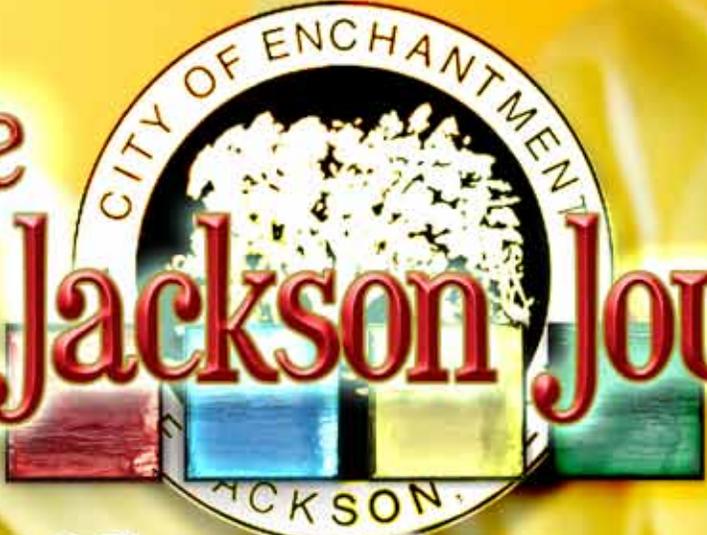


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# The Lake Jackson Journal



*The City of Enchantment*



A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

*published by the City of Lake Jackson*

The City of  Enchantment  
Greetings from the Mayor

Dear fellow citizens,

Summer is upon us and we enter into the hurricane season with the driest spring ever on record. What this means in terms of hurricane activity is yet to be determined, however, what is most important is your preparedness. Please take a moment to visit [www.lakejackson-tx.com](http://www.lakejackson-tx.com), home page, go to the heading of residents, scroll down to hurricanes, on the right will come a tab showing hurricane preparedness booklet. Please print a copy of this and use as your guide to assure for your safety and well being. The city staff is working hard to assure, in the case of a hurricane here, to be prepared and to get things back in order as soon as possible. Our new emergency operations center (which I hope you will consider visiting) will provide the facilities and communications to assure rapid recovery, and constant communication with you to allow you to return as quickly as possible.

Please know the city staff has been working hard to provide family activities for a joyous summer. With gas prices so high, I am sure many will be sticking closer to home. The spring series of entertainment at the civic center was a tremendous success. Thank you Civic Center Director Sandra Oliver. The Recreation Center Lake Jackson is providing many fun family activities. Schedules are available on our website. Thank you Parks and Recreation Director Jennifer Jones.

The Lake Jackson and the Brazosport community are rich in history. There are many sites such as the Lake Jackson Historical Museum, the Alden Dow Office Building, the plantation on FM 2004, as well as other many other sights throughout the Brazosport area. To get a real insight to our community visit the Sea Center Texas. You will get an in depth look the many species we have here, and as mentioned with high gas prices, take a family day and enjoy our beautiful city and community for your enjoyment and educational benefit.

We will have a run-off election between two excellent people, Charlie Golden and Heather Melass on June 25th. They are willing to serve you and your city and deserve the respect of you participating in the process. Please VOTE on June 25th.

Last, but far from least, is thank you to Gerald Roznovzky and Vinay Singhania. Both these fine council members have reached their term limit. I have had the pleasure of serving with them for the last 6 years, and they have been nothing short of fantastic in their commitment, ideas, dedication, and willingness to go the extra mile for the city. Please, when seeing them, express a sincere sign of gratitude to them. And, welcome back Joe Rinehart. Joe's experience will be invaluable as the loss of two veteran's leaves, without question, a large void. Welcome as well Jon (JB) Baker. Jon has been a loyal servant to the city and county and his experience will be of great benefit as well. We look forward to working with them.

Best wishes for a safe and happy summer.



