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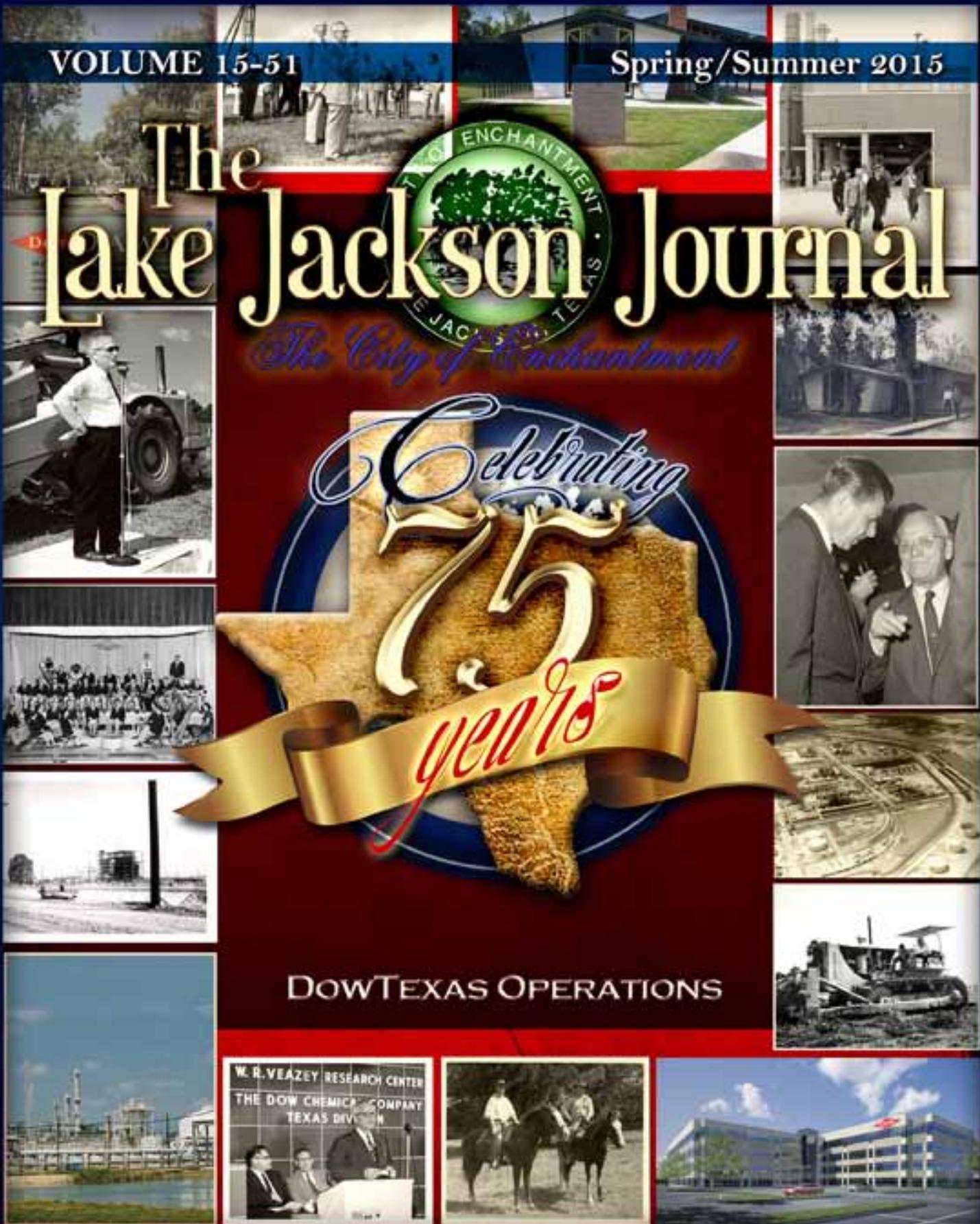
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The City of Enchantment

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DOW TEXAS OPERATIONS



A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

published by the City of Lake Jackson

The City of Enchantment

Greetings from the Mayor

Spring Greetings to You,

If “April showers bring May flowers”, Lake Jackson will be the floral capital of Texas. We’ve certainly had our share of rain, but the drought, which we are hopefully watching disappear, reminds us of the critical water issues that face our City as well as the entire State.

Lake Jackson is still moving forward at a rapid clip. LJA Engineering, a firm retained to help mitigate some issues with FEMA on the Alden tract, has completed and submitted their study to FEMA. The City is now awaiting the final opinion of the issues concerning the Alden tract south of the Gulf Coast Regional Airport and west of 288. Hopefully, the outcome will allow development to begin on that parcel. It’s a wait and see game at this point. Obviously, the weather has hampered the completion of the H-E-B Center with opening now tentatively set for early June. The remaining property of the Oak Woods subdivision is under contract to developers from Houston who are completing preliminary studies as we speak. The new building in front of Kohl’s is complete. No official announcement of the occupants for that site has been made thus far.

The Dow Innovation Center will open in phases with the first slated to be early June. Work is underway on a deceleration lane into the site and final touches will be ongoing until occupancy. The Lake Jackson Best Western plus is open and near capacity. Construction took a bit longer than anticipated, but they are up and running. Plantation Park is under construction and has been affected by the rain as well.

Residents on Camellia, Camellia Court, Hibiscus Court, Lantana Court, Bluebonnet court, and Vinca court will soon have new streets and infrastructure as the final project of our last bond issue is completed. This will allow us to begin preliminary planning for the next areas of the City to be addressed. Creekside Estates, north of Oyster Bend, has completed street work and as utility work is completed this area will allow single family home construction to begin.

