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The City of Enchantment

Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall
at MacLean Park October 24-26

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A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

published by the City of Lake Jackson

The City of  *Enchantment*
Greetings from the Mayor

Greetings,

It's nice to finally have a touch of fall weather!

Our city is hustling and bustling here in the fall of 2014. The first phase of the Texas Innovation Center –Dow, is in the final stages and should be open for occupancy in 2015. Our new HEB is set for a March 2015 Grand Opening. The Courtyard by Marriott will begin construction in the first quarter of 2015. These are only a few of the new projects underway in Lake Jackson.

As we enter in to fall, we all eagerly await the Festival of Lights as a kick-off to the holiday season. You will find information on the Festival of Lights, along with fall clean up plans in the pages of this newsletter.

Two important events in upcoming months will be a must see for everyone. The weekend of October 24-26, the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall will be in Lake Jackson at MacLean Park. Hours of operation are 7am – 9pm. It's a great tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice in an unpopular war. Please plan on visiting the wall while it is in Lake Jackson. Also, the Veterans Day Parade will be in Jones Creek on November 11. More information will be forthcoming.

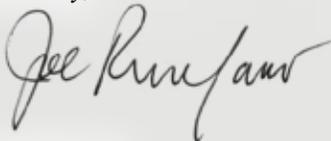
Phase I of the street bond issue passed by voters in 2010 is nearing completion. This includes the Magnolia/Gardenia area. Phase II of the 2010 street bond issue will go out for bid in the coming months. For specific details on streets included in the 2010 bond issue, please see page 17.

Lake Jackson is in the process of updating its Comprehensive master Plan. You're invited to attend the Community-Wide Workshop on November 10 at 6pm at the Civic Center, to hear information on our vision and also to give input. Once the Master Plan is completed in late 2015, we will likely appoint a Bond Task Force to identify the next potential projects in our infrastructure improvement program.

Many great things are underway and Lake Jackson remains a great place to live. Our city staff works diligently to maintain city services in a fiscally conservative way which provides benefits to the city in so many ways.

While it's a bit early, Becky and I wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday season.

Sincerely,



Joe Rinehart
Mayor

Lake Jackson Vision Statement

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



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Directory

Phone Numbers

| | |
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| 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

6:30 p.m. • 4th 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.

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THE VIETNAM TRAVELING MEMORIAL WALL ®



Hours of Operation:

Fri., October 24 – Sun., October 26, 2014

7:00 am – 10:00 pm

MacLean Park (92 Lake road), Lake Jackson

Donations can be made to:

Stars On the Brazos Krewe

2121 Zapata Street, Freeport, TX 77541

CONTACTS:

Andy Anderson (979) 201-2475

Staci Anderson Walden (979) 997-2100

JohnRae Vintila (979) 824-4203

After a year-and-a-half, with the help of our local businesses, neighbors and friends, and with great pride, The Stars on the Brazos Krewe, a Non-Profit Organization, is proud to present this Memorial to those brave Troops who gave their lives for this Country. There are about 58,500 names on this Wall, representing all parts of this great country. Fifteen of those names are from Brazoria County.

OF THOSE NAMES ON THE WALL:

The youngest is 15

The oldest is 62

There are 6 sets of brothers

3 sets of fathers and sons

226 Native Americans

8 Nurses

16 Chaplains (2 Medal Of Honor Recipients)

12 High ranking Officers (11 Generals; 1 Admiral)

Total of 154 Medal of Honor Recipients



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Wednesday, October 22, 2014 – Wall Escort arrives at MacLean between 4:00-4:45 pm

escort meets at Big Star Ford in Manvel between 1-3 pm

Thursday, October 23, 2014 – Wall Assembly

Friday, October 24, 2014 – Wall opens @ 7:00 am

Saturday, October 25, 2014 – Opening Ceremonies @ 9:00 am

Sunday, October 26, 2014 – Closing Ceremonies @ 5:00 pm

Public Works

PUBLIC WORKS
415-2430



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 8:00am in order to ensure it will be picked up. When placing the blue bags for collection, be sure to keep them separate from your household garbage.

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

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

Fire Hydrant Flushing

Mark your calendars. The City of Lake Jackson will be flushing the fire hydrants on the following dates:

- **Monday, November 10 thru Friday, November 14, 2014**

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.

Holiday Garbage Pickup Schedule



There will be NO collection of household garbage or recyclables on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day or New Year's Day. Please do not set garbage out on these days. The City of Lake Jackson sanitation crews collect household garbage and recyclables every other holiday during the year.

Heavy Trash

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.

Please place your heavy trash on the curb by 8:00am 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, flooring, fencing and other construction debris, you must call Public Works at 415-2430 and request a special pick 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 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. A door hanger will be left at the residence with the cost to remove the debris and the phone number to schedule a pickup.

Public Works



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 from 11:45 am - 1:15 pm

Tuesday thru Friday only.

Saturday: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Closed Sunday & Monday

Water Leaks



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.

PUBLIC WORKS - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



Q: How can I keep animals from getting into my garbage while waiting for it to be picked up?

A: The main ingredient in most all solutions is ammonia. It may be applied in a number of ways.

- Put a small amount of ammonia inside the garbage bag, either on a cotton ball, or just pour a little on the garbage inside the bag before closing it.
- Mix one part ammonia and two parts water in a spray bottle. Spray the solution on the garbage bag after setting it outside.
- Spray the garbage bag with window cleaner that contains ammonia, after setting it outside.

