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Greetings from the Mayor

Hello Lake Jackson,

2016 is moving quickly. It's already April. How time flies!

In previewing the Spring/Summer journal it is a joy to see all the activities and events that are a part of Lake Jackson. Our Recreation Center has activities for all ages in multiple venues. The Friday night concert series is set to begin on May 6 at the Civic Center Veteran's Memorial Plaza. Senior activities abound at the Civic Center as well.

On May 7th voters will have the opportunity to vote on a five point bond proposal as well as several charter amendments. I ask that you please cast your ballot on Election Day. You can find detailed descriptions of the items on the ballot in this journal. Please vote!

There are some citizens that are not quite sure of the heavy trash pick-up schedule so I will hit the highlights briefly.

Heavy trash pick-up is based on the household garbage pick-up schedule. It doesn't occur every other week, so please see the following guide:

- Those with Monday/Thursday household garbage collection have heavy trash pick-up the weeks of the 1st & 3rd Mondays. Heavy trash should not be placed out for collection prior to the preceding Saturday.*
- Those with Tuesday/Friday household garbage collection have heavy trash pick-up the weeks of the 2nd & 4th Mondays. Heavy trash should not be placed out for collection prior to the preceding Saturday.*

Please follow these guidelines and, at the same time, be considerate of your neighbors. Once again, it is not an every other week schedule all the time!

Enjoy the spring and summer in Lake Jackson. Growth is still moving forward and the forecast for Lake Jackson looks to be a future of positive business and residential growth. Thanks for allowing me to serve another term as your mayor.

Best Wishes,

Joe

Lake Jackson Vision Statement

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



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City Directory

Phone Numbers

Emergency - Only!	911
(police, fire and ambulance)	
Police (Non-Emergency)	415-2700
Fire Marshal	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)

6:00 p.m. • 4th Monday

PLANNING COMMISSION

6:30 p.m. • 1st Tuesday

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

6:30 p.m. • 2nd Tuesday

KEEP LAKE JACKSON BEAUTIFUL

6 p.m. • 3rd Tuesday

LIBRARY BOARD

(meets at library)

5:15 p.m. • Quarterly - 3rd Tuesday

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

(meets at rec. center)

5:30 p.m. • 3rd Tuesday

LJ DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Noon • 2nd Thursday

As Called:

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

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

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



Habitat for Humanity's Celebrates 25th Anniversary in Southern Brazoria County with 100th Home Disciple Build

Habitat for Humanity of Southern Brazoria County (HFH) has been serving Southern Brazoria County since 1991. HFH is a non-profit, Christian housing ministry that believes everyone should have a decent, affordable place to live. HFH uses volunteer labor and donations and relies on gifts from individuals, corporations, and others to fund house-building missions.

HFH offers a hand up, not a hand out. Approved HFH partner families invest hundreds of sweat equity hours helping build houses for other approved HFH partner families before working on their own homes.

In celebration of their 25th anniversary in Southern Brazoria County, HFH asks for the community's support to help build its 100th home, their 25th anniversary Disciple Build. HFH's 100th home build is a way to invite the community to join its ministry of providing affordable housing to God's children.

HFH also operates the ReStore at 12 Circle Way in Lake Jackson, TX. The ReStore welcomes all donations and invites volunteers to assist in the office and/or work in the ReStore. As a volunteer, you can choose to volunteer as little or as often as you'd like.

For more information on volunteering for or donating to HFH and supporting its 100th home build or the ReStore, please visit www.habitatsbc.org or call (979) 285-2800.



Public Works

Public Works 415-2430



Public Access CNG Station



Construction of the Public Access CNG Station is complete! Dallas based CNG Energy Partners, with grant assistance from TCEQ, has partnered with the City of Lake Jackson to build the station located at 204 Medical Drive. The Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening Ceremony was held in late February. Attended by both State and Local representatives, the station was commissioned into service becoming the first Public Access CNG Station in Brazoria County and also the first Private Public Partnership in the State of Texas.

The City of Lake Jackson has been recognized as one of the early pioneers in the CNG program purchasing our first dedicated CNG truck in 2001. We currently operate forty CNG vehicles ranging from Honda Civics to refuse trucks. Domestic, clean and price volatility, were the driving forces behind the decision by Lake Jackson City Manager, Bill Yenne to switch from conventional fuels to compressed natural gas. The average fuel savings to the City is over \$200,000 per year.

Having CNG available to the public will hopefully encourage business owners and residents to take advantage of the opportunity to contribute to the improvement of air quality in our beautiful city.

The City of Lake Jackson, CNG Energy Partners and TDIndustries expressed their gratitude to all the employees and residents that adjusted their daily routines to work around the construction.

Residential Waste Collection

	Household Waste	Recycling	Heavy Trash
North of Oyster Creek Drive	Monday & Thursday	Thursday	Week of 1 st & 3 rd Mondays
South of Oyster Creek Drive	Tuesday & Friday	Friday	Week of 2 nd & 4 th Mondays

*For questions on the schedule please call 979-415-2430.

FLAT STANLEY



The guys and gals in the Utility Department received a letter from a student in Alabama requesting that we take Flat Stanley on a vacation.



Flat Stanley is a character from a children's book written by author Jeff Brown in 1964. The Flat Stanley Project is participated world wide since 1995, where his adventures take him to visit people and places around the world, from Antarctica to Bagdad. Flat Stanley has even visited the White

House and several U.S. Presidents.

Stanley has been hosted by celebrities such as Willie Nelson, Regis Philbin, Jackie Chan and Clint Eastwood.

Now Flat Stanley is in Lake Jackson! The Utility Department received the letter and a cut out of the character and gave him a hard hat. They took Stanley out to all the jobs and took pictures and made a photo album which they will send back to the student.



Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful

Governor's Community Achievement Award & Green Ribbon Highway Project

Recently KLJB celebrated the dedication of the 2010 Governor's Community Achievement Award & Green Ribbon Highway Project. The beatification project combined over \$750,000 in grant monies to plant over 1,200 trees and to perform other improvements along SH 288.



The City logo being painted onto the highway signs as part of the recent beatification project



Dedication of the 2010 Governor's Community Achievement & Green Ribbon Highway Project.

Past Mayor Bod Sipple, Mayor Joe Rinehart, Past KLJB Chair David Howarth, Terri Caldwell, KLJB Chair Amy Tasto, Bryce Carleton



35th Anniversary Fall Cleanup



Charlie Chipper thanks the Texans Tailgate Battle Wagon Crew for providing food to the fall clean up participants.



Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful board members and Charlie Chipper celebrate 35 years of keeping Lake Jackson "Clean and Green"



KLJB 35 year anniversary Clean & Green Logo

Keep America Beautiful

At the Keep America Beautiful Conference held in Orlando, Florida this past February, Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful was recognized for their sustained excellence.

KLJB Chair Amy Tasto & LJ Volunteer Coordinator Terri Cardwell accept their award from Keep America Beautiful CEO Jennifer Jehn



Lake Jackson Youth Advisory Council

Youth Advisory Council 2016 TML Texas YAC Summit



25 YAC Members represented Lake Jackson at the Texas YAC Summit "Training for a Stronger Future" in Pearland, Texas



YAC Officers presenting at the 2016 TML Texas YAC Summit



YAC Members hard at work shredding paper



YAC Members take a picture with Charlie Chipper

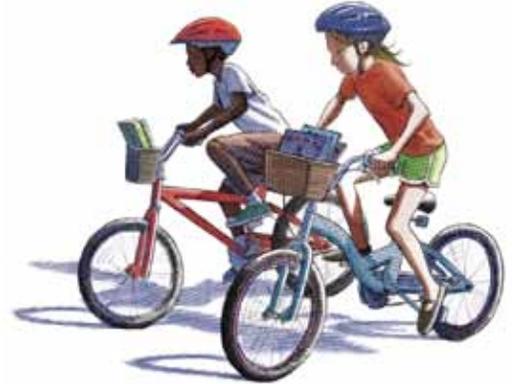
Library

Library 415-2590

Mon., Wed., Thurs. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. • Tues. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Fri. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. • Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. • Closed Sun.



**ON YOUR MARK,
GET SET...
READ!**



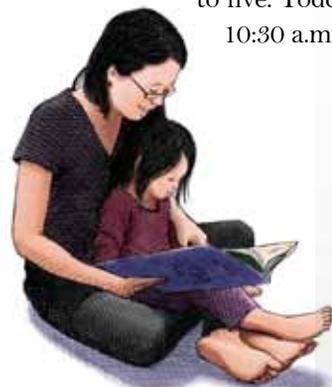
Exercise Your Mind this Summer at Lake Jackson Library

On your mark. Get set. Read! Libraries are about more than just books, and the Summer Reading Club at the Lake Jackson Library, a branch of the Brazoria County Library System, will have endless possibilities for the whole family. The Summer Reading Club runs June 1 to July 30, and participants of any age can sign up online or in person beginning June 1.

Activities will kick-off on Friday, June 3 at 2 p.m. with the Annual Luau. Each Wednesday, the Library will host presentations for youth to learn about electricity with Tesla Coils, explore reptiles and wildlife with Master Naturalists, and test left brain and right brain skills with games! The Mobile Dairy will visit in June to show how milk gets from the farm to the breakfast table. This presentation will include fun facts, comedy, and a dairy cow at the Library!

Join us for Fun Art Friday each week at 2 p.m. where children will create their own masterpieces. The arts and crafts will include string art, upcycle projects, and a modern art piece. For older youth and teens, Tuesday afternoons will be filled with space battle simulations, roller coaster creations, and a Silent Amazing Race.

Preschool Storytime and Toddler Time will also continue during the summer. Storytimes include wonderful stories, music, and movement for small children. Preschool Storytime will meet on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for children ages three to five. Toddler Time will meet Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. for infants and toddlers.



The fun doesn't stop with activities for children! The Summer Reading Club is open to adults, too. "Exercise Your Mind" this summer at the library. Throughout June and July patrons will be invited to write a short review- one or two sentences- of any book they read. The library will have weekly prize drawings every Friday leading up to a grand prize drawing on July 30. There is no limit to the number of entries you can have.

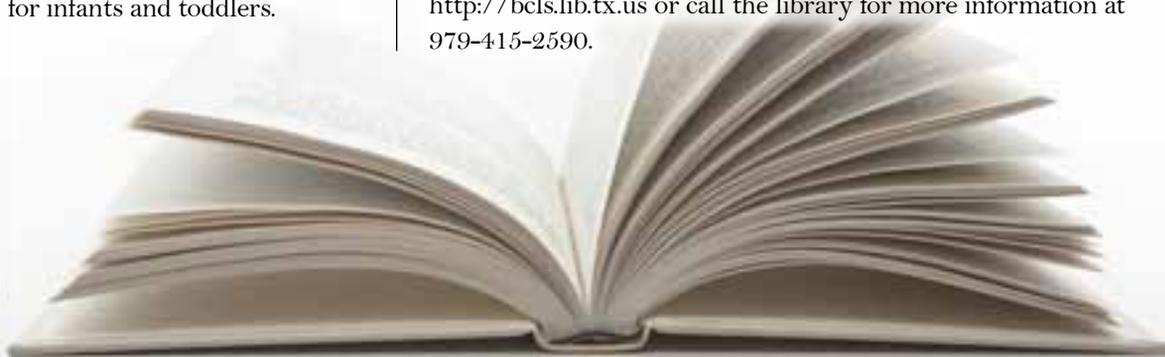
This summer at the library we encourage you to get moving. The library will offer kick boxing classes, a yoga class, and a Zumba class. Exact times and dates will be available in the library or at bcls.lib.tx.us.