I would be remiss if I didn’t mention the closing of Moses 66 in downtown. As I look back, I recall that Phillips 66 being owned by Mr. Gibbs and Mr. McManus during the ‘50s and ‘60s. It has been most recently owned and operated by George Moses, a lifelong resident of Lake Jackson. George and Manuel provided assistance and service to thousands with courtesy and professionalism and will be greatly missed by their customers and friends.

As you look through this publication, please notice the reminders of events and City services that are available for you to take advantage of. The ever popular Summer Concert Series on Veteran’s Memorial Plaza at the Civic Center begins April 24th. Lake Jackson resident Cole Degges will kick off the great series planned by the Civic Center staff. The Rec Center has numerous activities planned throughout the late Spring and Summer for all ages.

Enjoy the Spring and Summer. Be vigilant as we near the Hurricane Season and be proactive in your preparation. It’s an honor being your Mayor and I thank you for allowing me to serve.

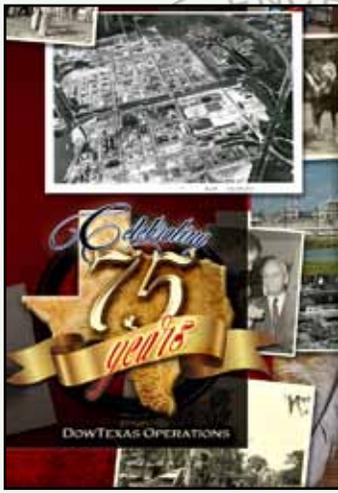
Enjoy and be safe!



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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Special Thanks to The Lake Jackson Historical Museum for Dow photo contribution.

City 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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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

6:30 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

(meets at Rec. Center)
6:30 p.m. • 3rd Tuesday

LJ DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Noon • 2nd Thursday

As Called:

- ◇ BOARD OF HEALTH
- ◇ HIKE & BIKE COMMITTEE
- ◇ 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.



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
- Charter Review Commission

Most of the Boards and Commissions meet once a month. If you would like more information, please contact Giani Cantu, 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 gcantu@lakejacksontx.gov. Please submit your applications as soon as possible.



Submit your Photos of Lake Jackson

Do you have photos of Lake Jackson that you would like to see included in the Lake Jackson Journal, the City's budget document, or the City's website?



Then submit your digital pictures to mcoon@lakejacksontx.gov for consideration.

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 a.m. 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 a.m. 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

As a service to our residents, the City of Lake Jackson offers curbside collection of items other than your normal household garbage. "Heavy Trash" refers to yard debris and normal household discarded furniture and appliances, such as refrigerators, washers, dryers (with doors removed or chained shut), sofas, chairs, beds, water heaters, electronics and similar items. If your heavy trash exceeds 64 cubic feet of debris or over 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.

If you have any building materials, such as roofing shingles, concrete, brick, flooring, fencing and other construction debris, you must call Public Works at 415-2430 and request a Special Pickup.

According to the City Code of Ordinances, Heavy Trash shall be placed out for collection **no sooner than 5:00 a.m.** on the Saturday preceding your regular Heavy Trash pickup week unless prior arrangements have been made for special pickup. If your Household Garbage pickup is **Monday and Thursday**, then your Heavy Trash pickup begins the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. If your Household Garbage pickup is **Tuesday and Friday**, then your Heavy Trash pickup begins the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. **Heavy Trash will be picked up sometime during your designated week, depending on where your street falls on the collection route.**

Place Heavy Trash on the curb by 8:00 am on Monday of your scheduled week to ensure a pickup. City crews will only go through your area once during an assigned week. Please remember that when there is a 5th week in the month, there is no Heavy Trash pickup service for that week. **Heavy Trash must be placed on the property of the owner curbside. DO NOT block sidewalks or place trash in the street.**

Trees, shrubbery, branches, limbs and trimmings that are cut by landscape or tree service contractors should not be placed out for collection. The landscape or tree service company is responsible for disposal of this material. (Sec. 82-68 (f) of the City Code of Ordinances)

If you have Heavy Trash and do not wish to wait until your scheduled collection week there are several additional services offered by the Sanitation Department. You may:

1. Schedule a Special Pickup. There is a charge for this service.
2. Arrange to have a 20, 30, or 40 cubic yard container delivered to your property. There will be a charge for this service.
3. Bring Heavy Trash to the Mulch Site located at 103 Canna Lane during normal business hours and dispose of it in the provided containers. There is no charge for this service.

For more information regarding our Heavy Trash services or to arrange for a Special Pickup or container, please call the Public Works Department at

(979) 415-2430.



New Information?? NEW PHONE NUMBERS? CHANGE IN MARITAL STATUS?

Please call the Water Department today to update your information. 979-415-2434



Flushing Fire Hydrants

The City of Lake Jackson will be flushing the fire hydrants Saturday, June 6, 2015 thru Wednesday, June 10, 2015.

Beware that there may be brown water coming from the faucets. This is the result of naturally occurring iron build up. 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.

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 their water bill?

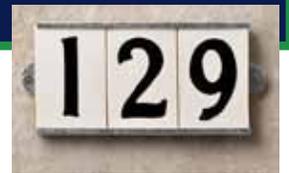
PUBLIC WORKS - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



Q: The street is flooding; is this normal?

A: Most residential streets in Lake Jackson are designed to serve as part of the drainage system. With this design, the yards drain to the streets, water accumulates in the gutters, and runs to the nearest drain inlets. It is not unusual for gutters to fill to curb height during common rain events.

