

# LAKESTIDE 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:  
**Columbus Day Oct. 11th**

**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



## MESSAGE FROM MAYOR PATRICK JACOB

At the last council meeting, the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 operating budget was approved. The Council was able to present a balanced budget without cutting essential services, or requiring employee layoffs or furloughs. The past year's economic performance for our Town, as well as in other area municipalities, led to some hard choices. Property values are down which means property tax revenue is down, sales tax earnings are down, and water revenues are down. In our Town, we had to increase property taxes and increase the water base rate.

While we still have one of the lowest tax rates in Tarrant County, Lakeside has recently been faced with several challenges. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality mandated work for the sewer and water systems. These projects, coupled with aging infrastructure of water lines, sewer lines and roads and also with projects that are just "making things right" has hit our Town's savings. Further, we didn't have the reserve funds needed to establish a program for the replacement of our infrastructure items that are beyond repair. Your Town Council has worked hard to look at all the options and taken action to provide a working solution for our future by establishing a capital improvement reserve fund. These funds will be used to replace and repair the Town's infrastructure with projects that are planned and executed annually.

The Town's budget has been set up so that it is more compliant with accepted municipal accounting practices and is posted on the Town's website. The budget is also available for review at Town Hall. Please remember to check the Town's website for notices of meetings and updated information at [www.lakesidetexas.us](http://www.lakesidetexas.us).

**PAT**

## BULK AND LARGE ITEM TRASH PICK UP

Just a reminder that large item waste pick up will begin on Wednesday, October 20th. Pick up will continue through the next week until IESI is finished.

Items may be placed at the curb beginning Friday, October 15th for pickup. **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. If you have questions about what type of items are accepted by IESI for the pickup, call 817-222-2221 or check out the information on their website at [www.iesitexasregion.com](http://www.iesitexasregion.com).



## The State Fair of Texas

In Dallas Now through October 17, 2010

Since 1886, the State Fair of Texas has been entertaining millions of people. Since 1952, Big Tex has welcomed visitors to the Fair in his size 70 boots and his 75 gallon hat. Some of the features of the Fair include fine livestock, musicals, the car show, exhibits of all types of items for sale, cooking contests, the annual Texas-OU game in the Cotton Bowl, animal acts and, of course, the fun and excitement of the Midway with games and amusement rides. **DON'T FORGET THE FANTASTIC FOOD** (but be ready to get your workout on). This year's Best Taste Winner is Texas Fried FRITOS® Pie. For Fair details, go to [www.bigtex.com](http://www.bigtex.com). The site includes maps, directions, ticket costs, history, daily schedules and more.

WATER SERVICE OUTAGES OR EMERGENCIES?!

**Water Customer Service**

**Call 817-237-1234 ext. 301**

**After hour water emergencies**

**CALL DISPATCH AT 817-626-1921**

### BASE WATER RATE INCREASE BEGINS OCTOBER 1ST

The base water rate charged per account will increase beginning on October 1st, 2010. Customers will see the increase on the bill sent out at the end of October. The base rate for customers inside the Town limit will be \$30.95 and the base rate for customers outside the Town limit will be \$35.95. City Council approved the increase on September 9, 2010. The resulting revenue will be used to fund needed water infrastructure improvements such as water line replacement projects and to rebuild the reserve water fund.



# OCTOBER 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	CLOSED 11 COLUMBUS DAY	12	13	6:30 pm 14 City Council	15	16
17	6:30 pm 18 P & Z IF NEEDED	Municipal 19 Court	Large Item 20 Pickup Begins	Lakeside 21 Garden Club	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
HAPPY HALLOWEEN 31						

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