City Monitoring Tropical Depression No. 22

League City’s Emergency Management Office, in collaboration with the Houston-Galveston branch of the National Weather Service, is closely monitoring Tropical Depression No. 22. The Tropical Depression has the potential for heavy rain and coastal flooding in our area. According to the National Weather Service, it is still too early to determine the impacts of this tropical depression, but as of now, coastal flooding could be expected starting Saturday night and heavy rains could impact our area through next week. Localized street flooding is possible. The City will continue to provide updates to residents through social media and the City’s website once more information is available.

Key Messages for Tropical Depression Twenty-Two

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1. Tropical Depression Twenty-Two is expected to strengthen to a tropical storm, and possibly a hurricane, while moving slowly over the western Gulf of Mexico during the next few days.

2. While it is too early to determine what areas could see direct wind, storm surge, and rainfall impacts from this system, interests throughout the western Gulf of Mexico should monitor the progress of this system and future updates to the forecast.

For more information go to hurricanes.gov

New Occupancy Levels for Businesses

Governor Greg Abbott announced Thursday that most of Texas will be able to loosen some coronavirus restrictions by allowing businesses to increase their capacity to 75% starting on Monday, September 21. Businesses that include retail stores, restaurants, gyms, office buildings, museums, and libraries will now be permitted to expand to 75% capacity. Hospitals will also be allowed to offer normal elective procedures again, and nursing homes can reopen for visitations under certain standards. Bars must remain closed. The standard that Abbott unveiled applies to the 19 out of 22 regions in the state where coronavirus patients make up less than 15% of all hospitalizations, which includes League City.

REOPENING TEXAS

Starting September 21, 2020, the following businesses can open to 75% capacity:

Retail
Office buildings
Restaurants
Gyms
Museums and libraries

*Bars and nightclubs must remain closed
The Galveston County Health District is launching a new COVID-19 dashboard to give residents a better visual of the virus in Galveston County. This new reporting system will provide more in-depth data, with filter options so that the public can focus on what is most important to them. The new dashboard will go live at noon today at www.gchd.org and replaces charts and graphs currently published by the health district. The dashboard will update at noon Monday-Saturday. For more information on the dashboard and COVID-19, click here.
League City Finances Voter-Approved Projects

On August 19, 2020, League City held a competitive sale to finance $30,000,000 more of the voter-approved projects from the May 2019 Bond Election. The bonds, backed by the full faith and credit of the City and strong credit ratings (Moody’s Investor Service – “Aa1” and Standard & Poor’s – “AA+”) received four bids. The winning bid was tendered by UMB Bank, N.A., at a true interest cost of 1.618% on the bonds with a final maturity of 20 years on February 15, 2040. This is the lowest rate the City has ever obtained on a 20-year obligation. The annual payment will be approximately $1,817,215. The projects funded were split between street and drainage projects. Work will be performed on six street projects, the largest of which will be reconstruction on Grissom Road. There will be an additional ten drainage projects funded with this debt issuance. These will include drainage improvements to the following neighborhoods: Oaks of Clear Creek, Dove Meadows, Countryside, Rustic Oaks, and Bayridge. Also included are drainage improvements to FM518 & Wesley, Hughes Lane/W. Deats Rd culvert crossings and Magnolia Creek & Cedar Gully Channel improvements. Be on the lookout for heavy equipment as your bond dollars go to work.

