



Quarterly Newsletter

Keeping you informed

Small City with Big Appeal

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City Calendar

*City Offices will be **CLOSED**
Labor Day*

Monday, September 06, 2010

*(There will be no trash pick up
on this date.)*

From the Desk of the City Manager

Brett McGuire.....

I know that many of you are keeping an eye on the on-going City construction projects taking place. The Multi-Purpose Center and Animal Services Facility are both progressing quite well. Both facilities are planned for completion near the end of October. City Council and Staff are hopeful that the new facilities will be in use by the New Year. We were quite fortunate in the fact that we were able to save some substantial funding for the construction of the new facilities. Funding saved on these projects can be utilized for other approved projects that were included in the 2008 C.O. package. Comanche Creek drainage improvements, sewer line replacement and other renovation projects are in the planning stages.

The City's Fiscal Year will be ending on September 30th and the new Fiscal Year takes effect on October 1st. Staff and Council have been quite busy preparing the upcoming budget. The budget preparation process is taken very seriously by staff; and every effort is made to maximize the value of the revenue received. While the economy has shown some improvements over the past 6 months, we probably won't see anything approaching a full recovery for another year or so down the road. Be assured that staff will be doing everything that they can to make the impact as minimal as possible to the citizens and to continue with the level of services that you have come to expect.

When the temperature is close to 100 °, it is hard to think "cool", but remember that the Holiday season is rapidly approaching. Before we know it, Thanksgiving will be here and we will be trying to make plans for shopping for Christmas gifts. Remember that the City and the Northwest Chamber will once again be "joining forces" to bring "Shopfest" to Lake Worth. Shopfest will be held in October again this year and area merchants join in to help make the weekend enjoyable for shoppers wishing to get a jump on gift-buying. Watch the City and Chamber websites for updates and further details.

As always, please let us know if we can do anything to assist you. Our staff is here to help; or to point you in the right direction.



- *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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Every Wednesday from 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Children ages 3 to 6 will have lots of fun with captivating stories, songs and hands-on art activities as they build their early literacy skills. Introduce your preschooler to a whole new world of books and reading at our fun story times.



Bulk Trash Pick-Up Schedule

August	23-25
September	27-29
October	25-27



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.



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www.lakeworthtx.org

Reminders from the Code Dude....



Grass and weeds must be maintained under 12 inches on ALL properties.

Also no watering between 10am – 6pm, with the exceptions of hand held hoses or soakers hoses **only.**

EDC SAYS.....

THERE ARE EVEN MORE CHANGES IN LAKE WORTH.....



Lake Worth is moving ahead with construction despite the economic downturn. The new three story County Office building is taking shape as well as the new City facilities on Charbonneau Road. Construction on the new Senior Citizens, Library, and Multi-purpose facility should be completed by the end of 2010. The addition to Lake Worth High School is under construction and should be complete by the fall school year start in August 2010. On Friday, June 4th, 2010 the new AT&T store opened up at 6358 Lake Worth Blvd. in the old Blockbuster location, go in a see what they have to offer.

Come out and support your local retailers and restaurants by "Eating, Shopping, and Playing in Lake Worth". If you or 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.

The Permit Clerk

Wants to help you with your next Garage Sale!



Information:

Do's & Don'ts:

- You must appear in person at City Hall to obtain a \$5.00 garage sale permit.
- A valid picture ID is required.
- You may only have two garage sales per year.
- You must obtain the permit at least one (1) business day before first day of intended sale.
- You may have a garage sale for up to (3) three consecutive days.
- You may place used items in the sale, no new personal property is allowed to be sold, bartered, or exchanged.
- Items may be displayed in the front or back yard, garage, patio area, under a carport, driveway, or inside a residence in the case of an estate sale.
- Items must be placed at least fifteen (15) feet from the back of the curb.
- Items must be removed by 8:00 am the day following the last day of the sale.
- Permit fees are non-refundable.
- The garage sale can only be rescheduled due to bad weather conditions. No exceptions.
- If bad weather forces you to cancel your garage sale, you must come in to reschedule by the next business day. If applicant does not do so, the sale shall be charged to the number of sales allowed per year.

Signs:

- You may only use the three signs provided, and they must be posted on metal or wooden stakes.
- Signs may be posted twelve (12) hours prior to the sale.
- Do not place signs in right of way (typically 20 feet back from curb, but could be more in some cases).
- Do not place signs on utility poles.
- Do not place signs on commercial property.
- If signs are confiscated due to being placed in the incorrect area, signs will be not be replaced.
- One sign must be posted on property where sale is to take place. Only metal or wooden stakes may be used with the signs.
- The two (2) directional signs may be placed on private property with permission from the property owner. The permission of owner must be indicated by the owner's signature on the back of the sign.
- Signs must be removed from the area by 8:00 am the day following the last day of the sale.

**City of Lake Worth
Permit and Inspections Dept.
Tel: 817-237-1211 x 230**

Lake Worth Fire Department

Summer Safety Tips



BACKYARD BARBEQUE SAFETY TIPS Safety for Charcoal Grills

Even though you don't have to be concerned about propane gas leaks with charcoal grills, you do need to take precautions against another kind of gas; carbon monoxide. Because charcoal produces carbon monoxide, which is highly toxic, you should never burn your charcoal grill inside your home, a tent, a vehicle, or any other enclosed area.

Keep the following four safety tips in mind when using your charcoal grills:

1. Operate charcoal grills only outdoors, never inside an enclosed area. Even if you've finished grilling, and you assume all the coals are extinguished, they're still producing carbon monoxide, so keep your charcoal grills outside at all times.
2. Don't wear loose clothing, especially long sleeves, while grilling.
3. Charcoal grills tend to flare up, so keep a fire extinguisher handy.
4. Use charcoal lighter fluid to light new coals only; don't use it on coals that are already lit.
5. No matter what type of grill you use, always use a spark arrestor or lid for your grill.



Helpful Tips for Preventing Heat-Related Illnesses or injuries

- Increase your fluid intake, regardless of your activity level. Thirst is a late response of the body to fluid depletion. Drink frequently and in small amounts.
- Limit exercise in a hot environment and drink 2-4 glasses of sports beverage each hour, avoiding drinks containing caffeine, alcohol, or large amounts of sugar. Also, avoid very cold beverages because they can cause stomach cramps.
- Stay indoors and in an air-conditioned environment.
- Ask your doctor whether medications you take affect your body's response to the heat.
- Plan your outdoor activities so that you are outdoors either before noon or in the evening.
- Use an umbrella or stay in a shady area so that your body's thermostat has a chance to recover.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored and loose-fitting clothing. When outdoors, a wide-brimmed hat will provide shade and keep your head cool.
- Never leave **ANYONE** in a closed, parked vehicle.
- Wear sunscreen to protect skin.
- If unaccustomed to working or exercising in a hot environment, start slowly, pick up the pace gradually and limit your exercise or work time.
- If you are 65 years of age or older, have a friend or relative keep an eye on you for symptoms of heat-related illness.
- Any sudden change in temperature, such as an early summer heat wave, will be stressful on your body. You will have a greater tolerance for the heat if you limit your physical activity until you have become accustomed to the heat.

Fireworks are prohibited inside the City of Lake Worth.

