



Town of Hickory Creek, Texas

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Hickory Creek Mayor Takes 1st Place!

Mayor Smith participated in the 2nd Annual Dick "Pap Pap" Hipple Tribute and Racer's Reunion featuring the Mayor Challenge Series at Texas Motor Speedway Saturday, September 23rd. Mayor Smith won 1st place!



The Mayor's Race has been a part of featured racing events at the Speedway for many years. The Mayor Challenge Series is comprised of eight mayors racing the Legend Cars and qualifying for four top finishing spots on a 1/5 mile oval, known as the Lil' Texas Motor Speedway. The final four then competed in the fifteen lap feature event. While Mayor Smith, a first time racer, was competing against Mayor racing veterans, he proved he could race with the best of them!

The event featured racing of Bandolero Cars, Thunder Roadsters and Legend Cars. The evening highlight was the 79 lap Legends Car event.

At the last town council meeting, Mayor Smith announced Hickory Creek was given 500 complimentary tickets to the event. For more information on future Legend racing events, please visit www.lonestarlegends.net.

Preliminary Plans Discussed in Road Workshop - Next Workshop to be held on October 17

With the renewal of the ¼ percent Street Maintenance Sales Tax in the recent May election, the Town of Hickory Creek will continue collecting funds for the maintenance and repair of municipal streets for the next four years. Under the state law, the tax will expire in May 2010 if not reauthorized by an election. With access to the continued sales tax, the council recently adopted a budget for 2006/2007 that includes \$750,000 for street repair and maintenance.

Recently Councilmen Rick Fengler and Randy Wahl were assigned to evaluate the roads, drainage and sidewalks of Hickory Creek. Last month a road workshop was held with an engineer, the council and citizens present. In general the following subdivisions were discussed with efforts to move forward on these areas in town.

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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

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Harbor Grove: It was in general agreement that Harbor Grove is a high priority for road improvements. The area has several major drainage concerns with most of the asphalt streets needing to be stabilized and re-paved. An engineer will evaluate this area and report back exact figures so we can determine costs. The main concern with Harbor Grove is the existing private water system in the neighborhood. Water lines running under most of the streets will have to be located & repaired during any construction of the roads. However, we look forward to proceeding with this area in the near future either with existing funds or a future bond program.

Sycamore Bend Road: We feel like this road has some life left in it. With repair of some areas now, this street should be addressed in the next several years. However, if there was a bond vote of approval this street would probably be included for repair now with the rest of the package.

Turbeville Road: This street has been placed on the October Town Council Agenda to discuss it regarding the Master Plan. Turbeville Road leads into a very rural setting and it seems it would be an overkill to make it a four lane major collector. Consensus on this street was to have it reduced on the Master Plan to a three lane road, with one lane heading west and one lane heading east. The middle lane would be all landscaping with turning lanes as needed. A walking and jogging trail could be developed on the south side to connect to the lake parks and to the east part of town. A storm drain system was discussed to collect all of the commercial runoff and direct it to the lake. This storm drain would also collect the Glenview runoff and property north of that subdivision. Turbeville would be concrete pavement.

Ellard Drive: This street is in very poor condition. Replacing the existing asphalt with concrete was recommended since the cost of concrete and asphalt are very close in price at this time.

Meadowlake: This area is small and should be also be done in the near future. We feel like some of our money in the road fund could be used at this time for areas like this. An asphalt overlay would be used for this subdivision.

Royal Oaks: Curbs need attention throughout the neighborhood. Live Oak & Royal Oaks Blvd. seem to be the first streets needing repair. This will need to be coordinated with LCMUA since water and sewer lines run throughout the area under the streets. This will be concrete pavement.

Lakewood: After driving through this neighborhood, we feel the sidewalks and curbs are in much need of repair. The asphalt pavement needs to be immediately sealed to last another three to five years. Painting of the curbs should be done throughout.

Hickory Hills: Curbs & sidewalks should be repaired. Streets should be cleaned and debris removed from street edges and cul-de-sacs. Asphalt should be sealed.

Other areas of town that needed repair were private roads and we did not look at these streets.

"I personally feel like at this time we should fix some areas with the funds we already have in the road fund. Ellard, Harbor Grove and Meadowlake and the sidewalks in other parts of the town could be done with funds we have to spend on the streets. This council is working well together and looks forward to serving the town on accomplishing future road repairs" explained Councilman Randy Wahl.

