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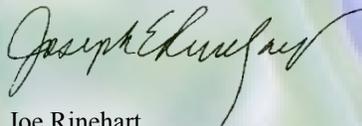
The City of  *Enchantment*
Greetings from the Mayor

Friends,

I think (hope) that we are finally going to see Spring hit Lake Jackson. It's been awhile since we've had a touch of winter like this one that is leaving. It is nice to have, but I don't mind seeing it go. As you have noticed, there are signs of growth all over the city. Throughout the newsletter you will find information about activities for all ages as we move forward in 2014. Please check Cable Channel 16, the city website and the social media options. The popular Spring/Summer Concert Series will crank up Friday, April 25th and run until the 4th of July. This is a great time to see old friends, make new ones and to enjoy good music on the Civic Center Plaza. Bring your kids, lawn chairs, refreshments and mosquito repellent (just in case). Other outdoor options scheduled include Kidfish, the annual Easter Egg Hunt and other activities sponsored by the Recreation Center. We will also have the annual 4th of July Fireworks Show assuming the weather will cooperate. The Civic Center will also host a Life Magazine exhibit in May to allow an opportunity to see the past through this great magazine. Our Senior Commission has several activities and events planned during 2014. Please take time to review these opportunities as you read through the newsletter. The Lake Jackson Police Department will take part in celebrating National Police Week beginning May 12, 2014. This is an excellent time to get our young residents acquainted with the Police Explorer Post as well the opportunity to attend the Youth Citizen's Police Academy. The Lake Jackson Volunteer Fire Department is available to offer presentations on fire prevention as well as demonstrating the Fire Safety House. The City Election will be held May 10, 2014 at the Civic Center. Early voting will be at the Lake Jackson Library April 28-May 6. There will be two Council positions and the Mayor's position on the ballot this year. There are a number of proposed revisions to the City Charter that are proposed as a result of the Charter Review Commission's report compiled in the last quarter of 2013. Please review each of the proposed changes and feel free to call the City Manager's Office with any questions. In June we will enter our least favorite season, Hurricane/Tropical Storm Season. Please expect in the mail, the 2014 Brazoria County Hurricane Brochure. There is important information detailing hurricane preparation. Also, the City is partnering with other entities to have a Hurricane Expo July 12th at the Angleton Fair Grounds. You are encouraged to attend.

It appears Starbucks will open mid April and, hopefully, Buffalo Wild Wings in front of Lowe's will not be too far behind. The entrance road from the 288/332 South frontage road into Brazos Mall has finally cleared all required entities and will soon be under construction. The growth we are experiencing is a wonderful time but it does bring about slight disruptions to our daily routines. Traffic is a bit heavier and there are more folks in stores and restaurants. While they are disruptions, they are allowing our City to grow and prosper. Please remain patient, my wife questions mine often, and good things will continue to happen for Lake Jackson. As I close each newsletter, I say thank you for allowing me to be your Mayor. It's an honor to serve you and always remember that there are places for volunteers throughout the City, please get involved.

Sincerely



Joe Rinehart

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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City Directory

Phone Numbers

Emergency - Only!	911
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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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Visit our Website at
www.lakejackson-tx.gov

THE WILDERNESS
LAKE JACKSON, TEXAS
Experience The Wilderness

**Come join the fun!
Register for The Wilderness
Junior Golf Academy!**

**Junior
Golf Camp
2014**

Snack, drinks and lunch provided.
We will be playing on the Golf
Course the last day of camp!

**June 9 - 12 , July 7 - 10
and July 28 - 31**
9a.m. - 12:00noon • \$125 per student

THE WILDERNESS
LAKE JACKSON, TEXAS

KemperSports

501 W. Hwy. 332, Lake Jackson, TX 77566
979.297.GOLF(4653)
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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In late May the Lake Jackson City Council will consider appointments of volunteers to serve on its various **Boards and Commissions**. Vacancies may or may not occur on the following boards:

- Planning Commission
- Traffic Commission
- Parks & Recreation Board
- Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful
- Library Board
- Senior Citizen Commission
- Zoning Board of Adjustments

Most of the Boards and Commissions meet once a month.

If you would like more information, please contact Dixie Roberts, Asst. City Secretary at 415-2401, come by City Hall and pick up an application, or visit our website at www.lakejackson-tx.gov. Electronic applications can be sent to droberts@lakejacksontx.gov. Please submit your applications as soon as possible.



Lake Jackson's Website has a new look!



NOTIFY ME

Visit 'notify me' and sign up to receive email or text messages about items you are interested in (special events, agendas, job openings and more...).

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Are you organizing a fundraiser, garage sale, special event in Lake Jackson? Add it to the Community Calendar so other residents can view it.

Check us out!!



Coming Soon...

You will be able to track your bills, make payments and view usage on your account. Keep an eye on our website,

www.lakejackson-tx.gov

for information about signing up in the GOV NOW system.

Public Works



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.



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. If you have any 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.

Drippy faucet? Toilet running?



Making **quick fixes** can save you **money** on your water bill.



A 3/4" meter will register approximately **20 gallons per minute** if a faucet is left running full blast.



A **running toilet** is like leaving a faucet running full blast.

Toilets are a common place for leaks to occur and go unnoticed. You can check your toilets by doing a **"blue dye" test**. Place anything that will change the color of the water, we suggest the blue toilet bowl cleaner tablets, in the tank and let it sit over night without flushing. If any of the colored water ends up in the bowl, you have a leak.





