

LAKESTIDE NEWSLETTER

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TOWN HALL HOURS:
Monday-Friday
7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
www.lakesidetexas.us
Upcoming Closing:
President's Day
Monday, February 18th

Regular City Council Meetings are the second Thursday each month at 6:30 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission meetings are the third Monday each month at 6:30 p.m. as needed.

City Council

Mayor Patrick Jacob
Mayor Pro Tem Kim Ware
Councilmember Jim Elliott
Councilmember Dale Martin
Councilmember Amy Robinson
Councilmember Gaspare LaDuca

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR PATRICK JACOB

We often get all kinds of mail, some bills and plenty of advertisements and solicitations. This month everyone in town received a solicitation from a company called American Water Resources. We have had some inquiries regarding this mailing. What they are selling is a waterline insurance policy. This policy covers your home waterline from the water meter to your house. This water line is part of your property and your responsibility as a home owner. Everything up to the water meter is the responsibility of our town. For \$5 dollars a month (\$60 per year) they will insure your line if it leaks. Unlike auto insurance it is not required. It may provide peace of mind especially if you have a significantly older home and cannot dig up the leak.

Older homes built over 40 years ago might have galvanized water supply lines. These are metal lines that will eventually spring a leak as the metal deteriorates over a very long time. Since those days the supply lines are made of heavy PVC plastic. These are lower in cost and do not deteriorate over time and are more flexible should the ground shift a bit. To the company's credit, they did notify us that they were going to be making the mailing and such solicitations are not illegal. As with anyone selling a service, it is your decision if you want to buy.

As always, check the Town's website for the latest information

<http://www.lakesidetexas.us/>

Pat

CITY COUNCIL GENERAL ELECTION MAY 11, 2013

The first day to file to run as a candidate for City Council was January 30th. The last day to file is March 1st. The last day to file as a declared write-in candidate is also on March 1st. Office of Mayor held by Patrick Jacob, Place 4 held by Amy Robinson, and Place 5 held by Gaspare LaDuca are up for re-election.

Candidate packets are available at Town Hall. Direct Questions to Debbie McLemore Town Secretary at 817-237-1234 ext. 305 or dmclemore@lakesidetexas.us.



E- BILLING CUSTOMERS

To view the newsletter on line click on the "Insert" Button to bring it up.

LAKESTIDE SPRING CLEAN SWEEP

Mark your calendars for

APRIL 20, 2013

9:00
a.m. to
Noon



TOWN WEBSITE SEES UPGRADE

Be sure and check out the Town's newly reformatted website. Hopefully you will agree, the new website is fact filled and provides all the information in a easily navigable format. The new website is designed to be managed by Town staff and is less dependent on outside technical assistance. See the website at <http://www.lakesidetexas.us/>

AVOID HOME DAMAGE FROM FROZEN PIPES

Texas weather can change quickly, especially in the winter. A fast-moving cold front can cause temperatures to drop below freezing within hours. Outdoor pipes, pipes in unheated areas, and pipes that run along non-insulated exterior walls can burst if water in them freezes or expands. This can shatter pipe seals or the pipes themselves, sending water pouring through your house. You can help avoid this damage by following these simple rules.

Before the Freeze

Protect faucets, outdoor pipes, and exposed pipes in unheated areas by wrapping them.

Cover vents around your homes foundation.

Drain swimming pool circulation systems or keep motor running. Drain water sprinkler supply lines

Open the cabinets under sinks in your kitchen and bathrooms to allow heated indoor air to circulate. Around pipes.

Set your thermostat at a minimum of 55 degrees, especially if you are gone for an extended period of time.

Let indoor faucets drip, it isn't necessary to run a stream of water. No where your shutoff valve is and how to use it.

If Your Pipes Freeze

If a pipe bursts and floods your home, turn off the water at the shut-off valve.

If the pipe hasn't burst, thaw it out with an electric heating pad, hair dryer, portable space heater or hot towels. Apply heat slowly moving the heat source toward the coldest spot on the pipe. Never concentrate the heat in one spot because cracking ice can shatter a pipe. Don't use a blowtorch or other open flame device. They are a fire and carbon monoxide exposure risks. **This information is provided by the Texas Department of Insurance.**



FEBRUARY 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	6:30 pm 14 City Council	15	16
17	18 President's Day Town Hall Closed	19 Municipal Court	20 Wolf Creek HOA	21 Garden Club	22	23
24	25 P & Z Meeting If Needed	26	27	28		

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