CITY MANAGER’S UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 6, 2019

LCPD Asks for Public’s Help in Identifying Home Invasion Suspects

The League City Police Department is seeking the public’s assistance in helping them identify four suspects in a recent home invasion. During the early hours of September 3, four armed men forced their way through the back door of a home in the Enclave subdivision of Magnolia Creek in League City. The men then robbed the occupants and departed the same way they entered, with one of the suspects falling into the pool of the victim’s home. Investigators believe the home was targeted because the residents own several payday loan-type businesses and usually take cash home at the end of each day to deposit the next. But because of the Labor Day weekend, the family didn’t have money at home as usual, and the only items reported stolen were cell phones and jewelry. LCPD has released home surveillance video of the suspects and is asking citizens to watch the video to see if they can help identify any of the suspects. Anyone with more information is encouraged to call LCPD Detective Aldridge at 281-338-4174.

9-11 Memorial Stair Climb this Saturday

The public is invited this Saturday, September 7 to participate in the 9-11 Memorial Stair Climb to honor and remember those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. League City volunteer firefighters will strap on their gear starting at 8 a.m. to walk 110 flights at the training tower at 718 N. Kansas Avenue, a tribute to the number of flights in the twin towers. Residents who attend can watch and or participate. League City Fire Marshal Tommy Cones talked about the 9-11 Memorial Stair Climb during this week’s “Lunch and Learn” on the City’s Facebook page.

Second Reading of FY 2020 Budget

The League City Council is scheduled to vote on a second reading of the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget at their 6 p.m. meeting on Tuesday, September 10. Once approved, the new budget goes into effect on October 1. The FY 2020 budget will keep the City at an effective tax rate. For League City homeowners, this means property taxes per $100 of evaluation will be $0.548581, which is lower than the FY 2019 adopted rate of $0.5638. Click here to read more.
Public Hearing Sept. 9 Regarding Use of 4B Funds

Residents are invited to a public hearing on Monday, September 9 at 6 p.m. at the civic center to provide their comments regarding several projects recommended for funding by the 4B Corporation Board. The board, which determines how 4B dollars generated by our City’s local sales tax are allocated, has recommended the allocation of 4B funding to begin the planning and design of a sportsplex on the west side of town, an obstacle course/fitness station that would be combined with the already planned 5K Loop Trail at Hometown Heroes Park, and three new kayak launches along Clear Creek. Plans for the projects will be available and consultants for the City will make short presentations. Citizens may attend and make comments. The 4B Corporation will continue to take citizen comments until October 10, the end of a 60-day review period required by state law. Click here to learn more.

City Assists ERCOT During Latest Power Demand

In an effort to assist the state in maintaining electric system reliability during the latest heat wave, League City honored a request by ERCOT (Electric Reliability Council of Texas) to switch to generator power from 2 to 7 p.m. on September 5 and 6 at several City facilities including City Hall, the Public Safety Building, the Dallas Salmon Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Southwest Water Reclamation Plant, and all Fire and EMS stations. This week, Texas experienced record levels of electric power demand due to high temperature conditions and other factors. The voluntary switching from grid to generator power during daily peak demand periods assists in maintaining statewide electric system reliability. The City reserves the right to switch back to utility grid power immediately if we experience any unforeseen failures in generator operation during a switchover.

CIP Updates

League City Animal Care and Adoption Center (PD1502): This week, the contractor started the wall partition installation, began interior painting and glazing for the kennels, installed interior window framing and glass in the kennel area, installed additional concrete for the perimeter walking paths, continued painting the interior walls, continued installation of canopies over window openings and walking paths, installed new perimeter light poles, and installed the new HVAC units on top of the building. Progress continues for the electrical wiring for the new HVAC unit, lighting, and access points for the building. The project is on schedule and anticipated to be completed in the first quarter of 2020.
CIP Updates

Land Clearing Services of Various Locations (CIP# PK1909): This week, the contractor cleared 100 percent of the invasive tallow trees at Site 1, an 11.2-acre tract located at the Dr. Ned and Fay Dudney Clear Creek Nature Center and has started to install erosion control blankets along the perimeter of the site in preparation for seeding. Weather permitting, the clearing at this site will conclude over the next week and then seeding will commence. The contractor has also started the clearing process at Site 2, a 10.3-acre tract of land located near the Clear Creek ISD school off FM-518 and FM-2094. Over 80 percent of the tallow trees at this site have been taken down and the site is being prepared for further clearing. The clearing at both sites is anticipated to be completed by October 2019, however, the prairie restoration will expand over several years.