Our regular events will still be taking place during the summer. Tea & Talk will meet Thursday, June 23 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss "Circling the Sun" by Paula McLain. We will discuss "Terms & Conditions" by Robert Glancy July 28 at 1:30 p.m.

Mystery Loves Company book club will meet Monday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss "Drop Shot" by Harlan Coben. We will discuss "The Girl on the Train" by Paula Hawkins July 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for Bad Art Night Monday, June 20 at 6:30 p.m. when we create Zentangle art. Monday July 25 at 6:30 p.m. we will create exploding scrapbooks to keep track of our memories. At Bad Art Night you can come to create a masterpiece- or not!

For a full schedule of events, see the library's website at <http://bcls.lib.tx.us> or call the library for more information at 979-415-2590.



Civic Center

Civic Center 415-2600

Monday thru Friday 8a.m. - 5 p.m.
333 Texas HWY 332



CONCERT SERIES Lake Jackson CIVIC CENTER



FRIDAY NIGHTS

7PM - 10PM*
SPRING SUMMER

at the
Lake Jackson
Civic Center
Veterans
Memorial Plaza

RAIN OR SHINE.
BRING YOUR
LAWNCHAIRS &
REFRESHMENTS.

Friday, May 6
Checkered Past

Friday, May 13
The Slage

Friday, May 20
7 Bridges Band

Friday, May 27
Leannasaurus Rex

Friday, June 3
Rockafellas

Friday, June 10
Duck Soup

Friday, June 17
The Karz

Friday, June 24
Marty White & The Blue
Clear Sky Band

Monday, July 4 *7pm-9pm
Cole Degges



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 6:00 p.m. at the Civic Center.

You are invited to attend!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Line Dance Classes

April 19 & 26 • 6pm
Extended class on the 26th
with Glyn Borders, guest instructor!

BINGO'S - TBA

Bring your favorite snack to share!

Spring Fling Dance

Tuesday, May 10 • 6pm-9pm
Music by Lowell & Debi with Tim on Steel
\$8 per person
Bring a snack to share! SPACE LIMITED!

Discussion Group

Every 4th Monday • 10am-12pm
Speakers - TBA

Paddleboat Cruise - TBA

Card Making & Crafts Classes - TBA

R.S.V.P. 979-415-2600

Keep Posted on Current Events

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



CITY COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The following business was conducted at City Council open meetings. To view the minutes, ordinances, or resolutions please visit our website at www.lakejackson.tx.gov or contact Alice Rodgers, City Secretary at arodgers@lakejacksontx.gov or 979-415-2403

- Recognized the Lake Jackson Babe Ruth Regional and State Champions
- Approved FEMA map for development standards
- Began work on the City of Lake Jackson North Water Plant near the Airport
- Adopted an ordinance to require a gas piping plan prior to gas line installation
- Approved contract with TEEEX for a market study for the Lake Jackson Area on recommendation from the Lake Jackson Development Corporation
- Approval was granted for participation in the cost sharing for the Brazos River Authority's Brazos River Flood Study in the amount of \$25,000
- Approved request by the Lake Jackson Girls Softball Association for \$3,000 to pay the tournament fee to host Pixie II 2016 tournament
- Approved the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory to conduct bird count surveys over the next 10 years at the Wilderness Park
- Approved Plat for Phase II of the Creekside Subdivision
- Entered tax incentive agreement for Staybridge Suites to be located behind the Mall
- Ordinance prohibiting people from allowing sex offenders to live within 1000 feet of a place where children commonly gather - raised maximum fine to \$2000.00
- Hired White Oak Studios of Houston to prepare plans for a Dog Park
- Hired Clark Condon Associates to prepare a Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Adopted the 2015 Texas Food Establishment Rules
- Revised procedures for installation and inspection of grease interceptors
- Approved site plan and landscape plan for Courtyard by Marriott
- Approved site plan and landscape plan for LaQuinta Inn and Suites

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



The Lake Jackson City Council will consider appointments of volunteers to serve on its various Boards and Commissions. City Council will conduct volunteer interviews and make selections in June (meeting date not yet selected). Vacancies may or may not occur on the following boards:

- Planning Commission
- Traffic Commission
- Parks & Recreation Board
- Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful
- Library Board
- Senior Citizen Commission
- Zoning Board of Adjustments
- Board of Health
- Youth Advisory Commission
- Charter Review Commission

Most boards and commissions meet once a month. If you would like more information, please contact Alice Rodgers, City Secretary at 979-415-2403, (arodgers@lakejacksontx.gov).

Applications are available at Lake Jackson City Hall (25 Oak Drive). To submit an application online visit our website at www.lakejackson-tx.gov, go to the Boards & Commissions tab and scroll down to see the provided link for online application. The last day to submit an application is Friday May 27, 2016.



VOTING LOCATIONS

Early Voting location for Lake Jackson residents will be at the Lake Jackson Library (250 Circle Way).

Residents may also vote at any early voting location within Brazoria County.

Please visit our Elections Page on our website at

www.lakejackson-tx.gov

or a list of other early voting locations.



Early Voting Dates & Times

Monday April 25 - Friday April 29 - 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday April 30 – 7:00 am – 7:00 pm

Monday, May 2 - Tuesday, May 3 – 7:00 am – 7:00 pm

Election Day

Saturday, May 7– all Lake Jackson precincts will vote at the Lake Jackson Civic Center (333 E. Hwy 332)

from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm

Early Voting by Mail - Applications for voting by mail must be received no later than the close of business (5 pm) on April 26, 2016.

Applications should be mailed to:

JOYCE HUDMAN, COUNTY CLERK
111 E LOCUST, SUITE 200
ANGLETON, TX 77515-4654

CHARTER AMENDMENTS

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

Many of the changes proposed are simply a language cleanup within the current charter.

