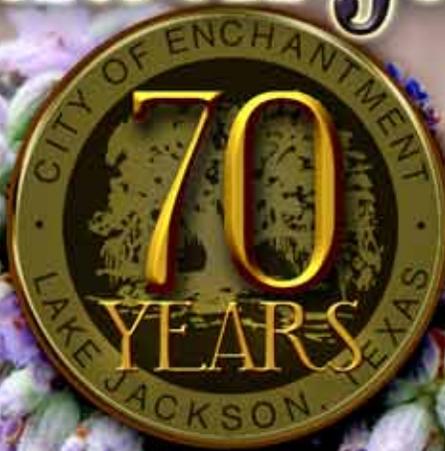


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The City of *Enchantment*
Greetings from the Mayor

Hello Lake Jackson:

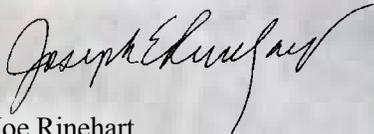
Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Mayor. We are fortunate to have a city staff second to none and intent on the goal of keeping Lake Jackson safe, clean and in sound financial standing. As Mayor, my aim is to support city staff's effort to provide the quality city services that Lake Jackson residents enjoy and have come to expect as well as help guide the city into a period of residential and commercial prosperity.

2012 has been a great year for our city in many aspects. Our freeway system is complete and was done with limited interruption to our daily lives. We all encountered inconveniences at times, but we endured. There is a growing business presence in Lake Jackson that should provide new employment opportunities and services for our residents. Along with the owners of Brazos Mall and Brazoria County, the City hopes to soon finalize plans for construction of an entrance road into Brazos Mall from the Highway 288 frontage road. With this new entrance, Brazos Mall anticipates the opening of a popular restaurant into its family of businesses. Lake Jackson has residential developments in the engineering phases that will provide much needed housing to the city. One of these projects, The Alden, located along Highway 288 north of Highway 2004, has had its beginnings delayed several times, but the developers hope that better economic times will soon prevail and will allow them to move forward. One recent setback and disappointment is the downtown street construction and revitalization. Quite obviously it hasn't gone as planned or scheduled. Issues too numerous to list have delayed the project. Currently City Council is working with the contractor for a quality and speedy resolution that will bring this project to completion sooner rather than later. But 2013 holds bright promise. It appears that Lake Jackson, Brazosport and southern Brazoria County are poised for a strong period of economic growth. We anticipate a large influx of workers in our area for several construction projects announced by local industry. It is our goal for Lake Jackson to play a major role in the growth of residential and service related projects.

As 2012 comes to a close, we look with anticipation to the 70th Anniversary of our city in 2013. Watch for information coming soon regarding the many events planned for this milestone. The first event will be in conjunction with the Festival of Lights scheduled for November 16 & 17. As we turn on the "Lights of Lake Jackson" on Friday, November 16, the logo for the 70th celebration will be unveiled and the winning designer announced. It will be a fun evening for the family with entertainment on the Veterans Memorial Plaza, rides for the kids and a good time to visit. Please put this weekend on your calendar.

Becky and I wish each of you a safe, blessed and peaceful holiday and I thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your Mayor.

With great respect,



Joe Rinehart
Mayor

Lake Jackson Vision Statement

**It is the Vision of the City of Lake Jackson to create
an ideal community to live, work and play for all.**



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Directory

Phone Numbers

Emergency - Only!	911
(police, fire and ambulance)	
Police (Non-Emergency)	415-2700
Fire Marshall	415-2726
Fire Chief	415-2719
EMS Chief	415-2714
City Hall.	415-2400
Utility Billing	415-2434
Public Works	415-2430
Inspections	415-2432
Engineering	415-2413
City Manager/Administration.	415-2500
Civic Center.	415-2600
Recreation Center.	297-4533
Humane Center	415-2700
Regional Animal Shelter	285-2340
Municipal Court	297-1031
Library	415-2590

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 Lake Jackson, TX 77566
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www.thewildernessgc.com



Boards & Commissions Meeting Schedule



CITY COUNCIL

6:30 p.m. • 1st & 3rd Monday

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

(meets at police station)

6 p.m. • 2nd Monday

SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION

(meets at civic center)

6:30 p.m. • 4th Monday

PLANNING COMMISSION

6:30 p.m. • 1st Tuesday

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

7 p.m. • 2nd Tuesday

KEEP LAKE JACKSON BEAUTIFUL

6 p.m. • 3rd Tuesday

LIBRARY BOARD

(meets at library)

5:15 p.m. • Quarterly - 3rd Tuesday

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

6:30 p.m. • 4th Tuesday

As Called:

- ◇ BOARD OF HEALTH
- ◇ HIKE & BIKE COMMITTEE
- ◇ LJ DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
- ◇ MUSEUM BOARD
- ◇ ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS
- ◇ CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
(Odd Years)
- ◇ DANGEROUS STRUCTURE
DETERMINATION BOARD

*All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are held
 at Lake Jackson City Hall, 25 Oak Drive.*

You are cordially invited to attend.

