffic issues and

existing infrastructure problems, secure water for our future, develop a water conservation program that will guarantee our sustainability and environment.

We must be transparent to our citizens, and operate with a solid standard of ethics, so that any citizen can get his questions answered easily.

We must also preserve and revitalize the historic League City, so that our roots will not be lost in all this new growth.

In our new form of government, the Mayor must be close to the Management team in order to be a conduit back to the citizens about what is going on and what the status of the City is.

Please re-elect me to serve as your Mayor as we continue to move forward!



TONI RANDALL
RUNNING FOR:
MAYOR

OCCUPATION:
BUSINESSWOMAN

MEET THE CANDIDATES CONTINUED



DAN BECKER
RUNNING FOR:
POSITION 1

OCCUPATION:
ENGINEER

1. Why did you decide to run for League City Council/Mayor? (75 words or less)

- I am running for office in League City because I'd like to continue to enjoy living here and would like to be able to retire here. This won't be possible for taxpaying residents unless we control spending more effectively now.

2. What skills and experience do you have that would be of value to a League City Council member? (75 words or less)

- I have worked in a high stakes service business environment since 1973, as an employee and as an independent consultant. I have been responsible for supervising large crews in the field, and for supervising large engineering teams. I know what it means to keep

construction projects worth hundreds of millions of dollars on time and on budget. When operational downtime costs over \$20,000 an hour, ability to perform (or not) is quick to be recognized.

3. Please describe what you believe are the three most important challenges, opportunities or issues facing League City in the next three years. (200 words or less)

- We have a "political" culture in place that encourages some city staff to compete for spending, rather than conserving our tax dollars. The perception is that the larger the projects (or budgets) that some managers are responsible for, the more important their position and the larger their own staff needs to be. We must develop

incentives for spending less tax dollars (and doing so more carefully) versus allowing or encouraging "empire building".

Our form of government has never been a problem, what has been a problem is that in some cases we have had the wrong people in positions of authority.

With the right leadership and a capable team in place we can fix the process. With the right team and process, the ability to solve any challenge the City is facing becomes more manageable. Our tax dollars MUST be spent wisely, carefully and accountably. Our city government must function much as any service business. Providing SERVICE must be the primary focus as directed by the taxpayers.



DENNIS O'KEEFE
RUNNING FOR:
POSITION 2

OCCUPATION:
PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM

1. Why did you decide to run for City Council?

- I decided to run for City Council to represent smaller government conservative values at the local level. I believe in fiscal responsibility by tailoring our codes and ordinances to diversify our dependency on residential development. With the pending loss of aerospace jobs in the community this fall, we need business revenue to supplement the general fund to provide the essential services of government.

2. What skills and experience do you have that would be of value to a League City

Council Member?

- I am a CCISD graduate, degreed geologist, Public Water System owner and serve on the Clear Creek Watershed Steering Committee. My 25 year residency in League City demonstrates a commitment to protect homeowner's rights, lower property taxes, rein in residential development and fix traffic problems to maintain prosperity and quality of life.

3. Please describe what you believe are the three most important challenges, opportunities or issues facing League City in the next 3 years.

- League City has accounted for 90% of the growth in Galveston County over the last 10 years. Unprecedented residential development including 6,000 new apartments not yet built have overwhelmed capacities. For example, League City has some of the highest water rates in SE Texas. Another product of development is traffic issues confronting the City. We cannot maintain our reliance on taxing homeowner's property to solve our problems. I will work with my colleagues when elected to City Council by implementing smaller government solutions to difficult problems.



DANNY MALDONADO
RUNNING FOR:
POSITION 2

OCCUPATION:
PROJECT COORDINATOR

1. Why did you decide to run for City Council?

- The decision to run came after much deliberation and advice. I ultimately decided to run to represent a different demographic. A younger, conservative demographic. My mother used to keep a prayer around the house known as the Serenity Prayer. I have based much of my outlook on this prayer. A majority of my peers have great ideas, but feel that because of their age, they wouldn't be successful. I will represent that demographic.