Christmas Tree Collection

The City will be collecting Christmas trees from December 29, 2014, thru January 24, 2015. A container will also be available at the Mulch site for Christmas Tree drop off. The trees collected will be used to restore the sand dunes at the Brazoria County beaches. After January 24 the trees will be picked up for the mulch site on your regular pickup days. If you have any questions, please contact Public Works at 979-415-2430.





250 Circle Way • 415-2590

Get ready to geek the library! This year Lake Jackson Library, a branch of Brazoria County Library System, asks “What do you geek?” Whatever you’re passionate about, the library has something for you.

In November, the library “**Geeks Knitting**” with a special “Knit for Kids” crafting event November 20 at 2:00 p.m. Knitters and crocheters are invited to attend and create small toys, hats, and blankets for children. Yarn, knitting needles, and crochet hooks will be provided. Knitted items will be donated to Lake Jackson EMS.

The library “**Geeks Holidays**” in December with their annual **Holiday Open House** December 6 at 10:00 a.m. Santa will visit, and light refreshments will be available. Everyone is invited to attend. Harry Potter fans can continue the holiday festivities the following Saturday December 13 at 5:00 p.m. **The Hogwarts Yule Ball** will be a lock-in event for teens and adults, with games, puzzles, and prizes on a Harry Potter theme.

For more information about any of these events, call the library at 415-2590.



Tues. - Sat. 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Sun. 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
 249 Circle Way
 979-297-1570
www.lakejacksonmuseum.org

Abner Jackson Plantation Site
 Open the 1st Saturday of every month from 10am to 6pm.

Alden B. Dow Office Museum
 Open the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month from 1pm to 4pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

for the Lake Jackson Historical Association:

OCTOBER 23RD – 10th Annual Haunted Happenings – Free family program at the Lake Jackson Historical Museum from 6pm to 8pm, featuring mad scientists, games, face painting, crafts, tricks and treats! Guests are encouraged to don a costume.

OCTOBER 24TH - NOVEMBER 7TH – Dia de los Muertos Exhibit – The Lake Jackson Historical Association in partnership with the Brazoria County Hispanic Chamber invites you to a cultural celebration. The Museum will be hosting a Day of the Dead altar exhibit. In celebration of life, family, and community we welcome anyone to contribute to the community altar with a picture, note, or small memento as a tribute to someone close that has been lost.

NOVEMBER 1ST – Dia de los Muertos Program – Join us for Day of the Dead festivities including crafts, food, music, and more! Free educational program.

November 22nd – Breakfast with Santa – Kick off Festival of Lights with a pancake breakfast at the Lake Jackson Historical Museum from 8am to 10am. Visit with Santa, play games, and make a craft! Tickets are \$5/person for Association Members and \$10/person for non-members. Children 1 year and under are free. Call or stop by the Museum today to reserve your tickets. Tickets are limited and must be purchased by Nov. 15th. Proudly sponsored by Whataburger.

JANUARY 22ND – Raymond Burroughs and the Lake Jackson Historical Museum – Free program at the Lake Jackson Historical Museum from 7 to 8pm, discussing the design and construction of the Lake Jackson Historical Museum.

FEBRUARY 8TH – World Cultures Day – Free educational program at the Lake Jackson Historical Museum from 1 to 4pm, featuring presentations, games, food, crafts, and more from around the world!

FEBRUARY 26TH - APRIL 18TH – Selena Quintanilla Exhibit – The Lake Jackson Historical Museum will host an exhibition from the collection of Frank Herring to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of Selena’s death. Born April 16, 1971 in Lake Jackson, Texas, Selena Quintanilla known as the “Queen of Tejano Music,” made her recording debut in the 1980s, going on to become an award-winning recording artist in the Latin music scene. In 1995, she was tragically murdered by the founder of her fan club.



Civic Center

Civic Center
415-2600



Lake Jackson CIVIC CENTER

333 Texas HWY 332, Lake Jackson
Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Seniors

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

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

You are invited to attend!

The 7 Bridges Band (back by popular demand!) The Ultimate Eagles Tribute Band

When: Saturday, November 1st
7pm-10pm
Where: Lake Jackson Civic Center
Ballroom
Cost: Individual Tickets \$15
Couple \$25
Table of 10 \$150

Feel free to BYOB and bring your own food/snacks!

21 & over only please

TICKET SALES LIMITED!

New Years Eve Dance! Featuring "Leannasaurus Rex"

When: Thursday, December 31, 2014
8:00 pm - 12:30 am
Where: Lake Jackson Civic Center
Ballroom
Cost: Individual Tickets \$15
Couple \$25
Table of 10 \$150

Black eye peas & Dessert Bar!

Feel free to BYOB & bring your own snacks! Setups will be provided.

21 & over only please!

TICKET SALES LIMITED!



Keep Posted on Current Events

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

| | |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| October 21 | Games & Covered Dish |
| October 28 | Halloween Masquerade Ball |
| November 11 | Scrapbooking & Card making Class |
| November 13 | BINGO |
| November 17 | Thanksgiving Luncheon |
| December 2 | Scrapbooking & Card making class |
| December 9 | Christmas Ball |
| December 18 | Christmas BINGO |
| January 7 | Games & Covered Dish |
| February 7 | Senior Fest |
| February 12 | Variety Musical Show |
| February 17 | BINGO |
| March 13 | Blue Hawaii Elvis Stage Show |
| March 17 | Games & Covered Dish |

All events held at the Lake Jackson Civic Center.



