

# 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:**

**Labor Day Sept. 6th**

**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

## **Budget Consideration For Fiscal Year 2010-2011**

The City Council will consider the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 on September 9, 2010 at the regular monthly Council Meeting. The proposed budget total is \$1,379,754.00.

The budget includes funding for the first of a five year water line replacement program to begin on Claiborn; street repairs and overlays on Brookes Baker, Larch, Oakridge, Holt, Tamarron and Vanshire; as well as crack seal and pothole filling throughout Town; a new water truck; carpet and base cove for town hall; a three percent raise for employees; a part-time Code Enforcement officer; establishment of capital improvement fund accounts in both the General Fund and the Water Fund; a hardware and software upgrade for SCADA, the system that monitors the water production and delivery system; two office chairs; and a software module that will track work orders for water and sewer repairs to provide a work history for each address in Town. The budget is available at Town Hall for review and on the Town's website at [www.lakesidetexas.us](http://www.lakesidetexas.us). Call 817-237-1234 ext. 303 with questions.

## **Proposed Property Tax Rate Increase for Lakeside**

**After careful examination of the projected expenses for the Town for FY 2010-2011 and the projected decrease in revenues, the City Council has determined that a tax rate increase of approximately 8% may be necessary. Public Hearings are scheduled regarding the rate increase on 8-19-10 & 8-26-10 and the Council will vote regarding the issue at the Sept. 9th meeting. For a property valued on the tax roll at \$100,000, taxes will increase approximately \$49.42. This increase will generate \$26,119.57 more taxes compared**

## **MESSAGE FROM MAYOR PATRICK JACOB**

Well, summer will be over before we know it. Children are starting back to school. Please watch out for the school buses and the children getting to and from the buses.

Check the Town's website, [www.lakesidetexas.us](http://www.lakesidetexas.us), for the latest updates. Right now the key issue is the FY 2011 Budget which is posted on the site and available at Town Hall. As you have seen in the news, home values are generally down, sales tax income is not what it was a couple years ago, and water revenues are down as well. That means the Town does not have the income it used to have. Council held several workshops to review the proposed budget line by line. Council is still obligated and committed to maintain quality services and safety to its citizens. Currently there is infrastructure that needs replacing and repairing. On some streets, the waterlines have become a patchwork of leaks because they have been repaired so many times. There are also many roads that are crumbling and failing. The Council, through planning and budgeting, has developed a plan to correct these infrastructure problems and to begin a long-term capital improvement program to better maintain streets, the water delivery system and the sewer system.

**PAT**

**TxDOT New Travel Information Line**  
*Get road conditions, construction delays, etc.*

On August 10, 2010, TxDOT launched a new interactive voice response interface for the Texas Travel Information Line, which provides both road conditions and travel information at 1-800-452-9292. Automated information on highway conditions is updated every five minutes each hour of every day. This provides almost instant information on highway conditions for drivers.

The previous TxDOT Travel Information Line included only pre-recorded information that was potentially irrelevant for a traveler with a specific question about a particular road in one part of the state. Now callers will have direct access to updates on the highways on which they want to drive.

This line is "open" 24 hours a day. It is programmed to recognize the names of more than 1,200 cities and towns. The system is also designed to recognize multiples names for the same highway, such as "MoPac" and "Loop 1" in Austin or "Central Expressway" and "U.S. 75" in Dallas.

In addition to accessing highway road conditions, callers are also able to speak to travel counselors during the hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week, to request travel literature. Courtesy of TxDOT

**WATER SERVICE OUTAGES OR EMERGENCIES?!**

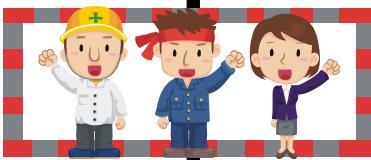
**Water Customer Service**  
**Call 817-237-1234 ext. 301**  
**After hour water emergencies**  
**CALL DISPATCH AT 817-626-1921**

**BURGLARY  
 PREVENTION TIPS**

Property crimes throughout the nation are on the rise. This brings to mind the fact that this is a good time to remind everyone on some simple steps you can take to prevent burglaries at your home.



- Make your home look occupied, leaving a TV or radio on works.
- Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house or go to bed. Even if it is for a short time, lock your doors.
- Leave lights on when you go out. If you are going to be away, connect some lamps to automatic timers to turn them on in the evening and off during the day. Use motion detector lights outside.
- Lock all automobiles, remove valuables, and park in well lit areas.



# SEPTEMBER 2010

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

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