FALL 2019

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Parks & Recreation Guide

BEYOND THE OAKS

FLAG FOOTBALL
A fun way to stay active!
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How do I find the registration page?
Go to www.leaguecity.com/parks and click on the Online Program Registration icon.

How can I search through activities?
You can search activities by the type of activity, the activity age, the activity name, or you can scroll through the entire list of programs.

How do I register for a program?
New enrollees will need to set up an account in person at the Hometown Heroes Park recreation office. A valid ID and League City water bill will be required for League City residents and valid ID required for non-residents.

Is there in-person registration?
Yes, in-person registration will start at designated dates listed in brochure at the Recreation Office. (Phone and mail-in registrations are not accepted. A $25 service charge will be assessed for all returned checks).
Refund Policy
Request for refunds must be made in person prior to the first class, practice or activity. A 10% processing fee of the program cost will be charged for all refunds. However, 100% refunds are given for medical reasons (medical documentation is required).

Refunds are processed through the City of League City’s Finance Department and refunds should be received approximately 7 to 10 business days after the request has been made. Refunds will not be given once a program has started.

Waitlist Policy
Participants may be placed on a waitlist if a program has met its maximum capacity. Payment is not required to be placed on waitlist.

If spots become available, participants will be notified by phone or email. Participants should respond as soon as possible if notified of an opening in a program. The next available person on the waitlist will be notified if confirmation is not received within 24 hours.

Photo Policy
Photos taken during a City of League City program, event, or activity may be used in future department or City of League City promotional material.

Cancellation Policy
If an activity is canceled by League City Recreation Department due to inclement weather, the department will try to reschedule the activity. Additionally, any scheduled activity, class or program may be canceled if it is unable to generate minimum interest.

Americans With Disabilities Act
The Parks Recreation Department will make reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities who are interested in the programs offered in this brochure. Contact the Parks Recreation Department at least 48 hours in advance if an accommodation needs to be made.

The City of League City does not discriminate on the basis of religion, race, color, national origin, gender, age, or handicap in admission to, treatment in or employment in its program activities.

Information in this publication is subject to change. Classes, activities or programs falling on city holidays may be rescheduled.

Register online at www.leaguecitytx.gov/parks.

Hometown Heroes Park
1001 E. League City Pkwy.
League City, TX 77573
281-554-1180

Facilities Hours
Monday to Thursday.....7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday..........................7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Saturday.........................8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday.........................Noon to 6 p.m.

Mission Statement
Provide a diverse menu of quality recreation programs that address citizen needs, encourage community health and wellness, and promote a lifelong recreational lifestyle.
Hometown Heroes Park membership includes full use of open gym and aerobic classes. Memberships are valid for one year from purchase date. League City offers a 25 percent discount on annual memberships to active military and veterans and their immediate family members.

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**Hometown Heroes Park daily pass (open gym)**

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Ballroom Dance and Adaptive Recreation memberships are valid for specific programming.

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**Ballroom Dance**

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1. Lynn Gripton Park
100 Alderwood
This park consists of two softball fields, one soccer/football field, basketball pavilion, volleyball courts, numerous picnic areas, and playgrounds along the nature/fitness trail. Park may be reserved for company picnics, family gatherings, tournaments, and team practices.

2. Rustic Oaks Park
5101 Orange Blossom Ct.
This park features a small pavilion, volleyball court, tennis courts, practice field, fishing pond, trails, playground equipment, and bird viewing areas.

3. Newport Park
2398 N. Colonial Ct.
This park features a playground, picnic areas, and basketball courts.

4. Chester L. Davis Sportsplex
1251 Highway 96
This sports complex features a football field, volleyball courts, soccer fields, baseball fields, softball fields, and three pavilions for organized events.

5. City Pool
450 West Walker St.
Private parties are available at the Municipal Pool during designated times.

6. League Park
512 2nd St.
With a turn of the century theme, League Park features a band stand (gazebo), two basketball courts, picnic areas, benches, a boundless playground, and restrooms.

7. Helen’s Garden
701 E. Main St.
This garden features seasonal flowers, picnic benches.

8. Heritage Park
1220 Coryell St.
Park features playground, hike and bike trail, canoe/kayak launch, and fishing pond.

9. Dr. Ned & Fay Dudney Clear Creek Nature Center
1220 Egret Bay Blvd.
This recently opened park offers numerous opportunities for those who love to experience nature. Walk along the nature trails and spend some quiet time at the bird viewing areas. You will experience wildlife in its own natural setting.
10. League City Boat Ramp
1500 N. Egret Bay Blvd.
This park features a boat ramp and large parking lot under the FM 270 bridge on Clear Creek.

11. Bayridge Park
2913 Mariner Dr.
This park features a softball field, basketball courts, picnic areas, and a playground.

12. Hometown Heroes Park
1001 E. League City Pkwy.
Facility consists of a pool, three soccer fields, two basketball gyms, and a multi-use room; along the park grounds are walking trails and playground area. Gymnasiums and multi-use room can be reserved for private parties, business functions and sporting events.

13. Ghirardi Family Watersmart Park
1810 Louisiana Ave.
A 3.75-acre passive park dedicated to teaching citizens ways to conserve water use at home. Park features include a green roof pavilion, walking trails and a playground. Special conservation and educational features include rain gardens, outdoor classrooms, cisterns, and watersmart landscapes. The park is home to the over 100-year-old Compton Oak tree.

