

OCTOBER 2012 CITY MATTERS



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It's been a great summer in League City. Your city government is keeping its promises to you by protecting your pocketbook, building for our community's future, and finding ways to encourage you to get involved in making League City a better place. First things first: One of my commitments to you when I was elected mayor last year was that I would work with City Council and staff to make sure we take good care of your tax dollars. We've kept our word, and the proof is coming in your annual property tax statement – for the third straight year, we've reduced League City's property tax rate. Our city's property tax rate is now

the lowest it's been since 1985, thanks to a budget that holds the line on spending and keeps us in line as one of the most frugal cities in the Houston area. What makes League City special isn't just the fact that we've cut taxes three times in a row, saving the average homeowner more than \$100. What makes us special is we're continuing to improve our service delivery and build for a better future. About half of our budget for the 2013 fiscal year (which began October 1) is capital investment: streets, drainage, water and sewer lines, parks and trails. We're moving to construct a new public safety building to house our police department, fire administration and emergency management in quarters hardened to withstand a Category 5 hurricane. Meanwhile, we're dedicating substantial investment to securing additional water supply – thankfully, 2012 brought more rain than 2011, but we cannot overlook the importance of making sure our residents and businesses have enough water today and into the future.

Water, streets, drainage, parks and other major projects are an absolute necessity if we're to remain a healthy, growing community. Even through the toughest economic times since the Great Depression, the Houston-area economy remained buoyant, and we're now seeing increased interest from the development community (including the recent announcement that Studio Movie Grill is coming to League City!). Our challenge is to make sure we don't repeat the mistakes made during the last decade, when growth came so quickly that it outstripped our ability to keep up and provide optimal levels of service in basic areas like drinking water and traffic management. I'm proud of the push our City Council has made to look at limiting or regulating growth so that it occurs at a pace our community can accommodate – and afford. I'm also proud of the work we're doing to build community in League City. Leaders Make Readers, our new partnership with CCISD and the League City Chamber of Commerce is taking

off with increased participation as we start a new school year. In its first year, September's "Boogie, Blues and Brews" festival drew some 13,000 people to Walter Hall Park and generated positive statewide attention for League City. And we've just announced creation of the new Art Hewitt Volunteer Spirit Award, to be given each August to a community volunteer in recognition of the late Mr. Hewitt, who passed away earlier this year after dedicating more than 60 years of service to the League City Volunteer Fire Department. Like I said, it's been a great summer and there's plenty more to look forward to. For more on what's happening in League City, remember to keep tuned to Channel 16 on Comcast, and visit leaguecity.com for the latest information. Have a safe and happy fall, everyone.

Timothy Paulissen, Mayor

LEAGUE CITY NOVEMBER ELECTION

The City of League City's General-Special Election is set for Tuesday, November 6, 2012, voters will have the opportunity to cast their ballots for City Council Members for Positions #3, #4 and #5 for a three-year term each. Residents will also have the opportunity to vote on several propositions for the amendment of the City Charter, including possibly changing the terms for councilmembers, deciding whether or not the Mayor should be a voting member of Council and also deciding whether or not the City should continue to use photographic traffic enforcement after their contract with the current provider ends. A list of all of the propositions and an explanation of the ballot language can be found on the City website at www.leaguecity.com/election2012.

Early voting for those League City voters who live in Galveston County will be held at the North Galveston County Building, 174 Calder Road from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, October 22 - 26, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 27,

between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 28, and between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, October 29 - November 2.

Early voting for those League City voters who reside in Harris County will be held at locations as determined by Harris County between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, October 22-26, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 27, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. and on Sunday, October 28, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, October 29 - November 2, 2012.

For information on mail-in ballots visit our website at www.leageucity.com/election2012 or call the City Secretary's Office at 281-554-1030. See page two for candidate information and page three for a complete list of polling location.. Stay updated online at www.leaguecity.com/election2012.

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MEET THE CANDIDATES

All candidates were sent a questionnaire including these three questions.

1. Why did you decide to run for League City Council?
2. What skills and experience do you have that would be of value to a League City Council member?
3. Please describe what you believe are the three most important challenges, opportunities or issues facing League City in the next three years.

Several other candidates have filed for a place on the ballot; however, we did not receive their information by the required deadline.

