City Hall Hours Monday-Friday 8am - 5pm





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# **Municipal Munchies**

Grandma's Carrot Cake

2 cups sugar
1-1/2 cups canola oil
4 large eggs
2 tsp vanilla extract
2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1-1/2 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp salt
1 tsp ground cinnamon
3 cups shredded carrots (about 6 medium)
1 cup chopped walnuts

#### **FROSTING**

1 pkg (8 oz) cream cheese, softened 1/4 cup butter, softened 3 cups confectioners' sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease & flour a 10" fluted tube pan. Beat first 4 ingredients until well blended. Whisk together flour, baking soda, salt & cinnamon; gradually beat into the sugar mixture. Stir in carrots & walnuts. Transfer to prepared pan. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 50-60 minutes. Cool in pan 10 minutes before removing to a wire rack; cook completely. For frosting, beat cream cheese & butter until smooth.

Gradually beat in confectioners' sugar. Spread over cooled cake.

Yield: 16 servings

# City Calendar

Council meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

Planning & Zoning meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. As needed.

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

# <u>City Holidays</u>

July 3rd

(In observance of Independence Day)

# **Council Meetings**

**♦** 

# Bulk pick-up

- ♦ June 22-26
- July 27-31
- ♦ August 24-28

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# SUMMER NEWSLETTER

# Mary Lou Reddick Public Library

7005 CHARBO<u>NNEAU | 817-237-</u>9681

# Welcoming you back!

On June 1st, the Mary Lou Reddick Public Library will reopen to the public! We will be open for in-person service from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Patrons can still request items for curbside pick-up.

To ensure everyone's safety, and to monitor the number of people inside, you can call (817) 237-9681 to schedule a one-hour appointment to use the Library's computers. We will also take walk-ins as space allows.

The following services will be available:

- Browsing books to check out
- Public computer access (1 hour per patron, per day)
- Free Wi-Fi
- Copying and faxing

To maintain safe distances between patrons and staff, the following services will remain unavailable:

- Face-to-face help with computers or other technology including the fax and copy machine
- In-person events and programs
- · Children's computers
- Children's toys and other manipulatives
- · Breaking large bills

High-touch surfaces will be cleaned multiple times each day. Hand sanitizer will be made available to patrons while supplies last. Library facilities have also been updated to ensure safety. A clear plexiglass divider has been installed at the circulation desk. To maintain a safe distance between people, furniture has been rearranged or put into temporary storage. Only six public computers will be available at once, with ample space between each station.

We look forward to welcoming you back! Call today to schedule your computer time or to ask us a question.

Visit our online catalog at: lakeworth.biblionix.com/catalog

# **OUR SUMMER READING PROGRAM** is going online with Reader Zone.

No more paper reading logs! Use an app to keep track of your progress in real time.

### **Join our Summer Reading Program:**

- 1. Search for Reader Zone at your app store
  - 2. Install the app on your device
  - Create an account and enter our Reading Program Code: 438a9
    - 4. Begin logging your reading
  - 5. Prize giveaways begin July 31st



Desktop version @ www.readerzone.com

While our in-person events are on hold, we are offering Virtual Programming on the Library's Facebook Page

- Dragons: Return of the Ice Sorceress Thursday, June 4th at 10:30 am
  - Wild Things Live Zoofari Thursday, June 11th at 1:00 pm
  - Science of Spin Virtual YoYo Show Thursday, June 18th at 10:30am
- The Bubble Wizard Virtual Program Thursday, June 25th at 10:30 am
- Critterman: Virtual Rainforest Safari Thursday, July 9th at 10:30 am



# Lake Worth

Programs & activities for adults 55+

7005 Charbonneau • Lake Worth, TX 76135 • (817) 237-3281

# An Open Letter to Our Seniors:

The staff at the L.O. Bud Irby Lake Worth Senior Center would like to take a moment to thank our wonderful seniors for their patience during the COVID-19 situation. While we have not been able to see any of you in-person, we are thinking of you every day. We miss each and every one of you, and we hope that those of you we have reached out to have enjoyed our phone conversations as much as we have. It has not been the same as getting to interact in-person, but you have brightened our spirits with your enthusiasm and eagerness to visit us again.

As of right now, we are hoping to reopen our doors on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Rest assured that when we do return to service, our facility will be appropriately sanitized, and that we will take every precaution to ensure your safety and health. Serving our senior community is our purpose and our passion. We cannot wait to see all of your smiling faces again! Remember to take care of yourselves, and as always, we are here and ready to help in any way we can. You can reach us at 817-237-3281.