14. Big League Dreams Skate Park
1150 Big League Dreams Pkwy.

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**KEEP YOUR PARKS BEAUTIFUL**

- Report graffiti and vandalism. We need your help to keep your parks safe and beautiful. Call 281-332-2566 for non-emergency reporting.
- Pick up after Spot and Rover. No one likes those unexpected surprises stuck to the bottom of a clean shoe.
- Please keep pets on a leash
- Put litter in its place
- Respect foliage
- Recycle bottles and cans
- Watch out for those delicate shrubs and flowers
- Avoid playing on wet turf
- Playing on wet, pliable fields may ruin grass
- Glass containers are prohibited in the park, they can break easily and pose a danger to other park patrons.
- Please place used charcoal in designated areas. Hot coals may damage garbage cans and grass.
LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

(Not affiliated with the League City Parks and Recreation Department)

FOOTBALL
LC 49ers
DiNona McCray
832-646-4046
dinona04@gmail.com
Bay Area Panthers
Christina Dunn
832-455-8642
christian.dunn@lcpanthers.com

BASEBALL
LC Little League
Philicia Stem
281-794-4697
prstem14@comcast.net
LC Pony Colt
Brad Harris
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bharris066@comcast.net

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Gulf Coast Volleyball Association
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leaguecitysoftball@gmail.com

SOCCER
Space City Futbol Club
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Daniel Roy
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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

What is the Recreation Scholarship program?
Recreation promotes physical, mental and social well-being for our youth! The City of League City Recreation Scholarship Program is designed to help children in families with limited financial resources participate in recreation programs and activities offered through the Parks and Recreation Department.

Who qualifies?
To qualify for a scholarship discount, residency and income requirements must be met. Participants must reside in League City and live in a household that fits within the guidelines listed.

To sponsor a child in any of our youth recreation programs/activities or details regarding the application process, please contact Kenny Walsh at kenny.walsh@leaguecitytx.gov.

ADVERTISEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

1. Outfield Banner (6’ x 4’)
- $500 per year plus sign production fee
  • Chester L. Davis Sportsplex consist of 7 soccer fields, 4 softball fields, 6 volleyball courts and a football field (street visibility)
  • Lynn Gripon Park at Countryside consist of 1 soccer and 2 softball fields (street visibility)
  • Hometown Heroes Park consist of 4 soccer fields (street visibility) and an outdoor pool.
Estimates indicate more than 100,000 visitors frequent League City Parks Recreation facilities.

2. Beyond the Oaks seasonal brochure
- Full page ad - $1,000
- Half page ad - $600
- Quarter page ad - $350
The Beyond the Oaks brochure is printed in full color three times a year: Fall/Winter, Spring and Summer. The brochure can also be viewed at www.leaguecitytx.gov/parks and www.ccisd.net (E-flyers).

3. Teamsideline Website: www.teamsideline.com/leaguecity
- Link on website - $125 per month
- PDF flyer on website - $250 per month
Game schedules for League City programs are posted on www.teamsideline.com/leaguecity.

Coaches, parents and players consistently rely on this useful website.

The City of League City ranks 38th among ‘Texas’ 50 Safest Cities in 2019’ by SafeWise. League City has also made other lists: ‘Best Cities for Young Families’ and ‘Fastest Growing City’. Advertising in League City makes sense!
It’s important for parents to have quality care for their children when school is not in session. We offer a safe and fun environment for your school-aged children.

Thanksgiving Break Camp

Dates: Nov. 25 to 27
Time: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Ages 6 to 12

Residents
Fee: $75 | Registration begins: July 24
Non-residents
Fee: $112.50 | Registration begins: Aug. 7

Winter Break Camp

Registration begins
Residents: July 24
Non-residents: Aug. 7
Ages 6 to 12

Time: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Week 1: Dec. 23 to 27
(no camp on Dec. 24 and 25)
Resident fee: $75
Non-resident fee: $112.50

Week 2: Dec. 30 to Jan. 3, 2020
(no camp on Jan. 1, 2020)
Resident fee: $100
Non-resident fee: $150

Schools Out Camp

Dates: Oct. 14, Nov. 5 and Feb. 17, 2020
Time: 7 to 6 p.m.
Ages 6 to 12

Resident fee: $25 per day
Non-resident fee: $37.50 per day

Adaptive Recreation

Annual membership
Residents: $25
Non-residents: $37.50

Fee per class without membership
Residents: $1
Non-residents: $2

• Fitness Class: Mondays from noon to 12:45 p.m.
• Workshops: Tuesdays from noon to 1 p.m.
• Pickleball: 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
• Bocce ball and gardening can be done Monday through Friday
Classes are subject to change, please call 281-554-1180 to confirm class will be meeting.

Swim Lessons

Classes last 30 minutes
Sessions
Mondays and Wednesdays
Sept. 9 to Oct. 2
5:30 p.m., 6:10 p.m. and 6:50 p.m.