For a complete list of candidates, log on to www.leaguecity.com/election2012

POSITION 4 JOHN BABCOCK



1. The current council has shown an inability to distinguish between wants and needs. I have watched money – our tax dollars – being spent without proper questioning of the actual need. I don't

leadership experience that this council needs.
 3. A. Lack of budgetary restraint from overpayments to former employees to spending over a hundred thousand dollars to move a single tree, the current council has shown a complete lack of restraint in spending our tax dollars. We continue to borrow money for projects that can wait until our economy has turned around and the city is receiving more tax revenue.
 B. Taxes. The city needs desperately to attract businesses in order to increase the tax base. The majority of undeveloped property in League City is on the west side, and the vast majority of this property is not adjacent to a major thoroughfare. The current 125 million dollar road improvement plan does not address how to best attract necessary businesses which can pay for these projects.
 C. Priorities. This council has shown a complete lack of ability to differentiate between wants and needs. Everything that the city council does requires money. During austere times that pool of money is very low. We have to prioritize everything proposed into wants and needs. We need water, but is there a real need to update parks? Do we need a new jail or can we update the existing one for much less?

have any problems asking the hard questions and seeking out alternatives to simply trying to spend every available dime we have. I have watched our city council for several years simply agree to every proposal without questioning them.
 2. I could list the campaigns that I've assisted or the party conventions I've worked but none of those things really help develop the leadership qualities that are needed on our council. My leadership skills were developed during my twenty-three years in the Navy (retired MCPO). I added business skills as the production/plant manager for Kenwood Systems. With this experience in both the government and private sectors, I have the

POSITION 4 JAY EWEND



1. I tell my children all the time, don't become part of the problem, become part of the solution! I believe that the citizens of League City and The Main Street Merchants are tired of surveys and cheap talk. DEEDS NOT WORDS! The time

Ewend). Like Warren Buffett says.. "Hire bright people and get out of their way!" We, the citizens, voted for a City Manager form of government. Let the bright people at City Hall do their job and earn their pay! :)
 3. Water: No more roof tops until we can figure out how to supply 85,000 people with water. We need to import more money into League City than we export. Stay home, shop local, and invite out of town guests to League City. We have a lot to offer; The Butler Longhorn Museum, One Room School House, Butler's Courtyard, Tad Akers, Unique Shops, and Great Restaurants. We also have NASA, Grand old Opera House, Galveston Beach, Kemah Boardwalk, Nolan Ryan Baseball Exhibit, and major sports teams just 30 minutes away. STAY...PLAY... SAVE IN LEAGUE CITY! Teach our children how to respect EVERYONE! BY EXAMPLE.

has come to put a shovel in the dirt, and turn America around. Wall Street got us in this mess; Main Street will get us out of this mess.
 2. My grandmother always told me; never try to outsmart common sense. I have a lot of common sense. I have always surrounded myself with smarter people (yes... I got lucky and married up Dr. Jean McAtee-

The November 6, 2012 election is just around the corner. Here are some important dates to remember.

- October 22, 2012 is the first day of early voting.
- October 30, 2012 is the last day to apply for ballot by mail.
- November 2, 2012 is the last day of early voting.
- November 6, 2012 is election day.

POSITION 4 TODD KINSEY



1. We live in League City because it's a great place to live. Whether you love the casual Gulf Coast atmosphere, the schools, the friendly people, the proximity to Houston or some other reason - there's a lot to love about League City. That being said, we are spending money we don't have and running up massive debt to pay for it; repeating the same mistakes Washington is making. That's why I'm running for city council.

city's ever-growing demand for water. I pledge to work with city staff to find a more secure source of water that leaves us less dependent upon other cities to meet our needs. The second major issue facing

2. After spending five years in the Army, where I was decorated for my leadership during the Gulf War, I spent the next fifteen years in sales and project management before entering politics. During this time I coached at League City Little League, held leadership positions with numerous Republican organizations, and served on several city boards and committees. Because of my service to the city, I am the candidate most qualified to hit the ground running.
 3. The City's water supply issue is, and will continue to be, the biggest issue facing the citizens of League City. Unfortunately we're reliant upon the City of Houston and to a lesser extent, Pasadena to supply our

League City is that our debt has increased by 65 % in the last two years. We all know that when times are tough, we have to tighten our belts. Finally the silver lining to the downturn in the economy is that it has given League City a chance to evaluate what it has been doing right and find areas where we can improve. One of the areas where we can improve is to attract tourists to our beautiful city. I pledge my support to make an investment into the League City Historic District and the new Entertainment District. By creating destinations for people to visit, we expand our tax base and increase sales tax revenue to the city, lessening the burden on our residents.