Smile Masks for Students

This week, the City of League City—in partnership with the League City Lions Club—donated 1,500 “smile masks” to local schools. These special masks have a clear insert so that the mouth of the wearer remains visible, and are important for the deaf and hard of hearing community who may rely on lip reading to communicate. Councilman and Lions Club member, Greg Gripton, and his family brought forward a need in our community and schools for these masks last month. As students return to in-person instruction where PPE is required, they will be vital to their learning. The masks were purchased using a portion of the City’s Coronavirus Relief Funds. Partnerships like these with our local volunteer organizations and schools are vital to creating a more resilient League City.
City Employees Recognized at Patriots Lunch

On Wednesday, September 16, the League City Regional Chamber of Commerce honored and celebrated local emergency responders from League City and the Galveston County area. Mayor Pat Hallisey hosted the event and helped recognize some of our very own League City heroes for their service to their community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Employees recognized at the event were Firefighter James Warner, EMT Colton Goudie, Detective Angie Strachan, and Public Works Director Jody Hooks. Congratulations and thank you to all our award recipients!
Shred Day

The City of League City is teaming up with AMOCO Federal Credit Union and Iron Mountain Secure Shredding to host a free community shred day on Saturday, September 19 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the parking lot at Hometown Heroes Park. Residents can bring up to three file boxes of personal identifying documents such as financial statements, receipts, or old bills. Attendees must stay in their vehicle and have items ready in their trunk or the back seat. Be aware that although the event is scheduled until noon, if the shred trucks fill up before that time, the event will end. Both shred trucks hold 10,000 pounds of paper.

Job Fair

Are you a business owner looking for employees? Do you have job openings? Sign up to participate in the upcoming League City Regional Chamber of Commerce job fair on October 1. Register here.

Donations for Hurricane Laura Victims

The League City Lions Club is still collecting donations to help the victims of Hurricane Laura. Residents who would like to help can drop items off at Hometown Heroes Park through the end of this week. Members of the club will be delivering all donations to the city of Orange next week.
Public Safety Updates

Reckless Driving Arrest
An investigation was recently opened in response to multiple complaints about a white Land Rover driving recklessly in the South Shore area of League City. As a result of the investigation, officers identified Ryan Shane Parsi as the suspect driver. Parsi has been arrested and charged with “Reckless Driving” class B with a $1500 bond.

LCPD Detective Receives Award
The League City Police Department would like to congratulate Detective Angie Strachan for being recognized with the 2020 Patriot Award at the annual Patriot’s Award luncheon. Strachan was awarded for her work done as a detective with the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) specializing in crimes against persons. During the award ceremony, CID Sgt. Troy McGee stated that Detective Strachan “is well known and respected among her peers and supervisors as a self-motivated, dependable, and highly effective investigator, and an outstanding member of the team. She is dedicated to protecting some of the most vulnerable in our community.” Congratulations to Detective Strachan!

School Zones
Both Dickinson ISD and Clear Creek ISD welcomed the rest of the face-to-face learners this week. Officers would like to remind residents to slow down and be mindful of school zones and school buses.

Command Leadership Institute
This week, LCPD hosted a Command Leadership Institute, which is a dynamic, intensive, and challenging 4 1/2-day program specifically designed to prepare law enforcement leaders for command level positions taught by Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (FBI-LEEDA). Officers from all over Texas came to League City Police Department to train.

Airbags and Seatbelts Save Lives
On Thursday, September 17, League City Fire, Police, and EMS responded to a high-speed, head-on collision between two passenger vehicles at FM 646 and Tuscan Lakes Boulevard. Paramedics found only one with injuries significant enough to be transported. The patient was in stable condition. The issue that struck first responders is that seatbelts, car seats, and airbags protected all of the occupants from serious injury. EMS appreciates how well the public and auto manufacturers have increased their own personal safety and the protection capabilities of today’s motor vehicles.

Beware of New Text Scam
As many people already know, scams change regularly. A new scam is reaching League City residents in the form of a text message posing as a package delivery company. If you question the message, contact the company directly to avoid becoming a victim. Read more here.
Public Works Updates

Confined Space Entry
The Wastewater staff is assisting Alvin Contracting with confined space entry at the Southwest Water Reclamation Facility (SWWRF) wet well. The contractor is repairing guide rails and replacing piping from the bottom of the lift station to the top, so confined space entry is required to make the repairs. Pipe corrosion due to high levels of hydrogen gas pose a threat to many lift stations. Hydrogen Sulfide is a colorless gas known for its rotten egg smell and is produced by the biological reduction of sulfates and the decomposition of organic matter. This gas produces sulfuric acid when in contact with moisture and if left unchecked, can result in severe corrosion that could potentially cause large repair costs on equipment. The greatest priority during this project is worker safety. Hydrogen Sulfide is acutely toxic and can cause serious injuries, including death. Exposure to high levels of the gas can deaden the sense of smell instantly causing safety concerns.