2. What skills and experience do you have that would be of value to a League City Council Member?

- My current position in a fast paced, emergency response environment, has

given me the experience to be able to act quickly and responsibly to matters closest to our clients. Well, the citizens of League City are our clients, and we must be able to act quickly on their behalf. They have entrusted their hard earned money into the City's hands, and we must ensure responsible spending and accountability of those funds.

3. Please describe what you believe are the three most important challenges, opportunities or issues facing League City in the next 3 years.

- There are many opportunities that the City has to offer. One of the most important, is the image of our City. We need to ensure that we can continue to maintain, and improve, the image of our City to ensure that we continue to have a desirable place to live and work.

We need to continue to guarantee that League City is the place that families want their children to grow up, and where people want to headquarter their businesses. Another opportunity is our level of service to our citizens. You see, the citizens have purchased a product. And when you purchase a product, you expect it to be of good quality. So the City should be offering service that is world class. Along with the tax dollars, comes a great responsibility, and also a great opportunity, to show the citizens that their money is in good hands, and that it is being handled with the utmost care. One other opportunity that the City has is our commitment to perfection. We need to work towards perfection in everything that we do. From our parks and recreation department, to the accounting department. Let's be the best city in Texas!

MEET THE CANDIDATES CONTINUED

1. Why did you decide to run for City Council?

- Given the many difficulties the city has faced during this administration, and more recently, understanding how our change in government has led to a budget increase of approximately \$1 million in new administrative salaries, I felt compelled to run for City Council. Our city's future is dependent upon our elected official's commitment to being responsible with the tax payer's money and to promoting economic development within our community. I would like to ensure that happens.

2. What skills and experience do you have that would be of value to a League City Council Member?

- I believe that my work-related project management and engineering experience in the petrochemical industry, coupled with the emergency management & response training I received as a firefighter with the City of Texas City, will greatly benefit Council in dealing with its infrastructural and other issues.

Also, as part owner in a local, successful advertising agency, I bring a strong link to the business community through active membership in the League City Chamber of Commerce.

3. Please describe what you believe are the three most important challenges, opportunities or issues facing League City in the next 3 years.

- League City has to deal with several

population growth issues; including solving its immediate water supply and treatment problems, exploring new ways to solve ongoing traffic congestion and by encouraging the broadening of its tax and job base by attracting new business and industry to our area.

- We need to prepare for the nearing end of NASA's space shuttle program by creating new economic opportunities. The city must work together with the local Chamber of Commerce and other entities to proactively encourage small business growth and new entrepreneurial opportunities – keeping League City's economy strong!
- The city MUST reign in spending, ensure its 30 day savings requirement is met or exceeded, and use LOCAL businesses and contracting firms for projects whenever possible.



FORREST ANDERSON
RUNNING FOR:
POSITION 2

OCCUPATION:
DESIGNER

1. Why did you decide to run for City Council?

- I love this city. I chose to raise my children here. I am running for Council because I want to help make it an even better place to live. When Nan and I came to this area we could have lived in any community, but we picked League City to raise our kids. It is important that council works to maintain the positive attributes of the city while it goes through growth and reorganization.

2. What skills and experience do you have that would be of value to a League City Council Member?

- I've been a manager and worked as a technical employee. I've taught, but also spent a fair share of time as a

student. Although I am a Republican, when I was younger I worked for Democratic Congressman Jack Brooks. The fact is, it's hard to favor one side when I have been in both roles at some point. It is my hope that this will help me vote in the best interest of our city.

3. Please describe what you believe are the three most important challenges, opportunities or issues facing League City in the next 3 years.

