

Town of Hickory Creek, Texas

# On The Lake News

Promoting pride in our history and faith in our future

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Town Council Meeting at Town Hall **December 19, 6:30 p.m.**

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## Roger Mangum Appointed as Hickory Creek Chief of Police

Roger Mangum was appointed as the Chief of Police for the Hickory Creek Police Department during the Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2006. Chief Mangum retired from the City of Euless Police Department as a Police Captain after 27 years of dedicated service to the city and its citizens. He was well respected by his subordinates, peers, and supervisors, and received several commendations and awards throughout his career with Euless. Upon his retirement, he was the Division Commander of the Uniform Patrol Division, Traffic Division, and Commander of the Tactical Response Unit (SWAT Team). Other areas of responsibility included; the Citizens Police Academy, Citizens on Patrol, Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, School Resource Officers Program, Neighborhood Police Officers/Community Policing Programs, School Crossing Guard Program, Training, and administration of the Selective Traffic Enforcement Programs obtained from the Texas Department of Transportation of which he and the City of Euless Police Department received awards for excellence in management and attainment of stated goals and objectives of the enforcement programs. He accepts his duties and responsibilities as the Chief of Police and considers it an honor and privilege to serve the Town of Hickory Creek and its residents.



Roger and his wife, Sandra, have been married 41 years, and they have 2 adult children and 5 grandchildren. They currently reside in Midlothian, Texas, with hopes of moving to this area in the future. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, and golf. His wife, Sandra, retired from the Cedar Hill Independent School District after 25 years of service to the school district.

Over the past few months, our Town Council first narrowed the selection of applicants down by thoroughly reviewing approximately 50 resumes. Interviews were then held on Oct 30, 2006 by an independent interview board. Board members consisted of three high ranking law enforcement administrators from three different law enforcement agencies from the North Texas area. Interview Board members were selected by the Texas Police Chief Association through the recommendation of the Texas Municipal League as requested by the Town of Hickory Creek.

The recommendation submitted by the interview board was unanimously in favor of Mr. Mangum for the Police Chief position.



Please send your questions, comments and suggestions to Linda Fulfer at 24 Indian Trail Hickory Creek, Texas 75065 or e-mail to [editor@hickorycreeknews.com](mailto:editor@hickorycreeknews.com)



## Economic Development Consultant – Barry Steele

Both the Economic Development Corporation and the Hickory Creek Town Council unanimously approved the hiring of Barry Steele as a consultant to assist the Economic Development Corporation in promoting and marketing The Town of Hickory Creek.

Mr. Steele comes to us highly recommended with extensive credentials and experience after being employed as Director of Economic Development by the City of Corinth. He also brings with him a multitude of relationships and accomplishments in our market trade area that will provide the potential for him to make immediate progress in bringing businesses to our town.

“Our focus will not only be on bringing new businesses in but in taking care of our existing businesses. Everybody wins when these existing businesses thrive” stated Mr. Steele.

Mr. Steele says the retail trade area study is done. He recommends we proceed with an updated leakage analysis that will identify specific business that are underserved in our area. Leakage is defined as markets where customers living in the Lake Cities area must drive to Denton or Lewisville to get that particular service. The cost of the leakage analysis would be shared by Lake Dallas and Corinth, each contributing \$2,000 of the \$6,000 fee.

Mr. Steele also recommends an interactive web site that features an up-to-date digital aerial zoning map with detailed information for all available commercial properties. The internet is known to be both the most efficient and least expensive way to market commercial properties.

Our demographics are incredibly solid with a young and affluent population” explained Mr. Steele. What this town needs is someone trained in the business of economic development and aggressively focused on our behalf.

Mr. Steele looks forward to working with us as our liaison to our land owners, existing businesses, developers and potential new businesses. His responsibilities will compliment the work of Dannenbaum Engineering who is working on our streets and town infrastructure.

Both the Town Council and the Economic Development Corporation is optimistic about the progress we will make in the near future with the assistance of Barry Steele as our Economic Development Consultant.

## COLD WEATHER TIPS FOR PETS

Marilyn Wagner  
Hickory Creek Animal Welfare Board



Winter is hard on all of us, but it can be especially difficult for pets. Remember that wind chill can drop the temperature by 20 or 30 degrees. So, if the thermometer reads 34 degrees, the wind can make it feel like zero, and a fur coat is only so much protection! Wind chill and low temperatures can lead to frostbite or hypothermia, which can be fatal.

If possible, even dogs and cats that stay outside in warm weather should be brought inside during extreme cold. This is especially important for older pets, whose bodies cannot regulate temperature as well and who may suffer from various aging conditions like arthritis.

### Shelter

If a pet must stay outside, adequate shelter should be provided. A doghouse (for cats or dogs) should be just large enough for pet to stand up and turn around. A shelter that is too large has drafts and does not hold in the pet’s body heat. The floor should be raised a few inches off the ground and covered with cedar shavings or straw, and blankets, all of which you change regularly. Moldy straw can create a variety of skin and respiratory problems, and wet blankets can make the pet very uncomfortable and lead to illness. **Make sure the shelter is not facing the wind.**

### Food and Water

Animals kept outdoors in winter will use more energy to keep their body temperature regulated. To keep them healthy, provide extra calories through a larger food supply.

