League City Councilman Hank Dugie has been appointed by Galveston County Judge Mark Henry to chair a countywide COVID-19 Business Taskforce made up of representatives from the area’s various chambers of commerce. The taskforce will help develop and promote resources to assist the business community in remaining open while Galveston County continues to see a dramatic increase in the number of positive cases. In just the last month, the number of cases in League City has increased from 300 to 1,167.

Resources developed by the taskforce will consist of guidelines and mitigation measures businesses can take to help slow the spread of the virus. The taskforce will also provide businesses with the proper steps to take when staff or a customer tests positive. The newly created countywide taskforce will build upon the efforts of the League City Emergency Turnaround Taskforce, which was created in April to assist with the reopening process in League City. This group has since developed a comprehensive website of resources for businesses and implemented several creative strategies, including a Workplace Protection Pledge.

“I cannot think of any better person to help lead this effort with our local chambers than Councilman Hank Dugie,” said County Judge Mark Henry. “His leadership during this pandemic has helped the business community in the City of League City to safely reopen and we want him to create a similar concept countywide.”

Councilman Dugie discussed his role on the newly created taskforce during this week’s Lunch and Learn on the City’s Facebook page.
Mayor Hallisey on NPR

On July 10, Mayor Pat Hallisey was interviewed on NPR regarding the rapid rise of COVID-19 cases in Galveston County. Click here to listen.

Workplace Protection Pledge

Nearly 100 local businesses have taken the League City Workplace Protection Pledge to do their part to protect staff and customers and to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 in our community. The latest businesses include Cakes by Jula, Elevated Salon, and Manchester Cleaners. For a complete listing of all League City businesses that have taken the pledge, visit www.leaguecity.com/pledge.

Attendance Limited at July 14 Council Meeting

The July 14 League City Council meeting will be held in council chambers starting at 6 p.m. Attendance at the meeting will be limited to 25 percent of the building’s capacity, however members of the public can watch the meeting live on Comcast channel 16, the City’s Facebook page, and on the League City website at http://leaguecitytx.swagit.com/live-chambers. Those wanting to provide a comment, which will be read aloud to council members during the meeting, can fill out an online form here. Public comments, 500 words or less, will be accepted until 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 14. The agenda for the meeting is available here.

Primary Runoff Elections July 14

Registered voters who want to participate in the Primary Runoff Elections for Galveston County can vote in person on Tuesday, July 14 at the North County Annex (Room 142) located at 174 Calder Road in League City. For a sample ballot and list of other polling locations in the county visit www.Galvestonvotes.org.

City Council Candidate Packets Available

The next general election for the City of League City will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 for expiring terms of Council Positions No. 3, No. 4, and No. 5. Filing for a place on the ballot will begin July 20, 2020 and end August 17, 2020 at 5 p.m. Click here for filing information and for a candidate information packet.
2019 Bond Projects

On Tuesday, June 30, League City hosted a Virtual Town Hall updating the status of the 31 projects included in the 2019 bond program. Over 1,000 people tuned-in at some point on the City’s Facebook page to watch the town hall, which featured a presentation and question and answer session with City staff members. A recorded video of the entire two-hour meeting is posted on Facebook and has reached over 7,000 people since the initial live broadcast. City Manager John Baumgartner, along with various City staff members, answered nearly 30 questions which were pre-submitted or submitted live during the meeting. To watch a rebroadcast of the town hall in its entirety, click here. To view a PowerPoint presentation from the meeting, click here. For a detailed description, status, and timeline for each individual project, visit the 2019 bond website.

Current Status as of June 2020

- **Proposition A:**
  - 5 currently under design
  - 2 scheduled for design in 2021-2023
  - 2 seeking approval

- **Proposition B:**
  - 2 under construction
  - 6 currently under design
  - 2 scheduled for design in 2022

Emergency Notification Test

On July 7 League City conducted a test of the City’s SwiftReach Emergency Notification System. Residents and businesses signed up for the notification system receive a text or recorded message. For those who DID NOT receive a text or robocall, they are NOT signed up to receive emergency notifications from the City of League City. To sign up, go to https://www.leaguecity.com/2504/Sign-up-for-Notifications or download the Swift911 Public app on your mobile device.