POSITION 5 GERI BENTLEY



1. We moved to League City 13 years ago because we liked what we saw as a community, good schools, good infrastructure, shopping and great neighborhoods. I have always been an active participant in my community and have observed some issues that can be improved upon. I believe the City should be run as an efficient and compassionate business.
 2. As a small business owner since 1989 I have experience in dealing with employee and client relations, balancing a company budget and checkbook, ordering and managing inventory, accounts receivable and payable and designing projects. As a Property Manager I leased, repaired and remodeled, residential and commercial properties. Prepared budgets, reviewed contracts, ordered materials and coordinated sub-contractors. My experience in working in several large major corporations has taught me how to work well with people.
 3. (a) Establishing an open and transparent line of communication between City Council and the Citizens. Allow open and public forums for Citizens input on issues that affect their

neighborhoods and overall quality of life.
 (b) Putting big ticket items on the ballot for voters to decide, i.e. red light cameras, and not obligating the taxpayers to millions of dollars of debt through Certificates of Obligation, and not sending fired city employees out with thousands of taxpayers' dollars (golden parachutes).
 (c) Effectively managing our cities growth, we need long and short term goals especially in the area of water and infrastructure. We need to encourage a brisk business and retail climate that will supplement our tax base and I will work to reduce our debt.
 I believe our City has great potential with the right leaders we can achieve incredible progress, keeping in mind our government should be for the people and by the people.

ELECTION POLLING LOCATIONS

On Election Day Galveston County residents may cast their ballots at any polling place within the County including the locations listed below in League City. Harris County residents should log onto the City's website for information on Election Day voting:

Creekside Intermediate, 4320 W. Main, FM518
 Dominion Church, 401 Landing Blvd
 Bauerschlag Elementary, 2051 Brittany Bay
 North County Annex, 174 Calder Road
 League City Civic Center, 400 West Walker Street
 Clear Creek Intermediate, 2305 East Main Street

For more information on the election and updates on polling places log onto

www.leaguecity.com/election2012

LCVFD NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Ever wonder who makes up the League City Fire Department? Your fire department is made up of community members just like you. The League City Volunteer Fire Department is staffed entirely by volunteer firefighters living within our city. Our only paid employees are Chief Goudie and our Administrative Assistant, Tamara Boegler. We serve out of five fire stations located throughout League City, so each member is protecting his or her own family, neighbors, and community. Our firefighters come from all walks of life: nurses, engineers, retirees, stay at home parents, college students, pilots, shift workers, truck drivers; you name it, we've got it. Our youngest firefighter is 18 and our oldest is 65.

What makes a good firefighter? People who are willing to commit to a team, work hard, and never stop learning what makes good firefighters. It takes different sizes and different skills to do the many different tasks. There is a certain amount of physical fitness required. We won't ask you to run a marathon, but you will have to work in confined spaces, crawl and climb, carry, smash, use delicate tools, and talk to strangers. Applicants should be aware that firefighting is one of the most dangerous professions for good reason, but know that we take safety very seriously and never put anyone in harm's way without understanding the risks and rewards. We wholeheartedly acknowledge that different people bring different capabilities. If you feel called to serve your community, we'd like to talk to

you. Feel free to ask a firefighter, if you have any questions about what it takes.

How much does it cost? Nothing. The League City Volunteer Fire Department provides all the equipment, uniforms, training, and physicals. You will use your own vehicle to get to and from the firehouse, though.

How do I become a volunteer firefighter? To volunteer for LCVFD, you must apply and interview. A thorough background check will be performed, and you will be referred for a physical. If you are then recommended for membership, we will send you through our fire academy, which is a combination of online coursework and hands-on training. This year's fire academy will begin in early 2013 and will require skills training on alternate weekends for several months. During this time, we encourage our cadets to attend additional training and get to know both the firefighters and the equipment at their home station. Being a fire cadet for LCVFD is a pretty serious time commitment. Once that training is complete, we require a certain minimum level of participation, but allow a huge amount of flexibility regarding when and how that participation is contributed.

If you would like more information you may pick up an application in person from Station 1, located at 601 Second St, visit our webpage at www.lcvfd.com or contact Patricia McIntosh, Vice President and Membership Coordinator at patricia.mcintosh@leaguecity.com.