Senior Discount on Utility Bills

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

To start receiving your discount, fill out the form on page 21, and bring it to the utility billing department at City Hall.

Recreational Events



Rec. Center 297-4533

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

Special events!

Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center Blood Drive

at The Recreation Center-Lake Jackson in Studio 6
Schedule an appointment online at www.giveblood.org,
enter sponsor code 0201, or walk-ins are welcome!

Facility: The Recreation Center, Studio 6
Date: Tuesdays – October 28, December 30,
February 24, April 21, and May 26
Time: 2:00-6:30pm

Family Fright Night

Get ready for the spookiest event of the year! Join us
for the Third Annual Family Fright Night Campout
at MacLean Park. Tent decorating, trick-or-treating,
haunted hay ride, cookout, and a whole lot more! Bring
your own tent, camping gear and tent decorations; food,
drinks, candy and lots of fun provided!

Facility: MacLean Park
Date: Friday, October 24
Time: Check-in begins at 5:00pm,
Activities begin at 6:00pm
Fee: \$30 for two people/\$10 each additional person
Registration: September 8 – October 15
\$10 off each monster dash participant when you register
for the family fright night!!!

Monster Dash & Costume Contest 25th Annual BASF Kids Run!!

Join us for this annual tradition! Start off with the BASF
Kids Run (600 meters). Entry for the Kids Run is an
optional \$1.00 donation, which includes a fun run t-shirt.
Medals awarded to all children who participate. Then
we'll have a 5k run through MacLean Park and along the
Dow Centennial Trail. We will give awards for the best
costumes, so show us your favorite running style in style!

Facility: MacLean Park
Date: Saturday, Oct. 25
Time: BASF Kid's Run – 7:40am
Monster Dash 5K – 8:00am
Fee: \$25/advance, \$35/onsite
(FREE t-shirts to the first 100 registered!)

Registration: September 8 through race day
Packet Pick-up: October 23 through Race Day
*Registration / Packet Pick-Up will begin at 7am on Race
Day at MacLean Park

BASF Habitat for Humanity Walk

Saturday, November 8, at 8:00am @ MacLean Park.

Holiday Open House

Stop by The Recreation Center-Lake Jackson for a holiday
treat! Meet the staff, participate in Group X classes and
enjoy some holiday cheer from your Parks & Recreation
Department. Admission is FREE all day with the donation
of a new toy or non-perishable food item!

Thursday, December 11 at 8:00am-8:00pm
(activity times will vary throughout the day)
Group X class Schedules will be held at usual times.

Cocoa with Santa

Spend some time with Santa in KidZone! Enjoy hot cocoa,
a Christmas movie, and decorate cookies with jolly old
Saint Nick. Bring your camera to capture this special
moment. (This event is open to KidZone members ONLY)

Facility: The Recreation Center - KidZone
Date: Thursday, December 11
Time: 5:00-8:00pm
Age: 6 mos-6 years
Fee: FREE for KidZone members ONLY

Holiday Movie in the Park

Christmas movie and hot chocolate/cider! Sit back, relax and enjoy a holiday movie with the family on our GIANT 16-foot screen! Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets.

Facility: MacLean Pavilion
Date: Friday, December 12
Time: 6:00pm
Fee: FREE

Drop & Shop

Are you always finishing your holiday shopping on December 24th? Do you need some down time to relax before the rush of the holidays hits? How about time to pack before heading off to see friends & family? Then this is the time for you! We will host an evening of fun & games for your children while you shop, relax, or do whatever you need to!

Facility: The Recreation Center-Lake Jackson
Date: Thursday, December 18
Time: 6:00 – 8:30pm
Age: 4-12yrs
Fee: \$ members / \$10 non-members
Registration: No registration necessary!

Daddy & Daughter Dance

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

Facility: The Civic Center Ballroom
Date: Friday, February 7
Time: 6:30-9:30pm
Fee: \$25 per couple, \$10 each additional child
Ticket Sales: January 6-February (or until SOLD OUT)
LIMITED TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE – ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY – TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!

Health & Wellness Day

Join us for a day of education & exploration! FREE health screenings, wellness talks, chair massages, fitness demonstrations and more! Vendor applications are available at www.lakejackson-tx.gov.

Facility: The Recreation Center-Lake Jackson
Date: Thursday, March 5
Time: 5:00-8:00pm
Fee: FREE



CHARLIE CHIPPER'S 20TH BIRTHDAY TRASH BASH



Saturday, November 15th, 2014
Fall Clean Up
@ Lake Jackson City Hall
7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Residential Electronics Recycling
8:00 am – 12:00 noon
Brazosport College

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



For information about Recreational Events, contact Mallory at The Recreation Center - Lake Jackson.
(979)297-4533 / mdoyle@lakejacksontx.gov

Festival of Lights 2014

Friday, November 21

Wagner's Carnival

Civic Center parking lot
5:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Civic Center – Veterans Memorial Plaza
6:00 pm

Christmas Movie in the Ballroom

Civic Center – Ballroom – FREE
Popcorn & drink provided.
Bring your lawn chair or blankets
6:30 p.m.