Residents
Fee: $50 | Registration begins: Aug. 7
Non-residents
Fee: $75 | Registration begins: Aug. 21

Water Aerobics

Membership, Daily Fitness or Fitness Punch card required for class participation.
Sessions
Mondays and Wednesdays
Sept. 9 to Oct. 2
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Adaptive Water Aerobics
4:30 to 5:15 pm

Open Gym Availability

Gym 1
Sept. 2 to Dec. 1
Fridays from 5 to 10 p.m.
Sundays from noon to 6 p.m.
Unavailable on Sept. 13, 20 and Oct. 18
H2K CLASSES
Registration begins
Residents: July 24
Non-residents: Aug. 7

Family and Me Lil Hip Hoppers
Ages 3 to 6
Every Monday from 6 to 6:45 p.m.
Fee: $120
- Sept. 9 to Oct. 14
- Oct. 28 to Dec. 16
(no class Nov. 11 and 25)
- Jan. 6 to Feb. 17, 2020
(no class Jan. 20, 2020)
- March 2 to April 13, 2020
(no class March 9, 2020)

Lil Hip Hoppers
Ages 4 to 7
Every Saturday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.
Fee: $78

Family and Me Kickboxing Jr.
Ages 3 to 6
Every Saturday from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.
Fee: $120

Sessions for both Lil Hip Hoppers and Family and Me Kickboxing Jr.:
- Sept. 21 to Oct. 26
- Nov. 2 to Dec. 21
(no class Nov. 30 and Dec. 14)
- Jan. 11 to Feb. 22, 2020
(no class Jan. 25, 2020)
- March 7 to April 18, 2020
(no class March 14, 2020)

Mini Chefs
Sessions: Mondays from 5 to 6:30 p.m. or 7 to 8:30 p.m.
- Sept. 9 to 30
- Oct. 7 to Nov. 4
(no class Oct. 14)
- Nov. 18 to Dec. 16
(no class Nov. 11 and 25)
- Jan. 6 to Feb.
(no class Jan. 20, 2020)
- Feb. 10 to March 16, 2020
(no class Feb. 17 and March 9, 2020)

Kids Night at the Rec
Time: 6 to 10 p.m.
Ages 6 to 12
Residents
Fee: $15 | Registration begins: July 24
Non-residents
Fee: $22.50 | Registration begins: Aug. 7

Sessions
- Sept. 20
- Oct. 18
- Nov. 15
- Dec. 6
- Jan. 17, 2020
- Feb. 14, 2020

Homeschool PE
Mondays and Wednesdays
Time: 1 to 2:30 p.m.
Pre-K to 12
Residents
Fee: $50 | Registration begins: July 24
Non-residents
Fee: $75 | Registration begins: Aug. 7

Sessions
- Sept. 4 to 30
- Oct. 2 to 30 (no class Oct. 14)
- Nov. 4 to Dec. 9
(no class Nov. 11, 25, and 27)
- Jan. 6 to Feb. 3, 2020
(no class Jan. 20, 2020)
- Feb. 5 to March 4, 2020
(no class Feb. 17, 2020)

Thursdays from 5 to 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 5 to 26
- Oct. 3 to 24
- Nov. 7 to Dec. 5 (no class Nov. 28)
- Jan. 9 to 30, 2020
- Feb. 6 to 27, 2020

Ages 8 to 15
Residents
Fee: $25 | Registration begins: July 24
Non-residents
Fee: $37.50 | Registration begins: Aug. 7
Tennis
Location: Rustic Oaks Park, 5101 Orange Blossom Ct.

Monday or Saturday sessions: $69
Monday and Saturday sessions: $129

10U division
Monday: 5 to 6 p.m.
Saturday: 9 to 10 a.m.

14U division
Monday: 6 to 7 p.m.
Saturday: 10 to 11 a.m.

Sessions
• Aug. 26 to Sept. 21
  *will meet on Labor Day
• Sept. 23 to Oct. 19
• Oct. 21 to Nov. 16
• Nov. 18 to Dec. 21
  (no class Nov. 25 and 30)
• Jan. 6 to Feb. 1, 2020
• Feb. 3 to Feb. 29, 2020

Registration begins
Residents: July 24
Non-residents: Aug. 7

Fencing
Intro: 7 to 8 p.m. (ages 7 to 12)
Intermediate: 8 to 9 p.m. (ages 12+)
Fee: $65

Sessions: Thursdays
• Sept. 5 to 26
• Oct. 3 to 24
• Oct. 31 to Nov. 21
• Dec. 5 to 26
• Jan. 9 to 30, 2020
• Feb. 6 to 27, 2020

Registration begins
Residents: July 24
Non-residents: Aug. 7

Karate
Every Wednesday
Session 1 for $60: Sept. 11 to Dec. 4
  (no class Nov. 27)

Session 2 for $55: Jan. 8 to March 25, 2020
  (no class March 11, 2020)

Uniform fee: $30, paid directly to instructor (cash only)

Registration begins
Residents: July 24
Non-residents: Aug. 7

Youth Pickleball
Sessions
Every Tuesday
5 to 6 p.m.
• Sept. 10 to Dec. 3
  (no class Nov. 26)
• Jan. 7 to March 31, 2020
  (no class March 10, 2020)

