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City Manager
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The City Manager’s Update is a weekly newsletter that provides information about ongoing projects, events, and initiatives across League City.
Amateur and Professional Artists Invited to Display Work

League City residents who are professional or amateur artists are invited to display their work at a new “gallery space” the City is creating at the Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center. The gallery is part of the City’s new Public Art Initiative.

Each month there will be a different display with a different theme. For September, the City is showcasing works created by League City residents. If you are interested in displaying your artwork at the Civic Center, reach out to sarah.greerosborne@leaguecitytx.gov. You must be a League City resident and your artwork must be dropped off to City Hall by August 16. Only one piece per resident will be accepted.

Only artwork created by adult residents is being accepted for the September gallery display. Work by League City children and teen artists will be featured at a later date. Stay tuned for details.

Citizen University

Registration is now open for the next Citizen University starting on September 7. The 10-week program will meet every Tuesday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. and each session will include an interactive presentation from City staff on various City services, issues, and an understanding of how citizens play a crucial role in leading League City into the future. The course will also include tours of City facilities.

Registration is open on a first-come, first-served basis for any League City resident or business owners who are:

• 18 years of age or older
• Not currently holding a position as an elected official or running for office during class session

A background check will be required for admission to the program since the course will include a tour of the Public Safety Building. For more information, call 281-554-1175 or email Ashley Jackson at ashley.jackson@leaguecitytx.gov. To apply for Citizen University, please register here.
Clear Creek Paddle Race

Bring your friends, kayaks, canoes, and paddle boards to the Clear Creek Paddle Race on Saturday, August 21. This is a fun, short event approximately 4.5 miles long on League City’s Clear Creek. The race will begin and end at Lynn Grippon Countryside Park located at 100 Alderwood. There are several boat categories to choose from so no matter what you paddle in or on, we have a category for you. To see a list of categories and pre-register visit the Eventbrite link.

Event schedule:
9 a.m.: Registration & Check In
9:45 a.m.: Pre-Race Meeting
10 a.m.: Recreational Division Race Begins
10:10 a.m.: Competitive Division Race Begins
11:30 a.m.: Prizes & Awards

No kayak? No problem. Clear Creek Kayaks will be at the park renting kayaks. They will be available on a first come first served basis. Kayaks will also be available for rentals after the race if you want to paddle around on the creek.

New Teacher Luncheon

The League City Communications team took part in helping to welcome more than 350 new teachers to Clear Creek ISD at the New Teacher Luncheon held at South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center on Wednesday, August 4. Each teacher received a special League City goodie bag and got a chance to win a "door prize" basket made up of items donated by local businesses. League City wishes all teachers and administrators a wonderful school year! League City has created a special website with resources for all teachers at leaguecity.com/teachers.

COSD Teacher Resources

Live, Work, and Play in League City

Live in League City. The city is a great place to live, work, and play. From a small hometown community we never stop growing in population of 103,000, we offer family-centric schools and city services to provide the highest quality public education provided by the Clear Creek Independent School District (CCISD).

Learn more about new teacher resources and how to access them.

Things to Do in League City

Check out the Top Things To Do In League City for fun ways to explore the City’s beautiful parks, trails, waterfowl, camping, and more.

Shopping
Discover League City’s Shopping Guide with boutiques that include locally crafted jewelry, gourmet food, and high-end retailing.

Dining
Experience the Food Scene In League City with a great selection of food offerings to satisfy every palate.

Goody Bag
League City’s New Teacher Goody Bag that included League City’s teachers a special surprise gift basket of League City products, a League City t-shirt, a League City tote bag, and more.
Shred Day Event August 7

Get rid of unwanted documents! AMOCO Federal Credit Union and Iron Mountain are teaming up to offer free, secure, confidential shredding for League City residents on Saturday, August 7 at Hometown Heroes Park. You can bring up to three file boxes of personal identifying documents such as financial statements, receipts, or old bills. When you arrive to the event, just remain in your vehicle and have your shred items ready in your trunk or the back seat.

Date: Saturday, August 7, 2021 (weather permitting)
Time: 9 a.m. to noon (or until the truck has reached max capacity)
Location: Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Pkwy., League City, TX

Budget Public Workshops

League City’s budget process is in full swing with City Council currently reviewing individual department budgets at public workshops. All workshops are open to the public and are held at the Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center at 6 p.m. The next workshop will be held on Monday, August 9 for Budget and Project Management, City Secretary, City Attorney, City Council, City Auditor, City Manager, Human Resources, Employee Benefit Fund, Communications, and HOT Funds. Find the rest of the workshop dates on the City’s website. During this week’s Lunch and Learn, Mayor Pat Hallisey and Executive Director of Budget and Finance Angie Steelman discussed the budget process.

