

LAKESIDE 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:

New Year's Day Jan 1st

MLK Day Jan 18th

PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEY!

Tarrant County receives annual funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to increase homeownership, support community development and increase access to affordable housing free from discrimination. These funds are mainly used to help improve water and sewer, streets, add new sidewalks and provide public services. Ultimately Lakeside may receive some of this funding from Tarrant County.

The Tarrant County Community Development and Housing Division has contacted Lakeside and asked that our citizens complete a survey. The survey results are used to plan for the future use of these funds with citizen's needs in mind. The survey is 10 questions and confidential. The survey can be taken by going to the Town of Lakeside website—www.lakesidetexas.us, and then clicking on the link titled "*Click Here to Complete the Survey*". Tarrant County wants to plan for the future use of these funds with Lakeside's needs in mind.

Your help today in answering this short online survey is greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance.

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

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

City Council

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

SHREDINATOR COMING TO LAKE SIDE

On Saturday, February 20th, the Shredinator will be coming to the Town Hall parking lot to shred documents. The shredder will be here from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. This service is available to anyone from Lakeside and surrounding areas. Any papers can be shredded whether they are personal or business. You will receive a certificate of destruction for the items that are shredded. The cost is \$0.18 cents per pound. Forms of payment are cash or credit card. Shredding is environmentally friendly and a great device for identity theft protection. Hopefully you can use this service.



ELECTION FOR CITY COUNCIL

The first day to file to run as a candidate for City Council is February 5th. The last day to file is March 8th. Place 1 held by Don Pitts, Place 2 held by Cecil Kennedy and Place 3 held by Kim Ware are up for re-election. Candidate packets will be available 2/5/2010.

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR PATRICK JACOB

The year 2009 brought changes to Lakeside. The Town began work on the water and sewer plants to bring them into compliance with the TCEQ's regulations. These same regulations affected many towns like ours across the State. The First Baptist Church of Lakeside completed an exceptional building addition at the eastern gateway of our Town. The first gas well was drilled in Lakeside. A minimal amount of water was purchased in 2009. This is due to the hard work and efforts of your water department. Council elections were held. 2009 was a tough budget year. Lakeside, like almost every municipality in the state, saw a significant decrease in sales tax revenue. This made planning a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2010 difficult for the Council and Staff. The Council and Planning and Zoning Commission completed the Comprehensive and Future Land Use Plans. 2010 will continue to bring new items to Lakeside. The Planning & Zoning Commission is now working on updating the Town's Zoning Ordinance for Council's consideration. The 2010 Census is happening. The projects for water and wastewater begun in 2009 will continue in 2010. Elections for council, State and Federal offices will be held this year. Looking forward to another active year and wishing you and all in Lakeside a prosperous 2010!

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UNITED STATES CENSUS 2010

According to the United States Constitution, Article I, Section 2, the population shall be counted every ten years. In March of 2010, census forms will be delivered to every residence in the United States. When you receive yours, just answer the 10 short questions and then mail the form back in the postage-paid envelope provided. If you don't mail the form back, you may receive a visit from a census taker, who will ask you the questions from the form.

Not only is participation important—it's mandatory. It is important to turn in your form because Census information helps determine the number of seats Texas has in the US House of Representatives. The information also helps our community when qualifying for the over \$400 billion in federal funds available annually for infrastructure and services like emergency services, senior centers, job training centers, bridges, and other public works projects. Census information is also used by people from many walks of life to advocate for causes, rescue disaster victims, prevent diseases, research markets, locate skilled workers and more.

Your privacy and information is protected in many ways. All Census Bureau employees take the oath of nondisclosure and are sworn for life to protect the confidentiality of the data. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share respondents' answers with anyone—not the IRS, not the FBI, not the CIA, and not with any other government agency. The penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment of up to 5 years, or both. The easiest way to keep your information safe is to fill out your census form and mail it back right away. Also, look for identification from census takers and remember that the Census Bureau will NEVER ask for any information to be submitted online.

More information regarding the Census is available at on the 2010 Cenus website: <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/>.

JANUARY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			A HAPPY NEW YEAR		New Year's Day 1 Town Hall Closed	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
10	Planning & Zoning 6:30 pm	11	12	13	City Council 14 6:30 p.m.	15	16
17	MLK DAY 18 Town Hall Closed	19	20	21	Lakeside 21 Garden Club	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
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