

Bi Monthly Newsletter

Keeping you informed

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2011

City Hall Hours
Monday-Friday
8am to 6pm

City Holidays

November 24 & 25, 2011

Thanksgiving

December 23 & 26, 2011

Christmas



City Calendar

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. As needed.

Board of Adjustment, meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. As needed.

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From the Desk of the City Manager

Brett McGuire.....

October is always a kind of “transitional” month for the City Staff. The budget process has been completed and a new City Fiscal budget has begun. We start to close out the books on the previous fiscal year and begin a new one. It’s also the time when we begin to get into the “Holiday mode” and finalize plans for upcoming City events highlighting the holidays that are just around the corner.

It’s almost beginning to feel like Fall out there!! Thankfully, we got a bit of much-needed rain and cooler temps to help ease some of our summer sweltering. We still have a long way to go for our watersheds to see any type of recovery though. After we get good, heavy rains folks always ask if, “the watering restrictions are still in place?”. Unfortunately, the restrictions are still in place because it will take quite some time for the watersheds to gain back what they lost during the oppressive summer that we had. Hope for a cool, wet winter!!

City Staff has been asked on a regular basis about the construction status of Hwy. 199. Many folks don’t realize that Hwy. 199 is under total control of TxDot and that construction projects on the highway are not City projects. The City maintains the surface streets; and the section of Azle Ave. from Boat Club Rd. to Hwy. 199. The original TxDot schedule called for the re-surfacing to be completed by October 2011. I think that we all can see that the October timetable did not get met. TxDot is under some of the same constraints that the City is in certain aspects of their operations; certain tasks are not completed by the entity themselves and rely on contractors to complete the work. This appears to be the case regarding the 199 re-surfacing project. The contractor working for TxDot has run into a few “snags” and is a bit behind schedule on the project. Be assured that our City is not the only one being affected... several other cities are in a similar situation.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and that means that the annual Police Department Senior Thanksgiving Dinner is not far away! The PD plans on doing it up big again this year and is gearing up to serve even more folks that they did last year. The event this year will be held on Wednesday November 23rd at the City Multi-Purpose Center. They will begin serving all of that delicious food at 11:00. Make sure that you mark your calendars and come down for turkey, stuffing and all of the trimmings...served up by a good group of folks that include Council members (and their families), City Staff and volunteers from around the community.

The annual City Tree-Lighting and Holiday Shopfest is being planned for Saturday December 3rd at the Multi-Purpose Center. This event is a joint effort between the City, the NW Chamber of Commerce and many of our local merchants to promote shopping and celebrating the holiday season on our City. Area merchants will be offering shopping specials throughout the day and the culminating event will be the tree lighting and the arrival of Santa for the kids (of all ages). Several other activities are being planned as well to help round-out the event. Put December 3rd on your calendars as well and plan on shopping during the day and helping us light our tree that evening. Look for more information to come out in our local newspapers and flyers.

The Lake Worth Park located on Robert’s Cut-Off will be undergoing more changes in the near future. The new lighting equipment has been in place for some time and the football/soccer field has gotten a new irrigation system and a new fence. Plans are being finalized for a new ¼ mile walking/jogging/exercise trail and to re-surface the parking area. Many, many area residents use the current walking trail every day and we want to “spruce it up” a bit to hopefully make their experience a little better. The new trail should be a welcome addition. I’m sure that folks will appreciate a new parking surface as well.

I sincerely hope that everyone has a wonderful Fall. As always, please feel free to call upon your City Staff if we can be of assistance.



Come to the L.O. Irby Lake Worth Senior Center

We have a lot going on.....

We are having an AARP Driver Safety Program here at the Senior Center on Thursday, November 3rd from 9am until 1pm. *Any military personnel either active duty, retired, serving in the guard, or the reserves may take this course FREE.* We are so excited to offer these classes which will refresh your driving skills and help persons stay safe on our roads and highways. Our AARP members may take this class for only \$12.00 dollars and non AARP members can sign up for just \$14.00 dollars. Call to sign up as spaces are limited. You may save up to 15% on your car insurance after taking this course.



The Senior Center is hosting the Country Club Kickers; a Dance Group which will perform for all senior members and guests on Thursday, November 17th at 11am. We are looking forward to this lively group of dancers who will entertain us with their moves and rhythm steps. Stay after the performance for a dance group teaching session when the Kickers will show us some 'moves' and teach some dance steps too.



Put a star by the date: November 23rd is when the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors will be held at the L.O. Bud Irby-Lake Worth Senior Center. This annual dinner is for all Senior Citizens aged 55 years and beyond. Our Lake Worth Police Department sponsors this yearly event and everyone looks forward to good food and great fellowship. The meal begins at 11am and continues until 2pm. Join us here at our beautiful new facility and help us celebrate the season of giving thanks for our many blessings.



We have a special Saturday planned in December for the Senior Center and our Community. We are having a Craft Show on Saturday December 3rd from 10am until 6pm. This will showcase local crafters and handmade items to sell for the perfect gift for that someone special for Christmas. This event is part of a day of activities with Lake Worth's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and visit with Santa Claus. For details and table rentals please call the Senior Center for information at 817-237-3281.



Our Senior Center will be closed the week before Christmas so members can spend time with their families. The dates we will be closed will be from Monday, December 19th until Monday, December 26th. The Senior Center will reopen Tuesday, December 27th to greet our members and catch up on all holiday news.