Pet Food Pantry

If you or someone you know is in need of pet food or pet supplies, stop by League City Animal Care on Sunday, August 8 from 12 to 2 p.m. for their drive-thru pet food pantry. Pet food and supplies will be given to League City residents in need, no questions asked. This event will be held every second Sunday of the month thanks to our community’s generosity!
Astronomy in the Park

Observe the moon, stars, and planets at our Astronomy in the Park event this Saturday at 7 p.m. at Rustic Oaks Park! Families and children of all ages are welcome to attend. Besides current celestial events, each event will include:

- A 100’ model of the solar system (Sun to Mars – Jupiter and Saturn in the distance) around 7 p.m. for kids of all ages in the summer (before night fall)
- Major constellations and asterisms and their legends
- Telescope observation of the stars and visible planets
- Binocular astronomy demonstrations
- Q&A with amateur astronomers and scientists

More info on the City’s website.

Public Works Updates

Preventative Maintenance on Odor Control Units

The League City’s Wastewater maintenance crew has been performing preventative maintenance on odor control units throughout the city. Preventative maintenance consists of inspecting the unit and its components to ensure that unit functions properly. This helps prolong the life span of the machine and keeps repair costs to a minimum. The odor control units are strategically installed at several lift stations to neutralize the nuisance of odor gases.

City Wide Water Quality Maintenance Activity

The City’s Water Production Department is continuing to pro-actively flush throughout the entire city. Residents in the far reaches of the water distribution system will periodically experience a discoloration/odor associated with their drinking water. This nuisance is common in water distribution systems during drastic climate changes in temperature and low water usage demand due to rain weather. Over the past month, staff has increased city-wide fire hydrant flushing activities to improve in-pipe water quality. Hydrant flushing is an accepted water industry standard and regulatory-required procedure for addressing water quality. Please feel free to contact the City’s Water Production Department at 281-554-1041 for any comments or concerns on water quality.
Public Safety Updates

EMS Discusses July’s Patient Progress
HCA Healthcare Clear Lake sends a team of nurses and specialists to League City once a month to go over patient progress in the areas of EMS performance measures. The purpose is to review how well the patients responded to treatment both in the ambulance and at the hospital in the previous month, as well as best practices. For July, the four most successful cases were two strokes and two critical trauma patients that fully recovered. Staff discussed the treatment of lowering very high blood pressures in stroke patients with keeping it high enough to perfuse the area of the stroke. EMS quality review is at a very high level and these meetings with our healthcare partners improves our EMS staff’s abilities.

Evidence Procedure Course
This week, LCPD officers participated in a two-day evidence procedures course. The course included classroom presentations, instructor-led practical exercises, as well as scenario-based, hands-on exercises. The League City Police Department believes that well-trained officers are not only safe officers, but also provide a higher level of service to the citizens of League City.

School Zone Flasher Testing
The first day of school is quickly approaching and our police officers want to remind residents to slow down on the road. The City’s Traffic Department has begun activating school zone flashers at all CCISD and DISD campuses. The early activations will allow staff to verify that the flashers are working as programmed so repairs can be made before the first day of school. Please report any problems with school flashers to traffic@leaguecitytx.gov or 281-554-1199.

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit
Did you know that the League City Police Department Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit conducts inspections on commercial vehicles throughout the city? The League City community is growing rapidly. With numerous residential and commercial development projects, there are many commercial vehicles traveling our roadways. Our three CVE officers inspect vehicles daily.
Library Updates

**Free Comic Book Day**
Come by on August 14 for Free Comic Book Day! The fun takes place from noon to 4 p.m. and is for all ages.

**READ to the Dogs**
Make an appointment to read to therapy dogs who are specially trained to listen! For grades 1-3, meet from 7-8 pm.

**Adult Writers Club**
Find inspiration, community and feedback on your work at our Adult Writers Club. Join us on August 10 from 7 to 8 p.m.

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**Highlights**

**Summer Reading Prizes:** Readers of all ages will be able to pick up their summer reading prizes throughout the month of August.

**Helen Hall Library Outreach:** Visit us at these upcoming city and county events: Back-to-School Fair on August 14 from 8 to 10 a.m. at Galveston County Health District and the EcoFest & Arbor Day Celebration on September 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park.

**Curbside Services Available:** Remember that Curbside Services are still offered at Helen Hall Library. See the infographic to the right to find out how to easily get the book you want brought right to you!
AUGUST 14 THE POOLS WILL CLOSE DURING THE WEEK. THEY WILL REMAIN OPEN ON WEEKENDS THROUGH LABOR DAY.

Dance for Adults with "dis" Abilities.
Saturday, August 14 at Hometown Heroes Park, 5:30pm. Spots still available. Call 281-554-1180 for more information.

Cornhole and Food Trucks coming to Lynn Gripion Park at Countryside this fall. Starting in September, open play will be available the 2nd Friday of the month.