The following were members of the 2015 Charter Review Committee: Dixie Roberts, Chair; Rusty McGill, Secretary; Don Williams; Kelton Thomson; and Darrel Bourgeois.

The Charter Review Commission Report can be viewed on the City's website: www.lakejackson-tx.gov.

CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Proposition No. 1

Shall section 3.06 (Vacancies) be amended to state that council cannot appoint a person to fill a city council vacancy if the vacancy occurs within 31 days of the election filing deadline?

Vote Yes No

Proposition No. 2

Shall section 6.02 (Petitions for recall) be amended to delete the requirement that each signer of a petition for recall provide his or her voter registration number?

Vote Yes No

Proposition No. 3

Shall section 6.03 (Form of recall petition) be amended to state that the required oath on the recall petition be sworn to and notarized in Brazoria County and to delete the explanation that notaries have statewide jurisdiction?

Vote Yes No

Proposition No. 4

Shall section 8.03 (Planning commission) be amended to delete the requirement that the planning commission submit copies of approved plats to the city council, to reflect current practice?

Vote Yes No

Proposition No. 5

Shall section 11.03 be amended to delete the power of city council to prohibit or to regulate the drilling of oil, gas and sulphur wells in the city, in compliance with state law?

Vote Yes No



City of Lake Jackson May 2016 Bond Election

The Lake Jackson City Council has called for an election to be held on May 7, 2016 to allow citizens the opportunity to vote on five (5) propositions for a proposed \$16 million bond program.

We have provided key information to help you make an informed decision. Please study the facts carefully and vote on May 7, 2016.

HIGHLIGHT OF BOND PROPOSITIONS

Proposition 1: Downtown Revitalization (\$9.9 million)

Phase 4 of the Downtown Revitalization efforts includes the reconstruction of approximately 2,525 feet of street pavement, replacement of sidewalks, new landscape areas, and lighting improvements. The project would reconstruct That Way from Parking Way to Oyster Creek Drive, Circle Way from Oak Drive to That Way, North Parking Place, and additional \$300K to insure the completion of South Parking Place.



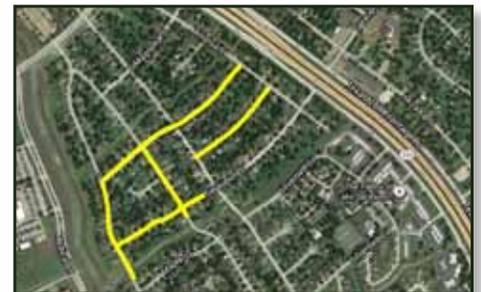
Proposition 2: Plantation Bridge (\$1.0 million)

The Plantation Bridge project would complete the remaining two lanes of bridge over the canal at Plantation Drive and Medical Drive. The remaining lanes on Plantation Drive are currently being constructed by the developer of the Plantation Park Apartments.

Proposition 3: Residential Streets (\$3.8 million)

This residential street replacement project would replace 5,570 linear feet of pavement, sewer lines, sidewalks, and water lines in the Woodland Park Subdivision. All or portions of the following streets will be replaced:

- Bois D Arc
- Hickory
- Lotus
- Oleander
- S. Yaupon



Proposition 4: Drainage Improvements (\$0.8 million)

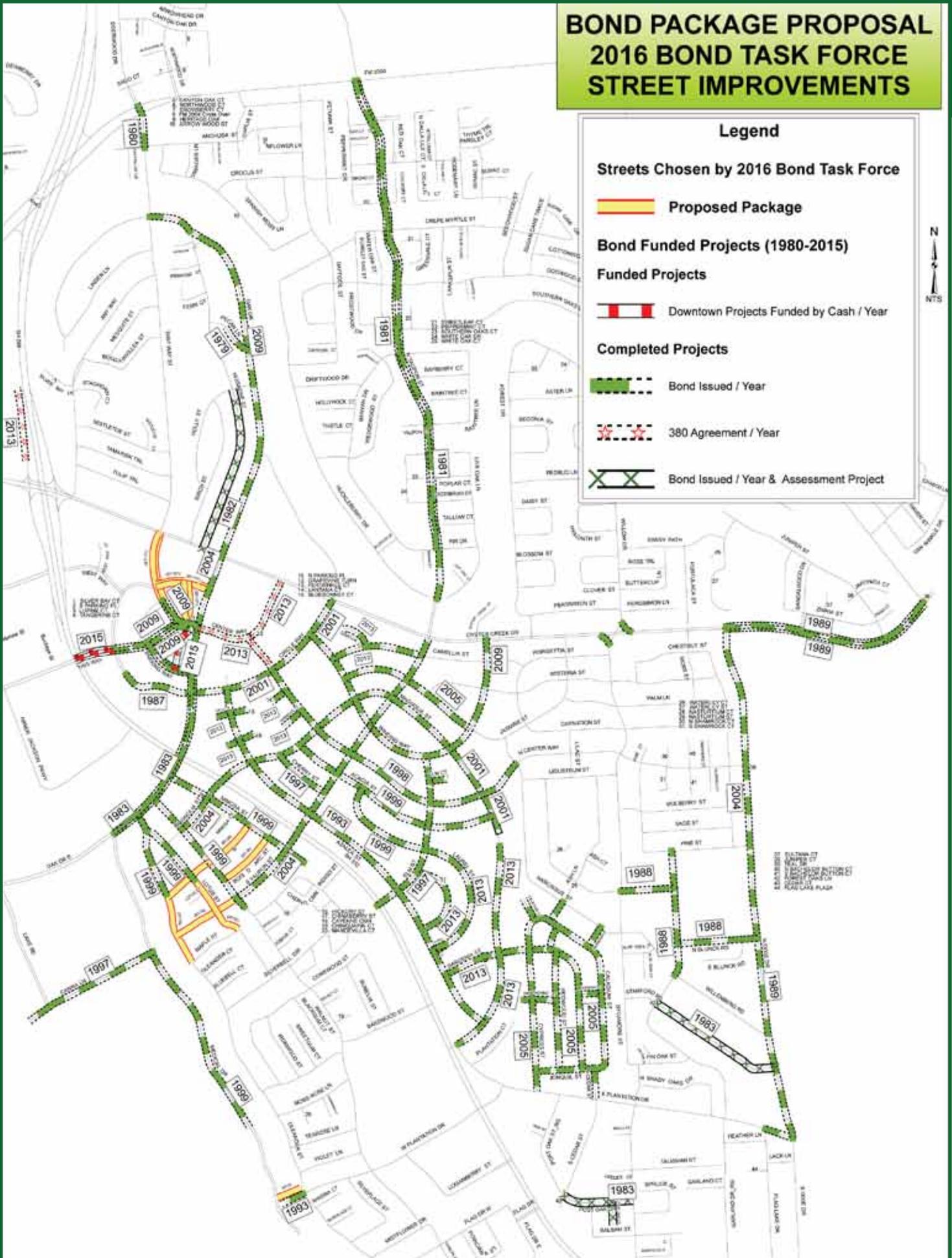
The funds for the drainage improvements would be used to improve the drainage in the Willow-Blossom area. These improvements were originally scheduled to be completed with funds from the 2010 bond issue. However, due to the drastic increase in the price of cement, not all of the drainage projects were completed with the allotted money.