Robert Sipple, Mayor

### Lake Jackson Vision Statement

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



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## Directory

### — Phone Numbers —

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

### — City Council E-Mail —

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<b>EMS Chief</b>	Fred Ortiz fred.ortiz@ljems.org
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<b>Police Chief</b>	Paul Hromadka chief@lakejacksonpd.net
<b>Public Works Director</b>	Craig Nisbett cnisbett@lakejacksontx.gov
<b>Personnel Director</b>	Carmen Williams cwilliams@lakejacksontx.gov

Visit our Website at  
[www.lakejackson-tx.gov](http://www.lakejackson-tx.gov)


  
**THE WILDERNESS**  
 LAKE JACKSON, TEXAS  
*Experience The Wilderness*

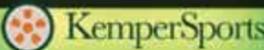
**Come join the fun!**  
**Register for The Wilderness Junior Golf Academy!**



**Junior Golf Camp 2011**

Includes lunch, backpack, hat, t-shirt, and PRIZES  
 Certificates and Golf Course play on Thursday!

**June 13 - 16 , July 11 - 14 and August 1 - 4**  
 \$125 per student • 9 a.m. - 12:00 noon



  
**THE WILDERNESS**  
 LAKE JACKSON, TEXAS

501 W. Hwy. 332, Lake Jackson, TX 77566  
 979.297.GOLF(4653)  
[www.thewildernessgc.com](http://www.thewildernessgc.com)

## Boards & Commissions Meeting Schedule



**City Council**  
 6:30 p.m. • 1st & 3rd Monday

**Planning Commission**  
 6:30 p.m. • 1st Tuesday

**Youth Advisory Commission**  
 (meets at police station)  
 6 p.m. • 2nd Monday

**Traffic Commission**  
 7 p.m. • 2nd Tuesday

**Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful**  
 6 p.m. • 3rd Tuesday

**Senior Citizen Commission**  
 (meets at civic center)  
 6:30 p.m. • 4th Monday

**Parks & Recreation Board**  
 6:30 p.m. • 4th Tuesday

**Library Board**  
 (meets at library)  
 5:15 p.m. • Quarterly - 3rd Tuesday

**As Called:**  
 Board of Health  
 Hike & Bike Committee  
 LJ Development Corporation  
 Museum Board  
 Zoning Board of Adjustments  
 Charter Review Commission (Odd Years)  
 Dangerous Structure Determination Board

*All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are held at Lake Jackson City Hall • 25 Oak Drive  
 You are cordially invited to attend.*

Check the City Calendar on our website at [www.lakejackson-tx.gov](http://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.

### The Lake Jackson Journal

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## ATTENTION!!!! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In July 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
- Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful
- Library Board
- Senior Citizen Commission
- Zoning Board of Adjustments

Most of the Boards and Commissions meet once a month. If you would like more information, please contact Dixie Roberts, Asst. City Secretary at 415-2401, come by City Hall and pick up an application, or visit our Web Site at [www.lakejackson-tx.gov](http://www.lakejackson-tx.gov). Electronic applications can be sent to [droberts@lakejacksontx.gov](mailto:droberts@lakejacksontx.gov). Please submit your applications as soon as possible.

## Keeping Lake Jackson Beautiful



Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful Volunteers and Council Members receive the Keep Texas Beautiful "Governor's Community

Achievement Award" from The Texas Department of Transportation for \$210,000 for a landscaping grant along Texas highways. This was the 11th award received by KLJB the most any city in Texas has won.



David Howarth, Chairman Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful and Terri Cardwell, Volunteer Coordinator receive the Presidents Circle Award and the 3rd Place Affiliate Award from Keep America Beautiful's President Matt McKenna at the KAB conference in Orlando, Florida.



Jessica Pham, Devin Knapp, and Chase Chappell (Youth Advisory Commission Officers) receive the 1st Place Youth Litter Prevention Award from President Matt McKenna of Keep America Beautiful at the annual conference in Orlando, Florida.

In February 31 Youth Advisory Commission members attended the "Texas YAC Summit" at the Capital in Austin, Texas representing Lake Jackson.



