

On The Lake News

Town of Hickory Creek, Texas

APRIL—JUNE 2013

Hickory Creek has been named a 2012 Tree City USA. This is the sixth year that Hickory Creek has earned this national designation. This honor is awarded by the Arbor Day Foundation and honors our commitment to effective urban forest management. Cleaner air, energy savings, and increased property values and commercial activity are among the benefits enjoyed by Tree City USA communities.



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Freedom is not free - this Memorial Day, thank a Veteran.

T.O.P.S. Competition 2013

The 2nd Annual Texas Oklahoma Patriot Shootout (TOPS) Bass Fishing Competition launches the morning of June 8 from Westlake Park on Lewisville Lake. A part of SummerFest, the competition is for our military service members, veterans, and their families -- all whom have given and endured so much for us so that we can live the way we choose.



Military warriors and veterans from Texas and Oklahoma will compete to win their state's 2013 Lewisville Lake Bass fishing bragging rights. For the competition Oklahoma and Texas soldiers will be paired with top Triton Boat pros including Gary Klein, Jeff Kriet, Bryon Velvick, Scott Dean, Cheryl Bowden, Judith Hart, Dave Parsons, Rick Loomis and many others fishing the pro circuit trails. While the soldiers are fishing, their families will enjoy fun activities at the park and throughout the day at SummerFest.

Event sponsors, Networking Warriors of America, Operation Once in a Lifetime, the US Army Corps of Engineers, Our Lands & Waters Foundation and the Town of Hickory Creek, invite everyone to join the launch event at 6:30 a.m. and then enjoy SummerFest activities along with the TOPS weigh-in and awards celebration at 1:30 p.m. Fishing pros will be available after the weigh-in for photos and autographs.

Please visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y9d1QcZUBk for video from the 2012 T.O.P.S. competition. The link to Networking Warriors of America: www.networkingwarriors.org. The link to Our Lands and Waters is www.ourlandsandwaters.com and SummerFest is <http://www.summerfestonthelake.com/>.



Many of you have asked what the ordinances are regarding the “leash law” for Hickory Creek. Basically, as long as your cat or dog is in your front yard under your direct supervision, they are free to run and play off a leash. Once your pet leaves your private property, such as the sidewalk or street, you are in violation and can be ticketed for each offense. Walking your dog and going for a visit to one of the parks also requires your dog be kept on a leash or you can be ticketed. Let’s keep our pets and each other safe!



ARTICLE 2.01 GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 2.01.001 Definitions

At large. Not completely confined by a building, wall, or fence of sufficient strength or construction to restrain the animal, except when such animal is either on a leash or held in the hands of the owner or keeper, or under direct supervision of the owner within the limits of the owner’s private property. An animal within an automobile or other vehicle of its owner shall not be deemed “running at large.”

Sec. 2.01.002 Running at large

(a) It shall be unlawful for any dog or other animal possessed, kept, or harbored, other than

a cat, to run at large as is defined in section 2.01.001.

(b) The animal control officer is authorized to impound such animals running at large, other than a cat, and may impound a cat under conditions specified in article 2.04, or when he has received a complaint that the cat has caused a nuisance or hazard to the health or welfare of the human or animal population.

(1999 Code, art. 2.600)



Hickory Creek Animal Services



NEW SHELTER HOURS
9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Mosquito Season in Texas !
see page 6





Michael LeBarre, Troop 175 in Irving, Texas, stands next to the sign that he built and installed in Point Vista Park as his Eagle Scout project. Many Eagle projects have enhanced our parks. Thank you Scouts!

Town of Hickory Creek
General Election
scheduled for
May 11, 2013
has been cancelled.

Councilmembers
Lynn Clark, Chris Gordon,
and Eric Wiser are
unopposed.

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Dana Hickey Wright Sat

Hello! You may have seen my post, but yesterday I set up a 5K fundraiser code to help raise money for the shelter. I wasn't sure if you wanted to share the info with some local businesses who support the shelter so here is the info:
If you or someone you know would like to do this 5K on June 1st, we can help raise money for Hickory Creek Animal Shelter....Go to www.fairparkurbandash.com to register and at the checkout, enter the discount code ANIMAL....You will get \$15 off race price and \$5 will be given to Hickory Creek Animal Shelter....please share and spread the word!!

Fair Park 5K Urban Dash :: June 1, 2013
www.fairparkurbandash.com

Be sure to register and run in the Fair Park Urban Dash. You get a discount and the Hickory Creek Animal Shelter gets \$5.00.

Write a reply... Reply



Why Do I Need to Register My Pet?