Check the City Calendar on our website at
www.lakejackson-tx.gov for all City Council and
 Board and Commission agendas. Agendas are
 typically posted on Friday afternoon or at least
 72 hours prior to the meeting.

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Keep Lake Jackson
Beautiful hosts:

AMERICA RECYCLE DAYS & Fall Clean Up

Saturday, November 10th

7:30 to 11:00 a.m.

@ Lake Jackson City Hall

Clean Up activities in and around
the city to get ready for the
Festival of Lights & Parade!

PAPER SHREDDING

sponsored by

Texas Gulf Bank

@ City Hall

OIL RECYCLING

& EYE GLASSES FOR RECYCLING

HOT DOGS & DRINKS

sponsored by

The Knights of Columbus

Electronic Waste Recycling

@ Brazosport College

AMERICA RECYCLE DAYS T-SHIRTS

FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS



F.Y.I.



Look for the **LAKE JACKSON YOUTH
ADVISORY COMMISSION (YAC)** to
be sponsoring a new event at the
2012 Festival of Lights!

ICE SKATING



Come out and join them in the Museum parking
lot for old fashion 'skating fun' Friday November
16th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday,
November 17th from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WHAT TO DO WITH UNWANTED LATEX PAINT

If more than 1/2 can left over, consider donating for re-use.

RECIPE FOR DISPOSAL:

INGREDIENTS:

- Leftover latex paint
- Large newspaper or plastic

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Open can of paint
- Pour paint on paper or plastic
- Allow paint to dry

or

- Let the paint be absorbed by kitty litter
- Dry and empty as regular garbage

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS:

Your paint is now regular garbage – transformed from
household hazardous waste – safe for the landfill! Plus you
can recycle the can.

If paint is dried, it is no longer harmful to the environment.





Household Garbage

Residential garbage is picked up at the curb twice weekly.

If you live **North** of Oyster Creek Drive, your household garbage is picked up on Monday and Thursday.

If you live **South** of Oyster Creek Drive, your household garbage is picked up on Tuesday and Friday.

Garbage must be placed on the curb no later than 8:00 am on the days of collection in order to ensure that it will be picked up. Please do not use a garbage can for household garbage - A sticker will be placed on the container and it will not be emptied. You can purchase garbage bags at City Hall for \$5.50 (roll of 50) bags above 35 gallons will not be picked up.

Recyclables

Co-mingled recyclables are picked up curbside once a week and always on the second day of your household garbage pickup. Please place recyclables at the curb no later than 8:00 am in order to ensure it will be picked up. When placing the blue bags for collection, be sure to keep them separate from your household garbage.

The blue bags may be purchased at City Hall for \$5.50 (roll of 50) or your local grocery store.

Recyclables include: plastics (with the recyclable symbol #1 thru #7), aluminum and tin cans, clean paper and cardboard. Place newspapers in a separate paper bag or clear plastic grocery bag.

Fire Hydrant Flushing

The City of Lake Jackson will be flushing the fire hydrants on the following dates:

- **Monday, October 8, 2012 thru Thursday, October 11, 2012**
- **Monday, January 7, 2013 thru Thursday, January 10, 2013**
- **Monday, April 8, 2013 thru Thursday, April 11, 2013**

Beware that there may be brown water (resulting from buildup of naturally occurring iron) coming from the faucets. Please refrain from washing laundry that could possibly be stained. Be sure not to dry the clothing, as this could set the stains. You can use Iron Out which is available in stores for stain removal.

Heavy Trash

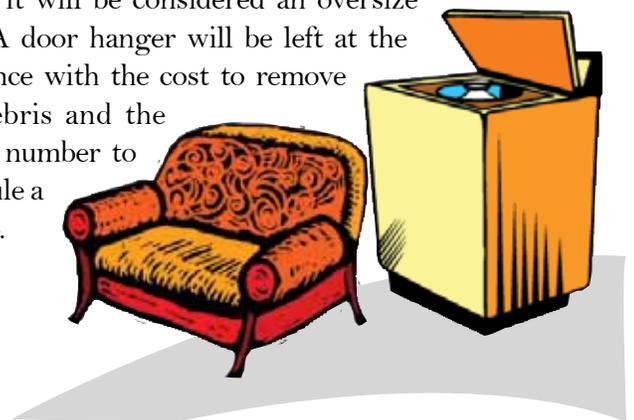
If your Household Garbage pickup is **Mon.** and **Thurs.**, your Heavy Trash pickup begins the 1st and 3rd Monday.