Mulch Site News

Lake Jackson residents may pick-up free mulch once per quarter simply by showing their driver's license to the attendant on duty. Please bring your own hand tools and containers to assist in loading the mulch.

The following are items which may be brought to the mulch site for proper disposal: Food grade cooking oils, motor oil, tires and any recyclable material except glass. You may now bring electronics to our mulch site also.

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 or 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 between
11:45 am and 1:15 pm Tuesday thru Friday only.
Saturday: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Closed Sunday & Monday

Avoid the lines - Pay your bill ONLINE!

Go to www.lakejackson-tx.gov and click on "Online Payments."

Did You Know seniors 65 and older are eligible for a discount on water bill?

New Information???

LOOK!!

*** NEW PHONE NUMBERS?
CHANGE IN MARITAL STATUS?
Please call the Water Department today to update your information.
979-415-2434***

PUBLIC WORKS - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



Q: Did you know that house numbers are required?

A: City Ordinance Sec. 14-4 requires house numbers be visible from the street. The numbers or letters should be at least three and one half (3 ½) inches high, showing the number of the house or building. The numbers or letters should be placed on the front of the building so that they can be seen from the street immediately in front of the building.

It is very important that this ordinance be followed. In the case of an urgent situation, these numbers will help emergency vehicles locate your address quickly.

Please Don't Sweep It Into the Street!!

As spring time approaches and lawn care such as mowing and edging increase, please DO NOT sweep or blow your clippings into the street. When debris such as grass clippings are swept into the City streets it causes the drain ways to clog, and this debris also fills in our ditches. In the event of rain, this impairs the drainage process which results in street flooding. Please help us by not sweeping yard debris into the streets.

City Ordinance Sec. 82-33. (b) states "No person shall sweep into or deposit in any street or sidewalk the accumulation of yard refuse, clippings or litter from any building or property."

Civic Center

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

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 always invited to attend!

Keep Posted on Current Events

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

Senior Discount

Seniors 65 and older are eligible for a discount on their water bills. To start receiving the discount bring proof of age to the utility billing department at City Hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 29

Covered Dish & Games Night!

Bring a dish to share & game of your choice!
6pm-9pm • Free • RSVP

MAY 8

Alzheimer's Seminar

Special Speaker: Krista Dunn
Alzheimer's Association of Houston
3pm-5pm • Free • RSVP

MAY 16

Concert On The Plaza! Seniors Appreciation Night!

Featuring the Intercoastal Pirates
6pm-7pm: Free drink & Taco In A Cup to everyone 55 & older.
7pm-9pm: Concert (on The Plaza)
Bring your lawnchair! • Free

MAY 20

BINGO Bring a snack to share!
6pm-8pm • Free

DATE ?

EMS Seminar

Providing information to seniors
Regarding falls, signs of stroke, etc.
3pm-5pm • Free • RSVP

JUNE 24

Polka Dance!

Featuring Al Sulak & The Country Sounds
6pm-9pm • \$10 per person
Tickets on sale at LJ Civic Center

JULY 15

BINGO Bring a snack to share!
6pm-8pm • Free

Please R.S.V.P. to The Lake Jackson Civic Center, 415-2600.

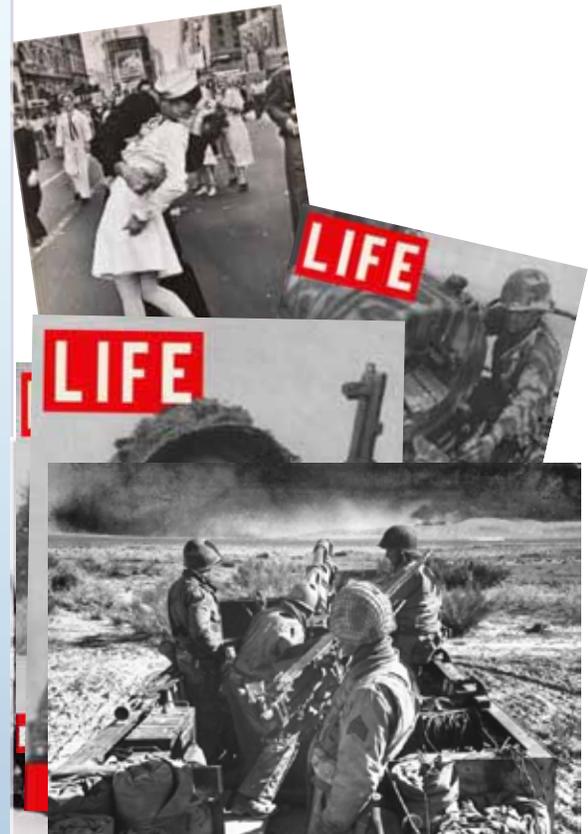


LIFE Magazine Exhibit Honoring WWII Veterans

Featuring photo's from
1941-1945

SATURDAY, MAY 24
1pm-5pm

at The Lake Jackson Civic Center
Free to the public.



SPRING SUMMER

Lake Jackson
CIVIC
CENTER

FRIDAY NIGHTS

7PM - 9PM

SPRING SUMMER

at the
Lake Jackson
Civic Center
Veterans
Memorial Plaza

RAIN OR SHINE.
BRING YOUR
LAWNCHAIRS &
REFRESHMENTS.

