



Quarterly Newsletter
Keeping you informed
Small City with Big Appeal

From the Desk of the City Manager

Brett McGuire.....

I hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and that your New Year has, so far, been everything that you wanted.

I was extremely pleased with Holiday ShopFest (held on December 4th) this past year. Holiday ShopFest was a joint effort between the City, Northwest Chamber of Commerce and local merchants to promote all of the things that Lake Worth had to offer to Holiday shoppers. Preliminary reports have indicated that the Holiday ShopFest drew more folks into the City than in previous years. The goal of the event was to inform the shopping-public of the diversity of goods and services that we had to offer in our City and to draw them into the City to do their Holiday shopping. We feel that the event was a success and are looking forward to doing it again this year.

We also celebrated our City Tree-Lighting and the Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting of our new Multi-Purpose Facility and the Lake Worth Area Museum on December 4th as well. We wanted to tie the event to the City-wide event of the Holiday ShopFest to keep in the “spirit” of the day. City staff has estimated that we had over 300 attendees that braved the windy conditions for the Tree-Lighting and Grand Opening, which included dedication ceremonies, tours, refreshments and the arrival of Santa. Kids of all ages lined up to see Santa and to give him their Christmas wish-lists. Not only did we have many of our own local elected and appointed officials on-hand, we also were honored by the attendance of Mary Lou Reddick (namesake of the Library), the “Bud” Irby family (namesake of the Senior Center) and the family of Jamye Sexton. (We lost Jamye during the year due to an extended illness). It was a tremendous effort by members of the City staff, Council and Historical Society to make it all work out right. I also want to thank everyone that came to the event and participated in the festivities.

You have probably noticed work going on around the area of the Shawnee bridge during the past couple of months. TxDot will be replacing the bridge beginning in January with a bigger bridge. The work being done prior to the bridge replacement has been the City’s portion of the project to widen the creek channel and slow the water down a bit. When TxDot replaces the bridge there will be some closures and detours of Shawnee for awhile. TxDot is supposed to inform the City in advance of road closures and detours and we, in turn, will let the public know as soon as we can.

Sewer line rehabilitation projects will commence on a section of the Wallis Rd. line and the line that traverses the Lake Worth Park. These lines have been identified by City staff as “problematic” and are due for replacement/rehabilitation. You will see contractors working for the next couple of months to complete these projects. We realize that the work will be an inconvenience to some folks (for a short period of time) but we appreciate everyone’s cooperation to assist us to make the service better.

On behalf of the Lake Worth City Staff, Council and Board members I want to wish everyone a very Happy New Year. Please do not hesitate to call upon us if we can be of assistance.

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City Hall Hours
Monday-Friday
8am to 6pm



City Calendar

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



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COME SEEWHAT'S NEW
 At the L.O. "Bud "Irby
 Lake Worth Senior Center



We have moved into our new facility and we want you to come join a great group of seniors aged 55 and above for good fellowship, good fun and great coffee.

Join us Monday thru Friday 8:30am - 3:30pm.

We have classes and activities which will make you smile and we are adding new classes for the New Year, too.

Some new classes we have added are:

FREE Square Dance lessons – Thursday 1pm-3pm

Daily Exercise Class 8:30am – 9am

Sketch Class taught by a Professor from TCC Northwest Campus Tuesday 12:30pm – 3:30pm

Counted Cross-Stitch Class Thursday 1pm-3pm

Tatting Class Tuesday 9am -11am

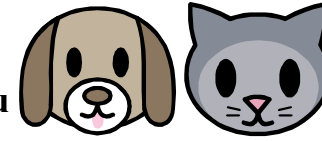
Quilting Class meets twice weekly

Monday and Thursday 9am -11am

Call 817.237.3281 for more information

Senior Center Coordinator Cheryl Vess

Our Animal Control Officers would like You to know.....



What We Do!

Some of the duties of Lake Worth Animal Control Officers are to help Lake Worth Citizen's know and comply with Lake Worth's laws and ordinances governing animal issues . Some of the calls we get are for dogs and cats running loose, dog bites, barking dogs, and animal cruelty. When responding to a call, an investigation is started. Warnings and or citations could be issued. We also must enforce Texas laws as per the Health and Safety Code. Maintaining the City animal shelter is also a very important part of our job. This entails caring for all impounded animals and cleaning of the facility . If animals are unclaimed after 72 hours, we work to place them in a good home through adoption or a foster home. We encourage you to check out the Animal Control Center when looking to add a new member to your home. Remember to always vaccinate and spay or neuter your pets.

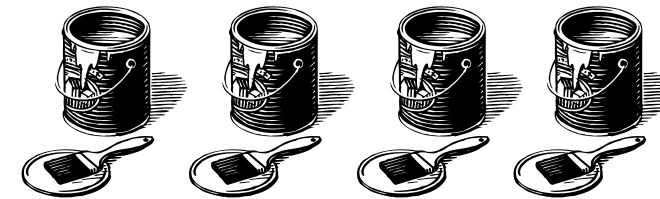
Bulk Pick Up Dates:

January 24, 25, and 26, 2011

February 21, 22, and 23, 2011



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.



We have Something New when it comes to "Home Hazardous Waste" in Lake Worth!

We are pleased to announce that Lake Worth has partnered with Fort Worth to bring a much requested program to our citizens. In order to take advantage of this program, **you will have to come to City Hall for a Voucher.** There is a fee of \$47.00 per dump. Please call or come by City Hall and we would be happy to give you more details.



Visit us on our website
www.lakeworthtx.org



The Mary Lou Reddick Public Library is *On The Go*

Your library is always open! You can now download audio books and eBooks 24/7! To access these digital materials, all you need is:

- A valid library card
- Internet access
- A computer or device that meets the system requirements for the type(s) of digital materials you wish to check out
- Free software for the computer or device on which you wish to use the materials available at this site

Visit <http://biblionix.lakeworth.com>, log in to your library account, and click on the OverDrive logo at the bottom of the screen.

For more information about OverDrive, or any other library service or program, please call us at (817) 237-9681. The library is located at 7005 Charbonneau Road.



COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE GOING ON.....



With the Holiday Season behind us, we can now look forward to 2011! Our new Multi-Purpose Facility is now open! The new Library and Senior Citizens building are also housed at the Multi-Purpose Facility. There are 3 rooms that will be available for rental sometime around mid-January. Right in the center of it all is the Lake Worth Area Museum. Come out for a visit and enjoy the new facilities.

I'm sure you have noticed there's been a lot going on the corner of Azle Avenue and Telephone Road. There will be a Spring opening of the new Goodwill Store. The new Tarrant County Sub Courthouse is almost complete, look for them to open this spring as well. As always remember to Eat, Shop, & Play Lake Worth! If you or someone you know is looking to open a business in Lake Worth, please have them contact Jami Woodall in the Economic Development Corporation Department at 817-237-1211 ext. 106.

According to the City Secretary.....

The City General Election this year will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2011. The purpose of the election is to allow qualified voters to elect the Mayor and Council Places 2, 4, and 6. These are two year terms. Current Mayor/Council Members holding these places are:

Mayor: Walter Bowen

Place 2: Myrt Fowlkes

Place 4: Dona Stuard

Place 6: Geoffrey White

Beginning the second week 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 14, 2011. The deadline to file application for a place on the ballot is by 5:00 pm on Monday March 14, 2011. (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 #105.



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