Saturday November 22

Ice Skating Rink

Civic Center Parking Lot – FREE
11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Snowland

Museum Parking Lot - FREE
11:30 a.m. till snow melts

Breakfast with Santa

LJ Historical Museum
8:00 am
Ages: 0-1 FREE
Ages: 2-10 \$10/guest
Discount tickets for members. Seating is limited.
979-297-1570

Pet Parade

Civic Center Area Plaza
11:00 a.m.
Registration @ 10:00 am at committee tent.
Fee: Monetary donations and/or items accepted (paper towels, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, dog/cat good). All proceeds go to SPCA Brazoria County.

Saturday November 22

Youth Entertainment

Civic Center Plaza
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Food & Craft Booths

Civic Center/Library Area
10 am - 6 pm

Free Kid's Activities

Civic Center Area
11:00 am – 5:00 pm
(inflatables, pets on wheels, etc.)

Lighted Parade

Downtown Lake Jackson**
7:00 p.m.
**Going back to original route



**T-shirts
for Sale**

@ the L J Civic Center Office
\$10 per shirt
(extra \$1 per X larger than XL)

SNOW LAND



FREE ...FREE...FREE...FREE

Old Fashion Fun!

Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful & YAC Volunteers



Keep Texas Beautiful Conference
- KTB Governor's Community
Achievement Winners



ROTARY in ACTION!



Electronic Drop Off Site -
"Chip's Place"



Great American Clean Up!

Keep Texas Beautiful Conference

- KTB Governor's Community Achievement Winners Mayor Joe Rinehart and Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful Board Members accept the 2014 Governor's Community Achievement Award at the KTB Conference in Austin. This is the 12 award for the City of Lake Jackson which brings with it a \$210,000 landscaping award. KLJB also received the "Sustained" Award of Excellent.

Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful

- Business Partner Program. Contact KLJB and see how you can become a member of the KLJB Business Partner Program. We will bring YOU your own bag of environmental goodies! tcardwell@lakejacksontx.gov

ROTARY in ACTION

Rotary in Action a Partner of Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful helps rebuild the Compost Demonstration bench area at the Xeriscape Park located at "Chip's Place" at the Mulch Site on Canna Lane.

Electronic Drop Off Site - "Chip's Place"

Keep Lake Jackson Board Members hard at work at the Xeriscape Park and Chip's Place keeping it "Clean & Green".

Great American Cleanup

Dow Volunteers partnered with Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful to plant more than 40 trees along Lake Road as part of the Great American Cleanup.

"VOCAL TRASH" Concert

Party on the Plaza with the "Vocal Trash" Concert sponsored by Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful was a high energy event! Lots of Moving & Shaking going on!

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for cooking hot dogs....the Rock Church for providing water.....and YAC for handing out t-shirts! Good time had by ALL!

Random Act of Kindness

YAC Members made Boo Bunnies and Easter bags & baskets for kids at the local Food Pantries and Hospital for Easter as their "Radom Act of Kindness".

10 Minute CPR Training

EMS Director Fred Ortiz instructs YAC members on training in the "10 Minute CPR Training" class at the Lake Jackson Fire Station Training Room.

2014 TML Texas YAC Summit

18 YAC Members represented Lake Jackson at the Texas YAC Summit in Rockwall in February.

Festival of Lights - SNOWLAND

Let's get ready for the SNOW on Saturday, November 22nd! YAC will have the sleds ready for action at "SNOWLAND" in the Museum Parking Lot! Let it Snow....Let it Snow....Let it Snow!



VOCAL TRASH



Thanks KC, RC & YAC!!



Random Acts of Kindness



10 minute CPR training



2014 TML Texas YAC Summit



SNOWLAND!!!



BLUE SANTA PROGRAM

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

Cash and new unwrapped gifts can be dropped off at the Police Department at anytime.

A gift pick-up can be scheduled by organizations or groups making donations and desire to have a representative of the Blue Santa Program pick up the gifts.

If your family needs assistance for Christmas please complete the application in the FORM CENTER, which can be found on the Lake Jackson Police Department website, or come by the Police Department.

Deadline for receiving requests for assistance is December 1, 2014.

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



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.

Law Enforcement Exploring combines some classroom training with Ride-Alongs in police vehicles, Community Policing and much more...

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.

THE CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

"BETTER UNDERSTANDING THROUGH EDUCATION". The next class of the Lake Jackson Adult Citizen Police Academy will begin on March 3, 2015. Applications can be picked up at the Lake Jackson Police Department, or on the Lake Jackson Police Department website. There is no charge for this course. To get more information about LJCPA contact the Lake Jackson Police Department.

SHOPPING Holiday Safety



Police

During this holiday season The Lake Jackson Police Department is asking citizens to be on their guard and be vigilant., to make sure that everyone has a safe and happy holiday season.

The criminals will be shopping this holiday season – will you give them the opportunity to make you their Santa Clause?



Here are some basic steps citizens can take to prevent or minimize the risk of becoming a victim of assault, robbery and car break-in.