The Lake Jackson Youth Advisory Commission wishes the Class of 2011 graduating Sr.'s good luck as they take the next step into their future!

These Board Member and Officers have played an important role in the Leadership of YAC in the past 6 years and their volunteerism will be missed!



**GOOD LUCK SR.'S!**

# Public Works

**PUBLIC WORKS**  
415-2430



# Public Works

## Household Garbage

Residential garbage is picked up at the curb twice weekly. If you live **North** of Oyster Creek Drive, your household garbage is picked up on Monday and Thursday.



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

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

## Recyclables

Co-mingled recyclables are picked up curbside once a week and always on the second day of your household garbage pickup. Please place recyclables at the curb no later than 8:00am 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, white or clear plastic grocery bag.

## RV Waste



With summer approaching more RV's will be on the road and a concern may be "Where can I dump my waste water from my RV?" Several options are available locally including:

**M&G Trailer -**  
777 S Hwy 288-B, Clute, TX 77531  
Free if you do it yourself. \$50.00 with the help of service technician Call: 979-265-8166

**The Way Station RV Park-**  
14462 S. Hwy 36 B, Brazoria, TX 77422  
\$10.00 charge Call first 979-798-6560

**On The Bayou RV Park**  
25710 FM 2004 Rd, Angleton, TX 77515  
Must stay the night to use the facility.  
Call: 979-922-8600

**Austin's Landing R-V Park**  
318 Thunder Rd, Freeport, TX 77541  
\$10.00 charge Call: 888-468-1923

**Oyster Creek RV Ranch**  
2815 FM 523 Rd, Freeport, TX 77541  
\$10.00 charge Call: 979-230-9089

**Quintana County Beach Park**  
330 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Freeport, TX 77541  
\$25.00 charge Call first: 979-233-1461

## Heavy Trash

Household Garbage pickup is **Monday** and **Thursday**, then your Heavy Trash pickup begins the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday.

If your Household Garbage pickup is **Tuesday** and **Friday**, then your Heavy Trash pickup begins the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday.

Please place your heavy trash on the curb no later than Monday at 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

Heavy trash does not include any Electronic Waste, such as computer equipment, televisions, microwaves and similar items. They may be disposed of at the Brazoria County Environmental Center located at 10310 FM 523, Angleton, Tx., (979) 864-4409. The new BCEC hours of operation are Friday & Saturday from 9:00am - 1:00pm.

Building materials, such as roofing shingles, concrete, brick and other construction debris will not be picked up. Please be sure to separate your yard debris from your normal household heavy trash. If your heavy trash exceeds 64 cubic feet of debris or 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 phone number to call and the cost to remove the debris.

## Flushing the Fire Hydrants

The City of Lake Jackson will be flushing the fire hydrants on Monday, July 11th thru Thursday, July 14th.

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

## Mulch Site

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

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

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

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



### THE MULCH SITE HOURS OF OPERATION

103 Canna Lane (next to Brazosport Memorial Hospital)  
Tuesday - Friday 8:30am - 11:45am • 1:15pm - 4:30pm  
Saturday 8:30am - 3:30pm • Closed Sunday & Monday

## PUBLIC WORKS - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



**Q:** Do I need a permit for a garage/estate sale?

**A:** A permit is not required by the city; however there are some guidelines we would like to make you aware of. You are allowed to display garage and/or estate sale signs for two (2) days. The signs must be placed on the property where the sale is being held. Any signs posted other than the location where the sale is being held will be removed and disposed of by our Code Enforcement Officers. If you have any questions, call the Public Works desk at 415-2430.

## BROKEN SIDEWALKS

**Did you know that broken sidewalks whether on commercial or residential property are the responsibility of the owner?**

Cracks, spacing and grade displacements in your sidewalks can impede public access and cause serious accident to pedestrians. Since 1958 the City of Lake

Jackson code (38-33) requires all property owners to maintain their sidewalks in good repair.

We encourage all citizens and business owners to maintain their sidewalks. If you do need to make repairs please contact the Building Inspections Department to obtain a no charge permit.