If your Household Garbage pickup is **Tues.** and **Fri.**, your Heavy Trash pickup begins the 2nd and 4th Monday.

Please place your heavy trash on the curb no later than Monday at 8:00 am of your corresponding Heavy Trash pickup week in order to ensure that it will be picked up during your designated week. City crews will only go through your area once during your assigned week. Please remember that when there is a 5th week in the month, there is no heavy trash pickup service.

The City will collect yard debris and normal household discarded furniture and appliances, such as refrigerators, washers, dryers (with doors removed or chained shut), sofas, chairs, beds, hot water heaters, and similar items.

Building materials, such as roofing shingles, concrete, brick and other construction debris will not be picked up. Please be sure to separate your yard debris from your normal household heavy trash. If your heavy trash exceeds 64 cubic feet of debris or 12 bags of leaves or grass clippings (approximately the size of the bed of a normal sized pickup truck) it will be considered an oversize load. A door hanger will be left at the residence with the cost to remove the debris and the phone number to schedule a pickup.



Senior Discount

Seniors 65 and older are eligible for a discount on water bills.

To start receiving the discount bring proof of age to the utility billing department at City Hall.





Mulch Site

Did you know that the mulch site takes yard debris and turns it into free mulch for Lake Jackson residents? Please bring your own hand tools and containers to assist in loading the mulch. Residents may pick-up mulch once per quarter simply by showing their driver's license to the attendant.

The following are items that may be brought to the mulch site for proper disposal: Food grade cooking oils, antifreeze, motor oil, tires and any recyclable material except glass and styrofoam.



If you prefer not to wait for curbside heavy trash/yard debris pickup on your designated week, you are welcome to drop it off at our Mulch site.

Please note: Household garbage nor construction/remodeling material will not be accepted.

THE MULCH SITE HOURS OF OPERATION

103 Canna Lane (next to Brazosport Memorial Hospital)

Tuesday - Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Closed for lunch:

11:45 am - 1:15 pm Tuesday thru Friday only.

Saturday: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Closed Sunday & Monday

Information Updates



LOOK!!

*** NEW PHONE NUMBERS?

CHANGE IN MARITAL STATUS?

Don't forget to call the Water Department & update personal information. 979-415-2434***

Special Pick-ups and Oversized Loads

If you need to place heavy trash for collection on weeks other than on your designated collection weeks call the Public Works Department to schedule a special pickup. There will be an additional charge for any special pickups.

If you place an oversized load for collection on your designated heavy trash collection week, then you will be assessed an additional charge for the oversized load. Oversized loads are piles of debris larger than 64 cubic feet (standard size of a pickup truck). You will be notified with a door hanger of the cost to pickup the oversized load.

Residential heavy trash does not include remodeling and/or construction materials. These may be placed for collection only if you call Public Works and arrange for a special pickup at an additional charge. Additional charges will be assessed at \$16.50 per cubic yard for trash and \$12.00 per cubic yard for brush and tree trimmings, with a \$30 minimum.

If you know in advance that your special and/or oversized load will be 20 cubic yards or more, then contact the Public Works Department to find out what is needed to set a dumpster. By utilizing a construction dumpster, the material can go directly into the container, which will keep the debris contained and a cleaner job site for the same cost or less.

To make arrangements for a special pickup, authorize the collection of an oversized load, or if you have any questions regarding the construction dumpsters, call the Public Works Department.



**Call to Schedule a
Special Pickup
979-415-2430**



PUBLIC WORKS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



Q: What are the procedures for obtaining a House Leveling Permit?

A: The City of Lake Jackson requires that a permit is obtained for house leveling work being done to your home.

When you submit your application we will need the following attachments:

- House leveling application (signed by the customer and contractor)
- Written engineer's report/drawing to include:
(a) observations (b) conclusions (c) recommendations and
- Stamped engineer's seal on written report and drawing.

Generally, the contractor will submit the application and required attachments on behalf of the homeowner; however, the homeowner may choose to do the submittal process themselves. We will need you to provide the company name, mailing address, contact name and phone number of the contractor. We require that all contractors must be registered with the city in order to do any work. (There is no charge to register a contractor). Once you have filled out an application, it will be submitted to the Building Inspector for approval. You will be called to pay for and pick up your permit once approved. The contractor will be required to call for an inspection if your home had bell bottom pier work done and a final stamped written report from the engineer must be submitted in order to close out the permit. The city inspector will verify that the piers were installed per engineer's drawing. If you had driven or press pile work done an inspection will not be required by the city; however a final stamped written engineer's report must be submitted to close out the permit. You can download the permit application on our city website. To search for a roster of professional engineers in the Brazoria County area, please visit the TBPE website at www.engineers.texas.gov/search. If you have any questions, feel free to call the Public Works desk at (979) 415-2430 and ask to speak to the Building Inspector.