SOME BASIC SHOPPING SAFETY TIPS:

- Keep all purses and bags zipped and snapped closed.
- Do not flash large amounts of cash when making purchases
- If using a debit card, keep the card close to your body so the card number will not be able to be photographed by a cell phone.
- Always shop with a buddy, you are less of a target when you have someone with you.
- If you have to take a phone call or text message – don't let your guard down and get distracted while shopping.
- Let someone know where you are going and what time you may be returning.
- If using a shopping cart, try to secure your purse or bags with the child locking system.
- Do not carry large amounts of merchandise at one time.
- Do not carry your social security card or birth certificate in your wallet or purse.
- Carry only a minimum amount of credit cards at one time.
- If you feel uncomfortable in a situation, contact the sheriff's department or the stores security officer.
- Report any suspicious people to the store security or customer service or 911.
- Keep children secure in a stroller or shopping cart at all times. Do not allow your children to wander.
- Speak with your children about a plan if you were separated while shopping.
- Make sure your car is in good working order and your cell phone is charged.

Additional SAFETY TIPS

Assault, robbery and “snatching” are crimes that may leave a person feeling violated, confused, and scared. Below are some additional personal safety tips:

- ❄ Before leaving your home, make sure your cell phone is charged and your car is in working condition.
- ❄ If you typically keep your cell phone in a bag, keep your cell phone on your person in the situation someone does demand your purse.
- ❄ Work on a buddy system. When you are out shopping or jogging, have a buddy with you at all times.
- ❄ When you go shopping, make frequent trips to your vehicle to rid of shopping bags in your truck. This will prevent you from having your arms full of bags when you are done shopping.
- ❄ Park in a well lit parking lot. Always lock your doors when you are driving or not. When returning to your car, look under, in and around your car while approaching it.
- ❄ Be aware of your surroundings. When you are in a building, know where your exits are located as well as how you will plan to escape if needed.
- ❄ Prepare a family plan that consists of distress signals or code words.
- ❄ Do not leave valuables in plain view in your car. Be suspicious and aware by nature. If you get a gut feeling that something is not right, then act on your instinct.
- ❄ Be confident and look people in the eyes. If you do this you are more likely to dissuade an attacker from attacking you. You will be able to give identifying characteristics of the person.

LJPD
wishes you... A Safe AND
Happy Holiday!



SAVE LIVES • SAVE MONEY • SAVE PROPERTY

LJVFD FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Lake Jackson Volunteer Fire Department (LJVFD) is fully comprised of volunteers. We serve 28,000 Lake Jackson residents as well as 3,000-4,000 residents in our extraterritorial jurisdiction. Our mission is to save lives and property by educating the public about fire safety. One of our goals is to provide those in need with smoke detectors and other fire safety devices. Our intent is to reduce property loss and eliminate deaths due to fire.

LJVFD has an ongoing smoke alarm fire prevention program. This program allows the fire department to provide smoke alarms and other fire safety devices to residents currently not able to obtain them.

The Fire Service in the United States has aggressively pursued placing smoke detectors in every home. Deaths and injuries from home fires decreased, as smoke detector programs became the fire prevention weapon of choice.

In addition to our current ongoing smoke alarm program, we believe **StoveTop FireStop** extinguishers placed below the vent hood in the kitchen will have a positive impact by alerting residents of a stovetop/kitchen fire and extinguishing the fire in its initial stage.

A **StoveTop FireStop** extinguisher is automatic and reacts to fires similar to a fire sprinkler. The extinguisher uses a magnet or other form of mounting underneath the vent hood of a stove. When a cooking fire grows out of control, or even if an object, such as a roll of paper towel falls onto the stove and creates a fire, the **StoveTop FireStop** extinguisher will discharge and extinguish the fire. When the units are triggered, two events occur; bicarbonate of soda is discharged across the **StoveTop FireStop** to extinguish the fire and a 146-decibel alarm is triggered to alert the resident(s).

Recently LJVFD was able to install StoveTop FireStop devices in all the State registered home daycares in the city of Lake Jackson. We also were able to distribute these to a few senior residents with disabilities.

Our current goal is to continue this program and reach out to resident over 65 years of age, or those with medical and other special needs.

If you know someone over 65 years old, or individuals with medical and/or special needs that would benefit from **StoveTop FireStop**. Please contact Randy Crim at 979-415-2726.



2014 **Fire Prevention Week** October 5-11



The benefit to the Lake Jackson Volunteer Fire Department will be improved firefighter safety at kitchen fires in these properties and knowing we have added one more layer of fire safety for the residents of Lake Jackson participating in the Fire Prevention Program.

Over 103,000 fires are reported in multifamily buildings each year. Of those, 68% are caused by cooking, resulting in 1.2 billion dollars in property damage.

A simple device can protect these properties from the tremendous loss that can occur during a grease fire.

StoveTop FireStop automatic fire suppressors are designed to address the number one cause of cooking fires: unattended cooking. By providing 24/7 protection, they limit the potential for injury, property damage, and lost revenue.



Damage from an unattended cooking fire in Lake Jackson, TX.

Smoke Alarms at Home

Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.



SAFETY TIPS

- »»» Install smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom and sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- »»» Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- »»» It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds they all sound.
- »»» Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- »»» There are two kinds of alarms. Ionization smoke alarms are quicker to warn about flaming fires. Photoelectric alarms are quicker to warn about smoldering fires. It is best to use both types of alarms in the home.
- »»» A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- »»» People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- »»» Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.



