

# Bi Monthly Newsletter Keeping you informed

Konoring Our Past with a Vision for the Future

#### **Notice of New Office Hours**

Monday-Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Effective May 1, 2017

#### **Constant Contact**

Stay informed on what is going on in your City by signing up for constant contact. You will receive information such as city news and events, city projects, and general information. To sign up visit our website at www.lakeworthtx.org and click on the "sign up to stay in touch" link on the left side of the home page.

#### **NEW Paperless Billing Option**

We are pleased to announce that we are now offering paperless billing. If you would like to receive your water bill via email please fill out the form that will be included in your water bill and return it with your payment. Payments can be made in person, by mail or by calling nCourt at 855-796-5763 or online at www.lakeworthtxpmts.com for an additional charge. If you have any questions please contact City Hall at 817-237-1211.

#### **Tarrant County Transportation Services**

#### County wide service for older adults 65+ and persons with disabilities!

Rides Guaranteed to Residents

\$2.50 One-way Fare for participating cities On Designated Days:

\$10.00 One-way Fare for non-participating cities

No holiday or weekend service Monday Saginaw

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For Registration and Reservations Lake Worth

Please Call Catholic Charities

817-336-8714

**Tuesday** Mansfield Hours 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Benbrook Monday through Friday

Kennedale

Wednesday Sansom Park

Westworth Village

**Thursday** Benbrook

Crowley

**Friday** Everman

Forest Hill

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City Hall Hours Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

#### City Holidays

**Memorial Day** May 29, 2017 Garbage pickup will run as normal.



#### 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.

#### **COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

May 9, 2017 June 13, 2017

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#### Hello Everyone!!

Your Lake Worth Police Department is stepping up our game to provide you the best service possible! We have started a new paint scheme to ensure you know when your police department is patrolling and we want everyone else to know that we are the LAKE WORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT! We have had issues where other police agencies were driving through our city speeding, talking on the phone, not using a turn signal, etc., etc. When every "cop car" looks the same no one knows who should be where, but we will not have that problem moving forward. We have worked on an updated graphic design to make us stand out and to make you proud. We have also extended this paint scheme to our one of a kind Hy-watch. You should start seeing this out in the community, if you have not already seen it.







These modifications are more than skin deep! Over the past 18 months we have attempted to increase the Lake Worth Police Department's footprint in the law enforcement community. We have done this in a couple of different ways.

#### 1. We have started hosting a large number of course and have been able to pull in:

- A Chicago based company to teach interview and interrogation.
- Nebraska Sheriff's Association for Active Shooter Building Searches
- Caliber Press is now coming this summer \*\*\*this program has never been to a city our size...EVER!
- Leadership courses

#### 2. We have also partnered with outside originations to provide even more coverage.

- **Texas Tactical-**We currently submit their training to the state, which has put our name in literally every corner of the state. We also have free access to the range as a department as well as each individual employee.
- Palo Pinto County Sheriff's Office- Has requested we provide them a training agreement as well. Sheriff Brett McGuire has seen our programs first hand and wants our help more than ever!
- Northwest Tarrant Crime Association- This is a program that we created several months ago so that all area agencies investigators get to gather and discuss crime trends. This program has already provided valuable insight in criminal activities and has identified suspects, which has included bank robberies, shop lifters and many others. We have recently added Tarrant County Sheriff's Department in to this program and hope to add more in the coming months.
- College Intern Program- We have partnered with TCC, TCU and Tarleton to create a college intern program. We have seen several people come through this program and we have more coming soon. This is a great opportunity to allow the public to learn about policing and to learn about the Lake Worth Police Department.
- Tarleton State Criminal Justice Board- As the co-chair of the Criminal Justice Program, we have been working for months to get a program going and we have just completed it. On April 27th we will host the LEADERSHIP FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE POST FERGUSON ERA at Texas A&M University School of Law 2nd Floor Conference Center and Lecture Hall, 1515 Commerce St., Fort Worth.

\*\*\*We are progressively moving forward with these training programs and have only scratched the surface of what we can do! We will continue to improve and make sure that our people employee's receive the highest quality of training possible so that our community will continue to live a safe and secure life!

We also host our City wide Community Outreach program, which includes Public Works, Code Enforcement, Animal Services, Fire Department and Police Department. If you get a chance stop by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at 6:30 PM at the Multi-Purpose Center! PLEASE HELP US GET THE WORD **OUT!!!!** 

YOUR CHIEF OF POLICE JIMMY WOMACK, MS, LCC

OFFICE: 817-255-7931

CELL: 817-701-8016

#### L.O. Bud Irby Lake Worth Senior Center

Looking for a place to meet friends? Learn new games? Get healthier in 2017?