- Traffic. Having been here since 1999, there is no doubt that traffic infrastructure is not keeping up with development. Although progress has been made, we simply must be more aggressive on this issue.
- Water. This seems to come up at council every Summer. Our water problem seems to stem from our

inability to either slow development or keep our water infrastructure ahead of demand. I'll be curious to dig deeper into this and see if we can finally get ahead of the curve on this issue.

- Organizational Culture. How do we continue to build a dynamic, innovative city staff while aggressively promoting ethics reform, transparency and real accountability to the citizens? This is a serious challenge. The staff seems to have responded positively to the change in the form of government last year. But does council still have the ability to address problems and hold our team accountable to the voters? I hope to help strengthen the institutions and processes that make our city government even more transparent, honest and efficient.



ANDY MANN
RUNNING FOR:
POSITION 6

OCCUPATION:
SYSTEMS INTEGRATOR

LEAGUE CITY'S CURRENT POPULATION: 83,560*
NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN 2010: 46,965
NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST IN 2010 ELECTION: 2,998



* POPULATION ESTIMATE - 2010 US CENSUS

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May 2, 2011
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PERFORMANCE AND WORLD CLASS CUSTOMER SERVICE REMAIN THE FOCUS

League City's focus on performance and world-class customer service took another step forward in March with the presentation of a quarterly financial and performance report to City Council. Staff members highlighted key service measures and progress toward meeting their annual goals and action plans. Another focal point was the recent National Citizen Survey, in which a random sampling of League City residents gave very positive marks to most City services.



League City scored above the average of other cities across the U.S. on 26 of 28 primary community services, and nearly 60 percent of respondents rated the City's overall direction "good" or "excellent". "Adding performance measures to our quarterly reporting is an important part of transparency and accountability in local government," City Manager

Marcus Jahns said. "We want our residents to know what they're getting for their tax dollars, and our new performance-based management approach emphasizes not just how much money is spent, but the quality and quantity of the products and services we deliver. Only then can taxpayers gain a full understanding of how their city works."

LEAGUE CITY DEMOLISHES DANGEROUS BUILDINGS

Dangerous eyesore buildings are a new target for the City's Code Compliance group. Since last summer, City staff have initiated action on 29 dilapidated properties under state and local laws that allow the City to require demolition or repair of buildings that pose a hazard.

"These buildings provide a haven for rats and other vermin, and may also harbor criminal activity," according to League City Police Capt. Pat Bittner, who oversees the City's Code Compliance efforts. "Research also shows that eliminating blight can help discourage other

unwanted behaviors by sending a clear message that we care about the condition of our



neighborhoods." To date, the City has demolished one building, with another 20 taken down or repaired by their owners after City intervention. Action is pending against another eight properties. Where the City undertakes demolition, as with the long-abandoned Snug Harbor Apartments (pictured), taxpayer dollars can be recovered through placement of a lien on the property.

Residents concerned about a property or wishing to report a dangerous or abandoned building may contact Chris Torres at 281-554-1462 or can report their concern by contacting 311.

CITY OF LEAGUE CITY'S POPULATION GROWS 83% IN THE LAST DECADE



League City is now 83,560 strong and growing, according to the 2010 Census numbers, which show that League City has grown at a rapid rate over the last 10 years. The City has experienced an 83% population growth since 2000. League City's population increase accounts for 93% of the growth for Galveston County. The US Census numbers surpassed the City's estimates by about 5,000.

The extreme population shift comes with some challenges. The City is working to manage growth while continuing to provide world-class service to our citizens. Staff and Council have created a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan to address our current and future infrastructure needs.

City staff is addressing our limited water supply by working to secure additional water sources and encouraging citizens to conserve. The City has expanded and improved the Dallas Salmon Wastewater Plant to increase capacity for current and future growth, and construction of the new Southwest Wastewater Reclamation Facility is underway. The new facility will aid in the

City's conservation efforts by allowing League City to reclaim water from the wastewater system to supplement the water supply.