Proposition 5: Traffic Signal Improvement (\$0.5 million)

This project would install a traffic signal and right turn lanes at Oak Drive and Circle Way near City Hall. The traffic light would include a traffic pre-emption system for emergency vehicles and audible pedestrian controls at the crosswalks.



BOND PACKAGE PROPOSAL 2016 BOND TASK FORCE STREET IMPROVEMENTS





City of Lake Jackson May 2016 Bond Election

How were these projects selected?

In August 2015 the Lake Jackson City Council appointed 15 residents to serve on the Bond Task Force and gave them the following charges:

- Review & prioritize capital improvement projects for a potential May 2016 bond election
- Review City's debt capacity & the potential impact of the various proposals on tax rate
- Provide opportunities for citizen input
- Present final recommendation to City Council by December 31, 2015

The Bond Task Force (shown below) worked on developing the bond proposal package from September to November of 2015.



Front row: Sandra Shaw, Alvin Bartek, Leslie Bateman, Larry Bollinger
Back row: Gary Rodgers, Debra Perry, Elaine Conley, David Howarth, Lisa Nicks, Juan Longoria, Locke Sanders
Not pictured: Shelley Collins, George Kidwell, Brian Melass, Tere Sandlin

To read the Bond Task Force's final report, please visit <http://www.lakejackson-tx.gov/2016BondReport>.

Why do we have bond elections?

Bond elections are held to finance the City's major capital improvements. When a city issues bonds, this is the equivalent of an individual borrowing money from a bank. To pay for these projects on a "pay as you go plan" would require an intolerable increase in taxes. Since the benefits of major capital improvements last for many years, the issuing of bonds spreads the cost over all residents, present and future.

Will the proposed bonds raise my taxes?

If the bond program is approved, up to a one and a half (1½) cent property tax rate increase per \$100 evaluation may be necessary over the course of the next four years.

The table below shows the cost of the peak projected tax rate on various home values.

Value of Home	2015 Tax Rate 0.3600	Projected Tax Rate 0.3750	Projected Annual Increase
\$75,000	\$270	\$281	\$11
\$100,000	\$360	\$375	\$15
\$150,000	\$540	\$563	\$23
\$200,000	\$720	\$750	\$30
\$250,000	\$900	\$938	\$38
\$300,000	\$1,080	\$1,125	\$45

How does our tax rate compare to other cities?

Lake Jackson's tax rate is one of the lowest in the state for cities with a population of more than 10,000. The table below shows how we compare to several cities in Brazoria County and the greater Houston area.

City	2015 Tax Rate	City	2015 Tax Rate
Alvin	0.838600	Freeport	0.645642
Brazoria	0.790700	Houston	0.601120
Richwood	0.735680	Manvel	0.580000
Angelton	0.717598	Friendswood	0.568700
Deer Park	0.714352	Missouri City	0.544680
Pearland	0.705300	Lake Jackson	0.360000
Clute	0.659000	Sugarland	0.315950

How long will it take to do these projects?

The design and construction of the projects would begin shortly after the bonds are approved and we anticipate that they would be complete in about five years.

What will happen if a bond proposition does not pass?

If the City's voters reject a bond proposition, bonds will not be issued for the projects included in the proposition and such projects may remain unfunded.

What happened to the ½ cent funding for downtown?

The ½ cent optional sales tax was used to fund the first three phases of the downtown revitalization project. The first three phases required an investment of \$10 million and paid for updates to Parking Way and This Way and paid for portions of That Way and South Parking Place to be completed.



Growth

IN LAKE JACKSON

COMMERCIAL

The economic activity in our area and the investment in our community continues to grow. In 2015 several large projects were announced and construction will soon begin on a number of those projects such as the Courtyard by Marriott, La Quinta, and the new Beutel Elementary.

In addition to the two hotels named above, Staybridge Suites, an extended-stay hotel, will also be coming to Lake Jackson. The Staybridge Suites is slated to offer over 100 rooms with full kitchens. This hotel will be located behind the Brazos Mall at the location of the old movie theater.

RESIDENTIAL

The development of the Creekside Subdivision is progressing rapidly and phase 1 is nearly sold out and the developer is beginning the planning stages for phase 2 and phase 3. Construction is also moving along quickly on the Plantation Park and Urban Crest apartments and new residents should be moving into both those locations sometime this year.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

During this period of growth the City is working hard to plan for the future and insure that the growth occurs in a manner consistent with Lake Jackson's charm. The City's Master Plan update is nearing completion and should be finalized in May and the Parks & Open Space Master Plan is just getting under way. Additionally, the Lake Jackson Development Corporation (LJDC) is working with the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) to do a competitive assessment on our economic development.