Provide fresh water daily. Use plastic food and water bowls rather than metal. When the temperature is low, your pet’s tongue can stick and freeze to metal. Check the water often to make sure it hasn’t frozen over.

Our animals depend on us for protection. Help your pets stay healthy during the winter.

Happy Holidays!





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Parks Survey  
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Lake Dallas, Texas 75065



# Town of Hickory Creek Beautification

*Working with you for a more beautiful town*

In conjunction with the Town's recent beautification efforts and goals, the Mayor and the Town Council would like to ask the citizens assistance in helping to make our community a more beautiful and pleasant environment in which to live, work and visit not only during this Holiday season but year round. A few areas with which you can help are:

1. Maintaining your property free of loose trash, brush, debris, outside storage of miscellaneous items other than those intended for outside use, and high grass and weeds over 12"
2. Placing trash out only on the scheduled day of pickup in plastic or metal containers with tight fitting lids;
3. Storing trash receptacles out of public view, not on front or side yards;
4. Repairing and replacing any damaged, out of alignment fencing or missing fence boards;
5. Making sure all vehicles and boats in public view are legally licensed, inspected and operable (including those parked on the street) and parked on an improved surface;
6. Not parking trailers, boats, recreational vehicles and oversized vehicles on our streets;
7. Keeping our sidewalks free and clear of vehicles, basketball goals and other obstructions such as low hanging or encroaching trees and bushes for pedestrian traffic;
8. Keeping our street right-of-ways clear of illegal signs placed on street corners, traffic and utility poles;
9. Placing house/building numbers at least 4" tall and of a contrasting color on the structure visible to the street and alley as applicable, for our Police and Fire Departments convenience and your safety;
10. Maintaining the outside of your home and accessory structures in structurally sound condition and good repair.

As always, we are here to serve and assist you with these or any other concerns or issues you may have. Feel free to contact us at 940-497-2528 and have a wonderful, safe Holiday season.

Submitted by Amy Theriault

UTOMOTIVE DEALER



## **Arledge Suzuki Dealership Coming To Hickory Creek**

The Hickory Creek Town Council voted unanimously to approve the special use permit that will allow Richard and Peggy Arledge to proceed with plans to establish a certified Suzuki Dealership on the property where Marine Quest was previously located.

"The Suzuki dealership will not have a paint and body shop and It will close around 8:00 p.m.. Peggy and I will be involved at the dealership to ensure it is not only a successful family business but a good neighbor to the community", Richard explained.

The new dealership will bring twenty to thirty new employees to our town and approximately \$73,000 Unit Price Tax Valuation (UPTV) tax in addition to property tax.

Arledge Suzuki will be opening in January 2007. Hiring interviews will begin December 15th. Please call 972-231-8211 for an appointment.

## Childrens Lighthouse Kindergarten Students Take Field Trip to Learn About Community Helpers

On November 16<sup>th</sup> Ms. Wilson's private Kindergarten class from Childrens Lighthouse, in Hickory Creek, toured the Hickory Creek Police Department and Municipal Court, the Lake Cities Fire Department and the Lake Cities Sun. When they arrived at Hickory Creek Town Hall the children were taken into the courtroom and told all about how the court works and shown where the judge sits. They were allowed to sit in the Judge's chair and talk into the speaker system. The children seemed very interested and asked tons of questions.



Next the children were taken into the secure area of the Police Department. They were shown where the officers complete their paperwork, Sergeant Starnes' office and the Police Chief's office. During the time spent in the Police Department important procedures were discussed, such as 911 procedures, talking to strangers, and what to do if they were ever lost. Again the children were very enthused and had lots and lots of questions that were gladly answered by Sergeant Starnes.

Next, the children were taken outside and allowed to sit in a marked patrol car. A couple of the kids turned on the siren and lights. The kids also presented us with a class picture along with a Certificate of Appreciation and a box of home made cookies. The class spent approximately 45 minutes at Town Hall that day.

The visiting children's names are: Hunter Copeland, Loryn Byassee, Jade Davis, Chandler Stewart, Zachary Hout, Cole Rodgers, Auhsten Serrano, Zyon Hurd, Reagan Harper, Isabella Robertson, Logan Walker, Elizabeth Wanger, and Jacob Penny.

# WELCOME

## The Town of Hickory Creek Welcomes New Businesses to the Community.

**Around the Clock Fitness** has opened at 1037 Hickory Creek Blvd. in front of Wal-Mart. This fitness center is a 24-hour personal key club with all new equipment to begin sculpting your *New Body* in time for the *New Year*. Until this club opened, Lake Cities residents had to drive many miles to work out. Now they just need to travel several blocks to work out any time day or night. For a short period of time, the club is offering 67% off the usual enrollment fee. For information call 940/497-4300.