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| April 25 | Catfish Mafia |
| May 2 | Amber & The Old Rascals |
| May 9 | 7 Bridges – Eagles Tribute Band! |
| May 16 | Intercoastal Pirates
– Seniors Appreciation Night |
| May 23 | Checkered Past |
| May 30 | Vocal Trash |
| June 6 | Dog Town Blues |
| June 13 | Sour Mash Band |
| June 20 | Five-O |
| June 27 | Leannasaurus Rex |
| July 4 | Cole Deggs |



CONCERT SERIES | ON THE PLAZA



Recreational Events



Kidfish



Sunday, April 13, from 1:00 - 4:00 pm
at **Morrison Park (Shy Pond) in Lake Jackson**. Children under 17 years of age may participate. You may bring your own fishing equipment, but rods, reels, bait & tackle will be provided. A special trophy will be awarded to the child who catches the longest fish in their age group. **Age Categories:** 6 & under; 7-11; 12-16. Prizes will also be awarded for children who turn in sponsorship money. Sponsorship forms are available at The Recreation Center - Lake Jackson or visit the website: www.kidfish.com.

Easter Egg Hunt



Thursday, April 17, 5:30 pm SHARP! at **MacLean Park**. **FREE** event. Over 10,000 candy filled eggs hidden throughout the park! **Age Categories:** Babies & Non-Walkers (This is the only group where the child may be assisted); Ages 2 & under; Ages 3-5; Ages 6-8; Ages 9-11. Bring your Easter basket and don't forget to bring your camera for photos with the Easter Bunny!

Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center Blood Drive

Tuesdays, April 29, May 27, June 24, July 22, August 26, October 28, and December 30 from 2:00 - 6:30 pm
at **The Recreation Center-Lake Jackson in Studio 5**.

Schedule an appointment online at www.giveblood.org, enter sponsor code 0201, or walk-ins are welcome!

City of Lake Jackson July 4th Fireworks Display

Friday, July 4. Fireworks will be set off from Dunbar Park at dark. Gather your family to enjoy an amazing display of one of the area's largest fireworks presentations!

Summer Program Registration

Members Only Registration begins Monday, April 21.
Open Registration begins Thursday, May 1.

Sign up at **The Recreation Center**
for **Swim Lessons, Summer Camps and Summer Daze of Fun!**



For information about Recreational Events, contact Mallory Doyle at The Recreation Center @ (979) 297-4533
mndoyle@lakejacksontx.gov.

Brazosport Relay Triathlon

Saturday, September 6, at MacLean Park.

Each four-member team will complete an 1100Y swim, two 5K runs and a 12.5 mile cycle. For more information:
www.brazosportrelaytriathlon.org

4th Annual BCPOA 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, September 20, at MacLean Park. For more details:
https://thedriven.net/site.event_runner/eid/847014678

SUMMER MOVIE SERIES



Fridays, June 6, June 27, August 1, and August 22 at 8:00 pm,

at **MacLean Park Pavilion**. Join us for Movies in the Park! Kick back, relax and enjoy a movie with the family on our GIANT 16-foot screen! Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets, movies will be shown rain or shine! Movie titles will be announced, but please note they will be Rated G, PG or PG-13.

*FREE to the public, concessions will be available for purchase.
No registration necessary, just come and join us!*

Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful

sponsors:

APRIL 5 - "Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off" Project Work Day. To Volunteer please contact Terri Cardwell at tcardwell@lakejacksontx.gov

May 30 - "Vocal Trash" Concert on the Plaza ... like Glee meeting Stomp! at the lake Jackson Civic Center. Come join the fun. Hot Dogs & Drinks and Prizes!

July 14-18 - "Charlie's ECO Quest Camp"

Environmental summer camp to raise awareness on our natural & environmental surrounding and teach campers individual environmental responsibility. More info coming soon.





SUMMER SIZZLE

SPECIAL

Registration ONLY May 1-31
Memberships effective June 1-August 31

*SUMMER PASSES!!

- *90 Day Membership
Includes Outdoor Pool and Full Facility
- FULL FAMILY SUMMER PASS - \$99**
- INDIVIDUAL SUMMER PASS - \$69**
- * **STUDENT SUMMER PASS - \$49**
*18 & under or a Valid College ID

* Purchase any Annual or 90 Day
Membership at full price...

GET THE 2ND ONE HALF PRICE

*2nd membership must be of equal or lesser value

* Purchase a 90 Day Membership...

GET A 90 DAY LOCKER FOR FREE!

*Limit 2 per family

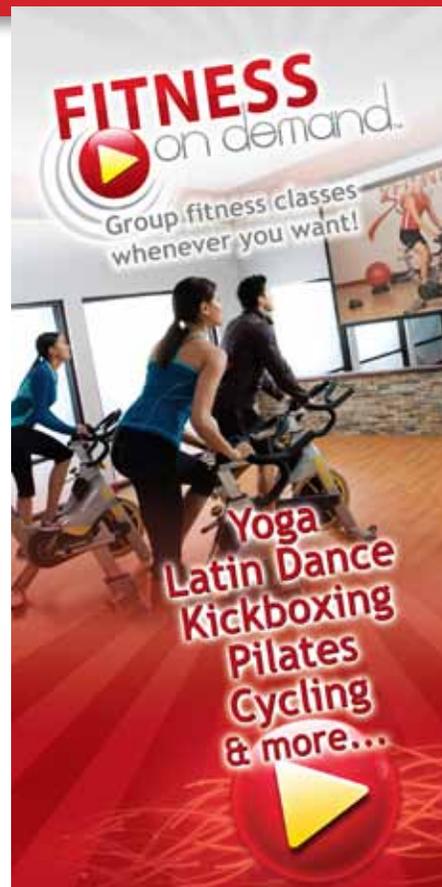
* Purchase an Annual Membership get an

ANNUAL LOCKER FOR FREE!