Computers, Electronics & Inkjet/Toner Cartridges



Cell phones, Batteries, Light Bulbs... Recycle

Upcoming Permit, Dumpster & Special Pick Up Fee Changes

Beginning October 1, 2012 the following building permit, construction dumpster and special pick up fees will change:

- **Water and Sewer Tap Fees**

¾ inch water service	\$550.00
1 inch water service	\$750.00
2 inch water service	\$2,150.00
2 inch water service & irrigation	\$2,150.00
- **Construction Dumpster Fees**

20 yard container	\$256.45 plus tax
30 yard container	\$384.70 plus tax
40 yard container	\$450.90 plus tax
- **Residential Special Pickup Fees**

Heavy Trash	\$16.50 per cubic yard
Yard Debris	\$12.00 per cubic yard

If you have any questions or need additional information, contact the Public Works Department at (979) 415-2430.

Civic Center

Civic Center 415-2600
Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Did You Know?

Did you know that there was a Texas Television & Computer Recycling Program?

The program was initiated by TCEQ, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and was adopted by the commission on March 28, 2012. Under the new program, retailers are required to provide television and computer recycling information to consumers starting July 1, 2012. Please consider not placing your electronic waste on the curb and utilize the area retailers for environmentally friendly disposal of electronic waste. Please visit the TCEQ website for additional information at www.tceq.texas.gov and click on Recycling. Additionally, many area retailers offer recycling opportunities including:

Best Buy stores have kiosks located inside the entrance for easy drop off of ink and toner cartridges, rechargeable batteries and cell phones. They will also accept TV's (no larger than 32") and any electronic equipment (limit of 3 items per person per trip). For more information, visit www.bestbuy.com and click on Services, then Recycle. Target has recycle bins located by the express check-out counters for glass, plastic bags, cell phones, household batteries, cardboard and paper. Lowe's has recycle bins located by the customer service desk for spiral bulbs, cell phones, rechargeable household and tool batteries and plastic bags. Visit www.lowes.com, scroll to the bottom of the page to Services, select Recycling Center Locator for additional information.

(Note: If you are an area retailer and you would like us to publish information about recycling opportunities that you provide, please contact us at (979) 415-2430.

Seniors



The Lake Jackson Senior Citizens Commission upholds their mission of "making a difference in the life of every person who is 55 and older".

The Lake Jackson Senior Commission meets every 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

You are invited to attend!

Keep Posted on Current Events

- Check our ad in Wednesdays' Facts
- Website at www.lakejackson-tx.gov
- Channel 16 Comcast
- The LJ Civic Center

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 8, 2012

Veteran's Day Brunch
10:30 am - 12:00 pm

November 13, 2012

Thanksgiving Day Lunch
11:30 am - 1:00 pm • \$7/person

December 4, 2012

BINGO

6:00 - 8:00 pm

December 11, 2012

Blue Santa Dinner & Dance
6:00 - 9:00 pm • \$8/person
Space is limited!

January 10, 2013

Casino Night
6:00 - 9:00 pm

February 2, 2013

Senior Fest
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

February 12, 2013

Valentine's Dinner & Dance
6:00 - 9:00 pm • \$8/person
Bring a dessert to share

March 19, 2013

BINGO

6:00 - 9:00 pm
Dessert Contest

Spring Concert Schedule

Every Friday 7:00-9:00 pm
on the Civic Center Plaza
(veterans memorial plaza)

April 12 - June 21
(except memorial day weekend)

Rain or shine. Bring a lawn chair and refreshments. No glass please.



festival of *lights*



Friday, November 16

Wagner's Carnival
@ civic center parking lot
5:00 pm - 11:00 pm

FREE Ice Skating
@ museum parking lot
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Tree Lighting Ceremony
on the plaza
6:00 pm

70th Logo Unveiling
on the plaza
6:00 pm

Little Princess Pageant
@ civic center
6:30 pm

Concert
Intercoastal Pirates on the plaza
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

City Stagecoach
will be running throughout downtown
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

November 9-11

Gobbler Cook-off @ Maclean Park

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ice skating rink



(NEW this year in place of Snowland)

Friday, November 16th 6 - 9 pm

Saturday, November 17th 11 am - 5 pm

Museum Parking Lot - FREE

Saturday, November 17

<u>Breakfast with Santa</u> @ LJ Historical Museum ages: 2-10 \$10/guest ages: 0-1 free discount tickets for members reserve by: nov 14th 979-297-1570	8:00 am
<u>Stage Entertainment</u> on the plaza	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
<u>Food & Crafts Booths</u> @ civic center/library area	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
<u>Pet Parade</u> pet parade registration @ committee booth	11:00 am 10:00 am - 11:00 am
<u>Wagner's Carnival</u> @ civic center parking lot	11:00 am - midnight
<u>Free Children's Activities</u> rockwall, tiki rockwall, bungee trampoline, chaos, 53' obstacle course, trainmaze, gator, rocket, ice skating	11:00 am - 5:00 pm
<u>Pets on Wheels</u>	11:00 am - 4:00 pm
<u>SNOW @ Museum area</u>	11:00 am - until it melts!
<u>Lighted Fun Run</u> (parade route)	6:45 pm
<u>Lighted Parade</u>	7:00 pm