Growth in Lake Jackson

Texas Innovation Center – Dow



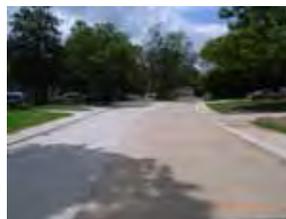
Construction is on schedule at the Texas Innovation Center (TXINN) in downtown Lake Jackson. The new research and development facility, being developed by Core Real Estate LLC for The Dow Chemical Company, will house state-of-the-art laboratory facilities and technical expertise centers to enable ongoing innovation that supports the commercialization of solutions across the various high-growth end-use markets, such as food packaging, personal care and automotive.

The campus consists of five buildings that will include administrative offices, research labs, employee services, a visitor's center and a warehouse. The first building is 230,000-square foot, four-story office building that will begin seeing occupants in late-2015.

The new center replaces several of Dow's existing R&D facilities in Freeport, Texas. Upon completion in 2016, the Texas Innovation Center will be a global research and development hub of modern lab and office facilities for more than 2,000 people from Dow Research and Development, businesses, functions and manufacturing.

Construction Update

The city is currently overseeing the street reconstruction of Phase I Magnolia area, the first of 2 Phases to be covered under the \$4 million 2013 street bond program as proposed by the 2009-2010 Bond Task Force and approved by City Council and the voters. City Council awarded Phase I contract to Matula &



Matula Construction in an amount of \$2,380,563.65 and work began on January 6, 2014 with a tentative completion date latter part of December 2014. Chinaberry, Laurel and Gardenia streets are operational with half of Magnolia Street left to complete this project. Phase I has progressed on a timely manner and despite the weather issues encountered during the construction period.

Phase 1 consists of Magnolia (southeast of Acacia to Gardenia), Magnolia from Gardenia to SH 332 E., and Gardenia (west of Cypress (at a ditch) to Azalea, Laurel (southeast of Elm (at a ditch) to Azalea and the entire length of Chinaberry.

Phase II will consist of Bluebonnet Court, Camellia and Camellia Court, Elm Court, Hybiscus Court, Lantana Court, Lupine Court, Periwinkle Court and Vinca Court street reconstruction. The engineering firm hired to design Phase I & II is Baker & Lawson of Angleton, Texas. Phase II design has been completed and the construction schedule, work estimates and design will be reviewed by staff and presented to City Council for approval to advertise the bid proposal.

The reconstruction work will include pavement, storm drainage improvements, driveways, sidewalks and sanitary sewer and water replacement as needed

We would like to thank the residents for their patience and understanding during the reconstruction projects.



HEB

H-E-B acquired the property at the intersection of Oak Drive and Oyster Creek Drive in October 2013, and broke ground Sept. 4, 2014. The new HEB store will be 80,000 square-foot, almost four times the size of the city's current H-E-B.

The store will house an extensive seafood department, a produce department with freshly squeezed juice and freshly made guacamole, a from-scratch bakery and tortilleria and a full-service sushi bar, with wine, cheese and floral departments and a drive-thru pharmacy.

It is expected to open in late March, provided no major construction delays occur.



Master Plan

Lake Jackson is updating the City's Comprehensive Master Plan for the growth and enhancement of our community over the next 20 years and beyond.

We need the public's input. Please join us for a community-wide workshop to hear information on plan vision and guiding principles. There will be an opportunity to give input.

“Big Picture” Workshop

Monday, November 10th

6:30 p.m.

Lake Jackson Civic Center
333 Highway 332, East

PUBLIC WORKS

Garage Sale Information

Q: Is a permit required for a Garage Sale?

A: 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.

*Snipe Signs are those small signs which are of a temporary nature and taped, tacked, nailed, posted, glued, or similarly attached to trees, poles, stakes, fences or other object.



Ordinances & Resolutions

The following ordinances and resolutions were passed by City Council from March 2014 to September 2, 2014. For more information on these go to www.lakejackson-tx.org and check out the Code of Ordinance link or call the City Secretary's office at 415-2403.

| Ordinance # | Ordinance Description |
|-------------|--|
| 14-2037 | Amending Chapter 110 Zoning to allow Health Services as a Conditional Use in B-3 Institutional Zone |
| 14-2038 | Amending Chapter 110 Zoning to allow fencing to exceed 7 ft in height in multi-family, business, commercial and industrial areas |
| 14-2039 | Rezoning Woodson Tract 27.9 acres bounded by Hwy 288/333, Plantation Drive, Flagridge Estates and Basswood From B-1 Neighborhood Business to the Plantation Park Planned Unit Development District (PUD) |
| 14-2040 | Amending Chapter 110-78 M-1 Zoning (light industrial) to include all provisions in sections 110-76 and 110-77 (C-1 and C-2 Commercial Zones) |
| 14-2041 | Increasing Senior/Disabled Tax exemption to \$75,000 |
| 14-2042 | Definition of Base Flood Elevation |
| 14-2043 | Calling Runoff Election |
| 14-2024 | Updating Food Establishment Regulations |
| 14-2025 | Establishing Conditional Use Guidelines |
| 14-2046 | Sale of Park land in the Oak Wood Subdivision |
| 14-2047 | Amending Chapter 14 Buildings to allow aluminum wiring under limited circumstances |
| 14-2048 | Add Answering Service as a Customary Home Occupation |
| 14-2049 | Allow Café Lighting for Restaurants |
| 14-2050 | Amend Chapter 78 Signs to remove language that does not pertain to signs |
| 14-2051 | Rezone Blocks 5 and 6 of Area M from R-3 (Two-Family Residence) TO R-2A, (Single-Family Residence) |
| 14-2052 | Adopt Tax Rate of \$0.3875 per \$100 for FY 14-15 |
| 14-2053 | Revise Water, Sewer, Garbage & Dumpster Fees |