WATER METER CHANGEOUT

In July, the city started replacing the 28,000 plus water meters with a new meter reading system. This wireless system will incorporate an antenna on two water towers versus the current drive-by system. As a wireless system, the water meters will be read on a four hour basis which will enable better tracking of a customer's usage. In addition, this system is equipped with a leak detection flag. Overall, this new technology enables our staff to inform our customers of leaks and their past usage on a timelier basis.

Please note, the uniformed installers will only work within the city's right-of-way, never in your home/business. They will be replacing the old meter with a new Sensus meter. These Sensus meters are not "smart meters". Sensus meters do not tell the City where the water is used, nor can the water be limited or turned off by these meters. The

installation work will begin with a phone call from the city on our Blackboard Connect system. Please be sure you are signed up for Blackboard Connect from the City's website. With this, you will be able to know when the installer will be at your location. The water meter will be replaced with minimum time loss of water service. These replacements will not affect your water bill. At the time of the replacement, your water bill will reflect two consumptions; old consumption from your previous meter reading to the date of replacement and the new consumption from the date of replacement to the billing cycle reading date.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your utility billing department at (281) 554-1335 or review our information on the city's website: www.leaguecity.com/meterreplacement.

SUPPORT LOCAL CRIME VICTIMS AND LCPD COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS!

The League City Police Department is hosting its annual golf tournament fundraiser Monday, October 29. Monies raised allow the police department to provide Community Outreach Services throughout our community. It also provides funding to victims of child abuse/domestic violence in times of need, and families displaced by fire or other exigent circumstances.

Donating to and participating in our golf tournament is a positive way to support the local community.

Please consider participation at one of the following levels:

Chief Sponsor: \$1,500 (Large banner; Hole Sponsor; One four-person golf team; Recognition in local media, Channel 16 and LCPD.com; 20 raffle tickets)

Captain Sponsor: \$1,000 (Small banner; Cart Path Sign; Three complimentary players; Recognition in local media, Channel 16, and LCPD.com; 12 raffle tickets)

Lieutenant Sponsor: \$500 (Small banner; two complimentary players; Recognition on Channel 16 and LCPD.com; 6 raffle tickets)

Hole Sponsor: \$250 (Hole Sponsor sign placed at tee box; Promote your business at the hole with give-aways, games)

Cart Path Sponsor: \$150 (Sponsor sign on cart path)

Door Prizes: We will graciously accept door prizes valued at \$20+

For more information, please contact Officer Christy Galyean (281) 338-8201 (christy.galyean@lcpd.com) or Officer Reagan Pena (281) 338-4176 (reagan.pena@lcpd.com).



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2012 HOLIDAY MAGIC LEAGUE CITY

WHERE THE MAGIC OF THE HOLIDAY BEGINS...
NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 22, 2012
WWW.HOLIDAYMAGIC.COM

- Gingerbread House/Breakfast with Santa at South Shore Harbour Resort
 - Festival of Trees/Pictures with Santa at South Shore Harbour Resort
 - Toys for Tots Softball Tournament at Big League Dreams
 - Walk with Santa at South Shore Harbour Fitness Center
 - Cowboy Christmas at Butlers Longhorn Museum
 - Tad Akers Holiday Christmas Concert
 - Rotary Club Polar Bear Plunge
 - International Christmas Tree with Perry Family YMCA
- ...and more!

HISTORIC HOMES TOUR

LEAGUE CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HISTORIC HOMES TOUR

Saturday, December 8, 2012

10:00am - 5:00pm

Advance Tickets: \$13.00 - Day of Event: \$15.00

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

The Fig Preserving Plant/Ruhl Home - 495 Coryell St.

The Josh McFaddin/Pena Home - 924 Second St.

The McKee/Giessler Home - 1004 Third St.

The Polanco Home - 316 E. Wilkins St.

Butler Longhorn Museum/Former Hall Home - 1220 Coryell West Bay Common School

Children's Museum - 210 N. Kansas Ave.

