



NEWSLETTER

A NOTE FROM THE MAYOR

Camp Joy Park Construction

The City of Fort Worth is installing new playground equipment at Camp Joy Park located at the bottom of the hill at the intersection of Lakeridge and Watercress. The project is scheduled to be completed in March.

Carroll Smith Retirement

Pastor Carroll Smith has retired from the Lakeside Church of God. Pastor Smith resided in Lakeside for over 30 years, during which he served the Town in several functions including Water Commissioner and on the Town Council Place 4. His service to the Town will be recognized at the August 10th council meeting.

Bishop Brandon Bohannon, his wife Kelly and sons have moved to Lakeside and joined our community.

As always, check the Town's website for the latest information <http://www.lakesidetexas.us/>. There are a lot of things happening in Lakeside. The website is the easiest source for accurate information or call Town Hall (817) 237- 1234 to discuss your questions or attend council meetings which are on the second Thursday of the month.

TOWN HALL HOURS
Monday – Friday
7:30 am to 4:30 pm

Bulk Trash Collection
**All Items Must Be
Out By 7 AM on 8/16**
Pick up ends
8/19 @ 5 PM

MAYOR - Patrick Jacob

COUNCIL MEMBERS

PLACE 1 – Don Pitts

PLACE 2 – Kathy Livingston

PLACE 3 – Mayor Pro Tem
Kim Ware

PLACE 4 – Amy Robinson

PLACE 5 – Bill Mohr

Medical Expense Threshold Change

The Affordable Care Act (aka: Obamacare) made the deduction threshold for medical expense to be in excess of 10% of AGI (adjusted gross income) for taxpayers under 65 who itemized. The exception was for those 65 and older who only had to exceed 7.5% of AGI. This exception changed in January 2017. So what this means is that ALL taxpayers who can itemize, must exceed 10% of their AGI to claim any medical expense, no matter how old they are.



YARDS GONE WILD !!!

FACTS AT A GLANCE

- ⇒ Lawns that have grass and weeds over 10 inches tall are in violation of the tall grass and weed ordinance.
- ⇒ Tall grass is an indicator that no one lives there and is therefore inviting crime and vandalism opportunities.
- ⇒ Rats, snakes and other animals that cause health issues can live in tall grass.

"Tall Grass & Weeds" is defined as grass, weeds, bushes, vines, poison ivy, poison oak, or any other foreign growth, other than trees, ornamental shrubbery, flowers and garden vegetables. Tall weeds detract from the appearance of the neighborhood. Undesirable wildlife like rats and mice use the unmown lawn for hiding places and habitat, and these animals may carry disease. Lastly, unmown grass may invite criminal activity.

COULD THERE BE A REASON YOUR NEIGHBOR HASN'T MOWED?

Neighbors don't always talk to other neighbors, but a little awareness of your neighbor's situation may go a long way toward a positive sense of community and the appearance of your neighborhood could very well benefit. Show compassion and understanding with neighbors where serious family illness or physical limitations are reasons for lawn neglect. These neighbors may also have an inability to pay someone to mow and no close family to help out. Think about the home where a spouse is on military assignment or where elderly neighbors cannot push a mower anymore. Look out for your neighbors and offer to mow their grass; arrange for other neighbors to take turns mowing, too. Neighbors helping each other will maintain appearance and foster a positive sense of community.

Sales Tax Holiday - Aug. 11 - 13, 2017

This year's Sales Tax Holiday is Aug. 11 - 13. As in previous years, the law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced less than \$100 from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend.

Subject to the criteria explained below, all sales of qualifying items made during the holiday period qualify for the exemption, including items sold online, or by telephone or mail. Shoppers can use layaway plans to take advantage of the sales tax holiday.

The "fine print" – important information you should know about this tax-saving event

Clothing and Footwear

Retailers are not required to collect state and local sales or use tax on most footwear and clothing that are sold for less than \$100 during the holiday. Exemption certificates are not required. The exemption applies to each eligible item that sells for less than \$100, regardless of how many items are sold on the same invoice to a customer. For example, if a customer purchases two shirts for \$80 each, then both items qualify for the exemption, even though the customer's total purchase price (\$160) exceeds \$99.99.

The exemption does not apply to the first \$99.99 of an otherwise eligible item that sells for more than \$99.99. For example, if a customer purchases a pair of pants that costs \$110, then sales tax is due on the entire \$110.

The exemption also does not apply to sales of special clothing or footwear that the manufacturer primarily designed for athletic activity or protective use and that is not normally worn except when used for the athletic activity or protective use for which the manufacturer designed the article. For example, golf cleats and football pads are primarily designed for athletic activity or protective use and are not normally worn except for those purposes; they do not qualify for the exemption. Tennis shoes, jogging suits and swimsuits, however, are commonly worn for purposes other than athletic activity and thus qualify for the exemption.

The sales tax holiday exemption does not extend to rental of clothing or footwear; nor does it apply to alteration (including embroidery) or cleaning services performed on clothes and shoes. Additionally, tax is due on sales of accessories, including jewelry, handbags, purses, briefcases, luggage, umbrellas, wallets, watches and similar items.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1	2	3	4	5	
6	7 BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING 6:30 PM If Needed	8 MUNICIPAL COURT 	9	10 CITY COUNCIL MEETING 6:30PM 	11	12	
13	14	15	16 BULK TRASH PICKUP STARTS HAVE ALL ITEMS OUT BY 7:00 AM			18	19 BULK TRASH COLLECTION ENDS 4:30 PM
20	21 PLANNING & ZONING MEETING 6:30 pm If Needed	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30	31			

The Town of Lakeside is Looking for Volunteers to establish a Citizen Panel. Volunteers will help implement the Town's Stormwater Management Plan. Citizens that are interested should contact James McDonald at Town Hall 817-237-1234 or email: jmcdonald@lakesidetexas.us

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