City Ranked as Budget Friendly for Renters

League City has been nationally recognized by LendEDU as one of the most budget-friendly cities in the country for renters. Our low rent-to-income ratio ranked No. 167 in the country and No. 8 in the state of Texas. League City has an average annual rent cost of $17,304 and a median household income of $106,067 for a rent-to-income ratio of 16.31%. Click here to see the full report.
Homes Converted to City’s Water System

This week, League City Line Repair crews completed a project that converted a private well water system to the City’s water system, which will improve water quality and pressure to 27 residences on Massengale Lane and Bryant Lane. In recent years, the system’s aging groundwater well had become increasingly unreliable and more susceptible to flooding events in Clear Creek. Water quality associated with the failing well was also a growing issue with residents. The project included the installation of isolation valves, dead-end flushing devices, and League City meter boxes. In addition, the process to transfer a water provider and operator is a lengthy endeavor that requires legal and regulatory action with the Public Utility Commission (PUC) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Crews completed the project on July 7 and then flushed the new system out, taking bacteriological samples to ensure that water in the mains met state requirements. The new system will be maintained and operated by League City Water Utility staff.

Magnolia Trail Drainage and Sidewalk Repairs

League City crews have recently completed a sidewalk raising and drainage project along a portion of the Magnolia Trail located near Bay Area Boulevard. Reusing clay dirt that was salvaged and stored from other League City projects, crews were able to haul in enough materials to raise the sidewalk three feet. Before this project, whenever it rained, water would flow over the sidewalk and at times would be impassible due to standing water. Now that the trail has been raised and drainage conduits installed, the water will pass underneath the sidewalk. Sod has been installed around the edges and hydromulch has been sprayed on all areas to facilitate grass growth. Due to the dry weather, crews from the Parks Department have been watering to help the grass take root. Next week, construction materials will be removed and the hill near Bay Area Blvd will be re-built just as it was before. After work on the hill has been completed, hydromulch will be sprayed on that area as well.

Golf Course Panel Replacement

The City’s Dallas Salmon Wastewater Treatment Facility has a reuse permit for Type II final effluent which can be used for remote, restricted, controlled or limited access areas where human contact is unlikely, such as for irrigation. The South Shore Golf Course receives final effluent water from the Dallas Salmon Wastewater Treatment Facility to use for irrigation. This week, the Wastewater Maintenance staff replaced an old control pane at the golf course that had major rust, ground shifting, and components oxidizing. The new control panel, with new components, was done in-house allowing the department to save money.
Public Works Updates

2020 Drinking Quality Report
This 2020 Drinking Water Quality Report (PDF) for League City is now available to view. The report provides residents with important information about the City’s drinking water and efforts made by the City’s water system to provide safe drinking water. You will also find information on:

- Different contaminants the City tests for
- League City’s drinking water sources
- How to conserve water, and
- The EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline

For questions about the City’s Drinking Water Quality Report or to report taste, odor, or other water quality issues, contact Tommy Arredondo, Public Works Utility Manager, at 281-554-1041.

CIP Updates

Hometown Heroes Park Restroom Project (PK1905):
This project constructs a restroom building for the athletic fields and playground at Hometown Heroes Park. The 972 square-foot freestanding restroom is designed to have three women’s stalls (one as ADA) and a separate men’s side with an ADA stall and two urinals. Crews have resumed work after some design modifications and have recently placed four out of five manholes and installed approximately 650-feet of sanitary sewer line.