*Limit 2 per Family

Rec. Center 297-4533

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



Fitness On Demand is an automated system that allows you to pick a wide variety of classes that are available at anytime.

Members can choose from hundreds of exercise videos including kickboxing, dance, cycling, yoga, and more with new classes added every month. This innovative system offers an incredible variety of classes with access to Studio 1 for members anytime day or night unless a scheduled class is already in session.

For more info. contact
Ryan Smith
at The Recreation Center -
Lake Jackson, 979-297-4533
rsmith@lakejacksontx.gov

LAKE JACKSON
LJ PARKS & RECREATION

Outdoor Pool

300 Magnolia, Lake Jackson

Pool Hours: Mon.- Sat. *: 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sun.: 1 p.m.-6 p.m.

*Pool closes at 6 pm during swim lessons.

Important Dates for the Outdoor Pool:

Open Weekends Only: May 24

Summer Opening Day: June 7

Closed Weekends Only: August 25

Season Closing Day: September 2

Special Events Schedule:

Splash Day: June 7

Double Dip Days: June 20 & August 8

July 4th Celebration: July 4

Night at the Pool: July 18; 8-11 pm

(MOVIE starts at 8:30)

End of Summer Pool Party: September 1.

(Bring school supplies for FREE admission!)

Free Swim Clinic : June 10 - June 12

Ages 3-5 @ 9:00 am • Ages 6-11 @ 10:00 am

Swim Lessons: The Recreation Center - Lake Jackson offers classes, private and semi-private lessons for beginner to Lifeguard certification.

Outdoor Pool Party Rentals:

Available for rent beginning June 8 through the summer. Includes admission for up to 75 people.

Rental Hours: Wednesday - Saturday: 8 pm-10 pm

Sunday: 7 pm-9 pm

Not available for rent Mondays & Tuesdays.

Deposit: \$85 **Rental Fee:** \$85



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is your VOICE**

ELECTION DAY – MAY 10, 2014

The general election for the City of Lake Jackson will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2014.

Election Day voting for all Lake Jackson precincts will be held
at the Lake Jackson Civic Center (333 E. Hwy 332)
from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Early Voting location for Lake Jackson residents will be at the Lake Jackson Library
(250 Circle Way). Residents may also vote at any early voting location within Brazoria
County. Please visit our Elections Page on our website at www.lakejackson-tx.gov for a
list of other early voting locations.

EARLY VOTING DATES & TIMES

Monday April 28 – Friday May 2 • 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Saturday May 3 • 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 5 – Tuesday, May 6 • 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

MAY 2014 BALLOT

Mayor:

Joe Rinehart

City Council Position #2:

Will J. Brooks

City Council Position #4:

R.L. “Buster” Buell III

John A. Fey

Glenda Mendoza Rose

Douglas Kincannon

SALE OF PARKLAND

Proposition No. 1

Shall the City of Lake Jackson be authorized to sell approximately 0.28 acres of parkland located between Grape Vine Turn, Center Way, and Circle Way (Lot 18, Block 4 of Oak Woods Addition)?

Background: This small park area is part of the Old Government Area (Oak Woods Addition S/D) and was never developed. The intent is to sell this parkland to help facilitate the redevelopment of this area. HEB has acquired the remaining lots in the subdivision and all roads have been abandoned. Proceeds of the sale of the lot are earmarked to help replace playground equipment at Morrison Park at Shy Pond.

USE OF ½ CENT SALES TAX

Proposition No. 1

Shall the City amend the levy and collection of the ½ cent sales and use tax within the city so that it may be used for any of the purposes authorized by Ch. 505 of the Local Government Code, as amended?

BACKGROUND: In 1995 the City asked residents to consider adopting a ½ cent optional sales tax. Rather than asking the voters to approve all of the types of projects and activities that could be allowed under the State law, the City Council restricted the ballot language to the following:

... collection of a ½ cent sales and use tax within the city for payment of the costs of land, buildings, equipment, facilities, improvements and maintenance and operation costs for public park purposes, recreation facilities to be used for sports and entertainment, and for infrastructure improvements for development of new or expanded business enterprises.

Voters approved this measure 2,391 to 1,370.

The City is asking voters to consider amending the previous ballot measure to expand the use of the ½ cent sales tax for all purposes allowed by State law for funding various economic development efforts. Approval or disapproval of Proposition 1 will not change the sales tax rate collected in Lake Jackson.

Below is a quick snapshot of what our City could do with economic sales tax dollars, if the current limitations are lifted.

- manufacturing and industrial facilities, recycling facilities, distribution centers, and small warehouse facilities;
- research and development facilities, regional or national corporate headquarters facilities, primary job training facilities operated by higher education institutions, job training classes, telephone call centers and career centers not located within a junior college taxing district;
- certain infrastructure improvements that promote or develop new or expanded business enterprises;
- aviation facilities;
- commuter rail, light rail or commuter bus operations;
- port-related facilities, rail ports, rail switching facilities, marine ports, inland ports; and
- land, buildings, equipment, facilities, targeted infrastructure and improvements for:
 - professional and amateur sports and athletic facilities, tourism and entertainment facilities, convention facilities and public parks;
 - related store, restaurant, concession, parking and transportation facilities;
 - related street, water and sewer facilities; and
 - affordable housing.
- To promote and develop new and expanded business enterprises that create or retain primary jobs, a city may fund:
 - public safety facilities;
 - recycling facilities;
 - streets, roads, drainage and related improvements;
 - demolition of existing structures;
 - general municipally owned improvements; and
- Maintenance and operating costs associated with projects.
- Use up to 1-% of collections to pay for Economic Development promotional activities, including hiring employees.