Tickets available at:

West Bay Common School Children's Museum,

Book Haven, Park Avenue Showplace, Nana's Attic,

The Milk Pail, Butler Longhorn Museum & League City Chamber of Commerce

For more information call: 281-554-2994

JOIN US AT THE LIGHTING OF THE TREE AND LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE

The annual Holiday Open House with Santa will be held on Thursday, November 29, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Helen Hall Library and will be followed by the Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6:30 p.m. The lighting of the tree is co-sponsored by the Knights of Columbus #9310 and the Parks Recreation Department. This event will be held on Thursday, November 29, at 6:30 p.m. Come join us for caroling at the Tree in front of Helen Hall Library with our special guest, Santa! Call Chris for more information at (281) 554-1180, or email him at chris.saddler@leaguecity.com.



FESTIVAL OF THE TREES

Friday November 30 - December 20, 2012

South Shore Harbour Resort

14TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

Friday November 30, Saturday December 1 and Sunday December 2, 2012

League Park, 512 2nd Street, League City

Grand Parade: Saturday December 1, 2012 at 5 PM

LEAGUE CITY HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE

Saturday, December 8, 2012 • South Shore Harbour Marina, League City

HOLIDAY MAGIC GOLF CART PARADE

Saturday December 15, 2012 • South Shore Harbour Boulevard

FOR A FULL LIST OF EVENTS VISIT
WWW.LEAGUECITYHOLIDAYMAGIC.COM



LCPD BLUE SANTA PROGRAM

The League City Police Department is gearing up for the 2012 Blue Santa Program. This program is organized by police officers and League City Volunteer Fire Department firefighters with assistance from other city departments, area businesses, civic groups, and community members.

Our goal is to provide in need children and families the magic and joy of the Christmas season. We have partnered with Esteban's Café and Cantina and Walmart to host our third annual "Shop with a Cop/Firefighter" event. All children selected live in League City. The families are interviewed to determine the scope of their needs. On the day of the event, children pair up with League City Police Officers and Firefighters to pick out toys and clothing of their choice.

This program is run solely on monetary donations. We do NOT accept toys, clothing, or stuffed animals. The amount of funding received determines the number of children sponsored. We are accepting Walmart gift cards, cash, or checks. If you

would like to make a monetary donation, it can be made out to "LCPD Blue Santa" and mailed or dropped off at the police department:
ATTN: Blue Santa,
500 W Walker Street,
League City, TX 77573.

Be a part of the Blue Santa Program, your generosity directly impacts children in our community!

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Officer Reagan Pena at 281-338-4176 (reagan.pena@lcpd.com) or Officer Christy Galyean at 281-338-8201 (christy.galyean@lcpd.com).



HAVING A SMOKE ALARM ISN'T ENOUGH

A recent study in Public Health Reports reported that 95% of surveyed households had at least one installed smoke alarm. At virtually the same time, NFPA Journal reported the deaths of nine children and one adult in a fire-in a building with two installed smoke alarms. These two stories, one encouraging and one dismaying, show the danger of believing that if we just install a smoke alarm, our family is safe. Here's what went wrong in that tragic fire:

- There were no batteries in either of the two smoke alarms.
- Three of the adults in the home tried to douse the fire themselves before calling 9-1-1, delaying the fire department's response. Your smoke alarm can only alert you if it's working.
- The same Public Health Reports study found that only 15% of households tested their alarms once a month.
- During visits to homes equipped with

at least one installed smoke alarm, it was found that in 1 of every 5 homes, not a single alarm was working.

- Non-working alarms are usually due to missing, disconnected or dead batteries.
- A working smoke alarm can only protect you if you get out when it sounds. Don't delay!
- Have an escape plan and practice it. Only 52% of homes reported having a fire escape plan. Even fewer, 16% of homes with such a plan, reported practicing it every six months, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and the National Fire Protection Association. Getting out only protects you if you stay out.
- As part of your home exit plan, have an outside meeting place. Don't go back inside for anything.
- When the fire service arrives, tell them: *if everyone is outside and at the meeting place.*
- Anything you know about how the fire started and its location.
- About any pets that may still be inside

LEAGUE CITY IS GETTING NEW FLOOD MAPS

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and its study contractors have been working on bringing new digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) to Galveston County. The project has been in the works for years now, and the new maps will have better information than what the current maps from 1999 show as far as floodplain boundaries and elevations. Citizens will be given an opportunity to comment on the preliminary maps before they are finalized. FEMA and its contractors have developed a website that compares the current FIRM to the preliminary FIRM that is due out a little later this year. Citizens can visit the following website for more information: <http://maps.riskmap6.com/>. It is critical for citizens to understand that the City of League City is still regulating under the current 1999 maps until the new digital FIRMs are officially final. Visit the League City

Building Department if you're interested in finding out where your property is located on the current FIRM so you can help determine your flooding risk. You can see the current FEMA maps in more detail on the League City website at www.leaguecity.com. If you have any questions on any of the maps, please contact the Building Department. The City is planning a comprehensive outreach program for the benefit of the citizens to help them understand these maps and how they may affect development regulations and flood insurance.