Asphalt Rehabilitation Package 4 (RE 1704D):
- Crews are finishing inlet replacement and concrete work, including a new drainage flume, in the area of West Wilkins and West Saunders. The contractor will be continuing with punch list items and clean up. This project was a combination of full depth reclamation and surface overlay to rehabilitate approximately 17,853 linear feet of asphalt roads including: North Michigan Avenue, Colorado Avenue, David Avenue, Illinois Avenue, South Iowa Avenue, South Kansas Avenue, East Galveston Street, East Wilkins Street, East Saunders Street, West Wilkins Street, Interurban Street, and West Saunders Street south of Main Street.
CIP Updates

Three Kayak Launches for the Clear Creek Connections Paddle Trail (PK2002 & PK1910): At the July 14 City Council meeting, Council will be presented with a design agreement for the planning, design, and construction administration of three additional kayak launches for the Clear Creek Connections Paddle Trail. The purpose of this project is to provide planning, programming, and construction documents for future construction projects that will result in the building of three new kayak launches and support features such as driveways, utilities, and parking lots.

- The first facility location is at the Highway 270 Boat Ramp, where the relocation of the launch site away from the boat ramp to fit with an existing management plan for the Dr. Ned and Fay Dudney Clear Creek Nature Center.
- The second location is at Clear Creek and North Kansas Avenue on the edge of the Kilgore Tract, a future park. Access to this site will be from Kansas Street.
- The third kayak launch location will be into a tributary of Clear Creek near the bridge portion of the Landing Boulevard extension planned for 2021. That site will be just south of Myrtle Park. Access will be from the extension of Landing Boulevard and will include an access road that will connect to Landing Blvd and will run east of Landing Boulevard parallel to the boulevard on additional right-of-way to be purchased by COLC.

Staff is also applying for a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) grant that if awarded will reimburse $250,000 of design cost.

GO Bond Drainage Projects Update

The following projects are part of the GO Bond election that was approved on May 14, 2019 and their purpose is to improve drainage in their respective areas.

Bay Ridge Flood Reduction – Phase 1 Levee Improvements (DR2004): This project improves the existing levee around the perimeter of the Bay Ridge Subdivision. The design will include an evaluation of the levee to determine the height, width, and slope stability to meet FEMA certification requirements and design recommendations for the levee improvements. The first public meeting for this project took place on June 22, 2020. In July, the engineer will provide thirty percent earthen and floodwall plans for the City to review, and thirty percent construction designs are scheduled to be submitted for review by the end of August.

Bay Ridge Flood Reduction – Phase 2 Pump Station & Detention Pond Improvements (DR2005): This project provides engineering services for a 42,000 gallon per minute stormwater pump station to be added to the existing detention pond within the Bay Ridge Subdivision. The first public meeting was held June 22, 2020. Sixty percent drawings have been reviewed and City comments are scheduled to be submitted to the engineer by mid-July.

Bay Ridge Flood Reduction – Phase 3 Overflow Swales (DR1901): This project includes the design and construction of extreme overflow swales at Seacrest Blvd, Anchor Way, Windward, and Baycrest Drive to allow for the free outfall into the detention pond. The first public meeting was held on June 22, 2020. Ninety percent construction designs were received by the City and comments on these designs will be submitted to the engineer by mid-July.

Bay Ridge Flood Reduction – Phase 4 Gum Bayou (DR1904): Proposed culverts at Columbia Memorial Parkway and League City Parkway will be analyzed to determine the appropriate size to reduce ponding and potential overflow. Hydrology and hydraulics (H&H) studies of Gum Bayou from League City Parkway to Dickinson Bayou will be conducted and the existing Gum Bayou bridges will also be analyzed. The goal of the H&H study is to evaluate the flow of water heading towards Dickinson Bayou and provide options for drainage improvements for the Gum Bayou Watershed. The survey portion is complete, and the preliminary report will be submitted to the City in July 2020 for review and comment. The first public meeting was held on June 22, 2020.
GO Bond Drainage Projects Update

Deer Ridge Drive Buy-Out & Overland Flow Improvements (DR1902): This project will analyze and design overland flow to provide improved drainage of Deer Ridge Drive into Bradshaw Ditch, while reducing excessive flooding in the street during extreme events. The 60 percent design comments were submitted this week to the engineer for review.

Benson Bayou Regional Conveyance & Mitigation Pond (DR2006): This project will identify options to reduce the potential for flooding in affected neighborhoods while increasing the capacity and conveyance in Benson’s Bayou. Preliminary engineering services began in November 2019 and the initial hydrology and hydraulics study was completed in late February 2020. The study confirmed that Benson Bayou is inadequate for major rainfall events which results in widespread street flooding and in extreme cases, structural inundations.