Here are some of the major projects funded by the current ½ cent optional sales tax since 1995.

Outdoor Pool	\$0,600,000
Recreation Center	\$ 300,000
Civic Center & Plaza	\$3,250,000
Youth Sports Complex	\$2,700,000
Wilderness Golf Course	\$5,000,000
Downtown Infrastructure Improvements	\$7,000,000
New Brazos Mall Entrance at SH 288	\$ 300,000
Oak Woods Redevelopment (HEB)	\$2,500,000
Infrastructure for Dow Texas Innovation Center	\$2,500,000
Extension of Water to Airport	\$1,500,000

CHARTER AMENDMENTS

The Charter Review Committee meets every odd numbered year. The City of Lake Jackson Charter is studied by the committee and changes are recommended that will keep it current with everyday needs, as well as operating within State and Federal regulations. Many of the changes proposed are simply a language cleanup within the current charter.

Members of the 2013 Charter Review Committee were: Vinay Singhania, Chairman; Glenda Mendoza Rose, Vice Chair; David Howarth, Secretary; Donna Heimburg, Drew Lindsey

To view the Charter Review Commission Report, please visit our website at www.lakejackson-tx.gov

The following proposed charter amendments will be on the ballot May 10, 2014.

Proposition No. 1

Shall section 1.03 (Extension of Boundaries) be amended to state that boundary extensions and annexations shall be accomplished in a manner consistent with procedural rules prescribed by law applicable to cities operating under Charters adopted or amended under article XI, section 5, of the constitution of the State of Texas?

Proposition No. 2

Shall section 3.01 (Number; Selection and Term) be amended so that the number of consecutive terms councilmembers are allowed to serve is increased from three (3) to four (4)?

Proposition No. 3

Shall section 3.01 (Number; Selection and Term) be amended so that the number of consecutive terms a mayor may serve is increased from three (3) to four (4)?

Proposition No. 4

Shall section 3.01 (Number; Selection and Term) be amended so that any portion of an unfinished council term that an individual is appointed to fill shall not count toward the calculation of term limits for that councilmember?

Proposition No. 5

Shall section 3.01 (Number; Selection and Term) be amended so that any portion of an unfinished mayoral term that an individual is appointed to fill shall not count toward the calculation of term limits for that mayor?

Proposition No. 6

Shall section 3.01 (Number; Selection and Term) be amended so that a person who has served as a councilmember for any number of terms is eligible to serve four (4) consecutive terms as Mayor?

Proposition No. 7

Shall section Sec. 3.04 (Compensation) be amended so that a councilmember may waive compensation for attendance at meetings?

Proposition No. 8

Shall section 3.11 (Procedure for Passage of Ordinances) be amended to require that city council only consider ordinances and resolutions that are in written or printed form?

Proposition No. 9

Shall section 4.4 (Municipal Court) be amended so that the city manager appoints the municipal court clerk, to reflect current practice?

Proposition No. 10

Shall section 4.06 (Department of Health and Sanitation) be amended to require that the city use the Texas Health and Safety code or other applicable state law as the basis for the city's sanitation code?

Proposition No. 11

Shall section 4.06 (Department of Health and Sanitation) be amended so that the city manager selects the person who is to make timely inspections to ensure that the sanitation code is complied with?

Proposition No. 12

Shall section 4.09 (Beautification Commission) be amended so that the beautification commission is called the Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful Commission, to reflect current practice?

Proposition No. 13

Shall section 4.09 (Beautification Commission) be amended so that the recommendation of policies for the aesthetic placement of signs and recommendation of polices on the control and elimination of junk yards be removed from the beautification commission's list of duties, to reflect current practice?

Proposition No. 14

Shall section 4.09 (Beautification Commission) be amended so that the beautification commission recommends studies, rather than initiates studies, for the aesthetic placement of trees and landscaping, to reflect current practice?

Proposition No. 15

Shall all of the outdated legal references in the charter be updated?

Proposition No. 16

Shall section 8.02 (Development of Property) be amended so that public funds are used to develop private property to further the economic development of Lake Jackson, as authorized by state law?

Proposition No. 17

Shall section 8.03 (Planning Commission) be amended so that the drafting and recommendation for adoption of an official city map; the compiling and recommendation for adoption of a building code; and a yearly recommendation of capital improvements be removed from the planning commission's list of duties, to reflect current practice?

Proposition No. 18

Shall section 8.03 (Planning Commission) be amended so that the planning commission makes plans for the clearance and rebuilding of blighted districts and blighted areas which may develop within the city, rather than "slum districts and blighted areas"?



Your **VOTE** is Your **VOICE**. Make it count.

ELECTION DAY

May 10, 2014

EARLY VOTING

Monday April 28 - Friday May 2

Saturday May 3

Monday, May 5 - Tuesday, May 6



Remember Police Week



**NATIONAL POLICE WEEK
MAY 11-17, 2014**

“Blue Ribbon Campaign”

Law Enforcement is often referred to as the thin blue line, a reference to those often dressed in blue uniforms that stand as the dividing line between a civilized society and chaos. Flying a blue ribbon is an expression of support for this thin blue line as well as a symbol of remembrance for those who have given their lives in the performance of their duties and those who continue to serve in law enforcement. During National Police Week, May 11-17, 2014, citizens are asked to tie the blue ribbons to their car antennas to show their support for local law enforcement officers and we especially hope you will fly the ribbons during this week for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Thursday May 15, 2014 has been proclaimed as National Peace Officers Memorial Day. Please drive with your headlights on to show support for law enforcement. Blue Ribbons are available at the Lake Jackson Police Department.