The City is also addressing the traffic challenges that come along with population increases. There are several current road construction projects underway now. The City is also in the planning stages of re-working the Five Corners Bypass and partnering with the County on the Louisiana Street improvement. The City has also hired a traffic engineer. He and his team are planning for the takeover of the City's traffic light system in the coming month, which is currently managed by TX-DOT, a move that is required based on our new population count.

Along with these challenges, the City also reaps some benefit from the increased population. The City's new count guarantees a seat on the Houston Galveston Area Council's Transportation Policy Council. This seat gives League City a stronger role in making transportation decisions throughout the region.

The increase in population has also led to commercial development such as the

FM 646 Corridor Shopping Centers and the planned Tanger outlet mall. This commercial development within League City increases the City's sales tax revenue and removes some of the tax burden from homeowners.

League City's popularity as a place to live isn't surprising considering feedback from residents who took part in League City's recent citizen survey. Ninety-three percent said League City is a good or excellent place to live, and 94% said they'd recommend to a friend. Even with rapid growth, citizens continue to have their municipal needs met. Seventy-eight percent of those surveyed gave a good or excellent rating to City services.

City of League City's elected officials and staff are proud to continue efforts to maintain and grow the City of League City. City Manager Marcus Jahns has implemented a new performance management system to ensure that the City is delivering quality and value even as the population continues to grow. "We are planning responsibly and acting decisively to ensure a healthy community for all current and future residents", said City Manager Marcus Jahns.

PUBLIC WORKS PROGRESS

CORYELL ST
SCHEDULED COMPLETION
APRIL 2011

5 CORNERS RECONSTRUCTION
SCHEDULED DESIGN COMPLETION
AUGUST 2011

HOUSTON AVE & AUSTIN ST
SCHEDULED COMPLETION
DECEMBER 2011

LOUISIANA AVE
SCHEDULED COMPLETION
JUNE 2012

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PUBLIC WORKS

Lift Station Upgrades

The City of League City recently received funding from the Ike Recovery Grant Program for the installation of standby generators at all major lift stations in the city. The funds acquired for the lift station generators were well below the estimated cost. City staff has requested that the grant agency allow the City to use the additional funds for additional generators for water booster station sites and the Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center.



During Hurricane Ike, City staff was relentless in its effort to maintain the operation of major lift stations during power outages. These new generators will provide much needed coverage during catastrophic events. They generators will also provide and maintain uninterrupted utility services during power outages and brownouts like the ones residents experienced this past winter.

Water Conservation

League City, like other cities across the state, is faced with the need for additional water supply. Drought conditions coupled with our recent population increase and the regions population growth has compounded the city's need for additional water. The City of League City is taking a proactive approach to this issue while complying with state regulatory agencies. The City is embarking on an aggressive water education and conservation outreach program directed at all levels of the community. The conservation program will highlight ways businesses and residents can reduce the overall usage of potable water, including reducing the City's use on potable water for irrigation.

The first step in the City's effort is its participation in Water Awareness Week, the first week of May 2011. Staff has planned to work with local schools on a water conservation poster contest. The top poster will be incorporated into the City's water conservation program. In addition to the schools, the water conservation team will contact local businesses to assist the City in spreading the message about water conservation.



Residential Automatic Reading Water Meters

The City is also incorporating its water conservation effort into plans to replace approximately one-third of the city's current water meters with an updated auto reading meter system. The new WIFI system will collect water readings from remote meters within the community and transmit this data to City Hall. Small deviations in water usage will be recognized alerting personnel to possible leaks before they become huge water loss issues. The replacements of all meters within the city will take place over the next 3 years. The improvement will not only help with water conservation, but could potentially save residents money as well.



UTILITY BILLING

League City water customers should soon see new improvements to water bills. With the recent change to our new printing company, and in response to feedback from our customers, the new water bills are to have a "cleaner" appearance, and will feature new, easier-to-understand wording on delinquency notices. Also, bills are soon to be printed on heavier paper to allow a perforation between the return stub and customer's stub – no more scissors when it's time to keep your half of the bill.