Resident fee: $50
Non-resident fee: $75

Registration begins
Residents: July 24
Non-residents: Aug. 7

Ages 5 to 12: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Ages 12 to 70: 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Open to boys and girls ages 7 to 18.
SPECIAL EVENTS

Nature with Kristine

Leaf Threading
Saturday, Sept. 14
9 to 11 a.m.
Dr. Ned and Faye Dudney Clear Creek Center

Nature Scavenger Hunt
Sept. 14
3 to 5 p.m.
Lynn Gripon at Countryside Park

All About Trees
Saturday, Oct. 12
9 to 11 a.m.
Dr. Ned and Faye Dudney Clear Creek Center

Make Your Own Bird Feeders
Saturday, Oct. 12
3 to 5 p.m.
Heritiage Park

Astronomy in the Park
Participants can learn about astronomy and view the stars and beyond! Handouts and educational material will also be available. Viewings are free and open to the public.

Location: Rustic Oaks Park, 5101 Orange Blossom Ct.
Viewing schedule: 7 to 10 p.m., first Saturday of the month until November

Nature Walk
Saturday, Nov. 9
9 to 11 a.m.
Dr. Ned and Faye Dudney Clear Creek Center

Life Cycle of Frogs
Saturday, Nov. 9
2 to 4 p.m.
Ghirardi Watersmart Park

Hewitt’s Heroes

Hewitt’s Heroes, named after long-time Volunteer Fire Fighter Arthur Hewitt, provides individuals with special needs an opportunity to perform community services and learn fire and safety skills.

The group meets every 3rd Friday of the month at Fire Station 1, 601 2nd St. from 3 to 5 p.m. Contact info: Kenny Walsh at kenny.walsh@leaguecitytx.gov.

Clay Nature Stamps
Saturday, Dec. 14
9 to 11 a.m.
Dr. Ned and Faye Dudney Clear Creek Center

Make Your Own Bird Feeders
Saturday, Dec. 14
2 to 4 p.m.
Lynn Gripon Park at Countryside
Clear Creek Paddle Race
Saturday, Aug. 17
Lynn Gripon Park at Countryside
Registration begins at 9 a.m.
Race begins promptly at 10 a.m.

Bring your friends, kayak, canoes, and paddle boards to this fun short marathon event. This race is approximately 4.5 miles. The race will begin and end at this park and open to both beginner and advanced paddlers.

Fee: $10 cash/check only

Contact info: Ashley Jackson at ashley.jackson@leaguecitytx.gov

Community Health Fair
Saturday, Sept. 14
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Park

Free health screens, health and wellness services information. Archery sessions and other fun activities for the kids. Free giveaways! Flu shots available (bring your insurance/Medicare card)

Contact info: Lydia Rodriguez at lydia.rodriguez@leaguecitytx.gov

Harvest Festival
Saturday, Oct. 19
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: TBA

Family and friends can enjoy a day of food, fun and festivities! Local artisans will showcase their creative work and crafts for sale. The event is free to the public.

Craft show, food trucks, free face painting, hay rides, kid’s craft and games from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Kid’s costume contest: 11 a.m.
Pumpkin carving contest: Noon
(limited to 25 participants)

Vendor registration fee
Residents: $50
Non-residents: $75

Contact info: Ashley Jackson at ashley.jackson@leaguecitytx.gov

Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, Dec. 14
8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Hometown Heroes Park

Join us for a yummy breakfast and fun activities!

Resident fee: $15
Non-resident fee: $22.50

Registration begins
Residents: Nov. 6
Non-residents: Nov. 20
ATHLETICS

Flag Football
Registration begins
Residents: July 24
Non-residents: Aug. 7

Registration fee
Residents: $65
Non-residents: $97.50

Open to boys and girls ages 5 to 12.

Parks and Recreation rain-out line:
281-554-1155

T-ball/Rookie ball
Registration begins
Residents: July 24
Non-residents: Aug. 7

Registration fee
Residents: $70
Non-residents: $105

League season
Sept. 3 to Nov. 16

League divisions
T-ball: Ages 3 to 4
Rookieball: Ages 5 to 6

Coach Pitch
Open to boys and girls ages 7 to 9.

Registration fee
Residents: $75
Non-residents: $112.50

Volleyball
Registration begins
Residents: July 24
Non-residents: Aug. 7

Registration fee
Residents: $75
Non-residents: $112.50

League season
Sept. 3 to Nov. 16

League division
10U: Ages 9 to 10
12U: Ages 11 to 12
14U: Ages 13 to 14
17U: Ages 15 to 17

Saturdays at 1 p.m.

League season
Oct. 14 to Dec. 20

Residents:
July 24

Non-residents:
Aug. 7

Registration fee
Residents:
$65

Non-residents:
$97.50

Open to boys and girls ages 5 to 12.