Recreational Events



Rec. Center 297-4533

Monday thru Friday: 5:45 am - 9 pm
Saturday: 8 am - 6 pm • Sunday: 1 - 6 pm



Holiday Open House

Stop by The Recreation Center-Lake Jackson for a holiday treat! Admission is FREE all day with the donation of a new toy or non-perishable food item!

Date: Thursday, December 6 **Time:** 8:00 am-8:00 pm
(activity times will vary throughout the day)



Daddy & Daughter Dance



A special evening just for Daddy's and their daughters! Join us for dancing, refreshments, photography, door prizes & more!

Facility: The Civic Center Ballroom
Date: Friday, February 8
Time: 6:30-9:30 pm **Age:** All ages
Fee: \$25 per couple, \$10 each additional child

Ticket Sales: January 7 thru February 7, 2013
LIMITED TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE - ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY - TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!

Health & Wellness Day

Join us for a day of education & exploration! FREE health screenings, wellness talks, chair massage, fitness demonstrations and more! SAVE THE DATE! Thursday, March 7



DANCE at The Rec

Youth Ballet, Jazz & Tap as well as Adult Dance classes are being offered now! Registration is ongoing, contact The Rec Center for more information.

The Rec Center now offers TRX, Spinning, Boot Camp and more!

For information about Recreational Events, call Michelle Parrish at The Recreation Center - Lake Jackson. (979)297-4533 or email mparrish@lakejacksontx.gov

Houston Rockets Basketball Clinic



3-day holiday basketball clinic designed to improve the skill level of any youth basketball player in grades K-9.

Facility: The Recreation Center
Date: December 26-28 or March 11-13

Time: 9:00am-12:00pm each day **Age:** 5-15 **Fee:** \$105/participant
Registration: Online at www.thebasketballacademy.com

Start Smart Sports Development

Start Smart is aimed at helping kids get ready for team sports and focuses on throwing, catching, hitting and kicking.



Facility: The Recreation Center
Date: Winter Session - Tuesdays, January 22 - February 26
Spring Session - Tuesdays, April 23 - May 28
Time: 6-7:00 pm **Age:** 3-5 **Fee:** \$30 member/\$35 non-member

Adaptive Recreation

Wheelchair Basketball-EVERYONE is welcome! (sport chairs are provided)

Facility: The Rec Center gymnasium
Date: Tuesdays & Thursdays
Time: 7:30-8:45pm



Adult Sports Programs

Join us for Men's & Coed Softball, Men's Flag Football, Coed Kickball and more! For details about adult sports go to www.teamsideline.com/lakejackson

Lifeguard Training*

Become a certified lifeguard through the American Red Cross.
Winter Session: December 1-4, times vary **Age:** 15+
Fee: \$175 per person (lifeguard manual NOT included)
*Prerequisite swim test required, contact Sara Stadler at sstadler@lakejacksontx.gov or (979) 297-4533.

Lifeguard Instructor Course* - Learn to train new lifeguards.
Winter Session: January 18-20 & 25-27, (six days total, times vary)
Age: 17+ **Fee:** \$250 per person
*Must hold current American Red Cross Certificate for Lifeguarding/First Aid/DPR/AED.

City of Lake Jackson 70th Anniversary Celebration

The first families arrived in Lake Jackson in 1943. Since then, Lake Jackson has grown and prospered, fittingly becoming known to its citizens as "The City of Enchantment." In 2013, with a population of just under 27,000, Lake Jackson will be celebrating its 70th birthday. Please join us in celebrating.



70TH ALL-DAY CELEBRATION EVENT

Saturday April 6, 2013
Civic Center Area

Fun Run

7:30 am

Parade

10:00 am

Free Children's Activities

11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Food/Craft Booths

11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Music Fest on the Plaza

11:00 am – 7:00 pm

Street Dance

featuring Intercoastal Pirates

7:00 pm

Applications/Information

may be found at:

www.lakejackson-tx.gov;

[www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/LakeJacksons70thAnniversaryCelebration)

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OTHER EVENTS PLANNED

(more details to follow):

Photo Contest: Focus on Lake Jackson – May 2013

Oral History Project: Hurricanes – June 2013

Cityscapes Exhibit – Fall 2013

Oral History Project: Fire Department History – October 2013

Festival of Lights 'historical' theme – November 2013

Veterans Day Parade – November 11, 2013

Activities

ANNOUNCE 70TH LOGO DESIGN CONTEST WINNER

November 16, 2012 @ 6:00 pm
Civic Center Plaza

70TH COOKBOOKS & T-SHIRTS GO ON SALE

November 16, 2012 @ 6:00 pm
Civic Center Plaza area

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT: EDUCATION

January 2013

CAR/VENDOR SHOW (& QUILT RAFFLE)