Become a member of the L.O. Bud Irby Lake Worth Senior Center. If you are '55' years young or better, come see what we offer our

members daily, Monday through Friday.

Beginner Mahjongg classes	Mondays at 10 a.m.
Beginner Bridge classes	Mondays at 1p.m.
BINGO Ga.m.es	Tuesdays at 9 a.m.
Ladies Bridge	Tuesdays at 12 noon
Party Bridge	Wednesdays at 9 a.m.
Sassy Senior Dance Class	Wednesdays at 1 p.m.
Mixed Media Class	Wednesdays at 12 noon
Sewing Class	Wednesdays at 12 noon
Quilting Class	Thursdays at 9 a.m.
Line Dance Class	Thursdays at 1 p.m.
TGIF Bands Live Music	Fridays at 10 a.m.
Mahjongg Games	Fridays at 10 a.m.



Looking for a place to come play Dominos, 42, Hand and Foot, Uno, Skip Bo?

Call the Senior Center today ....817-237-3281.....or look at our Monthly Calendar on the City of Lake Worth's website: www.lakeworthtx.org

\*\* NEW Class is coming to the Senior Center in May ......PINOCHLE.

PINOCHLE will be played at the Senior Center each Thursday beginning May 4,2017. Learn this fun game of strategy and teamwork, taught by volunteer instructor Rebecca Dirksen.





1 lb. ground beef

1/2 cup chopped onion

1 can stewed tomatoes (16 oz.), cut up

1 large chopped green pepper

1/2 cup uncooked long grain rice

1/2 cup water

2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

1/2 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. pepper

1 cup (4 oz.) shredded cheddar **or** mozzarella cheese

In a skillet, brown beef; drain. Transfer to a greased 2-quart casserole dish. Combine, then add the next 8 ingredients. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour or until rice is tender. Uncover and sprinkle with cheese; return to oven until cheese melts (about 5 minutes).



#### MAY

**Wednesday, May 3** 10:30 – 11:30am

Preschool Storytime COLORS

Wednesday, May 10

10:30 – 11:30am Preschool Storytime ALLIGATORS

Thursday, May 11

12:00 – 1:00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Book Club *The Perfume Collector* by Kathleen Tessaro

Friday, May 12

3:00 – 5:00pm Family Game Afternoon Board games and snacks

Wednesday, May 17

10:30 – 11:30am Preschool Storytime OWLS

Saturday, May 20

10:30 - 12:30pm *Coffee & Coloring* Adult coloring program

Wednesday, May 24

10:30 – 11:30am Preschool Storytime TREES

Friday, May 26

Memorial Day Weekend Library open 9:00-1:00

Saturday, May 27

Memorial Day Weekend Library Closed

Wednesday, May 31

10:30 – 11:30am Preschool Storytime SHAPES

### Mary Lou Reddick Public Library May & June Event Guide

#### **JUNE**

Wednesday, June 7

10:30 – 11:30am Preschool Storytime OCEAN

Thursday, June 8

12:00 – 1:00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Book Club *Our Endless Numbered Days* by Claire Fuller

Friday, June 9

3:00 - 5:00pm Family Game Afternoon Board games and snacks

Wednesday, June 14

10:30 – 11:30am Preschool Storytime JUNGLE

Thursday, June 15

10:30 – 11:30am Raptors of North Texas Hawks, owls & falcons

Saturday, June 17

10:30 - 12:30pm Coffee & Coloring Adult coloring program

Wednesday, June 21

10:30 – 11:30am Preschool Storytime SUMMER

Thursday, June 22

10:30 – 11:30am *Luau at the Library* with Dorayne Breedlove

Saturday, June 24

11:00 – 12:30pm Gentle Yoga + Bhakti Sound Savasana with *Stefanie Tovar*. BYOM.

Wednesday, June 28

10:30 – 11:30am Preschool Storytime SUPERHEROES

Thursday, June 29

10:30 – 11:30am Indoor Bubble Show with Professor Pop



Book-a-Librarian appointments are available at the Mary Lou Reddick Public Library! Need help with computer basics, creating a resume, using the Library databases, setting up an email account, or downloading e-books to your device?

#### Schedule a free 30 minute session today.

Call (817) 237-9681 or email

laras@lakeworthlib.org

Some things we are unable to help with:

- · We do not provide medical, legal or business advice.
- · We cannot type or proofread your documents.
- We cannot offer technical support or troubleshooting except when it relates to library resources.