| Resolution # | Resolution Description |
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| 14-679 | Recognizing a .055 mile area located along State Highway 332 as a State Reinvestment Zone |
| 14-680 | FY 2013-2014 Year end transfers – transfer \$1,000,000 from General Fund Balance to General Capital Projects Fund and transfer \$300,000 from Utility Fund Balance to Utility Projects Fund |
| 14-681 | FY 13-14 Budget amendment for Economic Development Fund projects approved in prior fiscal years to be completed in current fiscal year |
| 14-682 | Canvassing May 10, 2014 Election |
| 14-683 | Canvassing June 21, 2014 Runoff Election |
| 14-684 | Budget amendment FY 13-14 for Bastrop Watershed Analysis for New FEMA Mapping |
| 14-685 | Adopt the policy for reimbursement of Hotel Occupancy Taxes |
| 14-686 | Call Public Hearing For Tax Rate |
| 14-687 | Call Public Hearing For Budget |
| 14-688 | Abandoning easement being approximately 1.26 acres of the drainage easement running along the south side of the Magnolia Ditch |
| 14-689 | Notice of Intent to publish Issuance of Certificate of Obligation Bonds \$5.5 M for public infrastructure for the Oak Woods Addition Subdivision and the Dow Subdivision |
| 14-690 | Suspending the October 1, 2014 effective date of Centerpoint Energy Houston Electric LLC's application to amend its rate schedules to permit the City time to study the request; approving cooperation with the Gulf Coast Coalition of Cities; Hiring Lloyd Gosselink Attorneys and Consulting Services to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals |
| 14-691 | Adopting FY14-15 Annual Budget |



Operating Days/Hours:
 Fri. 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
 Sat. 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

10310 FM 523, Angleton, TX 77515
 979-864-4409 • www.kbcbca.org

BRAZORIA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

ACCEPTED*:

- Ignitable - Oil Based Paint, Paint
- Thinners, Petroleum Distillate Cleaners
- Oxidizers – Fertilizers, Pool Chemicals
- Corrosives – Acids, Bases, Cleaning Solutions, Drain Cleaner
- Poisons- Pesticides, Fungicides, Herbicides, Wood Preservatives, Medicines
- Automotive Materials – Oil, Anti-freeze, Transmission Fluid, Brake Fluid
- Batteries – Household and Automotive

*Up to 5 gallons per resident, in 1 gallon or smaller containers

NOT ACCEPTED:

- Latex Paint
- Explosives – Ammunition, Fire Works, Compressed Gas
- Any Regulated Waste from Regulated Entities – Asbestos, PCB's
- Large quantities – Not over 5 gallons or 50 pounds
- Commercial/Industrial Waste
- Agricultural Waste
- Trash, Debris, 55 gal. Drums, Medical Waste, Radio Active Waste, Smoke Detectors

NEW INFORMATION????

- Has your phone number changed?
- Has your marital status changed?
- Have you changed jobs?
- Please call the Water Department today to update your information 979-415-2434

Pay utility bills online.

Visit the city website to make your payment.

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www.lakejackson-tx.gov



FY14-15 Adopted Budget

City Council adopted the FY14-15 budget on Tuesday, September 2, 2014. A complete copy of the budget may be viewed on our website at www.lakejackson-tx.gov or you may visit the Lake Jackson Library to view a hard copy.

Here are the highlights of the FY14-15 Budget:

- Our tax rate is being reduced to 38.75 cents. The previous tax rate was 39 cents, where it has been for six consecutive years.
- The Senior Citizen tax exemption is being raised to \$75,000 from the current \$70,000 exemption.
- Full time employees will receive a market pay raise of 2% for each pay range plus a 2% merit raise. Also, a sliding scale of 3, 4 and 5% market adjustments for pay ranges falling 10, 20 or 30% below market.
- The three remaining “authorized but unfunded” positions will be funded and filled in FY2014-2015. The three positions are: 1) Laborer in Drainage, 2) Custodian at the Civic Center, and 3) Mechanic at the Garage.
- The Brazosport Water Authority is raising its water rate 31 cents from \$1.94/1000 gallon to \$2.25/1000 gallons (a 16% increase).
- Landfill tipping fees will increase by 2%.
- Increasing residential utility rates to cover the BWA rate increase, landfill fee increase, and to help pay for employee raises as follows:

| | <u>Current Rate</u> | <u>Proposed Rate</u> |
|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Water Base Rate | \$11.40/mo | \$11.70/mo |
| 2000-20,000 gals | 3.20/tgal | 3.50/tgal |
| Over 20,000 gals | 3.45/tgal | 3.75/tgal |
| Sewer Base Rate | 11.40/mo | 11.70/mo |
| Over 2000 gals | 3.40/mo | 3.70/mo |
| Sanitation Rate | 14.65/mo | 14.87/mo |
| Recycling fee | 2.15/mo | 2.20/mo |
| State Sales Tax | 1.39/mo | 1.41/mo |