February 9, 2013
Civic Center

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

March 2, 2013 6:00 pm
MacLean Park Pavilion
Deadline: Dec. 31st (ages 12-23)

MURAL PAINTING

Downtown Buildings
April 2013

PIONEER RECEPTION

April 4, 2013 @ 5:00 pm
LJ Historical Museum
Invitation Only

LEGACY DINNER

April 4, 2013 @ 6:30 pm
Civic Center
Tickets will be on sale soon

CONCERT: BATTLE OF THE BANDS WINNER

April 5, 2013 @ 7:00 pm
Civic Center Outdoor Plaza



Blue Santa Program

The Blue Santa Program began with a very small group of Police Officers from the Lake Jackson Police Department donating and delivering toys and food to less fortunate families throughout the City of Lake Jackson. For many years members of the Lake Jackson Police Department, Department Associates and City Employees have continued the Blue Santa tradition by compiling the list of families, shopping for the families, wrapping, then delivering the gifts. As the word spreads about the Blue Santa Program, not only do the calls for assistance increase; but so does the outpouring of generosity from the community, local merchants, as well as citizens and merchants from other cities. In recent years the Blue Santa Program has expanded to the Brazosport area.

Cash and new unwrapped gifts can be dropped off at the Police Department at anytime. A gift pick-up can be scheduled by organizations or groups making donations and desire to have a representative of the Blue Santa Program pick up the gifts.

For questions contact:
Officer Rick Wright
Lake Jackson Police Dept.
(979) 415-2700
rwright@lakejacksonpd.net



Facebook



If you would like to keep up with what is happening at the Lake Jackson Police Department - follow us on Facebook @ www.facebook.com/lakejacksonpolice

The Citizen Police Academy

The next class of the Lake Jackson Adult Citizen Police Academy will begin in March 2013. Applications can be picked up at the Lake Jackson Police Department. This course is free.

The Citizen Police Academy is a 30-hour block of instruction designed to give the public a working knowledge of the Lake Jackson Police Department. The course consists of a series of ten classes held each Thursday night for three (3) hours. Each night a different topic will be covered by police personnel and supervisors assigned to the different units of the department.

Applications are being are now being accepted now.



FY12-13 Adopted Budget

City Council adopted the FY12-13 budget on Tuesday, September 4, 2012. A complete copy of the budget may be viewed on our website at www.lakejackson-tx.gov or you may visit the Lake Jackson Library to view a hard copy.

Here are the highlights of the FY12-13 Budget:

- The tax rate will remain 39 cents.
- The Brazosport Water Authority is raising its water rate 5 cents per thousand gallons - a 2.8% increase. This will cost the Utility Fund \$36,500.
- The landfill tipping fee is increasing 4.1% this year.
- Utility rates will increase to cover the rate increases by the BWA and the landfill as follows:

	Current Rate	Adopted Rate
Water Base Rate	\$ 11.00/mo	\$11.25/mo
2,000-20,000 gals	3.05/1000	3.10/1000
Over 20,000 gals	3.30/100	3.35/1000
Sewer Base Rate	11.00/mo	11.25/mo
Over 2,000 gals	3.30/mo	3.30/mo
Sanitation Rate	14.40/mo	14.60/mo
Recycling Fee	2.10/mo	2.10/mo
State Sales Tax	1.36/mo	1.38/mo

- The base rate therefore will increase from \$39.86/month to \$40.58/month. This is a \$0.72/month (1.8%) increase.
- The average residential customer (7,000 gallon usage) would see their utility bill increase from \$71.71/month to \$72.58-a \$0.87/month (1.2%) increase.
- Commercial rates will increase 1.5%.
- Merit raise for full-time employees ranking from 2%, 2.5% or 3% depending on their individual performance evaluation. This raise will cost the General Operating Fund \$178,500 and the Utility Operating Fund \$54,500.
- A 2.5% end of year lump sum payment to each full-time employee from projected year-end savings. The cost of this payment will be \$242,600 to the General Operating Fund and \$70,400 to the Utility Operating Fund.

City Budget



- No new positions are proposed for FY 12-13. Therefore the current five (5) authorized but unfunded positions will remain unfunded in FY 12-13. For the fourth consecutive year the following positions are left unfunded:

- One mechanic in the garage
- One custodian at the Civic Center
- The Assistant Police Chief
- One laborer in the Drainage Department
- One Code Enforcement Officer

- Funding of a \$2 million revenue bond to fund needed major maintenance repairs to the utility system. This will be the first of several planned revenue bond issues proposed for the next couple of decades to address the growing backlog of utility projects.