Fall Program Registration is underway as many classes and programs are starting to fill up. Register today before its too late!

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Communications and CVB Updates

Fall Birding Frenzy
League City is a hot spot during fall bird migration, which begins as early as July and lasts through November. To celebrate this momentous trek, we are offering specially curated birding classes and field trips with an expert birder and certified Texas Master Naturalist. These classes are open to anyone who wants to learn more about birding and experience fall migration on the Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail. Check out all the details on the League City CVB website.

CIP Updates

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. This update is not a complete list of all bond projects underway. Look for updates on GO bond projects each week in the CMU.

Bay Ridge Flood Reduction – Phase 3 Overflow Swales (DR1901): Phase 3 of the Bayridge Flood Reduction Project will construct extreme overflow swales at Seacrest Blvd., Anchor Way, Windward Drive, and Baycrest Drive to allow for the free outfall into the detention pond. The City is continuing to coordinate with Frontier and Comcast as they relocate their lines. Conrad Construction installed the 7-foot by 5-foot box near the detention pond last month. Driveway approaches and a street section for Dunrich Court were poured last week. The contractor is starting work on Seacrest.

Bay Ridge Flood Reduction – Phase 2 Pump Station & Detention Pond Improvements (DR2005): A 42,000 gallon-per-minute (gpm) Stormwater Pump Station will be added to the existing detention pond within the Bay Ridge Subdivision to allow the pond to discharge into Gum Bayou, which reduces the potential for flooding within the subdivision. Final design plans are currently in progress. City comments for the 90% designs have been submitted and the consultant is expected to address the comments and resubmit designs for review within the next two weeks. Bidding is anticipated in August 2021.

Brittany Bay Subdivision Drainage Improvements Project (DR2009) – Newport & Ellis Landing Subdivisions Drainage Improvement Project (DR2104) – The Landing Subdivision Drainage Improvements Project (DR2105): Brittany Bay, Newport & Ellis Landing, and The Landing Subdivisions drain directly to nearby ditches for which the outfalls do not have defined swales. Existing fences and heavy vegetation further impede sheet flow of storm water to outfall ditches. These areas experienced major flooding during Hurricane Harvey and endure nuisance ponding within streets during lesser storm events. This project will utilize existing easements to provide flood relief for adjacent streets to drain to outfalls into the adjacent channel and permanently remove drainage obstructions.

All surveying, data verification, and geotechnical drilling has been completed in the neighborhoods. On July 16, 2021, the consultant delivered the 60% design plans for Brittany Bay (DR2009), which were reviewed and returned to the consultant with staff comments on August 2, 2021. The basic engineering services for Newport & Ellis Landing (DR2104) and The Landing (DR2105) should be completed in November 2021.
Leisure Lane/Pecan Orchard Area Drainage Study (DR2102)
A drainage study in the Leisure Lane and Orange Grove area will be performed to determine level of service for existing drainage infrastructure, identify problem areas and undersized components of the system, recommend improvements to lower water surface elevations on properties, and verify that the proposed improvements do not result in an impact to water surface elevations or flows into receiving streams. The project location is bound by League City Parkway (SH96) on the north, Meadowlark Lane on the west, Weeks Ave. on the east and Orange Grove on the south. Based on these studies and recommendations for improvements, the City will determine next steps.

At a public meeting held on May 19, 2021, the consultant and City Engineer discussed field findings and options pertaining to moving forward with the project. On June 22, 2021, the consultant delivered the drainage study report, which was reviewed by City staff and returned to the consultant with staff comments on July 19, 2021.

Hometown Heroes Park Restroom Project (PK1905)
This project constructs a 972-square-foot freestanding restroom building for the athletic fields and playground at Hometown Heroes Park. There will be three women’s stalls (one as ADA) and a separate men’s side with an ADA stall and two urinals. Some rework from failed inspections pushed the anticipated date for beneficial use to August 2021. The contractor has completed the repair of a sanitary sewer line and is in the process of replacing a faulty toilet fixture. Construction is complete with some lingering plumbing punch list items holding up substantial completion. The City is pushing for beneficial use for the Cross Country meet on August 28, 2021.

Grissom Road Reconstruction & North Service Area 12” Waterline (RE1702G)
5,600 feet of the existing two-lane rural open ditch Grissom Rd. from Abigail Lane to the West NASA Road/Grissom Road intersection will be replaced with a four-lane divided urban roadway. It will provide a pedestrian sidewalk, as well as drainage mitigation required for increased runoff. This project will also include approximately 5,000 feet of 12-inch waterline from the North Service Area Booster Station to West NASA Road.

The relocation of the electrical service for the lift station near Challenger Park is complete. Surveyors will be staking the new roadway for CenterPoint Energy to relocate their power poles. The City has secured easements needed to move forward with final design. Bidding is anticipated for Fall of 2021 with construction planned to begin early FY2022.