#### Mary Lou Reddick Public Library

7005 Charbonneau Lake Worth, TX 76135 (817) 237-9681

#### **Online Catalog**

http://lakeworth.biblionix.com

Tues 9-5 Wed & Thurs 9-7 Fri 9-5 Sat 9-1 Closed Sun & Mon

#### **Code Compliance Corner.....**

April Showers...Bring May Flowers...and High Grass & Weeds!

Just a friendly reminder the city ordinance prohibits any grass, weeds, or any plant that is not cultivated to grow to a height greater than twelve (12') inches or to grow in rank profusion (an overabundance) upon such premises, including along the sidewalk or street adjacent to the same between property line and curb or if there is no curb, then to the edge of the roadway. Your entire property front, sides, and rear must be kept under the twelve (12') inches.

Not only are high grass and weeds unsightly, but they pose a fire hazard, block visibility for drivers, harbor rodents and snakes and contribute to pests like mosquitoes and chiggers.

Please mow your yard as frequently as necessary to remain in compliance.



## Protect yourself from West Nile virus

**Use** insect repellent\* when you go outside.

**Drain** standing water regularly.

Mosquitoes breed in water that collects in buckets, tires, gutters, and saucers.

**Wear** long sleeves and pants at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.

**Keep** screens on doors and windows in good condition to keep mosquitoes out.



\*\*Approved repellents contain DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus\*\*

#### www.txwestnile.org





#### Looking for a place to hold your next family reunion or birthday?

Hodgkins Park 4200 Hodgkins Road

Amenities Include:

Picnic Tables, Playground, Grills, and Large Covered Pavilion

Fees:

Facility	Resident	Non-Resident	Minimum Rental Time
Pavilion	\$20.00 per hr.	\$25.00 per hr.	2 hours
Entire Park	\$37.50 per hr.	\$37.50 per hr.	4 hours

For reservation information contact City Hall at 817-237-1211.



#### 2017 Bulk pick-up dates at a glance.....

- May 22-26, 2017
- June 26-30, 2017
- July 24-28, 2017
- August 21-25, 2017
- September 25-29, 2017
- October 23-27, 2017
- November 27-December 1, 2017 (delayed due to schedule)
- December 26-29, 2017 (Tuesday start date due to holiday on Monday.)



Bulk Pick-Up Reminder: Bulk is picked up is the last full week of the month. Brush MUST be put out PRIOR to first day of pick up, but NOT BEFORE midnight on the 20th of each month (to avoid being cited).

#### **Utility Billing Department**

Watering restrictions are YEAR-ROUND: No watering between the hours of 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.



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 a leak during this time frame and have it repaired, you will need to fill out and submit a request for re-consideration of winter sewer average. You can start submitting your request to the utility billing department now through <u>June 30th</u>. Your completed form should be accompanied by proof of the leak being fixed. An acceptable proof of repair includes but is not limited to: a plumber's invoice or store receipt of parts purchased.

Just a reminder, the Utility Billing Department does not accept payments made by check for less than \$5.00.

Payment options are to pay in person, by mail, or by making a payment through nCourt (either online or by telephone subject to an additional fee per transaction). All payments received prior to 6:00 pm on a business day will be posted the same day.

#### nCourt: Online

www.lakeworthtxpmts.com or telephone 1-855-796-5763. You must have your account number to pay.



If you have any questions, please call the Utility Billing Department at 817-237-1211 ext. 110.



#### 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	
<b>Animal Control</b>	817-237-1224 x 315	
Code Compliance	817-237-1211 x 111	
Fire	817-237-7461	
<b>Chamber of Commerce</b>	817-237-0060	
Tarrant Co. Tax	817-238-4436	
(Property Tax & Car Registration)		
<b>DPS</b> (Drivers License)	817-238-9197	
County Clerk	817-238-4420	
Health Dept.	817-238-4441	
LW Post Office	817-237-5128	
Progressive Waste	817-222-2221	

The City of Lake Worth has a new website. Check it out at www.lakeworthtx.org. You may now follow us on Facebook and Twitter.





#### KNOW YOUR WATERING SCHEDULE

#### MONDAY

No watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems

#### **TUESDAY & FRIDAY**

Non-residential sites (apartments, businesses, parks, common areas)

#### WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY

Residential addresses ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8

#### THURSDAY & SUNDAY

Residential addresses ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9