- City Council approved \$636,500 in General Fund Projects; \$275,000 in Utility Fund Projects; and new projects from the 4B Economic Development Fund (optional ½ cent sales tax) which include \$385,000 to the downtown revitalization project to construct This Way from Circle Way to SH 288; Issuance of \$2,000,000 Certificates of Obligation to construct phase 3 of the downtown project (South Parking Place); \$288,000 in recreation/golf course maintenance projects; and, extend the annual golf course reserve transfer another 3 years and increase the transfer from \$100,000 to \$150,000/yr.

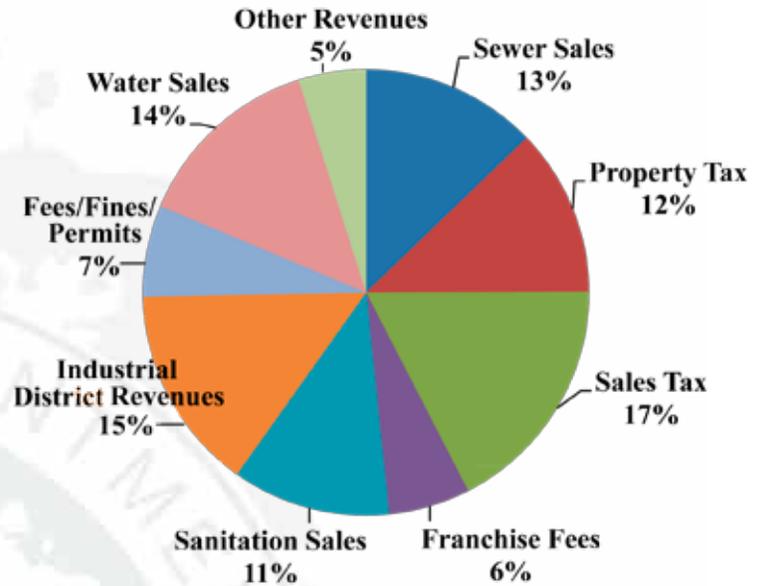
- Added \$29,000 annually to the EMS budget to lease four (4) defibrillators rather than buy a new one for \$33,500.

- We anticipate an increase in sales tax of 2% for FY 2012-2013 from the projected year end sales tax revenue of \$4,736,325; or over 4% from the \$4,608,100 FY 11-12 budgeted amount for a total of \$4,831,000 - \$222,900 more than the FY 11-12 budget.

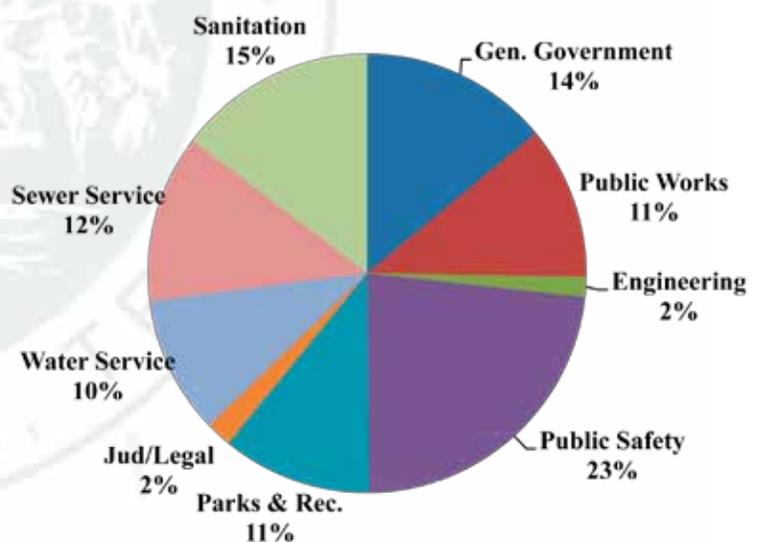
- We anticipate a \$52,224 increase in property tax revenues to \$3,338,981 as the result of a 3.4% projected increase in property values.

- We anticipate a decline of \$96,000 in franchise fees primarily from gas, cable and telecommunications.

Where does the money come from?



Where does the money go?





Thanksgiving Safety

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.



- » Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- » Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- » Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- » Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- » Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- » Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- » Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- » Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- » Never leave children alone in room with a lit a candle.
- » Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

Did you know?



Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment.

Have activities that keep **kids out of the kitchen** during this busy time. Games, puzzles or books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done **outside** the kitchen.