The first option the study evaluated was constructing new detention storage in the open area adjacent to Benson Bayou located east of the Victory Lakes 7B Mitigation Pond. The study found that this 29-acre tract of land would allow for the creation of a 135 acre-feet detention pond. When looking at the 1% (100-year), 10% (10-year), and 50% (2-year) storms, this detention pond would only provide a minimal reduction in the water surface elevation (WSE) along Benson Bayou. While providing only minimal WSE reduction and no adverse elevation impacts within the watershed or Dickinson Bayou, it would increase the peak flow approximately 0.3%. The estimated cost for this option was $7 million.

The second option that was evaluated included working with the owners of the Beacon Lakes Golf Club to incorporate additional detention within the golf course. The total area of the golf club is 125 acres. The owners of the golf club had previously expressed interest in working with the City on this project under the assumption that they would be able to keep the golf course open. With that caveat, the WSE would only have a minimal reduction (0.01 ft) during 1% storms. This option would also cause an increase in peak flow of 0.1%. The estimated cost for this option was $1.2 million.

Likewise, when looking at both options as one big project, it did not show any significant WSE reduction along Benson Bayou but did result in a peak flow increase. After assessing this report and after further discussions with LAN on potential solutions for the Benson Bayou Watershed, City staff feels that the H&H study should be expanded to include the upper reaches of Benson Bayou. The revised study will identify additional stormwater detention basins. These locations will be evaluated for potential impacts to downstream receiving channels, such as Dickinson Bayou, and upstream contributing channels for 1%, 10%, and 50% storm frequencies. This evaluation will include the analysis of pre-project and post-project conditions for flow discharge and water surface elevations at the model boundaries for Benson Bayou as well as critical locations along the improvement area.

This expansion of the study will allow for a better understanding of the limitations of the existing drainage system and identify suitable detention areas that reduce the WSE along Benson Bayou without adversely impacting downstream neighbors. An amendment to the engineering design contract will be presented to City Council at the July 14 meeting to expand their work to further analyze Benson Bayou to determine the volume of detention necessary for flood risk reduction while accounting for Atlas 14 based rainfalls. The total anticipated cost for this amendment is $64,440 and the added H&H study can be completed within 120 calendar days of a notice to proceed being issued.
Public Safety Updates

Crews Respond to Apartment and House Fire
On July 4, just prior to midnight, the League City Fire Department, Fire Marshal’s Office, EMS, and Police Department were dispatched to 3001 E League City Parkway for a reported apartment fire with possible victims trapped inside. Upon arrival, firefighters began a quick fire attack on the apartment and began searching for any trapped victims. It was determined that the occupant of the apartment was able to escape prior to fire department units getting on scene, however, the occupant did receive significant burns to the upper body and was treated by League City EMS and transported to the UTMB burn unit in Galveston. Thanks to the quick response by all those involved, the fire was knocked down quickly and did not spread to any other units in the building. After an investigation by the Fire Marshal’s Office, it was determined that the fire was smoking related.

EMS Crew and Resident Save Life of Local Woman
A recent story on KHOU Channel 11 commended a League City man who began CPR on a woman at the Kroger’s on SH 96 at South Shore Boulevard until a League City EMS crew stationed at the new Fire Station 6 on South Shore Boulevard arrived. Paramedics Trenton Mitchell and Julie Nguyen were able to successfully deliver defibrillation minutes after the cardiac arrest began due to their closeness to the scene. Since the middle of March, when Medic 6 began responding out of Fire Station No. 6, the crew has responded to nearly 300 emergencies. Five of the calls have been for cardiac arrest. League City EMS wants to remind everyone that they provide a monthly CPR class. There is a small cost for the AHA CPR certification and materials. Call 281-554-1201 to sign up.

Sneak Peak of New Fire Boat
League City’s new fireboat is currently being built at a plant in Alabama. At this early stage, they are fabricating the hull and structural parts. The fireboat should be close to completion in November of this year.