Outsourcing the printing and mailing of the water bills, as well as changing the size to postcards, has saved time and money for our customers. By e-mailing a print file to our printing company, we save nearly 30 hours a month of labor on printing, stuffing and mailing bills. Moving to a postcard format saves postage and paper costs as well.

For more convenient delivery of your water bill, sign up for Paperless Eco-Billing. Your water bill notification will be e-mailed to you each month. Within this e-mail you will find an easy to follow link which allows you to connect into the City's website to view/pay your water bill. This site allows you to view your past billing amounts/payments and consumption history, and it offers a variety of payment methods. To sign up, please call our office, or go to our website, www.leaguecity.com and click Quick Find, then select "Sign Up for Eco-Billing" from the drop-down menu.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (281) 554-1335, option 2 or e-mail at UBService@leaguecity.com.

WATER CONSERVATION

Before you irrigate, consider xeriscape

Xeriscaping is a method of landscaping that conserves water through low-water use plants, drought tolerant plants, and native plants in the landscape. Other considerations in designing the xeriscape garden include: practical turf areas or groundcover, efficient irrigation techniques and regular mulch applications. Many xeriscape gardens eliminate irrigation systems altogether; although, xeriscape gardens will need supplemental water for establishment after planting and during periods of extreme weather. For more information, go to our web page at www.leaguecity.com/planning and click on the link for "Bee Green".

COMMUNICATION NEWS

League City, Texas Uses Mass Notification to Keep Residents Safe, Informed and Connected During Harsh Winter Freeze

Winter rarely brings harsh weather to League City, but that didn't stop the Groundhog Day Storm of 2011 from barreling into the city with freezing temperatures paired with brownouts.

Once word of the storm arrived from the The National Weather Service League City staff acted quickly to prepare for freezing weather and inform citizens. The city quickly began updating its website with preparedness instructions. Officials also turned to the city's mass notification service, Blackboard Connect™. League City used the service to send voice, text, e-mail, Facebook and Twitter notifications, providing information to residents on how to prepare for the storm and instructing them to try to conserve energy to help prevent power outages.

During the storm the city continued to utilize its communication tools to notify residents and local media of road conditions, business and park closures, cancelled events and service updates, and to urge them to stay home. Storm-related communication continued for three days and the city was able to reach more than 24,000 households.

"League City has received continued positive feedback on the use of the Blackboard Connect™ system, which is the best assurance that the system is working as intended," Public Information Officer Kristi Wyatt said. "Looking back at how the city managed this recent storm, we're confident that in other urgent situations we will be prepared and able to minimize any negative impact."

League City's communication and emergency management efforts are highlighted in the April issue of American City and County Magazine. If you would like to sign up or edit your information in the Blackboard Connect™ System log onto www.leaguecity.com and click on the Blackboard Connect™ tab on the home page.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Camp By The Creek

Summer is a time to play in the sun, exercise, and swim! Where can your children do all of this? Camp by the Creek! This year, camp will be held Monday through Friday from 9 am until 4 p.m. Extended care is available for an additional fee. Our energetic and talented camp staff entertains the children with different programs, arts and crafts, games, field trips, and outdoor activities. Camp is designed for children ages 6-12. There will be five, two week sessions of camp held at CCISD schools from June 6 to August 12, 2011 for a total of 10 full weeks of fun! The fee is \$200 for residents and \$220 for non-residents per two week session. There is a \$10 discount for an additional child. Extended care is an additional \$20 per session, per child. A non-refundable \$50 deposit (per session) will secure your child a place at Camp by the Creek. Deposits and payments are not transferable toward other sessions in the event of cancellations. All balances for each session are due the MONDAY prior to the start of a new session. If payment is not received, another camper will be called off a waiting list to take your camper's slot.