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Winter Holiday Safety

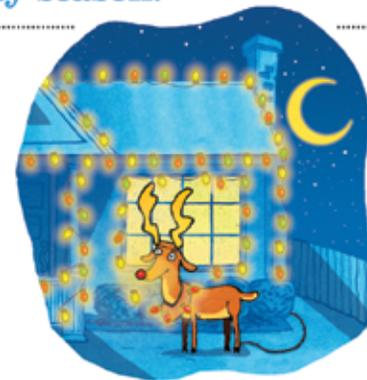
Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

HOLIDAY DECORATING

- » Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- » Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- » Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- » Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.
- » Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- » Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- » Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- » Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- » Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- » Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- » Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- » Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



Before Heading Out or to Bed

Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

FACTS

- ❗ **Holiday decoration fires** are most likely to happen in the living room, family room or den.
- ❗ **Almost half** of all home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ❗ **Half** of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



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City Ordinances & Resolutions

The following ordinances and resolutions were passed by City Council recently. For more information on these go to www.lakejackson-tx.org and check out the Code of Ordinance link or call the City Secretary's office at 415-2403.

Ordinance #	Ordinance Description
12-1983	Ordinance deleting Council/Mayor Compensation from Code of Ordinance
12-1984	Setting time prior to elections for placement of election signs
12-1985	Rezone 210 Lake Road, Lot 1, Block 1, Section 14 of Plantation Village from B-3 Institutional to B-1A Professional Offices
12-1986	Amend Chapter 78 Signs to Modify Alternate Signage Plan for business sites of 20 acres or more and modify approval procedures
12-1987	Amend Chapter 94 Taxation Code to bring the chapter into compliance with state law
12-1988	Change school zone on Central Yaupon to end/begin at Azalea
12-1989	Amend Chapter 110 Zoning Code to allow as a home occupation under Section 110-161 people with a Federal Firearms License to transfer firearms from one owner to another
12-1990	Establishing the Lake Jackson Municipal Court as a Court of Record
12-1991	Amending Chapter 98 Traffic establishing speed limits on SH288/332 East and West and along the feeder
12-1992	Amending Chapter 98 Traffic amending school zone times
12-1993	Adopting Tax Rate of \$0.39
12-1994	Amending Section 102.1 revising fees to be charged for water, sewer, garbage and dumpster services
12-1995	Amend Chapter 78 Signs to change size and height requirement for free standing and monument signs
12-1996	Amend Ch. 106 Vehicles for Hire, updating existing requirements for taxicabs

Resolution #	Resolution Description
12-637	Assist in funding the work of Gulf Coast Cities Coalition Attorneys and Consultants that was disallowed by The Railroad Commission on a Pro-Rata Basis
12-638	Amend Capital Projects in the 2011-12 FY Budget to include \$17,000 for Museum Roof Architect
12-639	Canvassing May 2012 General Election
12-640	Amend Utility Capital Projects Fund \$40,000 to upsize waterline from the Wilderness Golf Course to Brazos Pointe Fellowship
12-641	Authorizing and approving membership in the Gulf Coast Coalition of Cities (GCCC) to protect the interest of the city and citizens with respect to electric and gas utility matters
12-642	Resolution setting public hearing on FY 2012-13 budget
12-643	Resolution setting public hearings on tax rate
12-644	Resolution authorizing continued participation with the Gulf Coast Coalition Of Cities; and authorizing the payment of 15 cents per capita to the Coalition to fund regulatory and related activities related to electric and gas utility service
12-645	Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Texas Department Of Transportation (TxDOT) to enable the Police Department to be a participant in the State Wide Crash Reporting And Analysis For Safer Highways (Crash) System at no cost to the City
12-646	Adopting 2012-13 Annual Budget
12-647	Adopting Houston-Galveston Area Council - Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

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AUTHORIZATION FOR AUTOMATIC PAYMENT PLAN

Name on Your Utility Statement: _____

Utility Account Number: _____

Service Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Driver's License Number: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Work Phone Number: _____

Financial Institution Name: _____

Financial Institution Address (City & State) _____

BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER TO BE CHARGED _____ CIRCLE ONE
checking/savings _____

PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING!!!!

I authorize the City of Lake Jackson to begin deductions for my monthly utility bill with the financial institution named. Enrollment in the automatic payment plan may be discontinued any time by sending a request, in writing, to the City of Lake Jackson. My authority will remain in effect until revoked by my financial institution, the City of Lake Jackson, or myself. I understand that both my financial institution and the City of Lake Jackson have the right to terminate this payment plan or my participation therein. If I have two insufficient bank drafts within a year, the City will terminate my enrollment in bank drafting.

I understand that I will be responsible for the first bill that I receive after the City obtains my application. However if my bank is currently set up in the bank drafting program my automatic payment plan will be effective with my first bill. This bill will have a message at the bottom stating: BANK DRAFT-DO NOT PAY. PAYMENT WILL BE DRAFTED ON THE DUE DATE!

Signature (Must be authorized for the account listed above)

Date

WRITE "VOID" ACROSS CHECK AND TAPE HERE
(Please tape—DO NOT STAPLE)



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