



NEWSLETTER

TOWN HALL IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Staff can assist you by phone at 817-237-1234 or email at lakeside@lakesidetexas.us



Due to the COVID-19 situation the TEXAS PAW + CARE Vaccination Clinic and the INNOVATIVE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING have been CANCELLED.

We are continuing to use the night drop at the old Town Hall



until further notice. The night drop is checked by 7 AM every day so you may continue to put your water payments there.

COVID-19 FACTS

- * There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19 but there are precautions you can take.
- * Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- * Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- * Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- * Stay home when you are sick.
- * Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- * Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- * Practice social distancing of 6 feet.

TOWN HALL HOURS

Monday — Friday
7:30 am to 4:30 pm

Bulk Trash Items must be out by 7AM on 4/15 collection will conclude on 4/18

MAYOR - Patrick Jacob

COUNCIL MEMBERS

PLACE 1 – Don Pitts

PLACE 2 – Kathy Livingston

PLACE 3 – Wesley Hearn

PLACE 4 – Amy Robinson

PLACE 5 – Rona Gouyton

6 WAYS TO GET YOUR TAXES DONE FOR FREE: The tax deadline has been extended, this year Tax Day is Wednesday, July 15. Many national programs charge nothing to help taxpayers prepare and file taxes. See whether your tax situation and income meet qualifications for these free programs.

1. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance The free IRS-sponsored program VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) uses trained volunteers to help taxpayers complete basic state and federal tax returns. General eligibility requirements are taxpayers earning \$56,000 a year or less, those with disabilities and people with limited English-language abilities, according to the IRS.

2. Tax Counselling for the Elderly IRS certified volunteers provide free tax preparation to older taxpayers through the TCE (Tax Counseling for the Elderly) program. Many volunteers are retired people associated with non-profit organizations that receive grants from the IRS. The IRS says the program “offers free tax help for all taxpayers, particularly those who are 60 years of age and older” with a focus on questions regarding pensions and other retirement related issues.

3. IRS Free File Free File is a partnership between the IRS and makers of commercial tax-preparation software participating in the IRS Free File program. Depending on your level of income, eligible taxpayers get free use of one of the following: Free File , secure, free brand-name tax preparation software that includes help with state returns **OR** Free File fillable forms. State tax preparation is not included. If your income is below \$ 69,000 you qualify to use the Free File tax preparation software.

4. Tax preparation companies’ free services Several commercial tax-preparation companies offer free, basic online versions of their software. These include TurboTax, TaxAct and H&R Block, among others. The major benefit with any free tax service is the money you save. However, these services have limitations, which vary by product. Some don’t offer free help with state returns. Free products are for simple tax situations. Before using a free product, check the company’s website to compare the free product with costs and features of the company’s paid products. You might run into hidden fees. For example, you might be charged a convenience fee if you pay your tax bill using a credit card.

5. United Way: MyFreeTaxes.com MyFreeTaxes.com is a United Way program that offers free tax help using H&R Block software. Help is free with both state and federal tax forms. Support is available in English and Spanish. Individuals or families with a combined income of under \$66,000 were eligible for free help in 2018. The limits for 2019 haven’t yet been announced.

6. More free IRS resources You can get other kinds of free help from the IRS. For example, visit a local taxpayer assistance office. Individuals can also phone the IRS for help at 800-829-1040: other numbers are available for businesses, those with hearing difficulties or other concerns. Or search online at IRS.gov for tax forms and publications. The IRS website also offers information on preparing and filing tax returns and screening and selecting a tax professional.

FILING FOR Homestead EXEMPTION









Residence Homestead Exemptions— Statutory Authority: Tax Code Chapter 11

A residence homestead exemption removes a portion of or the total amount of a property’s value from taxation for property tax purposes. Texas offers a variety of partial or total exemptions from appraised property values used to determine local taxes. Taxing units are mandated by the state to offer certain exemptions and have the option to decide locally on whether or not to offer others. You have to file an application and supporting documentation for a residence homestead exemption with the appraisal district office in each county in which the property is located.

How to know if you are eligible? The General Exemption is that you owned and occupied the property as your principal residence on January 1. Disabled Person Exemption, Age 65 or Older Exemption or the Surviving Spouse of an Individual who Qualified for 65 or Older Exemption and Disabled Veteran are some of the other exemptions you may qualify for.

For more information, visit the website: comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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PALM <i>Sunday</i>	6	7	8	9 <i>City Council Meeting</i> 6:30 PM	<i>GOOD FRIDAY</i>	11
	13	14 <i>Municipal Court</i> 3:30 & 5 PM 	15 <i>Bulk Pickup</i> Items must be out by 7 AM	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30		