See you soon!

# **Need Help?**

# Food and Nutrition:

Meals on Wheels of Tarrant Co. 817-336-0912

### 2-1-1 Texas Hotline:

Dialing 2-1-1 can connect you to assistance for food, housing, and medical care.

### Transportation:

Catholic Charities of Fort Worth 817-534-0814

# Aging and Disability Resource Center of Tarrant: 1-888-730-ADRC (2372)

# MHMR Tarrant County:

24 hour crisis mental help support 817-335-3022 or 1-800-866-2465

### **AARP Connections:**

Trained volunteers provide a friendly call when you just want to say hello. 1-888-281-0145

### Gardens on the Go:

Fresh fruits and vegetables available curbside for \$5 cash per bag. 1st & 3rd Saturdays | 8 to 10 am Higher Praise Family Church 2909 Horton Road Fort Worth, TX 76119



# IT TAKES ALL OF US TO SAVE LIVES!

If we work together, fewer of our friends and family will be affected by the coronavirus. Hospitals won't be overloaded and lives will be saved.

Learn more at www.texas.gov/covid19

## OUR PART TO KEEP FELLOW TEXANS SAFE!



#### PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

If you must go out, avoid public spaces and keep your distance.



**KEEP HANDS CLEAN** 

Use soap and water for 20 seconds or use 60% alcohol hand sanitizer.



DISINFECT

Disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces often



STAY HOME WHEN SICK

Call your doctor if you have fever, cough or shortness of breath



# **SPREAD GERMS**

Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth. Cover a cough or sneeze using your elbow.

### SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

Symptoms may appear any time between 2-14 days after exposure.



#### WHY IT'S DANGEROUS

Most of us will be fine. But, if we allow the virus to spread, many people who don't have to could die.









# BY STAYING APART NOW, WE CAN ALL BE TOGETHER AGAIN FASTER!







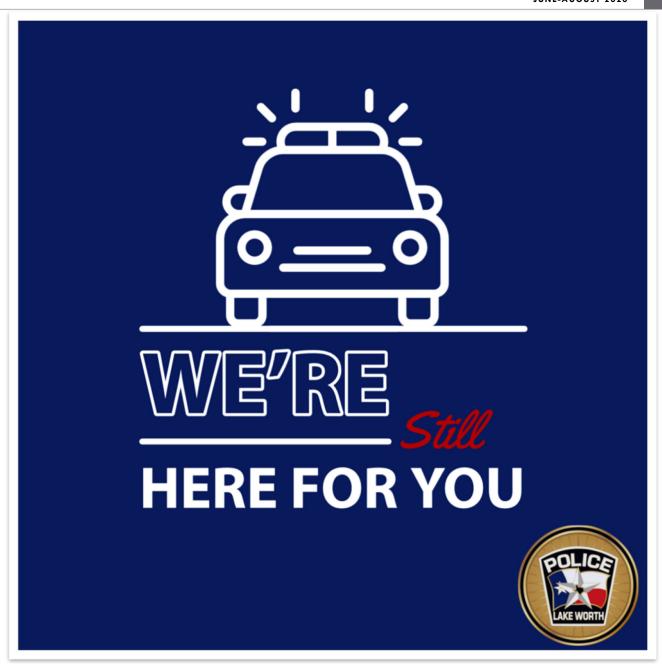
#### **City Secretary Section:**

Due to unopposed candidates, the May Election was cancelled this year. The unopposed candidates who were certified as being elected to office are as follows:

Council Place 1 Jim Smith Council Place 3 Sue Wenger Council Place 5 Pat O. Hill Council Place 7 Clint Narmore

These candidates received their certification and took their official Oath of Office at the May 12, 2020 Regular City Council meeting.

If you have any questions regarding City Election information, please contact the City Secretary's Office at (817) 237-1211, extension 105.



LWPD would like to remind you to lock your vehicles, take your valuables inside, and park your vehicle in a well lit area if possible. Doing so helps prevent vehicle burglaries and other crimes of opportunity.

If you see any suspicious activity in your neighborhood, please call us and report it.

We're here for you 24/7!



# Municipal Court Update

As the City offices begin to open the Municipal Court is open too but in a limited fashion. Clerks are available to help you process your citations over the phone, by email or in person, but we are unable to hold any court dates until after June 1, 2020. At this time, if you have a citation and you think you want to see the Judge please contact a clerk at 817-255-7910 and discuss all options available to you before you send in or fill out paperwork. Several options such as Deferred Disposition (to keep the citation off your record) and Payment Plans (up to six months) can be processed without an appearance with the Judge.