House Numbers



Did You Know That House Numbers Are Required?

City Ordinance Sec. 14-4 requires house numbers to be visible from the street. The numbers or letters should be at least four (4) 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.

This is a very important ordinance. In the case of an urgent situation, these numbers will help emergency vehicles locate your address quickly.

Garage Sales

Garage sale weather is approaching, and there are a few things to be aware of.



A permit is NOT required to have a garage sale. You are allowed to have two (2) Garage Sales per year.

Garage Sale signs may be placed for no more than two (2) days on the premises of the Garage Sale. The City of Lake Jackson does not allow Snipe signs on intersections, trees, poles, fences, stakes or other objects. If you have any questions regarding Garage Sales, you may contact Code Enforcement 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 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 27

Discussion Group
(every 4th Monday)
Donuts & coffee served
10 am • Free

MAY 19

Spring Fling Dance
Bring your favorite snack to share!
6 pm-9 pm • \$8/person

MAY 22

**Party On The Plaza!
Seniors Appreciation Night!**
Featuring the Intercoastal Pirates
6 pm-7 pm: Free BBQ Seniors 55 & older
(Sandwich, chips, drink & cookie)
7 pm-9 pm: Concert on The Plaza
Bring your lawnchair! • Free

MAY 29

Electronic Device Ed. Class
by the Brazoria County Library System
Bring your electronic devices (computer, iPad, iPhone, E-reader, Tablet, etc) & library card
3 pm-5 pm • Free

JUNE 3

Haak Winery and Frobergs Tour
Includes lunch, tours and transportation
\$25/person

JUNE 9

BINGO Bring a snack to share!
6 pm-8:30 pm • Free

JUNE 14

Astros vs Seattle
Meet at Civic Center at 10:30 am, return around 6 pm, \$52/person includes \$15 food credit at ball game – Seating is limited

AUGUST 4

BINGO Bring a snack to share!
6 pm-8:30 pm • Free

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



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training

Class forming NOW!
SEATING LIMITED!
SIGN UP TODAY!

Where: Lake Jackson Civic Center

When: Tuesdays & Thursdays
Apr. 28 – May 21
6:30 – 9:30 pm

Sign up at: <http://bit.ly/LJCERT15>



Civic Center



Lake Jackson
CIVIC CENTER

FRIDAY NIGHTS

7PM - 10PM
SPRING SUMMER

at the
Lake Jackson
Civic Center
Veterans
Memorial Plaza

RAIN OR SHINE.
BRING YOUR
LAWNCHAIRS &
REFRESHMENTS.

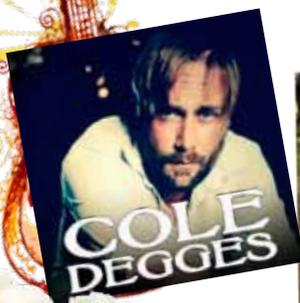
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Performance By

Friday, April 24	Cole Degges
Friday, May 1	Checked Past
Friday, May 8	The Revelry
Friday, May 15	Sour Mash Band
Friday, May 22	Intercostal Pirates – Senior Appreciation Night
Friday, May 29	Leannasaurus Rex
Friday, June 5	“Satisfaction” Rolling Stones Tribute Band
Friday, June 12	RockAFellas
Friday, June 19	Dog Town Blues – SPCA Adopt a Pet Night
Friday, June 26	Buck Yeager Band

****SPECIAL FOURTH OF JULY
SATURDAY NIGHT PERFORMANCE****

Saturday, July 4 Cole Degges



CONCERT SERIES | ON THE PLAZA



Recreational Events

REGISTER NOW for Summer Programs!



KIDFISH



Kidfish 2015 was a great success, Saturday, April 4 at Morrison Park (Shy Pond) in Lake Jackson. Thanks



to all for supporting our event! We will see you next year! Congratulations to all of our winners! Visit our website to learn more www.kidfish.com.

Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center Blood Drive

Tuesdays, April 21, May 26, June 30, July 28, August 25, October 27 and December 29 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

Saturday, 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!

4th Annual Brazoria County Peace Officers Association 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, September 19, at MacLean Park. For more details: https://thedriven.net/site.event_runner/eid/847014678



Summer Program Registration

Members Only Registration begins Monday, April 20
Open Registration begins Friday, May 1.

Book your summer outdoor pool party, sign up for Swim Lessons, Summer Camps, & Summer Daze of Fun!

For information about Recreational Events, contact Mallory Doyle (979) 297-4533 mdoyle@lakejacksontx.gov.

"DANCING LIKE THE STARS" Group Ballroom Dance Classes

* Rumba * Salsa * Tango * Mambo * Foxtrot
* East Coast Swing * Cha-Cha-Cha

Classes are held at The Recreation Center - Lake Jackson Aerobics Studio.

SPRING CLASSES - April 14th - May 12th

SUMMER CLASSES - June 9th - July 21st

ADULT BEGINNER WORKSHOPS

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm,
\$100/Couple \$80/Individual

ADULT INTERMEDIATE WORKSHOPS

Tuesdays, 7:30-8:45 pm
\$140/Couple \$100/Individual



Dancing Like the 'lil Stars for KIDS (Ages 6-12)

Mondays, 4:30 - 5:30 pm • \$60/month
Lessons begin the first Monday of each month.

For more info contact Chris Williams, Ballroom Instructor (979) 549-7283 • www.chriswilliamsdance.mebs.com



Fridays 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!

