

# LAKE SIDE NEWSLETTER

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**TOWN HALL HOURS:**  
Monday-Friday  
7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
[www.lakesidetexas.us](http://www.lakesidetexas.us)  
Upcoming Closings:  
Sept. 5th Labor Day

City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 8, 2011.

The Planning & Zoning Commission will meet Monday, September 19, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. if needed.

### City Council

Mayor Patrick Jacob  
Mayor Pro Tem Don Pitts  
Councilmember Dale Martin  
Councilmember Kim Ware  
Councilmember Amy Robinson  
Councilmember Gaspare LaDuca

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## **Budget Consideration For Fiscal Year 2011-2012**

The City Council will hold a public hearing and consider the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 on September 8, 2011, at the regular monthly Council Meeting. The proposed budget total is \$1,308,170.30, which is \$71,583.70 less than last fiscal year.

The budget includes funding for a waterline replacement project on Oakridge Road, which is the second part of a five year water line replacement program. It also includes street repairs and sweeping, as well as crack seal and pothole filling throughout Town; raises for employees; addition of a part-time administrative clerk and an additional water/public works department worker; a software module that will track code enforcement history for each address in Town; as well as all of the other needed funding to support daily Town operations.

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.

## **STAGE 2 DROUGHT RESPONSE AMENDED**

The Drought Response Watering Schedule was changed on August 15th. The restrictions are continued through September 30, 2011. You are still allowed to water during the same times, the only difference is you now have two days each week you can water instead of three. The schedule is divided according to the last number of your address. If the ending number of your address is 0 thru 3, water Tuesday and Friday. If your address ends in 4 thru 6, water Wednesday and Saturday. If your address ends in 7 thru 9, water Thursday and Sunday. The change was made so that the daily demand on the Town’s water system would be reduced. The difference in the water levels since this was put into effect is dramatically better. Thank you.

## **MESSAGE FROM MAYOR PATRICK JACOB**

As everyone is aware we are at Stage 2 Drought Response. Right now we have sufficient well pumping capacity. What we are short on is storage capacity. This is to say that in a 24 hour period, our wells can produce sufficient water for our use, without having to use the emergency source. We do not have the storage capacity to hold a sufficient volume of water to match. That is what is creating our frustrating water situation. The council is looking into what is required to resolve this issue. Thank you for your patience and support during this trying time.

At the recent Tarrant County Mayor’s Roundtable held with congressional representatives during August, almost every mayor registered the dissatisfaction of their constituents regarding the recent performance in Washington DC.

The Town’s Budget planning for FY 2012 has been completed. We have a balanced budget for 2012. The budget is open to the public for review and the public hearing will be September 8th at 6:30 p.m. There is a paper copy at town hall for your review or you may look online. We had two residents who stayed with the council thru the entire process—thank you for your participation. As always, check the Town’s website for the latest information at [www.lakesidetexas.us](http://www.lakesidetexas.us).

**PAT**

**CONSERVE ELECTRICITY TO AVOID ROTATING OUTAGES**

In recent weeks abnormally high temperatures have led to record electricity use by consumers. Electric utilities have been forced to investigate rotating outages. Rotating outages are controlled, temporary interruptions of electrical service that are necessary when reserve supplies of power are exhausted. The outages are typically limited to 15-45 minutes before being rotated to a different neighborhood. These outages are necessary to protect generators from damage and to eliminate the risk of a domino effect region-wide outage.

Peak electricity use occurs between 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Consumers can help avoid rotating outages by conserving electricity during these times. Here are some conservation tips:

- ◆ Turn off unnecessary lights, appliances & electronic equipment.
- ◆ When at home, close blinds and drapes that get direct sun, set air conditioning thermostats to 78 degrees or higher, and use fans in occupied rooms to feel cooler.
- ◆ When away from home, set air conditioning thermostats to 85 degrees and turn all fans off before you leave. Close blinds or drapes.
- ◆ Do not use your dishwasher, laundry equipment, hair dryers, coffee makers, or other appliances during the peak hours of 3 to 7 p.m.
- ◆ Avoid opening refrigerators or freezers more than necessary.
- ◆ Use microwaves for cooking instead of an electric range or oven.
- ◆ Set your pool pump to run in the early morning or evening instead of the afternoon.

These and additional conservation tips are available at [www.puc.state.tx.us/agency/consERVE/Conserve.aspx](http://www.puc.state.tx.us/agency/consERVE/Conserve.aspx) from the Public Utility Commission.

**Proposed Property Tax Rate**

After careful examination of the projected expenses for the Town for FY 2011-2012, the City Council has determined that it will consider adopting the effective tax rate of \$0.379248 per \$100 of value, which is the highest rate allowed without publishing notices or holding public hearings.

For a property valued on the tax roll at \$100,000, town property taxes will be \$379.25. This is an increase of \$6.31 from last year. Depending on the valuation of your property, your tax may increase or decrease compared to last year.

This rate will generate a total of \$370 more tax revenue for the Town compared to 2010 tax revenue. A complete set of cal-



# SEPTEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	Labor Day 5 Offices 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	21	22	First Day 23 Of Autumn	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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