## The Citizen Police Academy



The next class of the Lake Jackson Adult Citizen Police Academy will begin late August or early September. Applications can be picked up at the Lake Jackson Police Department. There is no charge for this course. Applications must be turned in by August 21, 2011

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

In class we will be covering such diverse topics as training, communications, criminal investigation, and narcotics, with a particular emphasis on patrol, the area most often in contact with the public. Instruction will consist of lectures, demonstrations, tours, and hands-on-practice. Each participant will also be given the opportunity to ride with a patrol officer during an actual tour of duty. Chief Hromadka will be available at the first session and he or a member of his staff will be available throughout the course should participants need clarification or further information.

The slogan of the Lake Jackson Police Academy is "Better Understanding Through Education". The goal of the academy is to provide interested citizens with enough information to dispel suspicions and misconceptions about the police and to increase rapport between the department and the community through an educative process. We believe that officers will in turn become more aware of the public's feelings and concerns. Lastly, participants will have the opportunity to personally meet and talk with many officers through the department while providing our officers the chance to meet many concerned citizens representing a wide variety of community interests.

## AARP Driver Safety Program



**The Police Department is now offering the AARP Driver Safety Program. If your group would like to schedule a class contact Officer Wright at the Police Department. Classes will also be scheduled periodically throughout the year. Check the Police Department and city website for information.**

## LAKE JACKSON POLICE EXPLORERS POST 390



*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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 you learn these tactics you 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 Police Department.

For more information please call or contact Officer Wright or Corporal Jimenez at the Lake Jackson Police Department Police Department 415-2700. Or e-mail [rwright@lakejacksonpd.net](mailto:rwright@lakejacksonpd.net)

## Hunter Education Classes

Hunter Education Classes will be held from July to October. See the Texas Parks and Wildlife website, LJPD P2C website and the City of LJ website for dates.



## Who is required to take Texas Hunter Education?

Every hunter (including out-of-state hunters) born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, must successfully complete a Hunter Education Training Course. Minimum age of certification is 9 years of age.

Hunter Education provides instruction in Texas hunting regulations, wildlife management and identification, conservation, ethics, firearm and hunting safety and responsibility, and outdoor skills. This course is particularly suited to novice or young hunters. All materials are provided and subjects are covered in depth to enable the student to successfully complete the Hunter Education certification process.

**The Lake Jackson Police Department will present programs to your group or organization. If you are interested in having a presentation made to your group please contact Officer Wright.**

## Pet Licenses



**Just a reminder, all cats and dogs must obtain a city license yearly. Many people ask, "Why should I license my pet?"**

There are many benefits to licensing your pet. First of all, it is an ordinance; so it is mandatory that all cats and dogs possess a current city license. Sec. 10-148 states that all dogs and cats in the city limits of Lake Jackson shall be licensed by 6 months of age and wear the tag at all times. You are subjected to fines if your animal is not licensed.

By obtaining a city license, you can ensure that you will be contacted if your animals are picked up and the redemption fee is 1/2 the price of what you would pay for an unlicensed animal.

**Animal License Fees:**  
Unaltered pet: \$20.00  
Altered pet: \$10.00

**Redemption Fees:**  
**Unlicensed pet:** \$55.00  
+ \$10.00 a day boarding fee  
Licensed pet: \$25.00  
+ \$5.00 a day boarding fee



By having your pet licensed you can ensure that you will be contacted if he/she is lost or picked up. It is a law, that pets must be licensed, so contact the SBCAS (Southern Brazoria County Animal Shelter) to obtain a city license today. Please visit our website [www.lakejackson-tx.gov](http://www.lakejackson-tx.gov) to download a pet licensing form.

**SBCAS 285-2340**

# Recreational Events

**Rec. Center 297-4533**

Monday thru Friday: 5:45 am - 9 pm

Saturday: 8 am - 6 pm • Sunday: 1 - 6 pm

# Museum Summer Series

## Youth Sports Programs

### Start Smart Sports Development

Gets kids ready for team sports, builds confidence and self-esteem. Provides quality time between parents and children with a fun and positive early experience in sports.