Lake Jackson Police Explorers Post 390



JOIN US
**LJPD POLICE
EXPLORERS**
TACTICAL TRAINING & COMPETITION

We are looking for a few good men and women who are interested in Law Enforcement or just looking to have fun. All you need to join is to be between 14-21 years of age, completed the 8th grade, have a passing GPA, and a clean criminal record.

Members of the Lake Jackson Police Department train the Explorers in maneuvers, tactics and skills that they use. Once these tactics are learned, our team will compete in competitions against other Explorers, from all over the USA, in simulated events. We also have a ride along program once you are 16 years of age and have obtained a driver's license.

If you are interested please pick up and complete an information sheet and return it to the Lake Jackson Police Department.

For more information please call or contact Officer Wright or Corporal Jimenez at the Lake Jackson Police Department Police Department 415-2700. e-mail rwright@lakejacksonpd.net.

DO YOU HAVE IT IN YOU?



Law Enforcement Career Exploring

Law Enforcement Career Exploring is open to young men and women ages 14 (and completed the 8th grade) and not yet 21 years old with an interest in learning more about careers in the field of Law Enforcement.

Law Enforcement Exploring provides educational training programs for young adults on the purposes, mission, and objectives of law enforcement. The program provides career orientation experiences, leadership opportunities, and community service activities. The primary goals of the program are to help young adults choose a career path within law enforcement and to challenge them to become responsible citizens of their communities and the nation.

Nationally, over 33,000 Explorers and 8,425 adult volunteers participate in Law Enforcement Exploring. The program highlights include: the National Law Enforcement Exploring Leadership Academies, ride-alongs, career achievement awards, National Law Enforcement Exploring Conferences, and scholarship opportunities.

The most popular Law Enforcement Exploring careers include:

- Police Officers
- Sheriffs
- Federal Agents
- State Police/Highway Patrol
- Probation Officers
- Military Police
- Correction Officers



Law Enforcement Exploring combines some classroom training with ride-alongs in police vehicles, community policing and much more...

You will develop:

- Leadership Skills
- Respect for officers & explorers
- New personal skills
- Marksmanship
- Law Enforcement Protocols

You will learn:

- Accident Scene Procedures
- Bomb Threat Response
- Proper Equipment usage

You will have an opportunity to participate in:

- Ride-Alongs
- National Events & Competitions
- Community Service

You will have an opportunity to network with:

- Explorers across the USA
- Law Enforcement Officers
- Federal Agencies

You will learn about the educational requirements for a career in Law Enforcement and will receive tangible advice on steps you could take now to prepare and position yourself for a successful career in the field of Law Enforcement.



YCPA Teen Summer Program

The Young Citizen Police Academy is a 4 day summer program of instruction designed to give the young citizen a working knowledge of the Lake Jackson Police Department.

The course, free of charge, consists of a series of classes including graduation. The Young Citizen Police Academy will be held in July. The classes are from 9:00am – 4:00pm, Monday thru Wednesday and from 9:00am to 12:00pm on Thursday. Students will arrive at the Lake Jackson Police Department each morning and will be provided a complimentary lunch. On Thursday there will be a graduation / luncheon. Parents are invited to attend the graduation. Class participants are students who have **completed** the seventh (7th) grade through seniors in high school. Classes consist of a maximum of 15 young men and women. The students' input from class evaluations is used in structuring the contents of future classes in hopes that the course will continue to be improved each year.

We hope the graduates of the Academy will take their new knowledge out into the community and educate other young people when the opportunity arises. This will affect, in a positive way, the inner action between our officers and the young citizens of our community.

Please call LJPD at 415-2700 if you have any questions.

Fire

SPRING - SUMMER FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST



Fire Sprinklers and Smoke Detectors Save Lives!

Lake Jackson Volunteer Fire
Department & Lake Jackson
Fire Marshal's Office

THE

Lake Jackson Fire Marshal's Office and
Lake Jackson Volunteer Fire Dept. ask you to use
this checklist to help keep your family fire safe.

Housekeeping Fire Safety

- Closets and attics are cleared of old rags, papers, mattresses, broken furniture and other combustible odds and ends.
- Used oily polishing rags or waste are placed in covered metal containers.
- Paint and varnish are stored in tightly covered containers away from sources of heat.
- Matches are kept out of reach of children.
- Child safety latches are installed on all drawers and cabinets containing harmful products.
- All cleaning products are kept in their original containers with the original labels.

Smoke Alarms

- Smoke alarms are checked and cleaned monthly.
- Smoke alarm batteries are changed at least every six months, or as directed by manufacturer's recommendations.
- Smoke alarms are installed on every floor and outside all bedrooms, in all bedrooms
- Smoke alarm batteries are never removed without being replaced - under any circumstances.

Kitchen/Cooking Fire Safety

- A 3 ft "safety area" is established in the kitchen to keep small children confined and away from hot surfaces, hot liquids and flames.
- Short or tight-fitting sleeves are worn during cooking as loose sleeves could catch fire easily.
- Appliances are allowed to cool before putting them away and cords are never wrapped around warm appliances.
- Only a thermostatically controlled electric deep fryer is used when deep fat frying.

