

LAKE SIDE NEWSLETTER

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TOWN HALL HOURS:
Monday-Friday
7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
www.lakesidetexas.us

Upcoming Holiday Closing:
Columbus Day, Monday, Oct 14th

Regular City Council Meetings are the second Thursday each month at 6:30 P.M.

Planning & Zoning Commission meetings are on the third Monday, at 6:30 p.m.

City Council
Mayor Patrick Jacob
Mayor Pro Tem Kim Ware
Councilmember Jim Elliott
Councilmember Dale Martin
Councilmember Amy Robinson
Councilmember Bill Mohr



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National
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Cancer
Awareness

COUNCIL APPROVES FY 2013-2014 BUDGET

The Fiscal Year 2013-2014 operating budget was approved at the September 26 2013, Special Meeting. The budget is balanced and does not cut any essential services. The tax rate of \$0.379248 per \$100 of value was adopted which is the same rate as last year. Depending on the appraised value of your property, your tax may increase or decrease. The budget is available for review on the Town's website at www.lakesidetexas.us or at Town Hall.

New Water Rate Schedule Effective October 1, 2013

Billing where only one user or building is on the meter	City	County
276-1,337 Cubic Feet	\$ 2.87	\$ 3.15
1338 - 2,674 Cubic feet	\$ 3.74	\$ 4.00
2,675 - 4,010 Cubic feet	\$ 4.60	\$ 4.86
4,011 -therefore	\$ 5.47	\$ 5.73
Minimum/Base Rate 3/4 inch meter	\$ 53.73	\$ 62.41
Minimum/Base Rate 1 inch meter	\$ 96.00	\$ 112.34
Minimum/Base Rate 2 inch meter	\$ 292.85	\$ 342.62

Billing where more than one user is tied to the same meter. For 3/4 inch meters it is the base rate times X where X is the number of users plus volume charges. For meters larger than a 3/4 meter, it is the 3/4 base rate times X where X is the number of users plus volume charges or the actual meter size base rate plus volume charges whichever is greater.

Sewer Rate Schedule

Base Rate (Minimum Monthly Service Charge)	\$52.35
Monthly Service Charge (Averaged using Dec., Jan. & Feb)	\$1.96 per 100 cubic foot plus base rate

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Folks, we have a problem all of us are faced with as a community. It is not life threatening and we can fix it. The problem is our water system, as it stands today it has reached a point that it cannot support our town much longer. It's going to require extensive upgrades to provide for our future and continue to meet state mandated requirements. In order to do this we are going to have to finance the improvements and increase our rates to cover the cost. For the past several years the Town has been marginal in being able to keep up with water supply. To maintain the current level of service, the Water Department has worked very hard to maintain our water systems. This includes well and supply lines that bring water to our homes. In 2005, a drought year, we experienced a very sever water shortage. This was due to lack of a maintenance program for both the wells and the distribution systems. Since 2008 an extensive maintenance program has been implemented which has corrected most of the problems. However there are some problems maintenance alone cannot fix.

(1) Supply: Lakeside gets all of its water from water well. In 2011, again a drought year, even with restrictions, Lakeside could not keep up with demand with all our wells working 24/7. We survived only with additional emergency water purchases. **(2) Storage:** Again our town has marginal capacity to meet demands. In accordance with TCEQ, we are very close to falling below the recommend service levels for a state approved water supply system. **(3) Increasing Demand:** More people are moving to the DFW region. In Tarrant County the most logical area for expansion is toward our area. Recognizing water is a key issue and becoming a major issue in North Texas, the State of Texas has completed some of the most extensive studies ever done concerning ground water and regional demands on the aquifers. Since 2000 we have been included in a state authorized ground water district. This district charges commercial users for water they draw from the aquifers. Our system

is considered a commercial user. The costs assessed by the ground water district have been increasing. Like Ft Worth and every municipal entity in the region, Town Council has been extensively studying the situation for the past months. The question; what is required to make our water system adequate now and for the future? If water levels in the aquifers are decreasing, drilling new wells would not be a sound advice or a good investment. What alternative sources are available to us? What are the costs of those alternatives, both short and long term? These studies have included analysis of rates we pay for water and sewer. The studies indentified that neither the water nor sewer utility were breaking even, they were being subsidies with reserves and the General Fund. Engineering studies were conducted to determine the best system within our resources. Once completed, rates had to be adjusted to reduce the subsidies as well as the addition of an Interest and Sinking component in water rates to fund the improvements. **The Town's website has the latest information on the studies, and rate impacts. Look for these links: Proposed Fee Schedule Ordinance with Attachment A, Proposed Water Improvement, Water & Sewer Rate Analysis and the Proposed new Water & Sewer Rates.** If you do not have access to the computer, visit City Hall to review the information.

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BULKY AND LARGE ITEM WASTE PICKUP

The bulky and large item pickup will be held beginning October 16th. You may put items at your curb no sooner than Saturday, October 12th. You must have your items at your curb no later than Tuesday, October 15th by dark. The Large item pickup usually takes 5 to 7 days to complete after IESI begins to collect items. Large item pickup is limited to what two men can pick up in a 5 minute period. Be sure to secure items to prevent trash from blowing out onto the road.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

Come out and participate in the National Night Out event at Town Hall on Tuesday, October 1st, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. This National Night Out Event is presented by your Lakeside Police Department in participation with the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office. Also scheduled to attend are the Yello Dyno (protecting children from predators), The Tarrant County Sheriffs Posse, Tarrant County Sheriff's Office Crime Scene ,Tarrant County Precinct 4 Constable, and Cook Children's Medical Center. **See you there!**



WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM ENDS SEPTEMBER 30TH

This means the end of the annual water conservation program. However, please continue to water responsibly.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	City Council 10 6:30 p.m.	11	12
13	14 Town Offices Closed Columbus Day	Municipal 15 Court	Large 16 Item Trash & Bulk Item Pickup Begins	Lakeside 17 Garden Club	18	19
20	Planning & 21 Zoning 6:30 p.m.	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Happy Halloween		

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