



Quarterly Newsletter

Keeping you informed

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Small City with Big Appeal

From the Desk of City Manager

Brett E. McGuire.....

Greetings from City Hall! All of us here sincerely hope that the holidays found you and your families happy and healthy. This past year has been a bit of a “challenge” for quite a few folks. Together, we will get through these tougher times and can look forward to continued growth for our City.

Progress continues on the City Multi-Purpose Center and Animal Services Center. The multi-Purpose center will be located on Charbonneau; together with the Historic Foster House. The Animal Services Center will be located on Comanche trail. I’ve received many questions regarding these projects from folks concerned with funding sources. The Foster House project is being funded with EDC funds. As many of you already know, EDC funding is governed by specific rules and laws that limit the allowable uses for the funds. The Multi-Purpose Center/Animal Services Center, is being funded through Certificates of Obligation (CO’s) that were authorized and issued in 2008. The Multi-Purpose Center will be the new home for the Library, Senior Center and for three (3) community rooms that will be available for City activities; or for use by the general public for events. Both of these projects show our continued commitment to keeping the spirit of our community alive and well in the upcoming years.

Our City was recently awarded a TWBD stimulus award for completion of the Telephone Road sewer line project. This project is being overseen by our Public Works department. We had to begin the application process back in July 2009 and finally got the final decision in December. This project will upgrade the remaining sewer line along Telephone Road. There was also funding included to upgrade a 300 foot section on Caddo Trail. It’s nice to see progress below ground; as well as above ground.

We continue to be optimistic about the local economic situation. While things have not been “rosy” for the past 6 months or so; we have been better off than many other cities have been. Sales tax revenue has shown a slight decline; along with some of our other revenue sources. However, we have not had the same level of decline as other locations have had. We are continuing to plan for the future and to be in a position to take advantage of better economic times that will be ahead.

All of us here at City Hall wish you and your loved ones a happy and prosperous New Year. We truly hope that it finds each of you healthy and looking forward to the future of our City.

City Calendar

City Offices will be CLOSED:

Furlough Day

Monday, February 15, 2010

Good Friday

Friday, April 2, 2010

(trash will run as normal this day)

- *Council meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM.*
- *Planning & Zoning meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM.*
- *Board of Adjustments meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM - as needed.*
- *Historical Preservation Commission meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM.*



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It’s coming soon....and bringing jobs with it.

Remember to fill out your Census questionnaire on April 1, 2010. Only 10 simple questions in 2010; no more long forms! Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and will benefit your community. For more information on the census and what it does, you may visit their website at www.census.gov.

Also, are you looking for a job or know someone who is? Contact the US Census Bureau at (800) 563-6499 or visit their website at www.census.gov for job opportunities.



February 25 – *Caramelo* by Sandra Cisneros

Caramelo is a family saga that twists and turns over three generations of truths, half-truths, and outright lies. In the recollections of Lala Reyes, the baby and only daughter of the close-knit Reyes clan, Cisneros has captured the multiple struggles of growing up as a Hispanic girl with roots in two cultures and coming to terms with an imperfect family.

March 25 – *The Secret River* by Kate Grenville

In the early 1800s, William Thornhill is sentenced to death for stealing a shipload of expensive woods. Offered an alternative, he chooses transportation to New South Wales, Australia. Six sections describe Thornhill's progress from convict laborer to landowner, conveying the broader history of Australian colonization through the experience of one convict family. Grenville embodies in her characters the cruelties elicited by the clash of British and native Australian cultures and the savagery with which these differences played out.

April 29 – *Nine Lives* by Dan Baum

An outsider in a city that many outsiders have tried to understand, Dan Baum arrived in New Orleans to report on Katrina for *The New Yorker* and came to realize that the way to tell the story of the storm was to step back and tell the story of the city. From the '60s through the aftermath of the hurricane, Baum follows, with empathy and joy, nine lives that could only happen in the Crescent City.

Mary Lou Reddick Public Library

<https://lakeworth.biblionix.com/>

817.237.9681



Bulk Trash Pick-Up Schedule



February 22-24

March 22-24

April 26-28

Please have your bulk trash out before the first day of pick-up to ensure you do not get missed. **DO NOT** set your bulky trash out before the 20th of each month, or **YOU WILL BE CITED.** Call IESI at 817-222-2221 with any questions.