**Teddy Bear's Picnic**, a sweet shop and gift basket business, is open Tuesday thru Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday 6:30 a.m. to noon. Owner Sharon Selph is delighted to be bringing delicious treats to Hickory Creek. She is offering homemade cinnamon rolls and coffee for early risers. Although cookies are her specialty, she is also a baker of yummy cakes and pies. Her own recipe for gourmet popcorn is available in decorative tins for the Holidays. If you are having trouble finding that perfect gift, Sharon reminds you that all of her treats can be added to gift baskets. 635 South Denton Drive, 940/497-0398

# Lake Cities Library

## Volunteer Opportunities

Town of Hickory Creek is seeking applications for the EDC and for Library Board Representatives

Please Call Kelly D'Amato  
940-497-2528

### Volunteers - Author Unknown

**V**aluable is the work you do.  
**O**utstanding is how you always come through  
**L**oyal, sincere and full of good cheer,  
**U**ntiring in your efforts throughout the year.  
**N**otable are the contributions you make.  
**T**rustworthy in every project you take.  
**E**ager to reach your every goal.  
**E**ffective in the way you fulfill your role.  
**R**eady with a smile like a shining star,  
**S**pecial and wonderful – that's what you are!



Town Hall Christmas decorations done by Brandi Bollack, Amy Theriault, Angela Luttmer and Public Works employees. The Annual Tree Lighting is scheduled for December 9th, 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

**THANKS! THANKS! THANKS!**

## Thanks to Our Public Works Staff our 'Behind the Scenes, Keep Everything Running No Matter What' Heroes!

I have been trying to quantify what these men and women do for some time now and have decided that I may never be able to get a completed list.

These workers are everywhere doing everything all year long and I'd like to take a few minutes to attempt to describe what they do for our town and thank them for a job well-done.

Here is a list of some of the things our Public Works Department do for us. The list is growing and will never be complete.

1. Clean the streets.
2. Repair the streets and sidewalks.
3. Maintain all town vehicles and equipment.
4. Answer calls and handle complaints.
5. Pick up domestic animals, care for them and find a home for them.
6. Pick up wild animals that are causing a nuisance and relocate them.
7. Pick up dead animals and dispose of them.
8. Assist in getting cats out of trees and off roofs.
9. Mow the grass in medians, parks and at Town Hall.
10. Pull and spray weeds in medians, parks and Town Hall.
11. Pick up trash in medians, parks and Town Hall property.
12. Landscaping in medians, parks and at Town Hall.
13. Prune dead tree limbs and remove dead trees.
14. Fix or oversee repair of all utility problems.
15. Maintain fixtures and equipment for town.
16. Assist with purchasing decisions for Council, Town Administrator, boards, and employees.
17. Order and install equipment for town and parks.
18. Clean and maintain restrooms in parks.
19. Be aware of code violations and enforce ordinances
20. Plant and Water the trees in medians and parks and manage irrigation system for Town Hall property.
21. Pick up and deliver supplies and equipment as required.
22. Assist with projects requiring heavy labor such as setting up the Town Hall Christmas tree or a stage for an event.
23. Be on hand to handle problems at Town events.
24. Coordinate communication between Public Works and employees, boards, council and public citizens.
25. Assist Council and Boards and Commissions with Sound equipment for meetings.

Our Public Works team led by Public Works Director, Jeffrey McSpedden are: Ken Lowrie, Jimmy Cross, Chad Patterson, Raymona Bluebaugh, Bradley Knight, Deborah Shaklee and behind the scenes, Amy Theriault.

Submitted by Linda Fulfer



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*Tree Lighting and Refreshments at Town Hall - December 9th - 6:30 p.m.*

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**Town Hall Meetings**

Parks & Recreation Board  
1st Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Board  
1st Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Animal Welfare Board  
First Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Town Council  
3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Board of Adjustments  
3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Economic Development (4B) Corp.  
4th Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

**Other Town Meetings**

Library Board  
4th Monday at 7:00 p.m.  
at the Lake Cities Library



**Police Department**

1075 Ronald Reagan Ave.  
Hickory Creek, Texas 75065

**Police Emergency 911**

Police Department (940) 497-3520  
**24/7 No: (940) 349-1600**

**Code Enforcement**

Deborah Shaklee  
(940) 497-3520

**Animal Control**

Kenneth Lowrie  
8696 S. Stemmons Freeway  
(940) 465-7444

**Town Hall**

(940) 497-2528

**Public Works**

Jeffrey McSpedden  
8696 S. Stemmons Freeway  
(940) 497-2524

**Municipal Court at Town Hall**

1075 Ronald Reagan Ave  
Hickory Creek, Texas 75065

Questions call: (940) 497-2564  
Fax: (940) 497-0578  
Court held on 2nd Tuesday  
1:00-4:00 p.m.

**At Municipal Court Office  
At Town Hall**

(940) 497-2564  
FAX (940) 497-0578

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