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

MOVIES
June 12 - The Lego Movie
June 26 - Big Hero 6
July 10 - Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
July 24 - How to Train Your Dragon 2
August 7 [at the Outdoor Pool] - The Spongebob Movie (starts at 8:30)
August 21 - Penguins of Madagascar



Recreational Events



Outdoor Pool - (979)285-2593

300 Magnolia, Lake Jackson
(Madge Griffith Park)

Outdoor Pool Hours:

Monday – Saturday: 11:00 am–7:45 pm
Sunday: 1:00 pm–6:45 pm
*Pool closes at 6:00 pm during swim lesson weeks.

ADMISSIONS:

Adult (Age 18–59) \$3
Child (Age 17 & under) \$2
Senior (Age 60 & above) \$2

Outdoor Pool Pass is included in Full Membership of The Recreation Center.

Pool Party Rentals:

Book the Outdoor Pool for your summer party. Rentals include admission for up to 75 people. Amenities: restrooms, changing room, picnic tables, lounge chairs, shade, pavilions, ADA parking, pool slides, toddler pool with mushroom fountain and adjacent playground. Available May 30 through September 6. **Deposit:** \$85 **Rental Fee:** \$85

Important Dates:

Summer Opening Day: Mon., May 25
Open Weekends Only: May 30 – June 5
Open Every Day: June 5 – Aug. 23
Open Weekends Only: Aug. 29 – Sept. 6
Summer Closing Day: Mon., Sept. 7

Special Events:

Free Days - Memorial Day & Father's Day
Splash Day - Fri., June 5
Double Dip Day - Fri., July 3 & August 7
July 4th Celebration - Sat., July 4
Dive In Movie - Fri., August 7
Goodbye Summer Party - Mon., Sept. 7

Swim Lessons:

We offer private & semi-private classes from beginner to Lifeguard certification.

Free Swim Clinic:

Tues., June 9 – Thurs., June 11
Preschool: 3 - 5 yrs. - 9 am
Youth: 6 - 11 yrs. - 10 am

Summer Camps are held at The Civic Center

Space may be limited for Summer Camps and Programs, register early.

Registration Deadline for all camps is the Friday prior to the start of each session.



Mining and Crafting

1/2 DAY CAMP

Minecraft is a game about placing blocks to build anything you can imagine. Experience the world of Minecraft with LEGO® bricks, face new challenges each day, building models and crafting key elements from the game in this fun camp.

Dates: June 29-July 2
Ages: 5-12
Time: M-TH (9 am-12 pm)
Fee: \$125 members/\$135 non-members
Min/Max Participants: 6/20



EV3 Robotics Camp

1/2 DAY CAMP

Experience the cutting edge of technology with the introduction of the LEGO®

MINDSTORMS EV3 Robotics. Students will incorporate the newest generation of motors, sensors and software by programming their commands directly into the intelligent brick.

Dates: August 10-13
Ages: 9-14
Time: M-TH (9 am-12 pm)
Fee: \$150 members/\$165 non-members
Min/Max Participants: 6/10



RED HOT ROBOTS

FULL DAY CAMP



Join Mad Science and our Radical Robots for a scientific journey through circuitry and sensors. Explore several different types of robots... robots that follow lines and sounds, robotic arms like you see on TV. Play tag with robots that you control! Complete the camp by building your own robot to take home!

Dates: August 3-7
Ages: 6-12
Time: M-F (9 am-3 pm)
Fee: \$325 members/\$350 non-members
Min/Max Participants: 10/20

NASA: JOURNEY INTO OUTER SPACE

1/2 DAY CAMP

From our Earth's atmosphere to the outer reaches of our solar system, this hands-on program sends children on a quest for exploration! Learn about the four forces of flight, the challenges of space travel, and explore the science involved in rocket construction as you build your own Skyblazer II Rocket™! Travel to the end of the rainbow and make a sunset, use a Gravitational Launcher to see how NASA places satellites into outer space, fly your own cosmic disc and create your own Stereoscopic Viewer.

Dates: August 17-21
Ages: 6-12
Time: M-F (9 am-12 pm)
Fee: \$200 members/\$225 non-members
Min/Max Participants: 10/20



Recreational Events



NOW HIRING FOR
 The Rec Center is hiring staff for Summer Programs and Camps, and Lifeguards for the summer.
Summer Programs!



SUMMER SIZZLE

Registration May 1-31

* 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

THE RECREATION CENTER - LAKE JACKSON

- * 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
- Memberships effective June 1-August 31

Youth Sports & Programs

KIDS UNDER THE AGE OF 10 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

TAAF Girls Recreational Youth Volleyball

Youth sports provide children with physical exercise, interpersonal development, teamwork experience, and much more! All participants will play within the recreational league in one of the following divisions: U12, U10, and U8. Uniforms will be provided.

- Facility:** The Recreation Center
- Date:** June 15 - August 15
- Time:** Practices: TBD following registration.
Games: Saturday's beginning on July 11.
- Age:** 6-12
- Fee:** \$45 member/\$65 non-member
- Registration:** May 1 thru May 27



SPCA Kritters and Kids Camp

For kids that love animals and those future veterinarians!! Each day will be filled with age-appropriate crafts, games, activities, and many interactions with shelter pets! As they have fun, campers learn respect, compassion and how to provide a lifetime of care for animals. Fee includes all craft materials, snacks and a t-shirt.