For ages 3-5. Summer Session II is July 12 - August 16 on Tuesdays from 6:30 - 7:30pm  
 Fee: \$30/member, \$35/non-member

Deadline to register is July 8 at 5pm



### TAAF Girls Youth Volleyball

#### - Recreational Only -

For girls ages 6-12. Saturday morning games start July 9.  
 Fee: \$35/player - individuals only (no teams) Deadline to register is June 24 at 5pm.

### Summer Program Registration is going on NOW!

Sing up for Swim Lessons, Summer Camps and Summer Daze of Fun! Some spots are limited, so register today.

## Summer Camps

SUMMER PROGRAM SERIES



Registration deadlines are the Friday prior to each session at 5pm unless otherwise stated.

### Soccer Camp

Join us at the Recreation Center and MacLean Park, register today as spots are limited!

**Date:** July 11-July 14 **Time:** 8:30-10:30am  
**Age:** 9-12 **Fee:** \$30/member, \$35/non-member

### Tennis Camp

Hone your tennis skills at Tennis Camp at the MacLean Park!  
**Date:** July 11-July 14 **Time:** 10:30am-12:30pm  
**Age:** 9-12 **Fee:** \$30/member, \$35/non-member

### Tumbling Camp

Join us for a four-day experience of rolls, tucks, and jumps. Ideal for children to learn the basics of tumbling. Spots are limited so register today!

**Date:** Session I June 13 - 16 **Time:** 1:30-2:30pm  
 Session II August 1 - 4  
**Age:** 3-5 **Fee:** \$30/member, \$35/non-member

### FitKids Camp

Establish fundamentals of fitness and learn the importance of making exercise and nutrition a part of your lifestyle.

**Date:** Session I June 20-23 **Time:** 1:30-2:30pm  
 Session II August 8-11  
**Age:** 3-5 **Fee:** \$30/member, \$35/non-member

### Houston Rockets Basketball Camp

Help your young hoopsters improve their skills at this professionally run basketball camp brought to you by the Houston Rockets and the National Basketball Academy.

**Date:** June 27-July 1 **Time:** 9am - 3pm daily  
**Age:** 7-16 **Fee:** \$225/participant  
 For more information contact Youth Basketball Director Eric Love at (832) 392-0749 or elove@thebasketballacademy.com

### Crafts Camp

We'll engage in various crafts and explore kids creative abilities! There are limited spaces to sign up today!

**Date:** July 18 - 21 **Time:** 1:30-2:30pm  
**Age:** 3-5 **Fee:** \$30/member, \$35/non-member

### Fashion Design Camp

Make your dreams a reality in our Fashionista class for young designers. Learn designer lingo, how to sketch and differentiate textiles, basic sewing techniques and how to accessorize!

**Date:** July 25-29 **Time:** 9:00-11:00am  
**Age:** 8-12 **Fee:** \$75/participant

### Little Charmers Camp

Do you think you have a natural charmer? Well if not, we can help teach your children how to make a good first impression. They'll develop conversational skills, improve relationships, learn to dress for the occasion, proper hygiene, etiquette and good manners.

**Date:** July 25-29 **Time:** 11:30am-2:30pm  
**Age:** 6-10 **Fee:** \$75/participant  
**Registration:** Deadline is July 24 at 5:00pm

### Kids Spanish Camp

Start your kids off early with a beginner's Spanish. Introduced them to the Spanish alphabet, numbers, and colors

**Date:** August 15-18 **Time:** 1:30-2:30pm  
**Age:** 3-5 **Fee:** \$30/member, \$35/non-member

### SPCA Kritters and Kids Camp

Filled with crafts, games, activities, and interactions with shelter pets! Campers will learn respect, compassion and how to provide a lifetime of care for animals. Space is limited. Fee includes all craft materials, snacks, and T-Shirt: \$35/participant