Call the Senior Center to find out about all the activities we have for members 55 years of age and beyond. Remember we are 'THE' place for seniors to spend time having great fun and fellowship. Come join us for coffee and stay for awhile.

Our hours are 8:30am – 3:30pm Monday thru Friday. 817-237-3281

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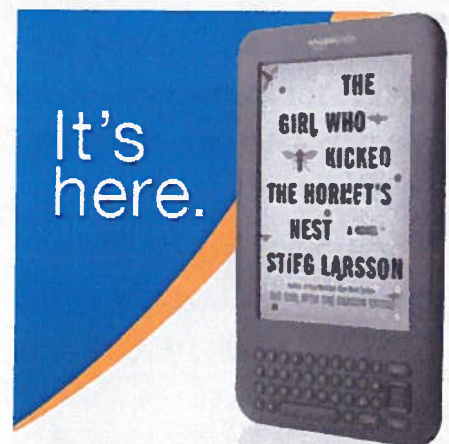
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EDC WANTS YOU TO SEE WHAT'S NEW IN LAKE WORTH

It's been a hot one here in Texas this summer and we are ready for the fall. Construction has started on the new Christian Brothers Automotive located at 6531 Lake Worth Blvd. and should be completed by the end of the year. Also, look for Batteries Plus to be opening their doors in a few weeks. They are located at 6076 Azle Ave, Suite 300 in the Lake Worth Marketplace Shopping Center. Drop in and welcome them to our City. Also opening soon in the Lake Worth Marketplace Shopping Center will be Orange Leaf Yogurt Shop. They will be completing an interior finish out of the space located at 6076 Azle Ave. Check out the newly re-modeled Star Village Theatre, they are now called the Texas Movie Bistro; drop on in, have a bite to eat, and see a great movie! Bennigan's is opening in the old TGI Friday's location at 6535 Lake Worth Blvd. Look for them to complete their re-model and be open by the end of the year. 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 contact Jami Woodall in the Economic Development Department at 817-237-1211 ext. 106.



We appreciate
YOUR BUSINESS!

Bulk Pick Up Dates:

November 21, 22, and 23, 2011

December 26, 27, and 28, 2011

JUST FYI

Utility Billing Department

November 14 – February 14 is the time frame used to calculate the new sewer charge for residential water accounts. The new rates are effective April's water bill.

If you have any questions, please call the utility billing department at 817-237-1211, ext. 110.

Please have your bulk trash out before the first day of pick-up to ensure you do not get missed. DO NOT set your bulk trash out before the 20th of each month or YOU WILL BE CITED.

Call Progressive Waste Solutions (formerly IESi) at 817-222-2221 with any questions.

Notice: The company that provides garbage service to our residents and businesses has changed its name to Progressive Waste Solutions.

There will be no change in their telephone number or the their top-quality service. You will notice only a new name and a new logo.



**VISIT ANIMAL CONTROL
ONLINE at Our City Web Site**



Lake Worth Police Department



National Night Out was held Tuesday, October 4th and was a huge success. Thank you to those who came out and participated in the activities. There were many games and local merchants on hand who helped make this a night of community involvement. One of the events held was our second annual Guns and Hoses Chili Cook Off between the Police Department and Fire Department

The results were as follows:

- 1st Place - PD Sgt. G. Wells
- 2nd Place - PD D. Randall
- 3rd Place - Fire Department
- 4th Place - PD Sgt. R. Smith
- 5th Place - PD Lt. B. Benningfield
- 6th Place - Fire Department
- 7th Place - Fire Department
- 8th Place - Fire Department



Employee of the Month

Officer J. Smith - August

We would like to recognize Officer J. Smith for his continued willingness to do anything that is asked of him to better his department. Officer Smith completes extra duties in the jail on his own, helps cover patrol division and was able to bring National Night Out to us which was a huge success.

Officer R. Brannen – September

Officer Brannen attended the Lake Worth High School Career Day and represented the department in a professional manner. His continued effort with our department are both commended and appreciated.

**Lake Worth Police Department
is proud to announce the**



Senior Appreciation Dinner

**at the L.O. Bud Irby Senior Center
7005 Charbonneau Road**

Lake Worth, Texas

11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 23, 2011

for City of Lake Worth Citizens 55+ years young

Door Prizes - Tasty Food - Great Fun

NOVEMBER 2011

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Election Day City Council	9	10	11 Angel Tree Arrives	12
13	14	15 Last day to pay water bill	16	17	18	19
20 Set out Bulk Trash	21 Bulk Pickup	22 Bulk Pickup	23 Bulk Pickup Senior Dinner 11am-2pm	24 City Holiday No Trash Service	25 City Holiday	26
27	28	29	30			

DECEMBER 2011

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3 Shopfest, Tree lighting, Santa, Arts & Crafts Sale
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 City Council	14	15 Last day to pay water bill	16	17
18	19	20 Set out Bulk Trash	21	22	23 City Holiday	24
25	26 City Holiday, Bulk Trash	27 Bulk Trash	28 Bulk Trash	29	30	31

Grand Lake Park

Located at 6300 Lakeside Dr.



This would be the perfect place for a family get together or fun with friends.



Amenities Include: 1.3 Acreage of Half Court Basketball Court, Playground, Picnic Tables and Charcoal Grills.