More recently the ½ cent sales tax was used to fund public infrastructure improvements worth \$5.5 million to facilitate the redevelopment of the Oak Woods subdivision (old government duplex area) and to attract the new Dow Innovation Center.

So, the ½ cent tax funds are committed for the short-term. In FY 2017 the City will pay off the debt for the Recreation Center. At that time the City will have the opportunity to consider funding other quality of life or public infrastructure projects with the ½ cent optional sales tax.

How much of the bond program is for sidewalks, street pavement, and utilities?

The plan is for all of the street projects to include new pavement, drainage, sidewalks, and water and sewer lines. Residential street pavement and sidewalk replacement cost are currently about \$310 per linear foot. Drainage costs are approximately \$75 per linear foot. Water and sewer line replacement costs are budgeted at \$95 per linear foot.

Whom can I contact if I have more questions about the Bond Program?

For more information feel free to contact the City Manager's Office at (979) 415-2500.

BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR BOND ELECTION

PROPOSITION NO. 1

"The issuance of bonds in the amount of \$9,900,000 for streets, drainage, parking, sidewalks, and water and sewer improvements in the downtown area"

FOR AGAINST

PROPOSITION NO. 2

"The issuance of bonds in the amount of \$1,000,000 for expansion of the Plantation Drive bridge between Oleander and Medical"

FOR AGAINST

PROPOSITION NO. 3

"The issuance of bonds in the amount of \$3,800,000 for residential streets, drainage, sidewalks, and water and sewer improvements in the area bound by Oleander, Hickory, Mimosa, and South Yaupon"

FOR AGAINST

PROPOSITION NO. 4

"The issuance of bonds in the amount of \$800,000 for drainage improvements and additions in the Willow/Blossom area"

FOR AGAINST

PROPOSITION NO. 5

"The issuance of bonds in the amount of \$500,000 for a new traffic signal and right turn lanes at Oak Drive and Circle Way near city hall"

FOR AGAINST

Recreational Events

Lake Jackson



PARKS & RECREATION

GCRBC BLOOD DRIVE



Gulf Coast Regional
Blood Center
Commit for Life

The Rec Center • 2-6:30pm • Tuesdays:
April 19, May 24, June 28, July 26, August 23
For dates and date changes visit: www.giveblood.org Code: 0201

Fun For Free! at the Outdoor Pool



Splash around and have "Fun for Free" at the Outdoor Pool this summer!

Memorial Day – Monday, May 30th
Father's Day – Sunday, June 19th
Fourth of July – Monday, July 4th
Labor Day – Monday, September 5th



BCPOA 5k Run/Walk

To benefit the Brazoria County Peace Officers Association,
at MacLean Park - September 17th at 8am.
Visit www.brazoriacountypoacom for details.

Kidfish



Kidfish WINNER!!



It's seeing your child full of excitement when they make that special catch, that makes this event worthwhile!

Saturday, April 23rd from 9am-12pm at
Morrison Park (Shypond) • FREE

(Sponsorships encouraged, forms available at The Rec Center)

Age Categories: 6 years & under / 7-11 years / 12-16 years

This event not only gives kids a chance to to qualify for the KIDFISH Classic Championship where they could win up to \$1000 savings bond, it also teaches them how to bait their hook and cast their line so they hopefully make the catch of the day!



A Special Trophy is awarded to the child that catches the longest fish in their age group.

Sponsor a child or help your child earn sponsorships in order to receive prizes!

Hastings Discover Your Entertainment SUMMER MOVIE SERIES

Fridays at 8pm, at MacLean Park Pavilion (unless otherwise specified). Join us for Movies in the Park! Kick back, relax and enjoy a movie with the family on our GIANT 16-foot screen! Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets. Movies will be shown rain or shine! Movies will be Rated G, PG, or PG-13.

MOVIES

- June 10 – Minions
- June 24 – Inside Out
- July 8 – [at MacLean Adult Softball Field]
 - The Sandlot (will start at 8:30pm)
- July 22 – The Good Dinosaur
- August 5 [at the Outdoor Pool] (limited entrance)
 - Jurassic World* (will start at 8:30pm)
- August 19 – The Peanuts Movie

*Jurassic World may have scenes too graphic for young children, please be advised when attending the showing.

FREE to the public, \$1 concessions will be available for purchase.

The Rec. Center 297-4533

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



Lake Jackson

PARKS & RECREATION

The World's Largest Swimming Lesson



**JUNE 24TH
EVERYWHERE**

**JOIN US at The Rec Center
WHILE WE BREAK A WORLD RECORD!!**

**June 24 from 2:30-4:00pm
at The Lake Jackson Rec Center**

• FREE (You can pre-register at the Recreation Center)

Swimming is a life-saving skill for children and a vital tool to prevent drowning, the second leading cause of unintended, injury-related death for children ages 1-14. The nation's top water safety and training organizations are joining forces to present The World's Largest Swimming Lesson™ (WLSL), to build awareness about the vital importance of teaching children to swim to help prevent drowning. On June 24th, waterparks, pools and other aquatic facilities around the globe will host local WLSL lessons wherever you are in an attempt to break the Guinness World Record.

Afterwards, you are welcome to stay and swim. That evening stroll over to MacLean Park for a picnic and a movie and celebrate National Picnic Day!

Summer Program Registration

Members Only Registration begins Monday, April 18th

Open Registration begins Monday, May 2nd

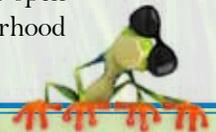
Book your summer outdoor pool party, sign up for Swim Lessons, Summer Camps, & Summer Daze of Fun!