**Facility:** Camp for 5 year olds - the Brazoria County SPCA  
 Ages 6-12 - The Recreation Center - Lake Jackson  
**Dates:** Ages 9-12 June 20-24 **Time:** 1:30-3:30pm  
 Ages 6-8 June 27-July 1 **Time:** 1:30-3:30pm  
 Age 5 July 5-8 **Time:** 10:00am-12:00pm

### Summer Daze of Fun



You won't want to miss a second of Summer Daze of Fun, with fun-filled outings to: the Toyota Center and Discovery Green, Schlitterbahn Galveston waterpark, Space Center Houston and Main Event Entertainment, Houston Downtown Aquarium and Express Children's Theater, Texas Rock Gym and Chuck E Cheese Pearland, and the Houston Museum of Natural Science and Herman Park.

### Outdoor Pool

#### Outdoor Pool Hours:

**Monday-Thursday**  
 11:00am-6:00pm

**Friday-Saturday**  
 11:00am-7:45pm

**Sunday**  
 1:00-6:45pm



## Lake Jackson Historical Museum

June	11th	Woman of the Year (1941)
	18th	The Black Swan (1942)
	25th	Snows of Kilimanjaro (1952)
July	2nd	Adams Rib (1951)
	9th	Hollywood Cavalcade (1939)
	16th	To Be Determined
	23rd	Cyrano De Bergerac (1950)
August	30th	The Philadelphia Story (1940)
	6th	The Last Time I Saw Paris (1954)
	13th	To Be Determined
	20th	To Be Determined
	27th	Desk Set (1957)

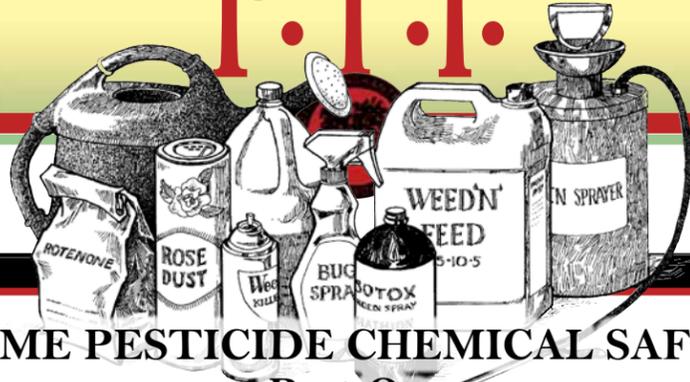
249 Circle Way, Lake Jackson

297-1570

[www.lakejacksonmuseum.org](http://www.lakejacksonmuseum.org)



# F.Y.I.



Bryce Carleton

## HOME PESTICIDE CHEMICAL SAFETY Part One

### The label is the law: Everything you need to know is in there.

*When you last applied pesticides, did you read the label fully?* I'll wager you didn't. When it comes to applying home pesticides, the industry has gone to great efforts to determine proper safety margins in the application of home pesticides. You often may be provided with a pre-measured dosing bottle, and small measuring cup, or tablespoon measuring device to properly measure your chemicals for home use. Ask yourself: Did you read the label last time you applied your chemical? Did you measure the dose properly when you applied it? Did you even identify the correct pest and apply the proper chemical in the first place? If you didn't do all of the above properly, congratulations—you have just assumed all liability in the case any detrimental effects occur. The last thing you want to do is make the neighbor kids or your dog sick. It is for these reasons, that you should completely and fully read the label EVERY time you purchase and plan to use a lawn or garden chemical.

*What do you do first? Identify the proper pest.*

First and foremost, before any chemical is applied, you must accurately diagnose the problem you are having with your lawn or garden. Wouldn't you feel silly applying an insecticide to your yard for a brown patch which you thought was chinch bugs, only to later find out it didn't work, and what you really had was a fungal disease? You have just unnecessarily exposed your family and pets to an unwarranted dose of chemicals.

