

LAKESTIDE NEWSLETTER

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Come Home to Lakeside.

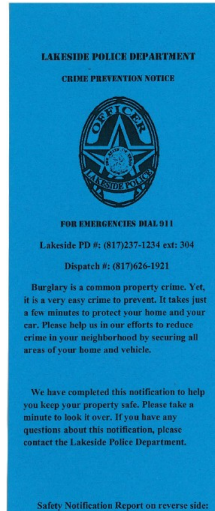
TOWN HALL HOURS:
Monday-Friday
7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

WWW.LAKESIDETEXAS.US

Regular City Council Meetings are the second Thursday each month at 6:30 p.m. Planning & Zoning Commission meetings are the third Monday each month at 6:30 p.m. if needed

City Council

Mayor Patrick Jacob
Mayor Pro Tem Don Pitts
Councilmember Dale Martin
Councilmember Kim Ware
Councilmember Vonnie Massingill
Councilmember Gaspare LaDuca



LAKESTIDE POLICE IMPLEMENT CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM

In an effort to reduce crime in Lakeside neighborhoods, our Police Department has implemented a new Crime Prevention Program. This program has been used in other area communities and been shown to decrease burglaries of homes and vehicles dramatically. While police officers are on patrol, they will be watching for obvious indicators that criminals look for when targeting a vehicle or home for theft. When the officer sees an indicator, they will write up the item(s) they have observed, and provide the information to the property owner on a blue Crime Prevention Notice. If the property owner is not present, the notice will be left at the front door. Burglary is a common crime that is very easy to prevent. This program will reduce theft in the neighborhoods of Lakeside by educating property owners on methods to keep their property safe.

While on patrol in your neighborhood:
On _____ at _____ AM / PM
I NOTICED:

VEHICLE:

Property in Plain View
 Keys Left in Vehicle
 Door / Window Open / Unlocked
 Other: _____

HOME:

Doors / Windows Open
 Garage Door Open
 Other: _____

Your vehicle or home has:
Passed Failed

If your vehicle or home failed its crime prevention inspection, it was because of one of the reasons marked above. Please take the appropriate steps to keep your property safe. Thank you for your help and support.

(Officer) (Badge #)

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR PATRICK JACOB

Confederate Park Road is looking good with the new asphalt that TxDOT has applied and hopefully the striping is soon to follow. The roadside drainage still needs work. Council asked the Town's Engineer to conduct a study of how to repair the drainage as it has worsened over the years. The report was presented at the July 8th Council Meeting and is available for your review upon request.

I recently attended a meeting to which all the mayors around Tarrant County were invited. The purpose of the meeting was to provide and update on the latest Barnett Shale concern—benzene levels near gas well sites. The meeting addressed the history of benzene concerns, and what has occurred to date with an independent study that is being conducted. The ongoing progress and results of this independent study will be followed by and reported to the mayors as the study continues. The study reports that benzene levels measured at the locations do not indicate cause for concern and are well within the State's mandated acceptable range. As this study progresses, arrangements will be made for a presentation of the basis and results up to that point of the study at a Council meeting.

PAT

Annual Budget Workshops Underway City Council Hard at Work

The annual budgeting process has begun. City Council and staff are working to prepare and balance the budget for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011. Budget workshops are public meetings that are open for all citizens to attend. The next workshop is scheduled for Monday, August 2nd at 6 p.m. and any other necessary meetings will be scheduled accordingly.

Some of the programs and improvements that are being considered for funding include road, water line and drainage improvements, warning sirens, and a part-time code enforcement officer. Council will also decide what the property tax rate will be for the next year.

The public hearing for citizen input on the proposed budget, consideration for its approval and consideration by Council for adoption of the final budget will be held on Thursday, September 9th. A copy of the proposed budget will be available at Town Hall and also on the Town's website immediately following completion of the proposed budget. Call 817-237-1234 ext. 303 if you have any questions.

WATER SERVICE OUTAGES OR EMERGENCIES?!

Water Customer Service

Call 817-237-1234 ext. 301

After hour water emergencies

CALL DISPATCH AT 817-626-1921

BACK TO SCHOOL

Monday, August 23rd marks the first day of school for the Azle Independent School District (AISD) for the 2010-2011 school year. The website address for the AISD is www.azleisd.net. This website has a school calendar, school supply lists, dates and locations of registrations, and lots of other helpful information to get your kid back to school.

Also, the State of Texas SALES TAX HOLIDAY is August 20th-22nd. Texas shoppers are exempt from sales tax on purchases of items such as clothing and footwear, backpacks, school supplies, etc. For a complete list of sales tax exempt items, go to www.window.state.tx.us and click on the icon for "Tax-Free Weekend".



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	6 pm 2 Budget Workshop	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	6:30 pm 12 City Council	13	14
15	6:30 pm 16 P & Z	Municipal 17 Court	18	Lakeside 19 Garden Club	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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