Parks and Recreation rain-out line:
281-554-1155
**Soccer**
Registration begins
Residents: July 24
Non-residents: Aug. 7

Registration fee
Residents: $75
Non-residents: $112.50

League season
Sept. 3 to Nov. 16

**Basketball**
Registration begins
Residents: Oct. 2
Non-residents: Oct. 16

Registration fee
Residents: $95
Non-residents: $142.50

4U only
Residents: $65
Non-residents: $97.50

League season
Dec. 9 to March 1, 2020

**Cheerleading**
Registration begins
Residents: Oct. 2
Non-residents: Oct. 16

Registration fee
Residents: $65
Non-residents: $97.50

League season
Dec. 9 to March 1, 2020

**Soccer**
League division
3U: Age 3
4U: Age 4
5U: Age 5
6U: Age 6
8U: Ages 7 to 8
10U: Ages 9 to 10
12U: Ages 11 to 12
15U: Ages 13 to 15

**Basketball**
League division
4U: Ages 3 to 4
5U: Age 5 to 6
8U: Ages 7 to 8
10U: Ages 9 to 10
12U: Ages 11 to 12
15U: Ages 13 to 15
Community in Focus Art Exhibits

Launched in October 2017, these exhibits showcase local artists and photographers and their work. These exhibits are publicized in the local media and on the Helen Hall Library’s Facebook page. The talented artists and photographers in our community have their creations displayed on display panels both on the first floor and the second floor of our library. Here are the upcoming Fall artists:

September: Sheri Gastler, oil paintings
October: Valtree Brooks, oil on canvas
November: Ellen Lancaster, oil paintings
December: Abbas Raja, aerial drone photos

Holiday Open House

Thursday, Dec. 5
5 to 6:30 p.m.
Families and patrons of all ages are welcome to join us for our annual Holiday Open House at the Helen Hall Library. Visit with Santa and get a photo with him! Enjoy our holiday snacks and drinks. Don’t miss the Tree Lighting Ceremony afterwards, as well.

Library Town Hall

Thursday, Dec. 12
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Library Theater
The library’s annual Town Hall occurs on the second Thursday in December at 6:30 p.m. The Library Town Hall is your opportunity to provide feedback and receive the very latest information on current and future library services, issues, and ideas. The agenda for the evening will include a staff presentation followed by a Q & A with the City Librarian, as well as other library staff. Refreshments will be served.

Star Wars Reads Day

Saturday, Oct. 5
1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Come in costume and celebrate with games, crafts, and a fun photo session with real Stormtroopers!

Watch Star Wars: A New Hope (PG) 3 to 6 p.m.
The History Club

Last Thursday of the month
7:15 to 8:15 p.m. in the Library Theater
The League City Historical Society and Helen Hall Library are teaming up to present The History Club. The History Club will have one speaker per month discuss local history, Texas history, or American history topics that cover a wide range of interests.

Sept. 26: Unforgettable Galveston Characters
Local author Jan Johnson will introduce her newest book, Unforgettable Galveston Characters. From financiers of the Texas Revolution to contestants in the Pageant of Pulchritude, the shores of Galveston enticed and cultivated a host of memorable men and women. Bishops and bookies, concert pianists and cotton tycoons—all left an indelible print on their remarkable home.

Oct. 24: Japanese Immigrants at Fairview Cemetery
Local historian Barbara Holt became fascinated with Japanese culture and gained a deep respect for the Japanese people when she and her husband were stationed there by the U.S. Army. Some years after moving to Friendswood in 1967, Barbara began to hear about Japanese Texans, and eventually began to conduct research for a story about rice farming and the Japanese colony in Webster. In this talk, she will share information about the Japanese people buried in League City’s Fairview Cemetery.

Local Authors Hour

Second Thursday of the month
10:15 to 11:30 a.m. in the Library Theater
Local Authors Hour is an opportunity for authors from the area to share information about their novels and books.

Sept. 12: Ellen Herr Lancaster
Oct. 10: Regina Burdett
Nov. 14: Jane Lowy

Managing Your Money
6:30 to 9 p.m. in the Library Theater

Aug. 27: Five Money Questions for Women (Presenter Summer Rose)

Sept. 17: Understanding Medicare (Presenter Shari Ferguson)

Sept. 24: Health Care and Your Retirement (Presenter Summer Rose)

Oct. 29: Ready or Not – Preparing for the Unexpected (Presenter Summer Rose)

Nov. 19: Estate Planning
Medicare: Thinking It Through

Third Thursday of the month
1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Library Theater

Aug. 22 (Presenter Leah Everhart of Gordon Marketing)
Sept. 19
Oct. 17
Nov. 21

The decision to utilize Medicare needs to be an informed one. Come have your questions about Medicare answered and discussed and have the available options presented. Medicare health and prescription drug coverage can be reviewed annually, so this is a wonderful opportunity to help clarify what the different choices are.

Happy Hour Book Club

First Thursday of the month at 5 p.m. at the Craft 95 Draught House + Kitchen

Reading selections:

Sept. 5
The Essex Serpent by Sarah Perry

Oct. 3
The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives by Dashka Slater

Nov. 7
Let the Right One In by John Ajvide Lindqvist

Dec. 12
13 Hours: The Inside Account of What Really Happened in Benghazi by Mitchell Zuckoff

Thursday Talks

Fourth Thursday of the month
10:15 to 11:30 a.m. in the Library Theater

Thursday Talks are informal but interesting talks given by local professionals, volunteers and members of surrounding communities.

Sept. 26: Texas EquuSearch
The Texas EquuSearch Mounted Search and Recovery Team is a nonprofit organization founded by Tim Miller in 2000. The purpose of this organization is to provide search and recovery efforts for the lost and missing. Texas EquuSearch has participated in more than 1860 searches in 42 different countries.