- Facility:** The Recreation Center
- Date:** Session 1 : July 20-24
Session 2 : July 27-31
- Time:** 1:30-3:30 pm
- Age:** Session 1 5-8
Session 2 9-12
- Fee:** \$40 member/\$60 non-member



Sports Camps

PLEASE BRING A WATER BOTTLE FOR ALL CAMPS

Tennis Camp

- Facility:** MacLean Park Tennis Courts
- Date:** July 6-9
- Time:** 9:00-11:00 am
- Age:** 6-12
- Fee:** \$35 member/\$40 non-member
- Registration Deadline:** Friday, July 3

Basketball Camp

- Facility:** The Recreation Center Gymnasium
- Date:** July 13-16
- Time:** 9:00-11:00 am
- Age:** 6-12
- Fee:** \$35 member/\$40 non-member
- Registration Deadline:** Friday, July 10

Soccer Camp

- Facility:** MacLean Park Soccer Fields
- Date:** July 27-30
- Time:** 9:00-11:00 am
- Age:** 6-12
- Fee:** \$35 member/\$40 non-member
- Registration Deadline:** Friday, July 24

Volleyball Camp

- Facility:** The Recreation Center Gymnasium
- Date:** August 3-6
- Time:** 9:00-11:00 am
- Age:** 6-12
- Fee:** \$35 member/\$40 non-member
- Registration Deadline:** Friday, July 31

The Recreation Center - Lake Jackson (979) 297-4533



ADULT SPORTS Programs



Find Lake Jackson Adult Sports information online at www.teamsideline.com/lakejackson



Men's Adult Flag Football

Six week Men's Adult Flag Football League followed by a single elimination playoff tournament. Guarantee of seven games. Post season winners get free registration next season. There's a League maximum of eight teams so secure your spot today!

Facility: MacLean Adult Football Field

Date: Thursdays
Spring - beginning May 21
Summer - beginning July 30
Fall - beginning October 8
Registration Deadline: May 13*, July 22*, August 14*
Time: Games start at 6:30 pm^ **Age:** 18+ **Fee:** \$300/team

Coed Adult Kickball

Six week double-header Adult Kickball League followed by a double elimination playoff tournament. Guarantee of 14 games.

Facility: MacLean Adult Softball Complex

Date: Sundays
Summer - beginning June 21
Registration Deadline: June 14*
Time: Games start at 5:30 pm^ **Age:** 16+ **Fee:** \$200/team

▼ Six week double-header, leagues followed by a seeded double elimination playoff tournament in Men's and Coed Adult Softball. Leagues have a guarantee of 14 games. **NEW RULE:** USSSA and ASA bats are allowed.

Men's USSSA League

Facility: MacLean Adult Softball Complex
Date: Wednesdays
Spring - beginning May 21
Summer - beginning July 22
Fall - beginning September 30
Registration Deadline: May 6*, July 15*, September 23*
Time: Games start at 6:30 pm^ **Age:** 18+ **Fee:** \$350/team

Coed USSSA League

Facility: MacLean Adult Softball Complex
Date: Fridays
Spring - beginning May 15
Summer - beginning July 24
Fall - beginning October 2
Registration Deadline: May 8*, July 17*, September 25*
Time: Games start at 6:30 pm^ **Age:** 18+ **Fee:** \$350/team

***NO EXCEPTIONS! There is no late registration.**

^ Game times will be dependent upon the number of teams registered. Teams should be prepared to play at day/times listed.

Wheelchair Basketball and Football

Come out and practice, play, and socialize on one full all wood court! No registration required. Sports chairs are provided.

Facility: The Recreation Center - Gymnasium

Day: Tuesdays and Thursdays **Time:** 7:30- 8:45 pm **Age:** 16+



Day Camps

Week 1: Walk on the Wild Side • June 22-26

Go to the Houston Zoo & Baytown Nature Center, make animal masks, do a scavenger hunt, hike, swim & more!

Week 2: Weird Science • June 29-July 3

Go the Houston Museum of Natural Science, the Sea Center, make Gak!, do science experiments, go swimming and more!

Week 3: Wet & Wild • July 6-10

Go to the beach for a sandcastle building contest, visit Kemah Boardwalk, play water games, swim and more!

Week 4: Lights Camera Action • July 13-17

All about being a star! Go to the movies, have a talent show, play acting games, make a movie, go swim & more!

Week 5: Sports of all Sorts • July 20-24

Play all types of games and sports, travel to Sugarland to take in a Skeeters baseball game, go swimming & more!

Week 6: The Great Outdoors • July 27-31

Travel to Galveston & spend the day at Moody Gardens, make S'mores, play games, go swimming and more!

Join our professionally trained staff for a fun filled six weeks of summer day camp fun. Each week of camp will be centered around a theme and will include field trips, games, arts & crafts, sports, library, swimming, free play and much more! Sign up for all six weeks or pick and choose what themes interest you the most. Fill your summer days with fun & adventure!

Ages: 6-12 **Day:** Monday thru Friday **Time:** 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Fee Options: **Members:** \$120/week (9am-4pm)
\$135/week (Anytime between 7am-6pm)
Non-Members: \$130/week (9am-4pm)
\$150/week (Anytime between 7am-6pm)

Registration: Members only begins Monday, April 20.
Open registration begins Friday, May 1.

Space is limited to 15 children each week, so register soon to hold your spot. Staff to child ratio is a minimum of 1:8 (1.5 on field trips).

Camper should bring a sack lunch, snacks, water bottle, walking shoes, swim suit & towel, sunscreen, and a library card (if they have one) each day.

don't forget



DOW TEXAS OPERATIONS CELEBRATES 75 YEARS

The City of Lake Jackson would like to congratulate Dow Texas Operations on their 75th anniversary. From designing and laying the first streets and utilities in Lake Jackson, to starting and participating in local nonprofit organizations, and from making hundreds of millions of dollars of contributions within the Brazosport and Brazoria County areas, Dow Texas Operations and its employees have played a pivotal role in the growth and development of our community.