Walk in registration is open to League City residents only on Tuesday, April 26, 2011, from 2p.m. - 7 p.m. (or until all slots are filled) at the Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center, 400 West Walker Street. Then from April 27 - May 2, League City Residents may register at the Parks Recreation Office (200 North Park Avenue - League Park) if slots are still available. League City Residents and Non-Residents may register from May 3 - June 3, at the Parks Recreation Office (if slots are still available). Call Jenna for more information at (281) 554-1184, or e-mail her at jenna.simsen@leaguecity.com.

Youth Programs

The Parks and Recreation Office offers a number of spring and summer programs for youth. For a complete list log onto www.leaguecity.com/parks

Special Events

EGG HUNT

Come join the League City Parks Recreation Department, along with the Knights of Columbus #9310 for our Annual Egg Hunt. The hunt begins promptly at 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 17, at the Chester L. Davis Sportsplex. This event is free for children ages toddler through 12 years. Please call William for more information at (281) 554-1195, or e-mail him at william.morris@leaguecity.com.

JULY 4TH CITIZEN APPRECIATION DAY

Our annual July 4th celebration will be held on Monday, July 4, from 11:30 am until 4 p.m., at League Park. The Mayor, City Council, Parks Board, and Parks Recreation staff members will be serving free refreshments in appreciation of the citizens of League City. There will be live music and other live entertainment. Please call Jenna for more information at (281) 554-1184, or e-mail her at jenna.simsen@leaguecity.com.

Aquatics

LEAGUE CITY SWIMMING POOL

The pool opens on May 28, at 1 p.m., for the first day of the season! League City residents will swim all summer with the purchase of a \$10 season swim pass. Passes can be purchased at the Parks Recreation Office with a copy of your current water bill or tax bill. Be sure to bring proof of age for all children's passes purchased. Any child under the age of ten will not be allowed entry unless accompanied by an adult. Please note: League City resident and non-resident swim passes will be available at the Parks Recreation Office (200 North Park Avenue - League Park) May 3 - May 27. After May 27, swim passes will need to be purchased at the pool during open swim hours. The fee is \$10 per person for residents. Non-residents pay \$85 for a family of four and \$20 for each additional family member. For those who choose not to purchase a summer pass, the fee is \$2 for those ten years of age and older and \$1.50 for children nine and under.

SWIMMING LESSONS - AMERICAN RED CROSS

Most Classes - Eight, 30 minute lessons: \$40 League City Residents and \$45 Non-Residents
Preschool, Advanced Swim Level Classes, and Adult Classes: \$50 League City Residents and \$55 Non-Residents

Place:

League City Municipal Pool, 450 West Walker Street

Lesson times:

Monday - Thursday, for 2 weeks, 8 classes total
Morning, Afternoon, & Evening Classes Available. View the schedule at www.leaguecity.com/parks

Walk-in Registration:

League City Residents may register starting May 3, at the Parks Recreation Office (200 North Park Avenue - League Park) during regular office hours. Non-Residents may register starting May 10, at the Parks Recreation Office (200 North Park Avenue - League Park) during regular office hours. Swimming Lesson registration will continue through the entire summer until August 1 (the start of the final session).

Call-in Registration:

None; Call John for more information at (281) 554-1185, or e-mail him at john.orsag@leaguecity.com.

HELEN HALL LIBRARY

Princess And The Pea

On Tuesday, April 19, Helen Hall Library is sponsoring Express Children's Theatre's production of *Princess and the Pea*, a bilingual (Spanish/English) show set in Mexico. This is a charming adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen classic. The Prince must marry a real Princess before his next birthday or he will lose the throne, and the only way to tell if a girl is a real princess is to have her take a test!

There will be two shows at 6:30 and 7:30 pm. Seating is limited. Free tickets will be passed out 15 minutes before the show. The second showing usually has more available seats.