FIRMs are used by insurance agents to rate a structure for flood insurance. The flood maps are also FEMA's way of depicting the floodplains to community officials so they can enact measures to protect their citizens. A floodplain (or special flood hazard area) is the normally dry area, usually low land adjacent to a watercourse that is inundated on a

periodic basis with flood waters. Floodplains are natural features that serve to detain storm water from invading urbanized areas due to overwhelmed drainage systems. The current flood zones within League City, as shown on the 1999 FIRMs, primarily trail along the following boundaries: Clear Creek to the north, Galveston Bay to the east, Benson Bayou and Geisler Bayou to the south central, Dickinson Bayou to the southwest, and Clear Creek to the north. The city also has numerous secondary watersheds and other drainage features that carry water across the city.

The main water sources are the Dickinson Bayou watershed, Clear Creek watershed, and Galveston Bay. The city's location in the Gulf Coastal Plain makes it susceptible to riverine flooding and coastal flooding, as well as urban flooding such as low lying areas, street flooding, and flash flooding. In recent years, two major events

have affected League City: Hurricane Ike in September 2008 and localized heavy rainfall on two separate occasions in April 2009. Hurricane Ike's effects were due to the storm surge coming from Galveston Bay. The damage from the events in April 2009 was a result of heavy rainfall and widespread flooding. A flood gauge located at FM 528 and Clear Creek in League City recorded a total of 6.02 inches in a one-hour time period. Real time river gauge information can be accessed at www.usgs.gov.

Water quality is improved through the filtering of nutrients and impurities from runoff. Floodplains also provide conveyance which reduces flood velocities and flood peaks. They provide open space and areas for active and passive uses. One unique feature about League City is its numerous live oak trees that were planted in the late 1870s. Besides creating a quaint atmosphere in the city, the

live oak trees also reduce storm water runoff in urban areas by up to 17%. The canopy of a single large live oak can intercept up to 28% of a major rainfall, thereby reducing the effects of flooding. For more information on how the trees benefit League City, please visit the League City Historical Society website: <http://www.leaguecityhistory.org/liveoak.php>.

It is illegal in League City to dump any type of debris into a stream or drainage ditch. Debris can become entangled in culverts and streambeds, and impede drainage causing the flow of water to back up. Citizens should do their part to keep ditches free of debris, and not to allow grass clippings, oil, and other contaminants from getting in storm sewer inlets. Debris dumping should be reported to the League City Helpline by calling 3-1-1 or by filling out a report online via the Citizen Request Tracker.

Citizens can obtain flood information such as flood zone determinations, copies of Flood Insurance Rate Maps, Flood Insurance Studies (FIS), letters of map changes, mandatory flood insurance requirements, floodplain development regulations and ordinances, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), and permit information from the League City Building Department. Some elevation certificates of structures built in the floodplain are on file at the League City Building Department. Copies are available upon request.

The most important thing to know is that regardless of where you live in League City, in a designated floodplain or not, you are at risk for flooding. The fact is that everyone, regardless of location, lives in a flood zone. As hurricane season heats up and the rains come our way, please do your best to protect your property, your pets, and yourself.



PROJECT IN OUR COMMUNITY

You may have noticed new signs placed on the sewage openings around your neighborhood. These acrylic discs say "This is not a garbage can, flows to Galveston bay"

League City Boy Scout Troop #9310 volunteered their time to this project and in turn, received credit hours towards their scout program.

The scouts, led by David Tickell, League City's Traffic Control Supervisor,

went into Bay Colony neighborhoods and using adhesive, permanently placed over 250 signs on sewer openings in the City.

The project was completed in hopes of raising community awareness about the important of clean waterways that drain to Galveston Bay.

Thank you to Boy Scout Troop #9310 and David Tickell for making this project a success!



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS—THERES AN APP FOR THAT!

There are mobile websites and apps for just about everything these days – including emergency preparedness and safety.