"It was determined that the town has been lacking a program for the ongoing care and upkeep of it's municipal streets" Councilman Rick Fengler added. The Public Works department was asked to create and implement two programs. The first is an annual **road maintenance program** that will cover the routine day to day minor maintenance activity such as crack sealing, pot hole repair, curb repair, spray patching, and shallow patching. The second is an **annual road repair program** that will focus on pavement rehabilitation and involves major reconstruction of the entire street surfaces.

With the \$750,000 of funds dedicated to street maintenance and repair, it is believed that several of the worst streets in town will soon be getting the much needed and long awaited reconstruction. **A second road workshop will be held in conjunction with the regular council meeting Tuesday October 17th to continue to receive feedback and concerns from residents. Please attend.**

From The Mayor's Desk

By John Smith—Mayor of Hickory Creek, Texas



As summer comes to an end, most of us are looking forward to the cool days of fall. In addition, I'm looking forward to the events our Town plans for and is involved with this time of year. Volunteering is a very important component of running a city. All positions on our boards and

council are filled with volunteers. Volunteers comprise most of our city government. There are numerous opportunities for each one of to get involved and be apart to continue to make our town a wonderful town.

The following are a couple of organizations that come to mind that would greatly benefit and appreciate help as well:

- Town of Hickory Creek Animal Shelter
- The Spirit of Christmas
- Lake Cities Methodist Food Pantry

As always, I feel very blessed to be apart of this great town. We have citizen that genuinely care and are concerned about the welfare of Hickory Creek. It is important to have positive contributors, forward thinkers and role models that will allow our town to continue to flourish. If you are one who gets involved, thank you. If you are one that hasn't found your place to volunteer, I challenge you to take the time and reap the rewards.

Hickory Creek Pet Sitters Network Members

Linda Fulfer - 214-695-2723
Two Pugs and three Spotted Puffer fish
24 Indian Trail, Hickory Creek, TX

Pat Boon - 214-213-8241
Two dogs and a cat (mixed) rescued from the shelter
111 Brier Lane, Hickory Creek, TX

Karyn Adair - kambi2004@yahoo.com
One Boxer Mix—very gentle
24 Arrowhead, Hickory Creek, TX

Please call one of these numbers to trade pet sitting duties with a pet owner in our town.

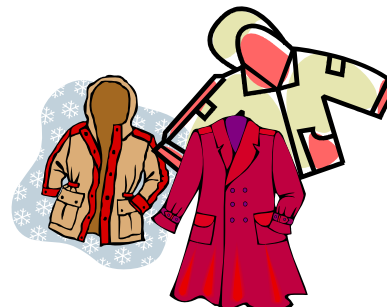
Pot Luck Dinner and Planning Meeting Held for Shelter Volunteers

Ken Lowrie, Hickory Creek Animal Control Officer, is hosting a pot luck dinner for animal shelter volunteers that have shared their resources and given their time and love to help care for the animals at the shelter.

On October 28, at 6:30 p.m. Ken will be serving up some of his home cooked Bar-B-Q (drinks included) in the council chambers of the old Town Hall at 8696 S. Stemmons Freeway. The Hickory Creek Animal Shelter is located in this building.

All animal lovers and potential volunteers are invited to bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert dish and a serving utensil to share. Members of the Hickory Creek Animal Welfare Board will be present to answer you questions.

After the meal a short planning meeting will be held to coordinate volunteer activities. If you cannot attend and are interested in making a donation, volunteering or learning more about our animal shelter please call Ken Lowrie at 940-465-7444.



Sharing That Warm Snuggly Feeling As Winter Approaches

Two local dry cleaning businesses are getting in the mood for cool weather and promoting a caring spirit in the community by taking part in the third annual coat and jacket drive to benefit needy residents of the Lake Cities area.

Daisy Cleaners in Lake Dallas and Corinth as well as Comet Cleaners in Corinth will join forces with the Lake Cities Spirit of Christmas organization to help needy families with children who may find the expense of warm winter coats and jackets a strain on their budgets.

Coats will be collected through mid November and then distributed to members of the community with a need.