Oct. 24: Galveston County Better Living for Texans (BLT): Healthy Holiday Eating
Speaker Sharon Mitchiner, a BLT Nutritionist Associate, will share with us about preparing a few healthy holiday recipes.

Nov. 21: Topic to be announced
Writers’ Works in Progress Night
Third Thursday of the month
7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Library Board Room

Sept. 19
Oct. 17
Nov. 21
Dec. 19

Writers’ Works in Progress Night is a new program for adult writers. This group is separate from Writers’ Club in that the Writers’ Club members bring new stories every week, while the Works in Progress group members might share the same project at every meeting for years—depending on their progress.

At Works in Progress night, participants will share long-term projects with their peers, either for feedback, motivation, or accountability purposes. Work may be shared electronically through email, or writers may bring printed copies to the meeting. For more information, email City Librarian Jenny Brewer at jenny.brewer@leaguecity.com

League City Book Club
Third Monday of the month
7 to 8 p.m. in the Library Theater
New members are welcome! Reading the book is not required for attendance.

Sept. 16: Varina by Charles Frazier
Oct. 21: The Hound of the Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Nov. 18: To be announced

English Conversation Practice
Mondays at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
Library Board Room
Adults of all levels who would like to practice their English conversation skills are welcome to join us at the library each Monday night and Wednesday morning.

Marketing and Publishing (MAP)
Second Thursday of the month
11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Library Theater
This group is dedicated to helping and encouraging writers regardless of age group or genre. They help to support the writing dreams of all members.

Sept. 12: Let’s Talk Book Publishing
Speaker Bruce Moran, publisher for Total Recall Press will share what it really takes to get a book published worldwide.

Additional dates:
Oct. 10
Nov. 14
Dec. 12

Writers Club
Second and fourth Wednesdays
6 to 7 p.m.
Come share your writing with us! Writing prompts will be available and attendees are able to share what they have written or hope to write in an open and welcoming setting.
Adult Computer Classes

Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon in the upstairs Computer Lab

Sept. 4: Computer Basics I: Learning the Parts of a Computer
Sept. 11: Computer Basics II: Working with Windows 10
Sept. 18: Basic Mouse Skills/Basic Keyboarding and Typing Skills
Sept. 25: Basic Internet Skills

Oct. 2: Basic Online Safety and Privacy
Oct. 9: Basic Email Skills: Getting Started (email required)
Oct. 16: Library Databases 101
Oct. 23: Tablet Basics 101
Oct. 30: Introduction to Word

Nov. 6: Intermediate Word
Nov. 13: Introduction to Excel
Nov. 20: Introduction to PowerPoint

Microsoft Office Series

5:30 to 7 p.m.
Sept. 23: Introduction/Intermediate Word
Nov. 18: Introduction/Intermediate PowerPoint

Adult Late Night: Murder Mystery

Saturday, Oct. 26
5 to 7:30 p.m. in the Library Theater
Helen Hall Library presents a classic case of “who done it”! Join us for an evening or fright and delight as we solve a murder mystery here at the library. Adult volunteers and Helen Hall Library staff will be presenting and performing the mystery, so don’t miss the fun and suspense!

Antiques Roundtable

First Monday of the month
1 to 3 p.m. in the Library Board Room

Aug. 5: Antique Kitchen Items
Sept. 9: Baskets
Oct. 7: Buddha
Nov. 4: History of Silk
Dec. 2: Radko Ornaments

Please note: Topics are subject to change.

Every Stitch Way

Every other Wednesday
Noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Library Theater

Aug. 7 and 21
Sept. 4 and 18
Oct. 2, 16 and 30
Nov. 13 and 27
(Closing early at 2 p.m. on Nov. 27)
Dec. 11

Those who enjoy knitting, crocheting and needlework are welcome to come to the library and join this group. Participants are encouraged to bring a current project and share ideas, patterns and help each other as needed. What a great way to meet new friends! This group is open to all levels of skill.
Manga Mania
5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Library Theater
Wednesdays: Sept. 11, Oct. 9, and Nov. 13
Ages 12 to 18
Learn the unique style of manga drawing through this workshop!

Please note: There is a max of 20 participants due to limited supplies. Attendance is first come, first serve.

Study Hall
4 to 6 p.m. in the Library Theater
Tuesdays: Sept. 17, Oct. 15, and Nov. 19
Ages 12 to 18
Need a place to study, work on a project, or finish some group work? Drop in at any time during Study Hall hours for the space and research resources you need!

Teen Late Night: Murder Mystery
Friday, Oct. 25
6 to 7 p.m.
Ages 12 to 18
Someone has been murdered, and it is up to you to find clues and identify the culprit!

Please note: Please arrive a few minutes before 6 p.m. due to the library being closed exactly at that time. Program admittance will be closed once the library doors are closed. Teens are required to have a ride home when the program ends at 7 p.m.

Teen Book Box
September to November
Ages 12 to 18
Do you love visiting the library but don’t always have time to browse for a good book? Then sign up for a Teen Book Box! All you need is a library card and to fill out a registration form online, and then you can start picking up monthly boxes filled with treats and a book that is selected just for you!