Water Main Leak Repair
This week, standing water was reported in the ditch on the 1300 block of Texas Avenue. Line Repair crews responded and found water bubbling up from the ground in the roadside ditch. The line was excavated and a leak was discovered in a valve on an old stub out that was not in use. The leaking valve was removed, and the line permanently plugged since the stub out is no longer needed. The area was backfilled, and water service was restored to the area.

Traffic and Transportation
This week, the Traffic and Transportation Department activated new Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) at the intersection of Hobbs Road at Aberdeen. ADA compliant ramps and a painted crosswalk have also been installed to help facilitate a safe crossing for pedestrians crossing Hobbs Road. A benefit of this type of traffic control is that they provide high visibility to motorists approaching the pedestrian crosswalk. This also allows for traffic to continue to flow normally unless there is a pedestrian using the crosswalk, then all vehicles must yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk. When the button is pushed and the flashers are activated, the two yellow indications in each RRFB flash in a rapidly alternating "wig-wag" flashing sequence to warn drivers that a pedestrian is crossing the street. Please continue to use caution when crossing the street and to make sure drivers see you before crossing the roadway.
Parks and Recreation Updates

**Flu Shot Clinic**
Registration is open for a Flu Shot Clinic that will take place at the Hometown Heroes Recreation Center on September 26. Flu shots will be administered by Walgreens. Pre-registration is required and can be completed over the phone by calling 281-554-1180, in person at the Hometown Heroes Recreation Center, or online with a Parks and Rec account.

**Facility Hours**
Hometown Heroes Park will be closed on Saturday, September 19 due to the Community Shred Day with Amoco Federal Credit Union. Hours of operation at the recreation center have also been updated this week.
- Monday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Tuesday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Wednesday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Thursday: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- Friday: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Saturday: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Sunday: CLOSED

**Lunch and Learn with Kenny Walsh**
This week, Recreation Superintendent Kenny Walsh joined Sarah Greer-Osborne for a live Lunch and Learn to discuss fall programming and updating the public about what activities are open for registration.
Helen Hall Library Updates

Helen Hall Library Safety
The Helen Hall Library is slowly bringing back some of its most popular in-person programming. If you’ve considered returning to the library, take a look at how members are taking precautions to ensure the safety of patrons.

Teens
Do you have ideas for stories? Do you enjoy writing? Teens, ages 12-18, can virtually join librarians via Zoom to write, share, and support each other through the creative writing process on Tuesday, September 22 from 5 to 6 p.m. To register, click here.

Adults
This fall, the Helen Hall Library Adult Services Department is offering a virtual Take & Make Craft program series. How-to craft videos will be presented on Facebook on the first Thursday of every month at 10 a.m. Stop by the Adult Services desk the week of the craft to get your free Take & Make craft bag filled with most of the supplies needed to complete the project. Bags are given out on a first-come, first-served basis, and supply is limited. October’s Take & Make Craft will be a pumpkin wall hanging made from canvas and recycled buttons. Bags will be ready for pickup starting on Monday, September 28. The step-by-step video will air on October 1 at 10 a.m. on the Helen Hall Library’s Facebook page.
CIP Updates

**Ervin Connector Project (TR1501)**
This project extends Ervin Avenue from Calder Road to Hobbs Road, and expands it to a four-lane divided curb and gutter style roadway. The City expedited two of the four lanes so that it could be used as an alternate route due to other construction in the area, which were opened in mid-April. The full four-lane section was originally scheduled to be complete in early November, but as of last Friday, the roadway was opened and the project is substantially complete. A walkthrough will be held on September 18 to review punch list items that need to be addressed before final completion. There are still general site cleanup items that need to be completed as well as additional hydro-mulching efforts.