Investigators are still working to determine the cause of a June 23 fire at a house located at 613 Elmore Drive. When League City firefighters arrived, they found a fire in the home’s attic and all the occupants safely located at the neighbor’s house. The fire was extinguished with help from the Webster Fire Department.
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**Parks and Recreation Updates**

**Hometown Heroes Building and Municipal Pools to Reopen**

Limited programming will return to the Hometown Heroes Recreation Center on Monday, July 13. To attend a class, you must preregister online or over the phone. The Hometown Heroes Park pool will reopen on Monday, July 13 and the Walker pool will reopen on Tuesday, July 14.

**EXPLORE THE CLEAR CREEK PADDLE TRAIL JULY 17**

Don’t own a kayak? League City and the Kayak Shack in Kemah are teaming up to provide residents a chance to explore Clear Creek on Friday, July 17. Pre-register to rent a kayak or paddleboard from one to three hours and launch from Heritage Park between the hours of 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**What:** Kayak and Paddleboard Rental

**When:** Friday, July 17

**Where:** Heritage Park, 1220 Coryell St.

Register at kayakshackkemah.com or call 832-429-2094 (space is limited).

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**Helen Hall Library Updates**

**Adult**

Do you love to color? Join us online via Facebook to paint pictures virtually using the Paint by Number app on your tablet or phone. The link will be available July 8 at 10 am.

**Children**

Enjoy a classic fairy tale with marionettes in sparkling costumes on an elaborate stage with lighting, scenery, and curtains. Accessible online all day on Wednesday, July 15.

**Teens**

Do you have ideas for stories? Do you enjoy writing? Teens, ages 12-18, can virtually join us via Zoom to write, share, and support each other through the creative writing process. To register, visit https://helenhall.libcal.com/event/6788644.

**Enjoy Blue Skies, Nature, and Social Distancing!**

**Friday, July 17 | 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

**Heritage Park, 1220 Coryell Street**

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League City coloring books and crayons for the kids

**COLLECT STAMPS**

for the Summer Passport of Fun

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admission to the Butler Longhorn Museum

Located along Clear Creek in League City’s historic neighborhood, Heritage Park is one of the city’s best kept secrets. From enjoying a picnic lunch, to an afternoon of fishing, kayaking, bird watching, or feeding the turtles, the park is a great place to celebrate nature’s beauty while also social distancing. It’s also home to the Butler Longhorn Museum, which offers a fascinating overview of League City’s history and the story of how one League City family was instrumental in saving the Texas Longhorn from extinction.

**Food Trucks and Kayak Rentals**

**Sleeping Beauty**

Presents by Marquetry Playhouse presents this classic fairy tale online!

**July 15**

Jean Kuecher from Marquetry Playhouse presents this classic fairy tale online!

**Helen Hall Library’s Teen Writers Club**

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-5 p.m. Park City Library

Come check it out!

**July 9, July 21, July 23**

Registration is required.
CVB Updates

Visit League City Campaign
The CVB has launched a comprehensive campaign to encourage visitors from the greater Houston area to visit League City. Research indicates travel will begin to rebound in the mid-to-late summer with families staying close to home for day trips or overnight stays at locations that are a gas tank away. Two billboards located on I-45 going southbound will run from July 1 until October 4. One billboard is already up at I-45 S and Tellepsen. The average weekly impression total for this location is 652,219. Digital and print advertising targeting residents in Houston and surrounding suburbs including Sugarland, Katy, and the Woodlands will also run through October 4.

New Website
The CVB has launched a re-designed and mobile friendly website that features hundreds of new photographs, planned itineraries for visitors, and narratives describing League City’s unique coastal charm and southern hospitality. Check it out at www.visitleaguecity.com.

Take a Short Survey
The CVB is conducting a “Visitor Perception Survey” to solicit feedback from residents on tourism strengths and weaknesses. To take the two-minute survey, click here. In addition, a “How’d you hear about us?” visitor survey collection boxes will be placed at all League City hotels to obtain feedback on advertising and destination awareness.