

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 Closing:
July 5th for Independence Day

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 Vonnice Massingill
Councilmember Gaspare LaDuca

Town Hall Solar Panels Installed and Working

American Recovery & Reinvestment Act Grant Money at Work in Lakeside

Lakeside was awarded \$23,030 from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. These funds did not have to be matched and were earmarked for specific projects to reduce energy usage. Lakeside's funds were used to contract with Longhorn Solar Inc. to purchase and install a 5.590 kW DC Power solar electric system on the roof of Town Hall. Oncor also provided rebate funds to supplement the project in the amount of \$13,112. The total cost of the project was \$36,142, none of which comes from the coffers of the Town. There are a total of 26 panels on the roof that are attached to an inverter and a special electric meter. As energy is collected it is documented by the meter and reflected in the meter reading. It is estimated that energy use will be reduced at Town Hall by approximately 30% and result in a cost savings of approximately \$1,500 to \$1,750 annually for the Town which can be used for other needs.

Happy Fourth of July!!

Please celebrate safely.

Fireworks are prohibited in Lakeside and with the dry weather we are having, they are a serious fire hazard. So, take your family to a public fireworks display in the area and leave the fireworks to the professionals!



ROAD REPAIRS TO BEGIN

During the month of July, Tarrant County Precinct Four will begin road repairs on Vanshire and Live Oak. This work was approved by City Council in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 budget. Please do not park vehicles on these streets while the work is being performed. Thanks.

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR PATRICK JACOB

The contracted work for the sewer plant upgrades is finished and upgrades are running as designed. The Water Department still has a couple items to complete associated with the project that have to do with dirt work.

The Town's water conservation program is currently in force, and unfortunately not everyone is following the water conservation schedule. We all understand that it is hot, but we need to stay on the water schedule when watering our lawns. Neil Sperry, renown Texas horticulturist, recommends the following for watering Texas Lawns. "Turf needs to be allowed to dry somewhat between waterings. That encourages the grass to develop deeper, stronger roots. Frequency will vary greatly in the winter, spring and fall due to variations in the weather. However, during the hot summer weather aim to water no more often than every 4 or 5 days (3 or 4 days if temperatures exceed 100 degrees). Water heavily enough that the grass doesn't dry out any sooner than that. Leave sprinkler systems in the "Manual" mode so that they don't run when they're not needed." Mr. Sperry's website is www.neilsperry.com and is full of great gardening information. Just remember, addresses that are odd can water on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. Even address can water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Water before 10 am and after 6 pm. Hand watering of plants and flowers (not grass) is allowed any day. The property owners in Town with private wells can water any time, since their water does not come out of the town's water system and their use of water does not affect the water level in the Town's water storage tanks.

Lastly, thank you for being patient and cautious while the TxDOT roadwork project is underway on 1886.

PAT

BULKY AND LARGE ITEM WASTE PICKUP

Every three months the Town of Lakeside's waste contractor, IESI, (817) 222-2221, conducts a bulky or large item pickup at the curbside of residences. The bulky and large item pickup will be held beginning July 21st. You may put items at your curb no sooner than the Saturday prior to July 21st, which is July 17th. The Large item pickup usually takes 5 to 7 days to complete after IESI begins to collect items. Please do not combine waste or brush piles with your neighbor's pile. The Town's IESI contract is priced per household and they do not view it as a convenience when all the neighbors combine piles. They view it as an opportunity to charge an additional fee to the residence where all the trash or brush is piled.

To follow are some guidelines to follow when preparing to put trash, brush or other items at your curb to be picked up during the large item pickup.

Bulky items are defined as items that are larger than typical waste but measure no more than 2 cubic yards and/or weigh no more than 50 pounds. These items may include furniture; construction and demolition waste such as paper, cartons, gypsum board, wood products; air conditioners, stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers; tree trimmings; fence panels and other similar waste materials. Refrigerators and freezers will not be picked up unless they have been tagged by a qualified technician that the freon has been removed as required by law. Appliance doors should be secured so that they are closed until they are picked up. Brush collection is limited to 10 cubic yards. 10 cubic yards is an area approximately 10 feet in length by 5 feet in width by 5 feet in height. If the amount of brush you have at your curb exceeds this amount, it will not all be picked up, and you are responsible to have the excess removed.

Just a reminder that waste from any private home based businesses, other than paper waste from small office operations, should never be put at the curb of a residence for pickup. Thank you.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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 4 Independence Day	TOWN HALL 5 CLOSED	6	7	6:30 pm 8 City Council	9	10
11	12	13	14	Lakeside 15 Garden Club	16	17
18	6:30 pm 19 P & Z if Needed	Municipal 20 Court	Large Item 21 Pickup Begins	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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