Whether you prefer Apple, Android, or Blackberry, you can find a number of apps designed to help your family prepare for and recover from emergencies. FEMA designed an app that contains preparedness information for different types of disasters, an interactive checklist for emergency kits, a section to plan emergency meeting locations, a map with FEMA Disaster Recovery Center locations (one-stop centers where disaster survivors can access key relief services), and much more.

The US Department of Health and Human Services has a Facebook app that allows you to update your status in

an emergency status list to keep friends and family informed of your well being. The American Red Cross has three apps – Hurricane, Shelter Finder, and First Aid. Residents all along the Gulf Coast relied on the Shelter Finder app to locate a safe place to stay while Hurricane Isaac made landfall in Louisiana. In addition to these, there are countless weather, health and safety, and disaster-specific apps. There's even an app that has a Morse Code generator and an Emergency Pulse beacon. Some are free, some aren't – but the information is priceless. If apps aren't for you, be sure to check out League City's readiness website at www.ReadyLC.com or call the Office of Emergency Management at 281-554-1300 for emergency preparedness information and tips.



NEW RULES FOR SMOKE ALARMS

A bulletin from the Texas Department of Insurance reads as follows, "In May 2011, the Texas legislature passed House Bill 1168 (HB 1168), updating the Texas Property Code to require the installation of smoke alarms in ALL bedrooms for rental properties throughout the state. The new law requires that bedrooms of rental properties not already equipped with a smoke alarm be retrofitted not later than January 1, 2013."

The City of League City is bound by this rule and must comply with the Texas Property Code. The new law requires the OWNER of rental property to install the required alarms; however the TENANT is responsible for the maintenance (keeping clean, testing, and new batteries). Free home inspections for both tenant and owner occupied homes are available from the Fire Marshal's office upon request at 281-554-1290.

ONLINE TEST PREPARATION

Online Test Preparation is now available at Helen Hall Library. Helen Hall Library provides free home access to online tutorials on popular software programs. These include Microsoft Office suite courses as well as Windows and Mac Operating Systems Courses. Test preparation is also offered, including the ACT, SAT, AP, CLEP, THEA, and TOEFL exams. These resources are offered through

the Learning Express Library, which is accessed through the library's website. Go to www.leaguecitylibrary.org, mouse over the "eLibrary" tab, select "Databases A to Z" from the drop-down menu, and scroll down to "Learning Express." All city staff are welcome to register at the library front desk for free card, and encouraged to seek a librarian's assistance—either through email, over the phone, or in person—for any information or technology need.

HELEN HALL LIBRARY IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Helen Hall Library featured in "Tales from the Front" Patrons got AMP'd @ Helen Hall Library last year! Ms. Brewer's program, Abilities at Maximum Profit was featured in the journal Public Libraries (the official magazine of the Public Library Association). The program was created to meet the needs of creative entrepreneurs and the underemployed.

They included hands-on demonstrations of Etsy, Yahoo Contributor Network, Amazon Mechanical Turk, and basic HTML. Repeat presentations are under consideration for 2013. Interested citizens should email Ms. Brewer at jenny.brewer@leaguecity.com. Helen Hall Library is looking forward to increased capacity for services of this type as the library under goes strategic planning for the future.

HELEN HALL LIBRARY FRIENDS BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Helen Hall Library Book Sale will be held November 15, 16 & 17. The Friends membership drive begins Thursday, November 15 from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM. Become a member in order to shop on November 15. The book sale opens to the general public on Friday, November 16 from 10:00 AM-5:30 PM and on

Saturday, Nov. 17 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 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.

LEAGUE CITY PARKS RECREATION YOUTH PROGRAMS

LEAGUE CITY TEAM WINS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



Ranked No.1 in TEXAS 12u USFA (United States Fastpitch Association) with 1465 points, League City Xcel 99 headed out to the USFA World Series tournament located in Panama City Beach, Florida. The 12u division boasted the largest number of teams ever entered at 117 teams. Even though Xcel had an uphill battle they were no strangers to winning tournaments. Some of those recent notable tournament wins include, first place finishes in three NIT Qualifiers and winners of the 2011 Texas Fall USFA Texas State Championship.

Over the past year of the 2012 season Xcel 99 competed in over 20 select softball tournaments in Oklahoma, Louisiana, Florida and all over Texas. Xcel 99 wraps up their 12u campaign with a winning record of 118 games won and only 11 losses total.

The World Series roster was comprised of the following coaches and players; XCEL's coaching staff consist of Manager Recie Tisdale, Oscar Balderaz and James Ochoa.