If you are having financial difficulty at this time, please contact the Court and we will ask you to fill out a Financial Information Sheet for the Judge. The Judge will review this information and any other information you wish to supply him, and your case may be able to be processed without an appearance in court.

If you wish to contest your case, the Prosecutor will be extending offers on all Not Guilty pleas for you to consider without an appearance with the Prosecutor or a trial setting.

If you decide you still wish to appear at a court date after discussing the available options, you will still need to fill out a request, but you will not receive a court date until we are allowed to hold court again. Please keep a good address and phone number with the Court as court dates will be mailed out as cases are set back on court dates after June 1, 2020. Social distancing, screening, and face coverings will be required in all Court sessions until further notice.

If you have questions about your case or the status of it, contact the court by phone at 817-255-7910 or by email at court@lakeworthtx.org.

# Lake Worth Municipal Court

**Municipal Court Texting** 

If you receive a citation from a Lake Worth Police Officer and provide your cell phone number, the Municipal Court will send out reminders regarding your citation, so you don't miss any important dates. If you have received a citation and want to update your phone number please contact the Municipal phone Court at 817-255-7910 and a clerk can assist " į̃ you.



# Lake Worth Municipal Court

Safe Harbor Initiative

Anyone who has outstanding warrants with the Lake Worth Municipal Court is urged to appear at the court of-If fice to resolve their outstanding charges. Defendants that appear in the court office will not be arrested for outstandling warrants issued by the Lake Worth Municipal Court. You may be eligible for alternative ways to payment, such as community service or a reduction in the fine amount. Your warrants will be recalled, and you will be scheduled to see the Judge to discuss your situation. Please contact the Lake Worth Municipal Court at 817-255-7910 to see if you have any outstanding charges that need to be resolved or if you have any questions.



### Utility Billing Payment Plan Assistance for those affected by the COVID-19 crisis

# I lost my job and/or hours were reduced due to the COVID-19, who can I contact for assistance with my water bill?

Some helpful resources:

Call 2-1-1 www.211.org

Salvation Army	817.624.3111	
United Way	817.258.8005	www.unitedwaytarrant.org
Manna Storehouse	817.599.6569	www.mannahouseoutreach.org
Center of Hope	817.594.0266	www.centerofhopetx.com
Tarrant County Housing Assistance Program	817.531.7640	
Community Action Partners	817.392.5790	

#### What should I do if my account is currently past due?

If you are unable to pay your bill in full immediately, contact the Utility Billing Department at 817-255-7900 to discuss payment arrangements **no later than June 30**<sup>th</sup>.

You will continue to receive a bill and accrue a balance during the COVID-19 crisis.

# We are here to help our customers by providing the following:

 Delaying disconnection for nonpayment and delinquent accounts. Contact the Utility Billing department by June 30<sup>th</sup> to make arrangements.



 Delay in posting late fees to past due accounts for April, May and June



## **Utility Billing Department**

Payment options are to pay in person, by mail, or by making a payment through nCourt online or by telephone for an additional fee. All payments received prior to 5:00 pm on a business day will be posted the same day.

www.ThePaymentGroup.com PH: 888-744-0584

You <u>must</u> have your account number and amount due to pay.

If you have any questions, please call the Utility Billing Department at 817-255-7900.

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

#### 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



Just send your email address

by text message:

**Text** 

#### **LAKEWORTH**

to 22828 to get started.

Message and data rates may apply.



#### 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	817-238-8738
Code Compliance	817-237-1211 x 111
Fire	817-237-7461
Chamber of Commerce	817-237-0060
Tarrant Co. Tax	817-238-4438
(Property Tax & Car Reg	gistration)
DPS (Drivers License)	817-238-9197
County Clerk	817-238-4420
Health Dept.	817-238-4441
LW Post Office	817-237-5128
Waste Connections	817-222-2221

#### Lake Worth Museum

7001 Charbonneau Rd

Hours:

Thursday – Saturday

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Annual Membership Dues:

Individual.....\$10

Family.....\$15



City Holiday

June '20							
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
	29	30					

		lı	ılv '2	Water bill due			
July '20							
S	M	Т	W	Т	F	S	Late water bill due
			1	2	*	4	Bulk pick up days
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	1st day to set out bulk items
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	31		Last day to set out
							Bulk