For additional information on the coat drive contact Jim or Sugene May a 940-321-4807



School Board Report

The Hickory Creek Town Council has selected Eric Wiser and Andi Jeter to act as council liaisons to the Lake Dallas School Board. They will attend the school board meetings each month and provide the council with information and feedback regarding the educational and financial topics relevant to the LDISD.

The first meeting of the new school year was held August 28. Of special note, it was reported the district maintained a 0% drop-out rate for the second consecutive year. Additionally, the budget and finances for the LDISD are doing well and meeting the projections of the School Board. The new budget also included a pay raise for each of the District's teachers. Both Eric and Andi were impressed by the dedication and leadership of the School Board and the representatives of the schools. Of interest to the citizens of Hickory Creek is that there are approximately 410 Hickory Creek students enrolled in the LDISD.

Since Eric Wiser and Andi Jeter are volunteers from the Town of Hickory Creek to attend the LDISD Board meetings, they welcome your comments and/or questions regarding the School District. Please feel free to contact either Eric or Andi regarding your questions, compliments, or concerns regarding the school district. They will be happy to help put a voice to your question and address your need with the LDISD School Board. You can contact Eric Wiser at www.eric.wiser@wnco.com, or Andi Jeter at www.andijohn1@charter.net. They look forward to hearing from you.

At The Lake Cities Library

Friday, October 13th, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Silk Flower Arranging Workshop for the Holidays

Join us in learning how to create a wonderful Holiday Silk Flower Arrangement that you can give away as a gift or keep for yourself. Free basket to use in your flower arrangement when you attend.

Saturday, October 14th, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Home Town Authors

Featuring Chuck Ekleberry and his book "Out of the Knight"

A celebration of reading and book signing from our local Lake Cities Authors.

Please join us for a book signing, reading and discussion along with refreshments.

For more information about the library schedule
Contact the Lake Cities Library at 940 497 3566 Or visit www.lakecities.lib.tx.us

Lake Cities Library - 302 S. Shady Shores
Lake Dallas, TX 75065





Graduation Day for Therapy Pals of GTDOG

Saturday, September 30th was Graduation Day for the first Therapy Pals Training Class at the Hickory Creek Animal Shelter.

Harriet Tunnell, class instructor, provided four therapy training sessions including: Temperament testing, registration, Heeling, turns, halting, recall, distractions and reaction to handicap equipment. The fourth class included testing and Certificate Presentations.

Class graduates (right to left) are: Kim Gaffey and

Kadie (German Sheppard); Karyn Adair and Dale (Boxer and Airedale Terrier mix); Jerri Martin and Aimee (Yellow Labrador Retriever); Harriet Tunnell and Sam (Yorkie). Each of the Graduating Therapy Dogs received a certificate and a patch and are on the road to achieving their Canine Good Citizenship (CGC) title.

These dog owners have a reason for being involved in this program. Kim Gaffey and Kaitlyn, her daughter, experienced the positive effects of a therapy dog visit while Kaitlyn was receiving treatment for leukemia at Children's Medical Center. Jerri Martin's mother lives in a nursing home where the residences look forward to the happiness they receive from therapy dog visits. Karyn Adair is a pediatric nurse who is very familiar with the pleasure children experience when these friendly, well mannered canines come to visit.

The Dentex Golden Triangle Dog Obedience Group began in 1981. It was started by a group of enthusiasts for the purpose of promoting obedience in both competitive and non-competitive formats. GTDOG also provides obedience classes to the public in hopes of saving pet dogs from being discarded because of behavior problems.

GTDOG has created Therapy Pals under the guidance of Harriet Tunnell who organized the group for the club. This group visits nursing homes, assisted living centers, battered women's shelters for the entertainment of the patients, and may assist in a therapeutic environment under the supervision of an occupational therapist or physical therapist.

Additional classes will be scheduled in the near future. For information about Therapy Pals you may contact Harriet Tunnell at 940-320-6203.



The Lake Cities Spirit of Christmas

Fun Run

Saturday October 21, 2006



Welcome to the 15th Annual 5K Spirit Run and 2K elf Run/Walk

Registration begins at 7:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m. - 5K 8:30 a.m. - 2K

Please visit www.lcspiritofchristmas.org or Contact Jim May at 940-321-4807 or jimwmay1@aol.com for event details



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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 and 4th Tuesday
1:00-4:00 p.m.

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www.hickorycreekparks.org