- A tight fitting lid is kept nearby so it can be used to cover a pot if oil ignites.
- No food is left unattended while cooking.
- All paper and cloth materials are kept away from heat sources.
- Pot handles turned inward to prevent them from getting bumped or grabbed.
- Children are never being held while an adult is cooking.
- Exhaust filters are checked for dirt and grease build-up and the filters are cleaned regularly.
- Microwave safe dishes are always used in the microwave and metal is never used.
- Outlets and cords have been checked to make sure they are safe.
- Grease and food are cleaned off the stove after every use.

Yard & Garage Fire Safety

- Yards are cleared of leaves, debris and combustible rubbish.
- Surrounding properties that are vacant are cleared of weeds, dry leaves and rubbish.
- Mulch is at least a foot away from the house with a non-combustible barrier in between, such as rock.
- Gasoline for use in a power mower or out-board motor is stored in a strong, metal safety-type can with self-closing caps on the openings. 5 gals max. storage
- Garages attached to the house are separated by a tight-fitting door which is kept closed.





Your Fire Department Needs You!

If your home were to start on fire today who would put out that fire?

For a vast majority of Americans the people who will put out that fire will be volunteers. The men and women responding will be the same people who are also your plumbers, chemical operator and bank tellers.

According to the National Volunteer Fire Council (www.nfvc.org) in the United States there are just over 30,000 fire departments. Only 2,000 of these departments have a 100% full time paid staff. The remaining 28,000 fill their ranks with citizens donating their time. Unfortunately the number of people willing and/or able to join the local fire department is diminishing. In 1984 there were almost 900,000 individuals in the volunteer fire service. Today that number is dipping below 800,000 individuals. Yet suburban communities (who typically cannot afford full time fire protection) continue to grow.

If you are interested in talking to someone about becoming a Lake Jackson Volunteer firefighter, come by Fire Station # 1 (Located at 10 oak Drive) or email Fire Chief Mike Harper at firechief@lakejacksontx.gov

THE CITY NEEDS YOU! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Why Volunteer?

In the simplest of terms, volunteering is a dedicated commitment by an individual for the positive benefit of others.

Why should I volunteer with the Fire Department?

Only the individual can truly know why he or she chooses to become a volunteer. There are many who will say because it feels good to help others. Some may say they like the excitement and the challenges they face. Others may say my father and grandfather volunteered..(Mothers too!)

But only you, the individual, will really know why you want to volunteer and that is perfectly fine. We encourage you to talk with our members and to consider volunteering with one of the longest volunteer traditions in the country.

Who is the Lake Jackson Volunteer Fire Department?

LJVFD is comprised of all volunteers, from the Fire Chief down to the newest member. We have 48 members running out of two fire station and operating 16 pieces of city equipment. We are broken down into three companies and respond to an average of 550 calls a year and conduct fire training every Wednesday night from 6pm-8pm.

Fire Chief 979-415-2719

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Fire Marshal 415-2726



Trail Etiquette

- Keep Right
- Announce Passing
- Pass on Left
- Don't Block Trail
- Pets on Leash



Leash Law

Ordinance 09-1895

Lake Jackson has an ordinance prohibiting unrestrained animals.

- Unrestrained animals means any animal, excluding cats, that is not inside a fenced yard; at the end of a leash controlled by a responsible person; in a house, apartment or a completely enclosed cage; or tied or staked upon open or unfenced land.

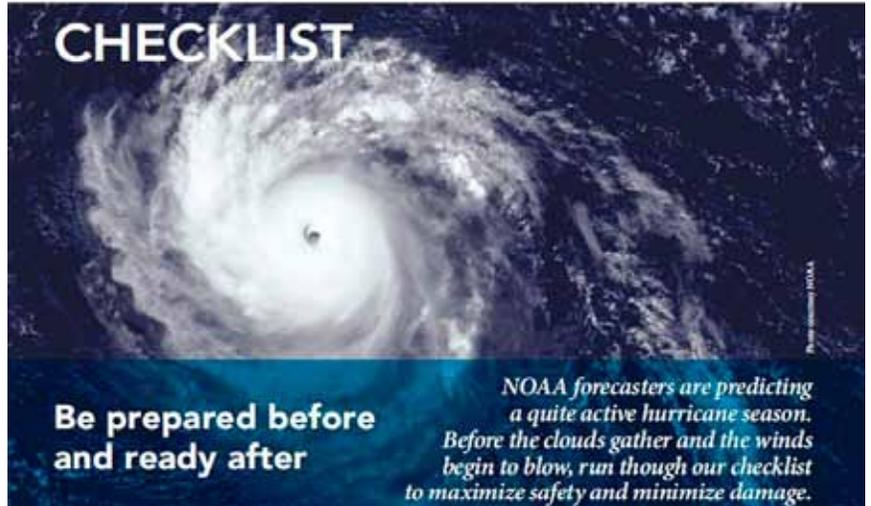
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Hurricane **READY**

CHECKLIST



BRAZORIA COUNTY HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS EXPO

Saturday, July 12, 2014
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Angleton Fair Grounds
(901 S. Downing Road)

ARE YOU PREPARED?

Hurricane Season begins June 1.