*But there are so many! How do I know which one will work?*

To be honest, go back and read the above paragraph again. Identifying your pest is paramount to choosing a chemical. I recommend using a targeted approach, rather than a broad-spectrum approach. By targeted, I mean to say that you should select the best chemical match to the insect or disease that you are trying to eradicate. In other words, if you are trying for instance, to kill mole crickets, look for a product that affects the least non-target insects as possible. If you are not having problems with scorpions, snakes, or spiders, why would you put out such a wide ranging pesticide? A bit of

overkill, wouldn't you agree? Note that in many ways, many of these other critters are nature's own insect control devices.

**Do your homework:** Find the safest, most effective solution. Okay great! Now you've identified the nasty little vermin that is attacking your prized squash plant. Now what? Are you the kind that jumps immediately to the thought "Well this chemical killed my lawn insect, I wonder if it will work on my squash plant?" Well hold on there just a minute. Don't go in with all hoses blasting lawn chemical all over your garden vegetables. And vice versa, don't try to treat your lawn with a garden chemical. Why? Simple: Not all chemicals are created equally. Whoa. Think about it. There may be little no-see-ums that your fancy bottle of chemical doesn't even affect. Were you aware that there are very few general use pesticides which are labeled for treatment of fire ants in gardens? The last thing you want to use around vegetables you eat is a fipronyl-loaded chemical or Orthene. These are nasty and you don't dare use them around food crops. Tip: Look for a safer alternative such as one containing either Spinosad or diatomaceous earth.

**Pick your poison:** Liquid or granular, and how do you decide? Many people get confused in selecting the proper pesticide. Remember, that it makes no difference whether you choose liquid or granular, so long as you measure and dose properly. For proper measurements, you must first measure the area of your yard, and determine your cubic yards or square feet (depending on how your label dictates). Next you must properly set your output equipment to match the desired rate. All rate settings should be easily marked on your device, and the setting should not vibrate, move, or jitter out of place. Deciding which chemical to use is a bit trickier. Is brand "X" better than brand "Y"? Here's where you must do your due diligence. A little internet homework can definitely help you in the final decision.

Stay Tuned for part two in this article.  
See our next newsletter for more!

# City Election Results

## MAY 14, 2011 Election Results

City Election - Results May 14, 2011

Council Position 1:

(Run off Election)

Charlie Golden - 37.8%

Heather Melass - 43.7%

Will Brooks - 18.5%

Council Position 3:

Joe Rinehart - 100%

Council Position 5:

Jon "J.B." Baker - 51.94%

Garrett Williams - 31.7%

Blaine Moritz - 16.36%

City Run Off Election June 25, 2011

A runoff has been called for June 25  
for City Council position 1.

### Early Voting at Brazosport College

June 13th - 18th

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

June 20th - 21st

7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

### Election Day is

June 25th

7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

at the Lake Jackson  
Civic Center

# 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!



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

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

#### Keep Posted on Current Events

- Check our ad in Wednesdays' Facts
- website at [www.lakejackson-tx.gov](http://www.lakejackson-tx.gov)
- Channel 16 TWC
- The LJ Civic Center

### Upcoming Events at the Civic Center

**Civic Center 415-2600**

Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**JULY 12th**

Seniors outreach...  
Home Security  
ID Theft prevention  
Fall prevention

**JULY 19th**

Summertime Dance

**JULY 22th**

Trip to Houston for a  
Mystery Dinner Theater

**JULY 25th**

**AUGUST 22nd**

**SEPTEMBER 26th**

**OCTOBER 24th**

Senior Commission

Discussion Group

If you have any  
questions, please call  
me at 979-824-0389

**Bob Lundahl, Senior  
Commission Chair.**

# Transit System



June will mark the one year anniversary of the new Southern Brazoria County Transit. By the end of March 2011, 55201 riders have used the new transit system. In fact, March, 2011 saw the third highest monthly ridership (5,925) since the system began, and the highest since fares began in August, 2010.

Funding has been received to place full bus shelters at the most heavily used bus stops throughout the system. And, discussions are ongoing with several businesses in the area interested in placing benches at most of the remaining stops.