**16” Waterline SSH Booster Station to FM2094 (WT1909)**
This project will add a new waterline intended to increase the system capacity, improve hydraulic efficiencies, provide redundancy, and improve pressure capabilities to the South Shore Harbour service area. The proposed waterline is approximately 3,800 linear feet in length and will run south to north from South Shore Harbour Booster Pump Station to FM 2094. The contractor, R. Construction, is scheduled to perform the final jack and bore operation under Marina Bay Drive by September 19. The contractor will also initiate and finalize the waterline tie-in at the Booster Pump Station by September 19. Once those items are finished, testing of the waterline will begin and will take approximately five to eight days to complete. This project is scheduled to be complete by September 25.

**Asphalt Rehabilitation Package 5 (RE1704E)**
The purpose of this project is to perform road base repairs, asphalt resurfacing, and full depth reconstruction as part of an annual infrastructure reinvestment program. Package 5 consists of North Wisconsin Avenue and Wesley Street (between I-45 feeder and FM 518). Package 5 also consists of the following streets within the Glen Cove Subdivision: Cove Park Dr., Cove Park Rd., Knollwood St., Mission St., Monterey St., Redwood St., Rimrock St., Sequoia St., Shasta St., Sierra St., and Winn St.

Alternate No. 1 is planned to consist of North Wisconsin Ave. and Power St. (southeast of East Main St. and northeast of Dickinson Ave.) with Alternate No. 2 consisting of Wesley St. (between I-45 feeder and FM 518). Glen Cove St. and Seminole Dr. are expected to be addressed in a future asphalt rehabilitation package. The approximate length of mill & overlay operations is 10,581 linear feet and approximately 10,218 linear feet of full depth reconstruction.

For the Package 5 project, City Staff has inspected the proposed streets for repair and identified which streets need full-depth reclamation and which streets just need mill and overlay. Similar to Package 4, the proof-rolling has been increased to a 24-ton roller, which will better identify potential weak spots. Bid opening is scheduled for October 7, 2020. Plans can be viewed at [http://leaguecitytx.gov/bids.aspx](http://leaguecitytx.gov/bids.aspx) as well as [www.CivcastUSA.com](http://www.CivcastUSA.com).
Dickinson Ave. Ground Storage Tank (GST) & Generator Project (WT1906)
The purpose of this project is to replace the existing 250,000-gallon ground storage tank with a new 50-foot
diameter by 32-foot tall, 400,000-gallon welded steel tank and a diesel backup generator to provide emergency

Bay Colony Park-Master Plan and Phase 1 (PK2001)
The City of League City’s newest park facility, Bay Colony Park, is currently being planned and designed. The park
will be located south of Ervin St. and west of Calder Rd. in an undeveloped portion of southwest League City. The
park will provide five ball fields for youth sports west of I-45. Other project elements to be designed include a trail,
landscaping, restrooms, scoring area, concession stand, parking, and a maintenance building and yard.

A very thorough planning process has thus far resulted in a wetlands survey, topographic survey, and tree survey.
Those surveys, among additional research produced by the consulting team lead by TBG Partners, are guiding the
master plan that will be put in place in a few short months. TBG, a landscape architecture firm from Houston, is also
soliciting information on the needs and desires of residents via some upcoming meetings and input through an online
survey.

The survey may be accessed here: https://tbgpartners.typeform.com/to/rUED6UPK. The survey will be
available through September 21.

The City also plans to apply for a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department grant of $750,000 by November 6, 2020.
The City should learn if the grant is awarded in May 2021. That timing will allow for the grant funds to supplement 4B
Corporation funding set aside to construct a 5-field sports facility within Phase 1 of the park. The 4B Corporation and
the League City Park Board will review plans as they become available in 2021.