***The Outdoor Pool will be open for parties starting May 30.**

CITY OF LAKE JACKSON PARKS AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN



The City of Lake Jackson Parks & Recreation Department is currently working with Clark Condon Associates out of Houston to create a Parks and Open Space Master Plan. During this process the City is working hard to determine what is important to our residents with regards to parks, trails recreation facilities, and open spaces at both the neighborhood and the city-wide levels.



WE NEED YOUR OPINION!

Visit the site below to take a survey about
Lake Jackson Parks and Recreation!
<https://www.research.net/r/LJParks2016>

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

www.lakejackson-tx.gov/parks





Thank you Chief Harper!

This past December Chief Mike Harper retired as the Chief of the Lake Jackson Volunteer Fire Department after serving in that role for 16 years. Throughout his 30 plus years of service with LJVFD, and especially during these last 16 years, Chief Harper has made countless sacrifices to serve and to protect the members of our community. Thank you Chief Harper for your dedication and service!

Mayor Rinehart thanks Chief Harper for his professionalism, outstanding leadership, and dedication to the community.



WHO IS THE LAKE JACKSON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT?

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

**Fire Sprinklers and
Smoke Detectors Save Lives!**
Lake Jackson Volunteer Fire
Department & Lake Jackson
Fire Marshal's Office

YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT NEEDS YOU!

If your home were to start on fire today who would put out that fire? For a vast majority of Americans the people who will put out that fire will be volunteers. The men and women responding will be the same people who are also your plumbers, chemical operators, and bank tellers. According to the National Volunteer Fire Council (www.nfvc.org) in the United States there are just over 30,000 fire departments. Only 2,000 of these departments have a 100% full time paid staff. The remaining 28,000 fill their ranks with citizens donating their time. Unfortunately the number of people willing and/or able to join the local fire department is diminishing. In 1984 there were almost 900,000 individuals in the volunteer fire service. Today that number is dipping below 800,000 individuals. Yet suburban communities (who typically cannot afford full time fire protection) continue to grow.

WHY SHOULD I VOLUNTEER WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT?

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

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

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

THE CITY NEEDS YOU!

Thanks,
Gary Gann Fire Chief
Gary Gann/Fire Chief





Police

Police 415-2700



Young Citizen Police Academy



The Young Citizens Police Academy will be held in July. This is a 4 day summer program of instruction designed to give the young citizen a working knowledge of the Lake Jackson Police Department. The course, free of charge,

consists of a series of classes including graduation. The classes are from 9:00am – 4:00pm, Monday thru Wednesday and from 9:00am to 12:00pm on Thursday. Students will be provided a complimentary lunch. On Thursday there will be a graduation/luncheon. Parents are invited to attend the graduation. Class participants are students who have completed the seventh (7th) grade through seniors in high school. Applications are available at the Lake Jackson Police Department lobby and website.

LJ Law Enforcement Explorer Post

If you are between the ages of 14 and 21, have completed the 8th grade and interested in Law Enforcement, you need to join the Lake Jackson Law Enforcement Explorer Post. Members of the Explorer Post attend meetings where they



are trained in all aspects of Law Enforcement. The Explorers then compete against other Post's at competitions across the state. Some of the events they compete in are: Drug Raid, Building Search, Crime Scene Investigations, Traffic Stops, Burglary in Progress, Domestic Violence and many more. Explorers

are issued uniforms, they help the Police Department with special events, and they can go on ride-alongs with officers.

Have the peace of mind that your home is secure while traveling. Have the Lake Jackson Police Department check your home while you are away. Sign up for the Close Patrol program where officers will check your residence while you are gone. You can fill out the Close Patrol request at the Police Department or on the website.

Hunters Education Classes

Hunters Education Classes will be held at the Police Department June – October. 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.

AARP Safe Driver Classes

AARP safe driver classes are offered at the Police Department throughout the year. Most Insurance companies offer discounts for course completion.



SCHOOL'S OUT SOON!

SCHOOL will be out soon. Please watch for the children while they are out playing

Like us on  Like and Follow the Lake Jackson Police Department on Facebook.

Coming Soon 

Lake Jackson Police Department Twitter Page @Police_LJ



EMS



EMS 415-2716



Can you recognize symptoms of a **STROKE**? Consider using the **F.A.S.T.** acronym.

- **F**acial Drooping-Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the person's smile uneven?
- **A**rm Weakness-Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- **S**peech Difficulty-Is speech slurred? Is the person unable to speak or hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence, like "The sky is blue." Is the sentence repeated correctly?
- **T**ime to call 9-1-1- If someone shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 9-1-1 and get the person to the hospital immediately. Check the time so you'll know when the first symptoms appeared.

CPR, First-Aid and AED Courses

CPR, First-Aid and AED courses are available every 1st Saturday of the Month and by appointment for Dr.'s Offices or groups.

10-Minute CPR

Available by appointment. Take the 1st 10 minutes of your office meeting to teach your staff the life saving skill of CPR.

1. Recognize
2. Call for help.
3. Start Compressions.

This is a fun action-packed 10-Minute class.

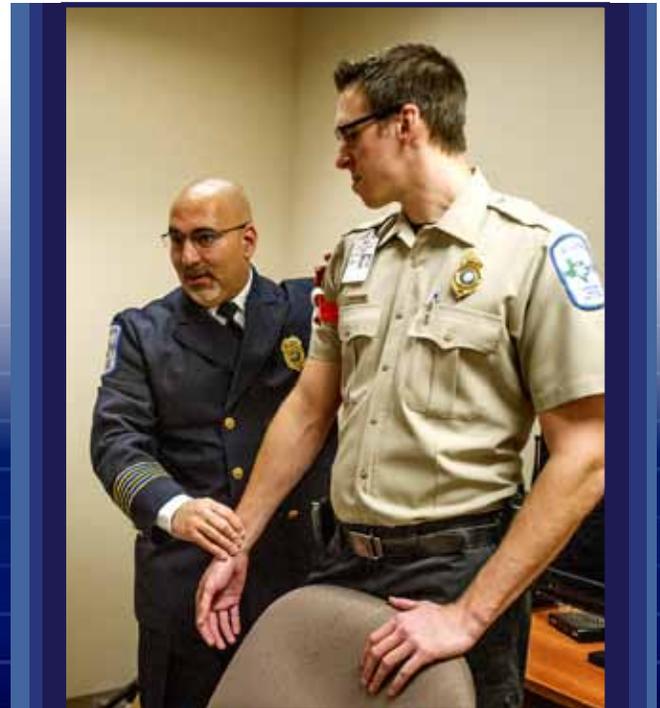
Stop-the-Bleed

L.J. EMS is proud to be a part of the Stop-the-Bleed campaign.