Asphalt Street Rehabilitation Package 5 (RE1704): Staff is working with a consultant on the scope of work for Package 5 of the City’s Asphalt Street Rehabilitation Program. The projected scope will include Shasta Street, N. Wisconsin Avenue, Power Street, Cove Park, Monterrey Street, Redwood Street, Rimrock Street, Sequoia Street, Sierra Street, Mission Street, Knollwood Street, Winn Street, and a section of Coryell Street. This project will be a combination of mill and overlay work with some pieces of roadway having full-depth reconstruction. This project is anticipated to start in early 2021 following the water line replacement project in the Glen Cove subdivision, which is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2020.

Newport Water Line and Sidewalk Replacement Project (WT1302): City staff has placed some new informational project yard signs to give residents in the Newport subdivision projected dates of water line construction in specific locations. The water line crew is scheduled to move operations to Colonial Court next week after some delays with the finish-up detail work on Savannah Court and Hervey Lane. This crew will continue work on the final section of Cambridge Court after Colonial Court. This water line work is part of the replacement of approximately 20,000 linear feet of aged and deteriorated water lines. When the crew installs a section of water line, they must pass pressure and bacteria tests before the City signs off on each section. While crews are waiting for bacteria tests to come back, to maximize efficiency, they will move to the next section and start boring the new water line. Typically, once they complete the water line boring in the new section and call for bacteria tests, this crew will go back to the previous section to finish site grading and sod installation. The sidewalk crew is continuing to progress along Newport Boulevard replacing approximately 2,200 feet of sidewalk to comply with current ADA standards. In areas where the new sidewalk ends up a different elevation than the surrounding area, the ground will be graded, and sod installed. The areas between the new sidewalk and the curb will also be finished out with sod.
GO Bond Drainage Projects Update

Since the May 4 election, the League City Council has approved design contracts on four of the 21 drainage projects and the City is currently reviewing design proposals for five additional drainage projects and anticipates bringing those contracts to Council in late September/early October for approval. Design work on eight other projects will begin in early 2020, including six projects in which the City has applied for CDBG-DR grant funding from the Texas General Land Office. Click here to learn more.

Public Works Updates

Wastewater Facilities Receive Successful Evaluation

Under the Clean Water Act (CWA), the City’s Southwest Water Reclamation Facility and the Dallas Salmon Wastewater Treatment Plant are required to participate in DMR-QA Studies for monitoring the quality of data used to assure the integrity of the CWA’s National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) to maintain compliance with the NPDES permit. The purpose of the study is to ensure the integrity of laboratory data submitted by the permittee on the Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMR’s) and evaluate the performance of the laboratories which analyze wastewater samples. Recently both SWWRF and the Dallas Salmon WWTP received letters of a successful evaluation from a recent monitoring study.

Sewer Repair

On August 27, a resident on the 1500 block of 2nd Street reported a backed up sewer. Line Repair personnel responding to the call discovered the line was clogged on the City’s side and were eventually able to clear the stoppage. The customer’s sewer was found to be tied into a long service lead that was not marked on the field maps. Line Repair crews are in the process of rerouting the line to a City sewer main that is closer to the residence. The new line will improve sewer service to the residence.

Public Safety Updates

Car Fire Shuts Down I-45

On Sunday, September 1, League City Volunteer Firefighters responded to a car fire around 2 p.m. that closed all northbound lanes on the Gulf Freeway at 518 until the fire could be extinguished. Luckily no one was injured.
LCPD Requests Assistance with Car Burglaries
On the morning of September 3, the League City Police Department responded to several calls of car burglaries at apartment complexes in the Tuscan Lakes area including The Avenues at Tuscan Lakes, Amalfi at Tuscan Lakes, and Ravello at Tuscan Lakes. LCPD has a few suspects in custody, but is looking for assistance from citizens who may have surveillance or video footage of people walking around the Tuscan Lakes area around 3 a.m. Also, if any residents picked up any property, observed any property laying in a parking lot, or saw something that was out-of-place and could be tied to these burglaries, they are asked to share that information with police. All applicable information could help. Call 281-332-2566 and tell dispatch you have information related to the Tuscan Lakes burglaries.