Ordinances & Resolutions

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

Ord #	Description	Date Adopted
13-2017	Amending Chapter 90 Subdivisions allowing developers to receive credit for trees not on the approved tree list and to require developers to give specific reasons pertaining to the need for alternate landscape plan	8/5/2013
13-2018	Adopting tax rate of \$0.39 (per \$100) for FY 13-14	9/3/2013
13-2019	Amending Section 102.1 revising the fees to be charged for water, sewer, garbage, and dumpster services	9/16/2013
13-2020	Certificate of Obligation Bonds \$1.5 million to run utility line to Gulf Coast Regional Airport	9/16/2013
13-2021	Amending Chapter 110 to add demand responsive transport service to the list of customary home occupations	10/7/2013
13-2022	Adopting the 2023 international building code, 2012 international fire code, 2012 international mechanical code, 2012 international residential code, 2012, international plumbing code, 2012 international fuel gas code, 2012 international energy conservation code, 2012 international property maintenance code, 2011 national electrical code	10/21/2013
13-2023	Rezoning 125 FM 2004 a 4 acre tract out of a 35.802 acre tract located in the Jared E. Groce 5 League Grant from B-1 Neighborhood Business to C-1 Commercial	10/21/2013
13-2024	Rezoning Oak Woods Subdivision Area F bounded by Oyster Creek Drive, Circle Way and Oak Drive from R-3 Two Family Residences to B-2 Central Business	10/21/2013
13-2025	Abandoning streets in Oak Woods Subdivision for HEB	11/18/2013
13-2026	Abandoning a portion of Abner Jackson Parkway	11/18/2013
13-2027	Approval of Oak Woods PUD	11/18/2013
13-2028	Amending Lake Jackson Development Corporation ByLaws and Articles of Incorporation	12/16/2013
14-2029	Amend Chapter 110 zoning to add research, development and testing laboratories as a permitted use to C-1 and C-2 zones	1/6/2013
14-2030	Amending Chapter 62 Misc Offenses to allow discharge of arrows in city limits	1/21/2014
14-2031	Amending Chapter 78 signs to allow works of art to be displayed and not be considered signs by private businesses as long as the works are not being used as advertisement	2/13/2014
14-2032	Calling officer election for May 10, 2014	2/17/2014
14-2033	Calling Charter election for May 10, 2014	3/3/2014
14-2034	Calling election for May 10, 2014 for use of 4b sales tax monies	2/17/2014
14-2035	Calling election to sell parkland property located between Grape Vine turn, Center Way, and Circle Way (lot 18, Block 4 of Oak Woods addition)	2/17/2014
14-2036	Amending Chapter 50 Health and Sanitation to raise the fees for food service permits, licenses, and certificates	2/17/2014

Res #	Description	Date Adopted
13-669	Nominating candidate(s) for a position on the Board of Directors of the Brazoria County Appraisal District	10/17/2013
13-670	Casting votes for candidate for Appraisal District Board	11/4/2013
13-671	Amending budget for drought related repairs and Palm Lane sewer line repair	12/2/2013
13-672	Budget amendment FY 13-14 for technical review of preliminary FEMA flood maps	1/21/2014
13-673	Budget amendment FY 13-14 adding projects to General Capital Project Fund	1/21/2014
13-674	Approving issuance up to a maximum amount of \$59,000,000 BWA water supply system revenue bonds series 2014	2/3/2014
13-676	Supporting a potential housing tax credit program with Palladium USA for proposed apartment complex	2/17/2014
13-677	Authorizing an economic development loan to Palladium USA International in the amount of \$489,000	2/17/2014
14-678	Approval of sale of parkland in old government area determining that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to use or taking of such land and that the program or project includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to the land, as a park, resulting from the use or taking and proceeds used to purchase new playground equipment at Shy Pond Park	3/3/2014



4 ways we MAKE IT EASY TO PAY YOUR UTILITY BILL

1. Come to City Hall and make your payment with cash, check or credit card
2. Mail your payment to 25 Oak Drive, Lake Jackson TX 77566
3. Sign up for Auto Bank Draft. There is no charge for this.
4. Go to www.lakejackson-tx.gov, click on the button that says "Online Payments". You will need your account number to do this. There is no charge for this.

RECEIVE YOUR WATER BILL BY EMAIL!!!!!!

The City of Lake Jackson Water Department now has the ability to notify you by email when your utility bill is ready. After signing up for this service you will receive an email telling you that E-notification has been successfully set up on your account. When your account bills an email will be sent notifying you of a new bill. The email will show you the amount due and the due date. Currently we will continue to send the paper bill as well. In the future, we may give you the option to stop paper billing and just receive email notifications. If you are interested in signing up for E-Notifications please complete the following form and return it to the water department.



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complete form and return to:



CITY OF LAKE JACKSON - WATER DEPARTMENT

25 Oak Drive, Lake Jackson TX 77566-5289

Phone: 979-415-2434 Fax: 979-297-9804

This form is a request to receive notification of your monthly Utility Bill from The City of Lake Jackson at the email address given. By signing this form, you authorize The City of Lake Jackson to communicate your Utility Bill through their E-Notifications system.

EMAIL MY UTILITY BILL TO:

Account Number: _____

Name on Account: _____

Service Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Signature: _____



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LOOKING FOR AN EASY AND CONVENIENT WAY TO PAY YOUR WATER BILL? SIGN UP FOR AUTOMATIC BANK DRAFT

There is no charge for this service. Your payment will be taken out of your account on your due date each month. Bills are still mailed out each month showing the amount due and the due date. Just complete the form, attach a voided check and return it to the water department. It's that easy!



CITY OF LAKE JACKSON
25 Oak Drive, Lake Jackson TX 77566-5289
Phone: 979-415-2434 Fax: 979-297-9804
AUTHORIZATION FOR AUTOMATIC PAYMENT

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)



City of Lake Jackson
25 Oak Drive
Lake Jackson, TX 77566

The City of  *Enchantment*



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