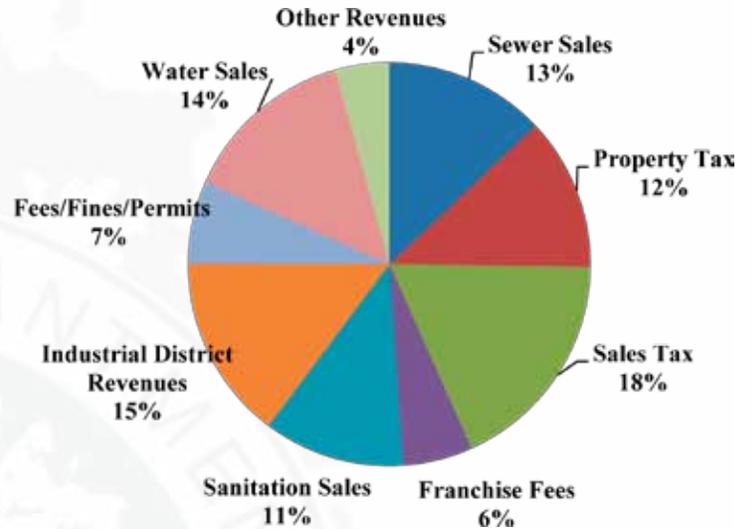
**The base rate therefore will increase from \$40.99 to \$41.88 an 89 cent (2.2%) increase

City Budget SUMMARY

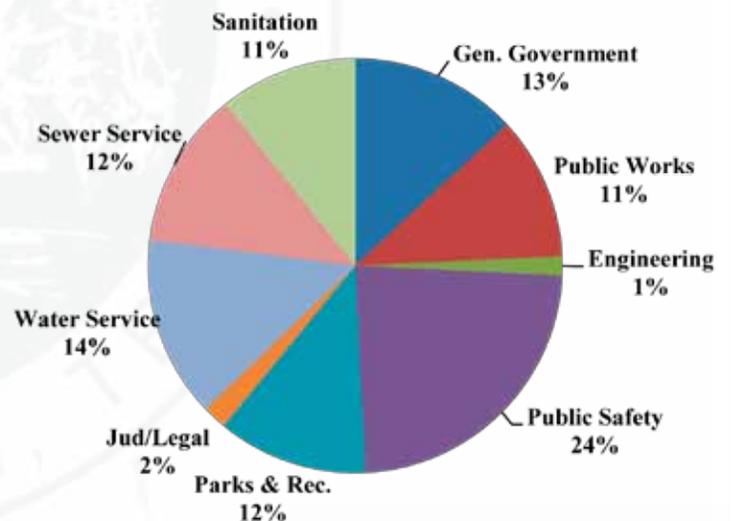


- Commercial rates will increase 1.5%
- The animal shelter management fee is increasing \$3,148 to \$135,148.
- Increasing our contract mowing contracts \$42,500 to restore mowing we reduced along the highway during the great recession and to provide once a month mowing of the railroad right of way along Old Angleton Road.
- Sales tax revenues in the General Fund are forecasted to reach \$5,283,875 in FY2014-2015. This is a 3.3% (\$166,875) increase over the FY13-14 budget of \$5,117,000.
- Property tax levy allocated to the General Fund is forecast to be \$3,616,436 in FY2014-2015. This is \$162,667 (4.7%) increase over the FY13-14 budget of \$3,453,769.
- Our Industrial District revenues will increase \$62,790 to \$4,248,890.
- Franchise fee payments made by the various public utilities to use our public rights of ways and easements will be \$1,646,875 in FY14-15. This is \$63,875 (4%) higher than the \$1,583,000 budgeted in FY13-14.
- Fitness only memberships at the Recreation Center increase by \$5/month.
- Testing requirements from the State of Texas for our water system are increasing some \$35,000 in FY14-15 and more in FY15-16. We will also be looking at a \$90,000 capital improvement project to address the copper levels in our water.
- Annual cost to maintain our various generators in the utility system is increasing by \$18,000 in FY14-15.
- The State licensing fee for our Wastewater Plant is increasing by \$7,000.
- Costs to inspect, test and GPS locate our fire hydrants is increasing by \$23,200.
- Participating in the new Boys and Girls Club at Rasco Middle School in the amount of \$15,000 in FY14-15. We have already committed \$15,000 in FY13-14.
- At the April, 2014 Capital Project Workshop, City Council authorized \$1,161,800 in General Capital Projects and \$307,000 in Utility Capital Projects.

Where does the money come from?



Where does the money go?





Water Dept. & Utilities

Forms and Applications

MAKING 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*
 4. Go to our website, click on the button that says "Online Payments"*
- *You will need your account number to do this. There is no charge for this.

Senior Citizen Discount

Dont forget to sign up for your SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT if you are eligible. If you or your spouse are 65 or older, you qualify for the discount. Just complete the form and bring it in to the Water Department.



senior citizen discount

Current Name On Account: _____

Service Address: _____

Account Number: _____

Is the qualifying person listed on this account? Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Social Security Number (last 4 only): _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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.

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

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.

email my water bill to me

Account Number: _____

Name on Account: _____

Service Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Avoid the lines - Pay your bill ONLINE!

Go to www.lakejackson-tx.gov and click on the "Online Payments" button to pay online.



CITY OF LAKE JACKSON - WATER DEPARTMENT

25 Oak Drive, Lake Jackson TX 77566-5289

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

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!

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 only):

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)

cut along dotted line



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

The City of  *Enchantment*



NOTIFY ME



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connect

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