Registering your animal makes contacting you easier if it is lost or injured. We keep all your information in our files, which is accessible to us 24 hours a day/7 days a week.

This can save you money in the long run and registration with Hickory Creek is FREE! Not to mention yearly registration for each pet is a city ordinance and outweighs the fines imposed if not registered. Animals can be registered at Town Hall, the shelter during normal business hours, and at Corinth Vet. Please bring a copy of your current Rabies Certificate from your veterinary office for each animal.

What does the Town's Pet Ordinance Say?

Chapter 2 of the Town's Code of Ordinances outlines Animal Control issues. In part it states:

Sec. 2.03.002 Number restricted

It shall be unlawful to keep or harbor more than four dogs and/or more than four cats, six months of age or older, on any premises zoned or used, either partially or totally, for residential purposes and less than one (1) acre in area. In no event shall the aggregate number of domestic animals exceed a total of eight (8).

Sec. 2.03.031 Required

No person shall own, keep, harbor, or have custody of any dog or cat over four (4) months of age within the town's corporate limits without obtaining registration from the town.

Sec. 2.03.033 Term; renewal

If not revoked, registration for the keeping of dogs and cats shall be valid for one year from date of issue and must be renewed annually.

Sec. 2.05.001 Vaccinations required

(a) Every owner of a dog or cat four months of age or older shall have such animal vaccinated against rabies. All dogs or cats vaccinated at four months of age or older shall be revaccinated at one year of age and annually thereafter.

(b) Any person moving into the town from a location outside of the town shall comply with this article within ten (10) days after having moved into the town. If the dog or cat has inflicted a bite on any person, or another animal, within the last ten (10) days, the owner of said dog or cat shall report such fact to the veterinarian, and no rabies vaccine shall be administered until after the 10-day observation period.

Turbeville Road on Schedule if Weather Cooperates

Director of Public Works Jeffrey McSpedden has reported that Turbeville Road is scheduled to be re-opened by the end of May, weather permitting. The contractor must have completed his part of the project, and the punch list must be satisfied. Please use caution around the construction areas and keep an eye out for workers. If you have any questions, or want to voice any concerns, call Public Works at 469-576-5094.



"The building code doesn't allow a LEGO chimney on a Lincoln Log cabin."

Honey Dos and Home Repairs



It's the time of the year that many Hickory Creek residents have started rebuilding, remodeling and repairing various projects around the home. While many of these projects are simple homeowner tasks, not many are aware that a permit is often required prior to construction. Whether erecting or repairing a fence, constructing that new storage building, trimming trees, reroofing the house, pouring concrete for a new patio or, if you are one of the lucky few installing a new pool, applying for a permit is a vital part of the process. Obtaining a permit sets in to motion a series of inspections that will ensure you have a safe and code compliant project while also keeping our town a great place to live.

If you have any questions concerning permits or any type of construction project, please contact Hickory Creek Town Hall at 940/497-2528.

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The Town of Hickory Creek requires all homes and businesses with alarm systems to register with the town annually for a permit.

Residential permits must be recorded in January of each year . Addresses

found without a permit for their alarm will receive citations.

Contact Town Hall for an application or more information.





West Nile Virus In Texas

West Nile virus is a mosquito-borne illness. Up to 80 percent of people infected with West Nile virus will have no symptoms and will recover on their own, however, some cases can cause serious illness or death.

People over 50 and those with weakened immune systems are at a higher risk of becoming ill if they become infected with the virus.

Your best defense is to practice these four habits:

1. Use an approved insect repellent every time you go outside. Approved repellents are those that contain DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Follow the instructions on the label.
2. Regularly drain standing water, including water that collects in empty cans, tires, buckets, clogged rain gutters and saucers under potted plants. Mosquitoes breed in stagnant water.
3. Wear long sleeves and pants at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.
4. Use air conditioning or make sure there are screens on all doors and windows to keep mosquitoes from entering the home.

To learn more about West Nile virus, visit the Texas Department of State Health Services website at www.dshs.state.tx.us and the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/.



Still Napping—Still Growing !

A logo for Hickory Creek Animal Services. It features a stylized outline of a dog's head and a cat's head. The text "Hickory Creek Animal Services" is written to the right of the dog's head.

NEW SHELTER HOURS
9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Support our local Merchants— Eat, Shop and Play in Hickory Creek

Fresh Start for COPS

The Town of Hickory Creek is considering a restart of the Citizens on Patrol, "COPS", program. The mission of the program is to assist the Hickory Creek Police Department and the community by patrolling the streets, neighborhoods, businesses, and parks in an effort to recognize suspicious activity, assist on-duty officers, prevent crimes, establish a rapport with the citizens of Hickory Creek, and recruit and train COP volunteers.