In January, 2011 routes were adjusted to meet rider demand and the recent uptick in usage bears out the need for these changes. With gas prices as high as they are, SBCT offers a much needed transportation alternative.

## TRIP DATA THRU MARCH 2011

LAKE JACKSON - CLUTE			SUMMARY		
MONTH	TOTAL TRIPS	AVG. TRIP/DAY	MONTH	TOTAL TRIPS	AVG. TRIP/DAY
JUNE 10	1,750	92	JUNE 10	6,602	300
JULY 10	2,028	97	JULY 10	9,694	462
AUG 10	954	43	AUG 10	5,890	268
Sep 10	781	37	Sep 10	5,213	247
Oct 10	752	36	Oct 10	4,881	239
NOV 10	882	44	NOV 10	4,736	237
Dec 10	1,024	51	Dec 10	4,875	244
Jan 11	735	37	Jan 11	3,705	186
Feb 11	603	34	Feb 11	3,680	205
Mar 11	882	38	Mar 11	5,925	258
Apr 11			Apr 11	0	0

# City Ordinances & Resolutions



## Ordinances and Resolutions

The following ordinances and resolutions were passed by City Council recently. For more information on City Ordinances go to [www.lakejackson-tx.org](http://www.lakejackson-tx.org) and check out the Code of Ordinance link or contact the City Secretary's office at 415-2403.

Ordinance #	Ordinance Description
11-1954	Calling May 14, 2011 Election
11-1955	Amending Chapter 98 Article IV Operation of Vehicles by lowering the speed limit on SH288/332 East and West frontage roads from Oyster Creek Drive to Dixie Drive from 45 mph to 35 mph
11-1956	Authorizing the extension of the City's Industrial District Agreement with BASF, Dow and others for a period of 6 months

Resolution #	Resolution Description
11-614	Authorizing 2010-2011 Fiscal Year End Budget Transfers from the General Fund Balance to General Capital Projects Fund in an amount of \$650,000 and from General Fund Balance to Parks Fund \$100,000
11-615	Supporting the State Library funding for internet usage by patrons at the Branch Library
11-616	Adopting Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Houston-Galveston Area Council Region

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

Name on Your Utility Statement: \_\_\_\_\_

Utility Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Institution Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Institution Address (City & State) \_\_\_\_\_

**CIRCLE ONE**

BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER TO BE CHARGED \_\_\_\_\_ **checking/savings** \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING!!!!

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

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

Signature (Must be authorized for the account listed above) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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





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



## The City of Enchantment



### Connect CTY service

The City of Lake Jackson would like to remind all residents to sign-up NOW for our Connect CTY service which allows city officials to communicate with residents thru home phones, cell phones and internet. ALREADY SIGNED UP? Have you changed your cell phone or e-mail address? If so, log on and update your information.

Connect-CTY allows officials to record, send and track personalized voice messages to thousands of residents, businesses, and local agencies in just minutes, through a single phone call. The city can also send text messages to cell phones, PDAs, e-mail accounts, and TTY/TDD receiving devices for the hearing impaired.

Publicly available primary residential and business phones in Lake Jackson are automatically included in the system. However, residents can add up to three phone numbers and two e-mail addresses, and indicate if they have a TTY/TDD device.

To sign-up or edit your information, visit our website ([www.lakejackson-tx.gov](http://www.lakejackson-tx.gov)) and click on NOTIFY ME. If you do not have internet service, call 979-415-2407.



### Tune In Channel 16

The City of Lake Jackson has Cable Channel 16 to provide a variety of information. For questions concerning information on this channel, contact Kim Knapp at 979-415-2407.

Its Hurricane Season!!

## 2-1-1 Registry



**DIAL 2-1-1  
TO REGISTER  
FOR A RIDE**

**its not safe to wait!**

Brazoria County residents - If you have special health care or transportation needs, you need to make extra efforts to get ready for hurricane season. **Remember, hurricane season officially begins June 1 and continues through November 30.**

Operators answering the phones at **2-1-1** are prepared to help you register for transportation and special assistance now, [before a hurricane threatens.](#)