The City is grateful for the numerous ways in which Dow Texas Operations and its employees have helped make our community a great place to live and we are excited to continue our relationship for the next 75 years.



Employees participating in the "Dow Volunteer Service Day" work with Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful to complete a project at Xeriscape Park.



DOW TEXAS OPERATIONS

Special Thanks to The Lake Jackson Historical Museum for Dow photo contribution.

Construction Update



The final Phase of the 2013 Street Bond Program will begin late spring. Phase II scope of work will be the rehabilitation of Camellia Street, Camellia Court, Blue Bonnet Court, Elm Court, Hibiscus Court, Lantana Court, Lupine Court, Periwinkle Court and Vinca Court.

Baker & Lawson, Inc. of Angleton, Texas designed both phases of the street rehabilitation program. Phase II will consist of pavement, sidewalks, driveways, storm sewer, surface drainage and the replacement of a water line and sanitary sewer along Camellia Street and Camellia Court.

The city will provide detailed information of the construction at a public town meeting to help answer any concerns affecting property owners and the general public. The Engineering Department will also submit notices utilizing the city's website to help keep the public informed.

There will be periodic traffic disruptions and restricted access through work zone areas. Please use caution and observe traffic directional and speed limit signs that will be erected and enforced by our Police Department.

Our apologies for any inconveniences and we thank you for your patience during this much needed street improvement changes. You will be able to view the construction plans on our department website under Engineering/Projects Under Construction.

We would also like to encourage you to view other topics of interest under our departmental website; you will find information such as projects in design, projects under bid, map gallery and other useful resources with links.





Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful

GOVERNOR'S COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT WINNERS

KeeP Lake Jackson Beautiful Board Members present Mayor Joe Rinehart and City Council the 2014 Governors Community Achievement Award. This is the 12th award for the City of Lake Jackson which brings with it a \$210,000 landscape award. KLJB also received the "Sustained" Award of Excellent. Plans for this project are to include FM 2004 median.

New "Green Ribbon" Project Coming Soon...

At the time of this Spring Newsletter the past KTB – GCAA Awards & a Green Ribbon Project will have begun in the City of Enchantment beginning with the Entry Sign. This project will be approximately \$700,000+ when completed. This sign will finally be lighted with electricity ... There will be many surprises in this landscape award! Stay tuned for the final results!

Thanks to your Lake Jackson Volunteers... their efforts have paid off!



Happy Birthday Charlie Chipper!
CHARLIE CHIPPER'S TRASH BASH
20th Birthday Party!



Happy 20th Birthday Charlie Chipper! All Lake Jackson Elementary School students got to participate and sign one of the 125 birthday cards! The happy birthday wishes were on display at the "Trash Bash" in front of City Hall!



Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful Board Members celebrate Charlie Chipper's 20th Birthday at the fall "Trash Bash"!



Thanks to the Knights of Columbus! The greatest "Hot Dog" Cookers!



America's Recycle Day, LUCKY DUCK Winner!

TRASH TIP-OFF HOT LINE

CHARLIE CHIPPER'S TROOPER PROGRAM
SEE LITTERING... REPORT LITTERING

- If you see...
- Cigarette Butts dumped or out the windows
 - Other trash thrown or dumped
 - Uncovered trucks or debris flying out the back
 - Illegal dumping

Please fax, email or call:
 Lake Jackson Police Department
 979-415-2700 phone
 979-415-2759 fax
 ljpolice@brazosport.cc.tx.us

Help Charlie Chipper Keep Lake Jackson
 "CLEAN & GREEN"
 We are the "City of Enchantment"



Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful – Business Partner Program

Contact KLJB and see how you can become a member of the KLJB Business Partner Program. We'll bring YOU your own bag of enviro-goodies!

tcardwell@lakejacksontx.gov

Your **VOTE** is Your **VOICE**
so Make it **COUNT**.

– ELECTION DAY –
– MAY 9, 2015 –

The general election for the City of Lake Jackson will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2015.

Election Day voting for all Lake Jackson precincts will be held at the Lake Jackson Civic Center (333 E. Hwy 332) or any voting location in Brazoria County 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 27 -
Friday May 1
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Saturday May 2
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, May 4 -
Tuesday, May 5
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

MAY 2015 BALLOT

CITY COUNCIL POSITION #1

Douglas Kincannon
Heather Melass



CITY COUNCIL POSITION #3

Gerald Roznovsky



CITY COUNCIL POSITION #5

Jon "J.B. Baker



2015 TML TEXAS YAC SUMMIT
16 YAC Members represented Lake Jackson at the Texas YAC Summit "Dream & Think Without Limits" in Killeen, Texas.

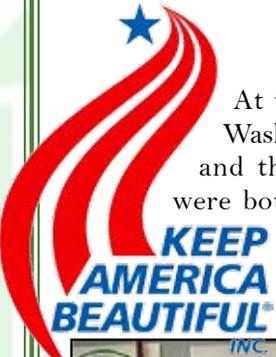


YAC Members working at City Hall during the fall cleanup "Trash Bash" planting the circle flower bed.



**Festival of Lights
SNOWLAND**

Lake Jackson Youth Advisory Board Members show off their new Sleds and SNOW Disk used at SNOWLAND on Saturday, November 22nd during the Festival of Lights! It was a wonderful day with 100's of happy sledder's on the Snow Hill!



KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL

At the "Keep America Beautiful" Conference held in Washington, DC in January, Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful and the Lake Jackson Youth Advisory Commission were both presented 3rd place "Distinguished Service" National Awards. They were recognized for their outstanding environmental leadership programs.



Lake Jackson Youth Advisory Commission



Terri Cardwell, LJ Volunteer Coordinator
Becky Lyons, KAB Chief Operating Officer



NEW Do It Yourself



COLLECTION at the Lake Jackson Library

Check It Out!



Library patron Emily Gibbs checks out the portable telescope from the library's new DIY collection. Courtesy: Cindy Yell

When people think of the library, long shelves of printed books probably come to mind. But the library is more than books. Brazoria County Library System recently added an eBranch with downloadable books, audiobooks, movies, music, TV and magazines, allowing people to access library resources on-the-go and in a convenient format. Now the library is taking another step forward.

The library is in the final stages of creating a collection of hobby, camping and home improvement equipment for patrons to check out and use at home. It's called the DIY collection, and the items are available

to check out from the Lake Jackson Branch.

The new DIY collection has hobby kits for cake decorating, fiber arts, carpentry, and home repair, and includes cake pans, a family-size tent, garden tools, and a 17-foot multi-position ladder. The collection also has a spinning wheel, cupcake display racks and a heavy-duty foldable hand truck.



Cake pan collection: "An assortment of cake pans in the library's new DIY collection. Courtesy: Cindy Yell

The library thinks the DIY collection fills a need in the community for uncommonly-used tools and equipment and also allows patrons to explore new hobbies at a low cost. "Hobbies can be expensive," Cindy Yell, branch librarian said. "The DIY collection allows patrons to try out a new hobby without having to buy all the supplies first. Just look at cake decorating. Piping tips and shaping tools can be pricey, especially if you're just making one or two cakes a year for your family."

The DIY collection is available for browsing and checkout at the Lake Jackson Branch Library, and items can be requested from any branch in the library system, including online at <http://bcls.lib.tx.us>.




Calling forth all Jedi, Sith, Youngling, Bounty Hunters and other Star Wars Aficionados. The Lake Jackson Library, a branch of Brazoria County Library System, is celebrating all things Star Wars with an event to be held at 4 p.m. May 4. "May the Fourth Be With You" is for families and all persons interested in the Star Wars Universe.

Hone your Jedi or Sith skills, whether you are a Master or a Padawan, with activities for all skill levels. You will practice using The Force to improve your balance, aim and predictions. Other activities include creating decorative Star Wars art, making your own lightsabers and testing your knowledge of Star Wars trivia. Star Wars-inspired snacks and drinks will be served throughout the event.

Costumes are encouraged but not required, but a costume contest will be held at 5 p.m. for all costumed participants.

May the force (fourth) be with you always.

STAR WARS

LAKE JACKSON LIBRARY
Activities,
games, refreshments,
costume contest...

**MAY 4TH AT 4 P.M.
AT A LIBRARY NOT SO
FAR AWAY...**

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Community Spotlight

Community Spotlight:

BRAZORIA COUNTY CAVALRY



On February 28th, the Brazoria County Cavalry celebrated their 7th anniversary at the Lake Jackson Civic Center. The Cavalry is a non-profit organization that was founded by Tracy Read in 2008 and since its inception has honored over 800 local American Heroes. Mr. Read founded the Cavalry to create a means by which all those who are patriotic could help honor those who currently serve or who have served as military, law enforcement, firefighters, and EMT's.

The keynote speakers at this year's anniversary celebration included Lake Jackson Mayor and Vietnam Veteran Joe Rinehart, Texas State Representative Dennis Bonnen, and Cavalry Founder and Committee Member Tracy Read. During the meeting the Cavalry honored an additional seven individuals and their families, including Mayor Rinehart.



For more information on the Brazoria County Cavalry and how to become a member, make a donation, or submit a request to honor one of your American Heroes, please visit their website at www.brazoriacountycavalry.org.

Do you know of a person or an organization that helps make our community a better place to live? Please submit your nominations for the Community Spotlight to mcoon@lakejacksontx.gov.



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



Remember Police Week



NATIONAL POLICE WEEK
MAY 10-16, 2015

“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 10-16, 2015, 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.

Friday May 15, 2015 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 Sgt. Jimenez at the Lake Jackson 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 Young Citizen Police Academy course is free of charge. Classes held in July are 9:00am - 4:00pm Monday thru Wednesday and 9:00am - 12:00pm on Thursday. Students will arrive at the Lake Jackson Police Department each morning and lunches will be provided. On Thursday there will be a graduation/luncheon that parents are encouraged to attend. 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. Students' input from class evaluations are used in structuring 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. This will have a positive affect on the interaction between our officers and the young citizens of our community.

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

National Night Out



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 stations 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 Marshal 415-2726



TEXAS ONE STICKER

As of March 1, 2015, the State of Texas transitioned to a “Two Steps, One Sticker” vehicle inspection and registration program. Your registration will serve as both proof of registration and inspection.

- 1) VEHICLE INSPECTION
- 2) VEHICLE REGISTRATION



For more information visit <http://twostepsonesticker.com>

Did you know.....