Please note: Participants will be notified via email when their Teen Book Box is ready. Participants will have one week from the day they are notified to pick up their Teen Book Box. Teen Book Boxes will be located below the New Books Collection in the Teen Room (second floor).
TEEN PROGRAMS

Game On
5 to 6 p.m. in the Library Theater
Mondays: Sept. 30, Oct. 28, and Nov. 25
Ages 12 to 18
Drop in to play Nintendo Switch games, Apples to Apples, Jenga, and more!

Teen Anime Club
5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Library Theater
Mondays: Sept. 16, Oct. 7, Oct. 21, Nov. 4, and Nov. 18
Ages 12 to 18
Come in to watch and discuss some good anime shows while eating snacks!

Please note: Anime shows selected are rated PG-13 and TV-14.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
7 to 8 p.m. in the Library Theater
Wednesdays: Sept. 4, Sept. 18, Oct. 2, Oct. 16, Nov. 6, and Nov. 20
Ages 12 to 18
Become an ambassador for your library and gain leadership experience! Help plan teen activities, assist with library events, and more. Snacks are served, and participation counts as service hours. New members are always welcome!

Teen Writers Club
5 to 6 p.m. in the Library Theater
Tuesdays: Sept. 10, Sept. 24, Oct. 8, Oct. 22, Nov. 12, and Nov. 26
Ages 12 to 18
Share your stories and sharpen your skills with writing prompts and group discussion.

Please note: Applications will be provided at the program.
STEAM for Tweens
Ages 8 to 11
Parents will not be admitted.

Sept. 25: Movie and a Craft
5 to 6 p.m. in the Library Theater
Join us as we watch Wreck-It Ralph (PG) and create candy car crafts!

Please note: Some of the materials may contain food allergens.

Oct. 30: Amazing Race (Halloween Edition)
5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Library Theater
Race against the clock to solve puzzles and search for clues in our library.

Tween Writers Club
5 to 6 p.m. in the Library Theater
Wednesdays: Sept. 4, Sept. 18, Oct. 2, Oct. 16, Nov. 6, and Nov. 20
Ages 8 to 11
Parents will not be admitted.
Share your stories and sharpen your skills with writing prompts and group discussion.

Tween Anime Club
5 to 6 p.m. in the Library Theater
Mondays: Sept. 9 and Oct. 14
Ages 8 to 11
Parents will not be admitted.
Come in to watch and discuss some good anime shows while eating snacks!

Please note: Anime shows selected are rated PG and TV-PG.

Tween Games
Designated Thursdays from 5 to 6 p.m.
Ages 8 to 11
The chess program is capped at 10 participants. Practice and polish your skills while competing at the original brain games. Tweens are welcome to bring their own games!

Sept. 5 and 19: Chess (capped at 10 participants)
Sept. 12 and 26: Board Games
Oct. 3 and 17: Chess (capped at 10 participants)
Oct. 10 and 24: Board Games
Nov. 7 and 21: Chess (capped at 10 participants)
Nov. 14: Board Games

Snapology: Animation Studio
Registration required at https://embed.snapology.com/licensee/54/events/34790
Saturday, Sept. 21 (Two sessions)
1 to 2 p.m. and 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Ages 7 to 12

In Snapology’s Animation Studio class, children interested in technology will create amazing movies with stop motion animation using LEGO® bricks. Children will work in teams to produce their very own movie complete with dialogue and sound effects. Movies are uploaded to a secure site for family and friends to see how cool they are!
**Halloween Fun**

**Wednesday, Oct. 30**

3 to 8 p.m.

Trick-or-treating, crafts, and Halloween movies will make your evening Spooktacular.

Open to children of all ages.

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**Read to the Dogs!**

For grades 1 to 3

(Enrollment and registration required)

Does your child need extra reading support? R.E.A.D.® (Reading Education Assistance Dogs) and TDI® (Therapy Dogs International) are national volunteer programs that partner therapy-trained dogs with children who need to build reading skills. To register for this special program, call 281-554-1113 or email joan.peeples@leaguecitytx.gov.

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**Saturday Special**

3 to 5 p.m.

We will serve popcorn and watch these family-friendly movies together. Feel free to wear costumes! Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

- Sept. 28: *Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius* (G)

- Oct. 26: *Hotel Transylvania 3* (PG)

- Nov. 23: *Home Alone* (PG)

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**Resources for Children**

Two additional resources for children can be found at www.leaguecitylibrary.org by clicking on Children and then clicking on Databases for Youth:

- Early World of Learning is a World Book site for children with games, information, and stories.

- Tumble Books Library offers read-along stories, language learning, puzzles, and games.
These activities and programs are for individuals, not groups or day care centers. Free tickets are passed out 15 minutes before the event, unless registration is required.

**Toddler Story Time**
Sept. 9 to Nov. 25
Mondays from 10:15 and 11 a.m.
*No Toddler Story Time on Nov. 11*
Ages 0 to 2

**Preschool Story Time**
Sept. 3 to Nov. 26
Tuesdays from 10:15 and 11 a.m.
Ages 2 1/2 to 5

**Pajama Time**
Sept. 5 to Nov. 21
Thursdays from 6:30 to 7 p.m.
*No pajama time on Oct. 31*
Ages 2 1/2 to 5
You may wear your ‘jammies’.