XCEL's World Series roster was comprised of Kayla Tisdale, Emily Evans, Shea Smith, Allie Rich, Shante Davis, Dalyn Balderaz, Jordan McDonald, Alexis Barton, Taya Nicholas, Ryleigh Love, Lauren Ochoa and Nina Hernandez.

HOLIDAYS AT HELEN HALL LIBRARY



Celebrate the Holidays at Helen Hall Library! The Youth Services section of Helen Hall Library will be hosting a variety of activities for various

holidays. Teens will have a Zombie Fest on Friday, October 19, from 5:45 to 7:00 p.m. Elementary aged children are invited to a Haunted Theater on October 27 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. The afternoon will include making creepy crafts. Families are invited to Trick or Treat in the library on Halloween, October 31, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. During Thanksgiving week, teens will have Teen Iron Chef on Monday, November 19 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. On Tuesday,

November 20 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., elementary aged children may drop in to play video and board games with their friends. Games may include Super Mario Kart®, Kung Fu Panda®, and more. The annual Holiday Open House with Santa will be held on Thursday, November 29, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by the Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Teens will make Blending Ink Ornaments from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 8. A special preschool Holiday Story Time with cookie decorating will be held on Tuesday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m. and repeated on Wednesday, December 12 at 10:15 and 11:00 a.m. On Thursday, December 13 from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m., there will be Crazy Thursday Holiday Edition, where elementary aged children can hear a holiday story and decorate cookies. Build memories and make your holidays special. Celebrate the seasons at Helen Hall Library.

YOUTH BASKETBALL

This popular winter program will provide some healthy competitive sportsmanship for your child. It's sure to be a slam dunk! There are several different age divisions in the league (age is determined as of September 1, 2012).

Place: Local CCISD Gyms (to be determined)

Times: Games on Saturdays

January 5 - February 16, 2013

Fees: League City Residents \$80/Non-Residents \$95

Leagues: Division 1 and Division 2 available under TAAF regulations

Online registration will be available for League City residents by going to www.leaguecity.com. League City residents can register online from September 11 - September 24 (or until all slots are filled). Walk-in registration will also be held for League City residents September 11 - September 24, at the Parks Recreation Office during regular office hours (or until all slots are filled). Online registration will also be available for League City residents and Non-Residents by going to www.leaguecity.com. League City residents and Non-Residents can register online from September 25 - October 9 (if slots are still available). Walk-in registration will also be held for League City residents and Non-Residents September 25 - October 9, at the Parks Recreation Office during regular office hours (if slots are still available). Call Aaron for more information at (281) 554-1180, or email him at aaron.beck@leaguecity.com.

ASA GIRLS SPRING SOFTBALL

The League City Parks Recreation Department is preparing for its girl's ASA Spring Softball Program. The program will be open to girls ages 5-18. There are six (6) separate age divisions for this program. Practices will start in late January 2013. Games will begin the week of February 25, 2013. All games will be played on weeknights (Monday-Thursday). Online registration will be available for League City residents by going to www.leaguecity.com. League City residents can register online from November 20 - November 26 (or until all slots are filled). Walk-in registration will also be held for League City residents November 20 - November 26, at the Parks Recreation Office during regular office hours (or until all slots are filled). Online registration will also be available for League City residents and Non-Residents by going to www.leaguecity.com. League City residents and Non-Residents can register online from November 27 - December 10 (if slots are still available). Walk-in registration will also be held for League City residents and Non-Residents November 27 - December 10, at the Parks Recreation Office during regular office hours (if slots are still available). The fee is \$85 for League City residents, and \$100 for Non-Residents. Call John for more information at (281) 554-1180, or email him at john.orsag@leaguecity.com.

HARVEST FESTIVAL IN LEAGUE PARK

This year the Parks Recreation Department will again be hosting the Harvest Festival in League Park. It will take place on Saturday, October 27, from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. There will be activities for the entire family to participate in and enjoy. If you would like to set-up a booth, or if you would like to sign up for one of the activities please contact Chris. You can call him at (281) 554-1180, or email him at chris.saddler@leaguecity.com.

Schedule of events

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Arts & Craft Booths

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Costume Contest (Ages 0-12)

2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Pie Baking Contest (1 pie per contestant - Apple or Pumpkin)

2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Pet Costume Contest

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Pumpkin Carving Contest (Ages 8-14)



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