

LAKE SIDE NEWSLETTER

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Come Home to Lakeside.

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

Upcoming Holiday Closings:

Christmas Holiday
December 24th and 25th

New Year's Day Jan 1st

December Marks the Beginning of Annual Sewer Rate Averaging

The amount of water consumption for the months of December, January and February are averaged together to determine the per cubic foot charge for sewer for the following year. The resulting per cubic foot charge is multiplied times monthly consumption and added to the base rate of \$31. Conserving water consumption during these months will lower sewer bills for the following year.

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING EVENT

FRIDAY, DEC. 4TH

SANTA ARRIVES
AT 7 P.M.

LAKE SIDE
TOWN HALL

HOPE TO SEE
YOU THERE!

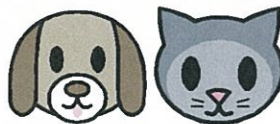


Regular City Council Meetings are the second Thursday each month at 6:30 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission meetings are the third Monday each month at 6:30 p.m.

City Council

Mayor Patrick Jacob
Mayor Pro Tem Vonnice Massingill
Councilmember Don Pitts
Councilmember Cecil Kennedy
Councilmember Kim Ware
Councilmember Gaspare LaDuca



DOMESTIC PETS

The maximum number of domestic animals allowed per single-family zoned home is four. This includes dogs, cats, rabbits, rodents, birds, and non-venomous reptiles. Residents that keep their dogs primarily outside must have a fence. Dogs outside the fence must be on a leash or held by their owners. Pets must register each year with Town Hall no later than May 31st and proof of vaccination must be shown. Animals running at large, not registered, not vaccinated or being treated inhumanely are subject to impoundment. Impoundment and handling fees apply. In addition, violations of the Animals Chapter of the Code of Ordinances are punishable by citations which carry fines of up to \$2000 per day. Please be a responsible pet owner. Have your pets spayed or neutered.

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR PATRICK JACOB

Just about everyone has seen the gas well operating behind the Church of God. The road has been built and the concrete apron onto Confederate Park Road poured. XTO has also installed a "rock shaker" to help keep the rocks and gravel off of CPR. The rig may not be there by the time you read this. The well operators have kept the noise to a minimum. Several folks have traveled to various points around the well using public roads to see how much noise is being made by the well. XTO has done a good job of keeping the noise to a minimum.

Road crews are planning to work along the side of CPR clearing the ditches to help with the standing water. As always, please drive with care when approaching the crews. With all the rain, and so little slope, it does not take much to make small ponds up at the intersection.

Once again, the residents of Lakeside made a great showing for the November 3rd Vote. Thank you for taking time out to support our way of choosing how government should function. Please remember to check the Town's website for updates or new postings at www.lakesidetexas.us.

PAT

TOWN HALL GOING GREEN?!

Town Hall may have a new set of solar panels on the roof in the near future. The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts has notified Lakeside that it is eligible for \$20,000 through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program. The EECBG program is funded by \$45 million in federal monies from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) that were distributed to the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO), other words, these funds are part of down to communities across the to develop and implement projects to energy use and fossil fuel emissions. teria of how these monies can be City Council meeting, Council ap- tentation to accept the EECBG Pro- not have to be matched or paid back by the Town. There is also rebate money available from Oncor Energy in 2010 that will result in additional funds for this project of approximately \$7,000 to \$8,000. Staff is currently working with a solar company to design a solar panel project for Town Hall that will reduce energy use by approximately 30% and result in a cost savings of approximately \$1,500 to \$1,750 annually for the Town. The solar panel project will be presented to City Council at its December 10, 2009, City Council meeting for consideration of approval for submittal to SECO. All required grant application materials must be submitted to SECO by December 22, 2009, in order to be eligible to receive the EECBG funding. This is a great opportunity to reduce energy usage and save funds!



Holiday Safety Tips: Here are a few tips to keep your holiday season free from accidents and injuries.

Trees: Purchase moist live trees and be sure to keep watered. Be sure trees are not erected near any ignition sources such as fireplaces and the base is steady so the tree will not fall over. **Extension Cords:** Make sure extension cords are UL approved and large enough to carry the load being used for. Do not run cords under rugs or across doorways. **Lights:** Immediately replace any broken bulbs with exposed filaments.

Parties: DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE!! Provide non-alcoholic refreshments for designated drivers and others.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	Holiday 4 Tree Lighting 7pm	5
6	7	8	9	City Council 10 6:30 p.m.	11	12
13	Planning & Zoning 6:30 pm 14	Municipal Court 15	16	Lakeside Garden Club 17	18	19
20	21	22	23	Christmas Eve 24 Offices Closed	Christmas 25 Offices Closed	26
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