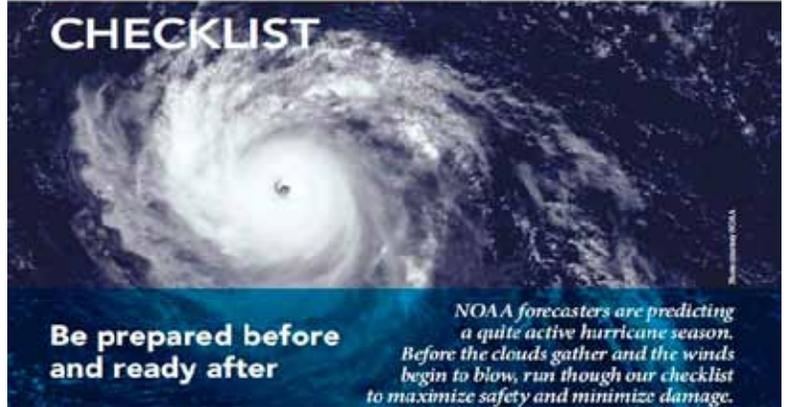
All City Council meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

- All Boards and Commission meetings are open to the public and you are invited to attend.
- Minutes of the City Council, Planning Commission, Traffic Commission meetings are posted on our website at www.lakejackson-tx.gov
- The city’s website also includes a calendar of meetings.

Like us and follow us...



Hurricane **READY**



BRAZORIA COUNTY HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS EXPO

Saturday, July 11, 2015
10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Angleton Fair Grounds
(901 S. Downing Road)

ARE YOU PREPARED?

Hurricane Season begins June 1.



2-1-1 State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry

Dial 2-1-1 to Register for a Ride

If you need assistance to get out of town during a storm evacuation, reserve your ride to safety by dialing 2-1-1.

Who Should Register?

- * Anyone that cannot drive and cannot arrange for transportation
- * Anyone who does not have a vehicle and/or anyone to help them evacuate
- * Anyone with a disability or special health care need that requires assistance to get out



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
14-2053	Revise Water, Sewer, Garbage & Dumpster Fees	09-15-14
14-2054	Adopt Drought Contingency Plan	9-15-15
14-2055	Amend Chapter 86 Steets, Sidewalks And Other Public Places providing a waiver to the requirement to build a sidewalk for newly constructed buildings or developments	10-06-14
14-2056	Authorize the issuance of COLJ Certificates of Obligation Series 2014	10-06-15
14-2057	Abandoning a segment of Medical Drive in the Stephen F. Austin, 5 Leagues Grant, Abstract No. 19, Brazoria County Texas	10-20-14
14-2058	Allowing City Council to waive the prohibition against driveways leading onto Oak Drive between Highway 332 and Oyster Creek Drive;	11-3-14
14-2059	Amending Chapter 78 Signs to the Code Of Ordinances to increase the maximum number of freestanding signs for business sites of three or more acres that have at least 300 feet of frontage on State Highway 332/288	11-3-14
14-2060	Amending the PUD for the Oak Woods Subdivision Addition area bounded by Oyster Creek Drive, Circle Way and Oak Drive	Withdrawn
14-2061	Rezoning the Bobby Ford Tract, located at the intersection of FM 2004 and Hwy 332, from B-2 (Central Business) to PURZ R-4 (Multi-Family)	01-15-15
15-2062	Amending Chapter 38 Environment To Delete Archaic Sections Concerning Noise And To Allow A Variance To The Prohibition Of Construction Noises At Night And To Amend Chapter 86 Streets, Sidewalks And Other Public Places To Remove The Decibel Standards For Sound Amplification;	02-02-15
15-2063	Ordinance calling May 9, 2015 Officers Election	02-16-15
Res #	Description	
14-691	Adopting FY14-15 Annual Budget	9/2/14
14-692	Budget Amendment for Opticom System	10/6/14
14-693	Budget Amendment to assist with Girls Pixie II Softball State Tournament	10/6/14
14-694	Approve Investment Policy	10/6/14
14-695	Renaming the field at the J.T. Suggs Baseball Complex known as Little Suggs Field to Alvin Y. Bartek Field	10/20/14
14-R-69	Resolution amending the FY 2014-15 General Capital Projects Budget by \$150,000 for the asphalt paving of Medical Drive	11-3-14
14-R-697	Resolution Amending the Utility Capital Projects Budget by \$32,000 for an Emergency Sanitary Sewer Replacement at Plantation and N. Shady	11-3-14
14-R-698	Resolution appointing a representative and alternate to the Houston-Galveston Board Of Directors	11-17-14
15-R-699	Resolution requesting the members of the 84th Legislative Session of the State of Texas to support legislation that increases funding for the Texas Recreation & Parks Account and Large County And Municipality Recreation And Parks Account, Local Park Grant Programs, and the Texas State Park System	1-20-15
15-R-700	Resolution Supporting Brazoria County's Application To The Secretary Of State For The Use Of Vote Centers During Elections On Election Day	1-20-15
15-R-701	Resolution approving issuance up to a maximum amount of \$59,000,000 Brazosport Water Authority Water Supply System Revenue Bonds, Series 2014;	2-2-15
15-R-702	Resolution approving contract for golf cart 48 month equipment lease with PNC Equipment Finance through the Buy Board in an amount not to exceed \$322,531.58	2-2-15
15-R-703	Resolution to rename Oyster Creek Drive Hike and Bike Trail the Gardner Campbell Trail	2-2-15
15-R-704	Resolution declaring intention to reimburse certain expenditures with bond proceeds engineering fees to extend sewer system north of town	2-16-15
15-R-705	Resolution amending FY 2014-2015 budget to transfer funds from General Fund into the General Project Fund, General Contingency Fund, Utility Projects and Golf Course Fund	2/16/15



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 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.



cut along dotted line

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?

Never worry about late bills again!

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(last 4): _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Work Phone Number: _____

Financial Institution: _____

Financial Institution Address (City & State): _____

BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER TO CHARGE: _____ 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

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