Summer Reading Program

Summer reading fun begins on Saturday, June 4, when reading logs for children of all ages and teens may be picked up at the Helen Hall Library or printed from the library website at www.leaguecitylibrary.org. No registration is required for any summer library programs.

The big kickoff program will be Thursday, June 9, with entertainer, Julian Franklin, presenting *Dip Up a Good Book with Simple Machines*. There will be two shows at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Seating is limited. Free tickets will be passed out 15 minutes before the show.

Full programming begins on Monday, June 13, with *Crazy Mondays* for children entering 1st to 5th grades. *Friday Frolic* and story times for children ages birth to those entering kindergarten also begin this week. Teens will be filming short videos, sampling food and doing activities from other countries, and playing board and electronic games. More details and information about these and other summer programs may be found in the summer brochure, which will be available in May at the library and online at www.leaguecitylibrary.org.

Friends Annual Meeting & Friends Book Sale

The Friends of the Helen Hall Library will hold their Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 12 at 5 p.m. before the start of the Book Sale. All Friends members are encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Liz Hopkins at (281) 554-1106.

The Friends of the Helen Hall Library Book Sale will be held May 12, 13 & 14. The Friends membership drive begins Thursday, May 12 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Become a member of the **Friends of the Helen Hall Library** in order to shop on May 12. The book sale opens to the general public on Friday, May 13 from 10a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and on Saturday, May 14 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Please bring donated books to Helen Hall Library in a bag or box marked 'Book Sale'. For more information please call Liz Hopkins at (281) 554-1106.

The Friends of the Helen Hall Library, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to fostering wider recognition, use and support of the Helen Hall Library. Proceeds benefit the Helen Hall Library, 100 West Walker, League City, TX 77573.

Please Welcome The Newest Helen Hall Library Staff Members

Amelia Chau is the new Electronic Services Librarian and Selenia Paz is the new Outreach Librarian. Ms. Chau has previously worked in a public library as a systems administrator/webmaster. She has 17 years



of library experience in library systems, technology, and reference. She received her Master's Degree from the University of North Texas. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading, and working out. Ms. Paz graduated from Texas Women's University and came to Helen Hall Library from a Harris County Public Library where she presented bilingual story times, among other tasks. You may call Ms. Paz at 281-554-1133 to arrange for a story time at your preschool or child care



center. She is currently setting up outreach visits for the summer months.

LEAGUE CITY CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The League City Citizens Police Academy (CPA) is presented by the League City Police Department to instruct attendees in the philosophy, values and the day-to-day operations of the department. The focus is on HOW and WHY members of the department perform their various duties. The program is held on Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and lasts for 15 weeks.

We are currently accepting applications for the next class to begin August 11, 2011. Applicants must be employed in or be a resident of the City of League City and must be at least 18 years of age. Applicants must be in good standing in the community and must not have any previous criminal convictions and have a valid Texas Drivers License. Applications can be downloaded from our website at www.lcpd.com. For more information, call Officer Christy Galyean at (281) 338-8201.



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EMERGENCY Police, Fire, Medical	911
Police Department (non-emergency)	281.332.2566 www.lcpd.com
City Hall	281.554.1000 www.leaguecity.com
City Hall Non-Emergency Information Line	311
Fire Department (non-emergency)	281.554.1465 www.lcvfd.com
Fire Marshal Office	281.554.1290
Helen Hall Library	281.554.1111 www.leaguecitylibrary.org
Parks & Recreation Department	281.554.1188 www.leaguecity.com
Mosquito Control (Galveston County)	281.534.2726 www.co.galveston.tx.us/mosquito_control
Trash Collection	281.585.3200
Animal Control	281.332.2566 www.leaguecityanimalshelter.com
Municipal Court	281.554.1060
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 "Weekly Update".
- Council Meetings are also streamed live at www.leaguecity.com and archived at www.leaguecitycouncilvideos.com.

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