LCVFD Assists with Search for Missing Kemah Worker
On Wednesday, September 4, the League City Fire Department rescue divers responded to a request for mutual aid by the Kemah Fire Department. The call was regarding a maintenance worker at the Kemah Boardwalk who had jumped off the boardwalk to assist a kayaker, but never resurfaced. LCVFD divers, assisted by boats from several local agencies, searched several underwater locations identified by sonar until 3 a.m. in the morning, but only debris was found. On Thursday morning the body of Todd Riddle was discovered by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Firefighters Get a Sweet Treat
A lemonade stand in the Harbour Park community on Sunday, September 1 drew the attention of League City Volunteer firefighters on duty. Trucks from several stations stopped by to say hello, grab a sweet treat, and show their support for the young lady who was raising money for the City’s first responders.

LCPD Works Fatal Motorcycle Accident
At approximately 12:52 p.m. on August 30, League City Police Officers responded to an automobile and motorcycle accident in the 2700 block of East League City Parkway. Officers arrived to find a motorcyclist with life-threatening injuries who was transported to the hospital by League City EMS. The motorcyclist, identified as 24-year-old Christopher Stevens of Dickinson, was pronounced deceased at Clear Lake Emergency Room. The preliminary investigation indicates the driver of the automobile was either traveling westbound or departed the parking lot of Kroger. She then utilized eastbound traffic’s turn lane (north into the Kroger parking lot) to travel eastbound on TX-96, thus creating a head on collision with the motorcyclist. The driver of the vehicle voluntarily consented to a blood draw for investigation. Criminal charges are pending at this time.
Parks and Recreation Updates

Dance for Adults with dis “ABILITIES”
The first annual Dance for Adults with dis “ABILITIES” was held Friday night, August 23 at Hometown Heroes Park. The event was a huge success, with over 40 participants. The event was held to help promote the Hewitt’s Heroes program, which gives adult with disabilities the opportunity to volunteer in the community, develop friendships, and learn safety and life skills. For more information on the Hewitt’s Heroes program, please contact Kenny Walsh at 281-554-1180, or by email at Kenny.walsh@leaguecitytx.gov.

Astronomy in the Park September 7
Join us at Rustic Oaks Park on Saturday, September 7 for a free and fun evening of amateur astronomy. Families and children of all ages can learn about different stars, planets, and the moon from 7 to 9:30 p.m., rain or shine. Participants are welcome to bring their own telescopes or use the ones provided.

Helen Hall Library Update

Julian Franklin Presents: Sport of Champions
Come see the library’s first children’s performer for the fall season on Wednesday, September 17. Puppeteer Julian Franklin will present his program Sport of Champions featuring puppets based on the characters from Aesop’s The Tortoise and the Hare. During his performance, Franklin will also cover some math concepts and ways to exercise both the body and the brain. This program will have two sessions; one at 10:15 a.m. and the other at 11 a.m. Both will be held in the library theater and are for children from 0 to 5 years and their families.

Community Health Fair
Residents are invited to attend League City’s annual Community Health Fair on Saturday, September 14 at Hometown Heroes Park. The free, family-friendly event will provide health and wellness education and information for all ages, basic health services, and much more. Flu shots, health screenings, and giveaways will also be available.

Participating hospitals: • UTMB • MD Anderson • Shriners Hospital • Galveston County Health District
More info at leaguecityhealthfair.org

Free event for the whole family!
Saturday, Sept. 14
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Park
1001 E. League City Parkway
Flu shots | Health screenings | Massages
Health and wellness vendors
Gift cards and giveaways
Exercise and dance demonstrations
Mini golf and kids activities
Communications Updates

Heart of League City
League City resident James Gregory has always loved buying and selling stuff. Luckily, thanks to a unique business opportunity that came his way, his passion for purchasing has turned into a family owned business. From company liquidation and estate sales, to antique sellers and pickers, LL Auctions does it all. Learn more in this edition of the “Heart of League City.”

Get this week’s LC Lowdown

LC Local of the Week

RISA STEIN
#LCLOCAL RESIDENT & INVOLVED CITIZEN

Where are you from?
Southwest Houston.

What is your favorite place to visit in League City?
League City parks and South Shore Harbour.

What is your favorite restaurant in League City?
Krewe’s, Country Cookin’, Red River BBQ & Grill, and Casa’s Crappie.

How long have you been a member of the League City Garden Club?
Three years.

Why do you color your hair purple?
It was fun and I enjoyed the attention.

Events and Meetings

Sept. 7: Memorial Stair Climb
Astronomy in the Park

Sept. 9: Public Hearing on Proposed Projects for 4B Funding

Sept. 10: Council meeting

Sept. 14: Community Health Fair