Council Chambers Remodel (FM2002)
The Council Chambers will serve as a meeting place for council members with the public and to serve as a Municipal Court facility. Rooftop A/C units began start-up this week. Jury box modifications have been fabricated and the box will be installed this month. Final inspections for the building occupancy permit are ongoing. This project is anticipated to be complete in August 2021.

MUD 14-15 Lift Station Improvements (WW1206)
The scope of this project is the expansion and rehabilitation of the current lift station. The bypass system for Phase-1 has been installed. The contractor is in the process of hydro-blasting the new wet well in preparation for coating. The electricians are tying in the electrical to the wet well. A plumbing inspection will be performed this week for the Phase 1 bypass system. Completion is anticipated September 2021.
CIP Updates

GO Bond Street/Traffic Projects Update
The following projects are part of the GO Bond election that was approved on May 14, 2019. This update is not a complete list of all bond projects underway. Look for updates on GO bond projects each week in the CMU.

North Landing Blvd. Extension (ST1914): The North Landing Extension will provide an additional crossing of Clear Creek and is proposed to alleviate congestion on FM 518. The new roadway would extend both Landing Boulevard and NASA 1 to intersect at a roundabout as a four-lane facility. The roadway would be divided by a raised median varying from 4 feet to 16 feet in width. The proposed design includes two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction, a 5-foot sidewalk constructed on one side of the roadway, and a 10-foot shared-use path on the other side. In addition, a 2,800-foot-long bridge over Clear Creek and Newport Ditch (a tributary of Clear Creek), and a 100-foot-long bridge over a narrow drainage channel are proposed.

The project reached the 90% design milestone in May. Due to changes in the proposed land acquisition boundaries and the protracted review process of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit application, the City and TxDOT have proposed delaying the bid letting from January 2022 to September 2022. This will be presented for approval at this month’s Transportation Advisory Committee meeting. Pending approval, the 95% submittal is anticipated to be submitted in mid-December.

Calder Road South Reconstruction (Cross Colony to Ervin) (RE1702B): The scope of this project will widen Calder Road from Cross Colony Drive to Ervin Street with two travel lanes and a continuous center lane. The project also includes the addition of a waterline and is part of the construction contract that includes the Force Main Upgrade – Bay Colony Lift Station to Ervin St. (WW1206). Approximately 1,500 linear feet of street pavement was poured last week, and another 480 linear feet is scheduled to be poured within the next week. The contractors are focusing on completing the pavement in front of Calder Elementary before the beginning of the school year. Construction is anticipated to be complete in September 2021.
CIP Updates

SH 3 & FM 518 Intersection Improvements (ST2003): Modifications to the FM518 & SH3 intersection are planned to improve current and future traffic flow. The modifications will include:
- New right turn lane on FM518 westbound
- Extension of the left turn lane on FM518 westbound
- Added designated right turn lane on SH3 northbound
- Double left turn lanes on SH3 northbound
- Extension of the left turn lane on FM518 eastbound
- Added right turn lane on FM518 eastbound
- Adding designated right turn lane on SH3 southbound
- Dual left turn lanes on SH3 southbound.

TxDOT has already extended the left turn lane on SH3 southbound to League Street. Preliminary design is anticipated to be submitted in August 2021 for staff review. Construction is anticipated to begin second quarter 2022.

League City Pkwy. and Brittany Lakes Dr./Fennigan Ln. Traffic System Improvement Project (TR1101A): The purpose of this project is the construction of an additional left-turn bay for both approaches on League City Parkway, construction of a traffic signal at the intersection, and construction of various drainage improvements. The contractor has completed installing the enlarged box culvert crossing and the traffic signal poles. They are now constructing the head walls and ditch lining. They’ve also started road construction work on League City Parkway. This work includes removing the existing pavement, stabilizing the subgrade, and then installing pavement. It is currently anticipated that this work on League City Parkway will be complete before the end of the month, after which the contractor will begin work on Brittany Lakes Drive and Fennigan Lane (pending weather). Construction is anticipated to be complete in mid-October 2021.

League City Pkwy. Right Turn Lane – Calder to Butler Project (ST2004): Funding from Galveston County bonds in conjunction with the ‘Matching funds from Partnerships’ project from the City’s May 2019 GO Bond election will improve traffic and mobility along the League City Parkway thoroughfare. An eastbound right turn lane from 450 linear feet west of Butler Road to 300 linear feet west of I-45 Southbound Frontage Road is currently in design.

60% plans have been submitted to City staff for internal review. A Utility Conference meeting will be scheduled in the upcoming weeks with all utility companies that have been identified to have existing facilities within the new right turn lane alignment. This meeting will allow Project Staff to coordinate with the utility companies forecasted relocation dates and discuss any potential conflicts that might arise. Construction is anticipated to start in summer 2022.