Reminders from the

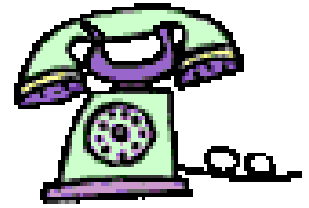
Code Dude....

Vehicles may not be parked on the grass in the front or back yards of residences.

Hope you and your family had a joyous holiday season.



**EDC SAYS.....
COME SEE THE CHANGES
IN LAKE WORTH.....**



Lake Worth is on the “Grow” again. Check out the corner of Lake Worth Blvd. and Telephone Road. The new Tarrant County Precinct 4 Northwest Sub -Courthouse is under construction. The new building will be three stories high and replaces the existing Sub- Courthouse when construction is complete. Other buildings in the complex will also undergo some renovations as well. Also check out the construction at the Lake Worth High School which is also undergoing a major renovation at this time. Rice Express is renovating the building at 6036 Lake Worth Blvd. and will be opening soon as well.

Come out and support your local retailers by eating & shopping in Lake Worth. If you are anyone you know is thinking about opening a business in Lake Worth please contact Jami Woodall at the Economic Development Department Office at (817)-237-1211 ext. 225.

Numbers to Remember

- City Hall** 817-237-1211
- Public Works** 817-237-7210
- Library** 817-237-9681
- Senior Center** 817-237-3281
- Police** 817-237-1224
- Animal Control** 817-237-1224,x258
- Code Compliance** 817-237-1211,x236
- Fire** 817-237-7461
- Chamber** 817-237-0060
- Tarrant Co. Tax** 817-238-4436
- (Property Tax & Car Registration)**
- DPS (Drivers License)** 817-238-9197
- County Clerk** 817-238-4420
- Health Dept** 817-238-4441
- LW Post Office** 817-237-5128



UTILITY BILLING REMINDER:

This is a reminder for residential accounts billed for sewer. Your sewer charge is based on water consumption used during the three winter months of December, January, and February. This means that the water you use from mid-November through mid-February will determine your new sewer charge. The new sewer charge will show up on the April 2010 utility bill.

If you have any faucets that leak or toilets that run, this is the best time to fix them. If you discover a leak, bring proper documentation that you have taken care of the problem and it will be taken into consideration when calculating your sewer charge. Please submit documentation to the Utility Billing Department by the first of March, or as soon thereafter as possible. Specific questions relating to your sewer charge may be directed to Erika Hernandez at (817) 237-1211, extension #227.



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www.lakeworthtx.org

From the Desk of Our City Secretary..



The City General Election this year will be on Saturday, May 8, 2010. The purpose of the election is to allow qualified voters to elect Council Places #1, 3, 5, and 7. These are two year terms. Current Council Members holding these places are:

Place 1: Curtis McKay

Place 3: Perry Lunsford

Place 5: Pat O. Hill

Place 7: Clint “Dwayne” Narmore



Beginning sometime in February, candidates may pick up an Election Packet at City Hall. The first day that the City Secretary’s office is open to **file** an application for a place on the ballot is Monday, February 8, 2010. The deadline to file for application for a place on the ballot is by 5:00 pm on Monday March 8, 2010. (Note deadline time is 5:00 pm and not 6:00 pm.)

Per Section 3.02 of the City Charter, candidates must meet the following qualifications:

(1) Be a registered voter of the City; (2) Have resided in the City for at least twelve (12) months preceding the election at which they are candidates; (3) Continue residency in the City during the term of office; (4) Not hold more than one public elective office; (5) Not hold an appointed office of the City excluding boards, committees, and commissions; (6) Be at least 21 years of age; (7) Not have been determined mentally incompetent by a final judgment of a court; and (8) Not have been convicted, whether final for appeal purposes or not, of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities. A member of the Council ceasing to possess any of the qualifications specified in this section or any other section of the Charter, or convicted of a felony while in office, shall immediately forfeit the member’s office.

If you have any questions regarding City election information, please contact the City Secretary’s office at (817)237-1211, extension #238.