**Lego® Build**
First and third Thursdays
Try your skills with the library’s Lego® materials.

**Performers**

Ages 0 to 5
10:15 and 11 a.m.

Sept. 1: Julian Franklin presents Sport of Champions
This show has puppets! Julian will cover some math concepts, ways to exercise the brain, as well as exercising for bodies. The premise is based on the characters from Aesop’s “The Tortoise and the Hare” as they prepare for a rematch. Puppet characters include: our team captain Petey the Possum, Chester (the tortoise from “The Tortoise and the Hare”), Jack Rabbit (the puppet version), and of course, Roosevelt Rat, who always steals the show.

Oct. 9: A Musical Playdate
Mr. Brandon, from A Minor Melody, will take you on a singing and dancing adventure!

Nov. 6: Let’s Dance
Have fun with dance and movement. Be sure to wear western wear for this barn dance!

**Craftivity!**

Ages 0 to 5
10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Sept. 25: Fall Tree
Make a 3-D tree with colorful leaves.

Oct. 23: Super Suit Up
Create your own superhero mask and save the day!

Nov. 20: Cup-o-Turkey
Make your own Paper Cup Turkey just in time for Thanksgiving!
Teen Volunteer Program

Whether you need service hours or just want to give back to the community, you can join our Teen Volunteer Program! Our volunteer positions provide a job-like experience through our specialized task teams: C.O.S.T. Positions are limited and selected teens are assigned a weekly schedule of service hours during their assigned semester. Applications for teen volunteers will be available at the Adult Reference Desk upstairs. Individuals who turn in applications will be reviewed and considered and approved volunteers will be notified via email regarding mandatory training.

Ages: 12+

Adult Volunteer Program

Calling all adults! The library is always seeking actively committed adult volunteers to help mentor and spearhead upcoming projects. Applications are available at the Adult Reference Desk upstairs. Once applications are completed, they will be reviewed and if considered, approved volunteers will be notified via email regarding mandatory training.

Ages: 18+

Adult Volunteer Maury helps with the Senior Book Buddy outreach program.

London Lawrence, Volunteer Coordinator

Scholastic Tutoring

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
in the Library Board Room
Sept. 3, Oct. 1, and Nov. 5
Ages 6 to 18
Free walk-in tutoring program. No appointment necessary in reading, math, history and science! Give your child the advantage. Help them achieve academic excellence with our tutoring program. Adult and teen volunteers will provide the tutoring in the different subject areas.

Volunteer Service Nights

Sept. 4 & 18, Oct. 2 & 16, and Nov. 6 & 20
First and third Wednesdays of the month
6 to 7 p.m. in the Library Board Room
Ages 12 and over
Not ready to commit to a weekly schedule? No problem! Join us for Volunteer Service Nights where you can work with a volunteer team to help the library and gain service hours. Applications will be available at the Adult Reference Desk upstairs or can be filled upon arrival at service night.

Please note: Individuals must turn in applications before participating.
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Nov. 28 to Dec. 1: Closed for Thanksgiving
Dec. 24 to 25: Closed for Christmas
Dec. 31: Close early at 6 p.m.
Jan. 1, 2020: Closed for New Year’s Day
Welcome to the fall program season at Helen Hall Library! Fall is special to us because of the many seasonal events we host, from trick-or-treating on Halloween to the Holiday Open house, the first Thursday after Thanksgiving.

Last year we also hosted a Library Town Hall, intended as an opportunity for the community to give input on our Strategic Plan and our Facilities Needs Assessment. We have decided to make this a recurring event, and will host our Second Annual Library Town Hall in the Library Theater on December 12 at 6:30 p.m. Library staff are keen to discuss the results of our Facilities Needs Assessment, completed at the end of the summer. Architects from 720 Design and PGAL have used the results of their analysis to formulate three options for future facilities, each exciting in its own way. Which of these options shall proceed will depend largely on public enthusiasm, so we are very anxious to share our own.

Thank you for being a patron of the Helen Hall Library!

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Almost 30 years ago, a group of citizens interested in starting a public library in League City established the League City Public Library, which has evolved into the present full-service facility in the city’s Civic Center complex. One member of that initial group was Helen Hall, who became a charter member of the Library Board in 1971 and actively served on that Board until her death in 1981. The League City Public Library was renamed in memory of Mrs. Hall in 1985.

**Additions & Services**
Also in that year, a bond issue of $2.5 million was passed to dramatically enlarge the existing 7,000 square foot building and to completely automate all library functions. The addition of the two-story adult services wing and the renovation of the original building housing children’s and audio-visual services was completed in early 1988. The entire library now encompasses over 29,000 square feet.

The automation procedures were completed in the spring of 1989, and the system features an on-line public access catalog containing data on all the collections in the library. In 1995 and again in 2002, the library’s main computer was upgraded to a larger and faster one, allowing the library to add more features and services.

**About the Library System**
The Helen Hall Library is the largest and busiest member of the Galveston County Library System, with almost 24,000 patrons entering the library every month. The library is also a member of the Houston Area Library System. Extensive interlibrary loan services are available through these system memberships as are opportunities to apply for special grants and to attend staff development seminars.
STAR WARS READS DAY
Join us for games, crafts, and a photo session with real Stormtroopers.
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