1. Recognition of the threat.
2. Hemorrhage control
3. Rapid Extrication to safety
4. Assessment by medical providers
5. Transport to definitive care

Our objectives are:

- To bring awareness and operational knowledge in the initial response to any type of life threatening hemorrhagic injury.
- To bring education to all levels of "initial responders."
- To make access to items as tourniquets, pressure dressings and first-aid equipment readily available and easy to use.
- To partner with local business in our area for sustainability of a new yet important program.
- To equip all area police officers with tourniquets to carry while on duty.



Construction Update



Camellia St & Camellia Ct Infrastructure Improvements

Phase II of the 2013 Street Bond Program progressed on a timely manner despite the weather issues encountered during the construction period. The reconstruction consisted of pavement, sidewalks, driveways, storm sewer, surface drainage and the replacement of a water line and sanitary sewer along Camellia Street and Camellia Court. The final stage will be the reinstatement of streetlights to their previous locations.

We would like to thank our citizens for their patience during this construction period.



Downtown Revitalization

Bids were accepted September 16, 2015 and City Council awarded the contract to Matula & Matula of Lake Jackson in an amount of \$508,958.50. Work began on November 4, 2015 and is on schedule despite the weather conditions.

Construction crews have been working on the pavement, sidewalk, drainage, illumination, signing, utility and landscape improvements.



CDBG Projects

The City of Lake Jackson was awarded a grant through the Brazoria County Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) for ADA Accessibility projects involving ADA ramps and storefront access renovations for City Hall, John Dewey Municipal Court and the Recreation Center. The firm hired to design the accessible entry doors is Integrated Architecture & Design, LLC of Lake Jackson.

Please check our website under City Government/City Department/Engineering/Projects Under Construction to see what company will be awarded the contract for the storefront door renovations.

City Council awarded the ADA ramp improvements to Sorrell Construction in an amount of \$42,810.00 on December 7, 2015 and work began on February 3, 2016 with a completion date prior to March 31st. This work will have limited impact on traffic; however residents that travel this area should expect periodic traffic disruptions. Please use alternate routes to your destinations and exercise caution when travelling thru work zones.



For more about Lake Jackson's construction updates visit our city website at

www.lakejackson-tx.gov



F.Y.I



NOTIFY ME



www.lakejackson-tx.gov

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 and click on NOTIFY ME.

If you do not have internet, call 979-415-2407.

Tune In Channel 16

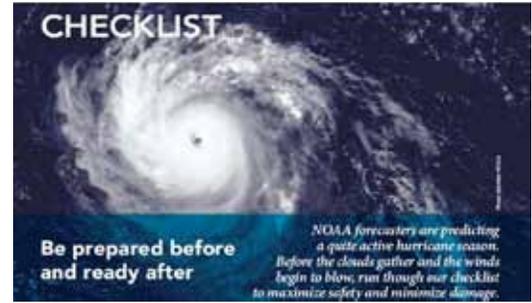


The City of Lake Jackson has Cable Channel 16 to provide a variety of information. For questions concerning information on this channel, contact Michael Coon at 979-415-2407.

.. COMING SOON ..

The Lake Jackson Development Corporation (LJDC) is preparing to launch a new website, chooselakejackson.com, which will highlight the many benefits of doing business in and living in Lake Jackson. The full website is scheduled to go live this summer thanks in part to the help of the LJDC's marketing subcommittee comprised of Jason Chavez, Gary Rodgers, and Gerald Roznovsky.

Hurricane **READY**



BRAZORIA COUNTY HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS EXPO

Saturday, July 9, 2016

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Angleton Fair Grounds
(901 S. Downing Road)**

ARE YOU PREPARED?

Hurricane Season begins June 1.



2-1-1 State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry

**Dial 2-1-1 to Register
for a Ride**

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

Who Should Register?

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

cut along dotted line



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"

SIGNUP FOR AUTOMATIC BANK DRAFTS, E-NOTIFICATIONS, & SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNTS

There is no charge to take advantage of these billing services. Just complete the form, check the boxes for the services you would like to add to your account, and return it to the water department. *It's that easy!*

Name on Your Utility Statement: _____ Utility Account Number: _____

Service Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email Address: _____ Social Security Number (last 4 digits): _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Work Phone Number: _____

Please check the box for each service that you would like to register for:

- Automatic Bank Drafts (Please fill out the additional section below.)
- Email Notifications (Paper bills will still continue to be sent.)
- Senior Citizen Discount (Qualifying senior must be listed on account.)

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

Additional Information for Automatic Bank Drafts

Name of Your 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. I understand that I may discontinue bank drafts at any time by sending a written request to the City. Otherwise, the bank draft will remain in effect until revoked by my financial institution, the City, or myself. *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 TO FORM
(Please Tape – DO NOT STAPLE)



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

The City of  *Enchantment*

2015-2016 Lake Jackson Volunteers

The City of Lake Jackson wishes to thank the following volunteers currently serving on a board or commission.
 Our volunteers are our greatest assets.

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 Vinay Singhanian, Secretary
 Harry Sargent
 Brenda Colegrove, Vice Chair
 Jeffrey Gilbert
 John Fey

Traffic Commission

Garrett Williams, Chair
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