COP objectives include: deter crime with highly visible patrol and observation, perform duties that enable officers to concentrate on higher priority duties, and provide extra eyes and ears for the police to help maintain a safe and crime free environment within the community. COP members are not peace officers but are non-confrontational volunteers who partner with the police department to keep Hickory Creek a safe and desirable place to live and work.

COP duties can include, patrolling neighborhoods, parks, business areas, traffic control, vacation watch, event security, reporting suspicious persons or activity, crime scene perimeter control, motorist assist, nuisance abatement, etc. Qualifications include; you must be 21 years of age, have or obtain a valid Texas drivers license, no felony convictions, must pass a background check and be willing to volunteer at least 4 hours per week.

The Hickory Creek Police Department will provide training on a weeknight schedule for a minimum of 20 hours. Shirts, caps, flashlights, paperwork, on the job instructions, and transportation will also be provided. Previous COP members will be required to have a refresher course should they choose to return.

Should you wish to join this special group of volunteers, please contact Judith Bryan at 940-497-2528 with your contact information. When a sufficient number of volunteers have expressed interest, the Police Department will contact you for an initial meeting and plan a training schedule. As we all know, the town is growing and as citizen volunteers we need to do our part in preventing crime.

Animal Welfare Board to Transition

Back in the day when the old Town Hall and animal shelter were on the I-35 access road, things needed to change. Conditions were cramped and the animals had to endure some very cold days and nights, as well some long hot summers. As a result, a group of dedicated citizens joined together and formed the Hickory Creek Animal Welfare Board (AWB). The goal of the AWB was to ensure the welfare of our animals, advocate for a new shelter, increase adoptions and make policy recommendations.

The AWB persevered over the years and in April 2010 achieved their ultimate goal. The Town was able to fund a new shelter after the sale of the old town hall property and the rest is history. The Hickory Creek community and all of our animals owe a great deal of gratitude and admiration to those dedicated individuals. The shelter is thriving and is among the nicest and cleanest in North Texas. Daily activity numbers have increased, adoptions are up with a myriad of activities taking place in an effort to provide care and secure adoptions.

The non-certified AWB will now transition to an all volunteer network. Volunteers will be given the opportunity to work with the animals at the shelter, assist with events such as vaccinations, micro chipping, education programs, adoption fairs and other fund raising events. Animal Services will offer a new website, Hickory Creek Animal Shelter, which will allow citizens to view the adoptable animals, be advised of event dates and offer comments and any concerns.

Councilmember Richard DuPree will continue as the Animal Welfare Liaison and Animal Control Officer K. C. Epperson will serve as volunteer coordinator. The shelter is currently seeking more volunteers, regardless of how much time they are able to give in this effort. Should you be interested, feel free to contact K. C. Epperson at 940-465-7444 or Richard DuPree at 940-321-2856. Once again, a huge thank you to all the board members and volunteers, past and present, for their outstanding achievements in animal welfare.

Emylee Herring—Hickory Creek

Hickory Creek has a star in the making. 12 year old Emylee Herring will have her first song called “The Way” played on 106.1 Kiss FM starting Monday, April 15th. The song is part of a micro music (1 minute musical performance) competition highlighting local young artist from BHMUSICstudios. 13 young artist have written and recorded original songs that will play on 106.1 Kiss FM starting April 15th and continuing through May 4th. You will be able to vote online for the best micro music song you hear at www.micromusicsong.com. This contest is being sponsored by www.bhmusicstudios.com.

Emylee comes from a musical family. Her mother Angela has been singing with the Dallas Symphony Chorus since 1998 and has performed in Europe and several times in Carnegie Hall in New York. In 2000, 5 days before Emylee was born, Angela was singing the Mahler 8 with the Dallas Symphony. Even in the womb, Emylee has been surrounded by music.

Emylee started singing when she was 18 months old. She could sing her ABCs on pitch and accurately as a baby. In the last year, she has learned to play the guitar and she can sing and play quite well. Emylee has lived in the Lake Cities Community since she was born. She has participated in the annual children’s Christmas choir performances and also performs in the Lake Dallas Middle School choir. Emylee is also a cheerleader. She began cheering with the Lake Cities Football and Cheerleading Association in 2006 and continued through 2011. She is currently a cheerleader at Lake Dallas Middle School and Thunder Extreme in Denton.

Emylee has persevered and continued to do the things she loves even through some unexpected illnesses. In 2008, she had her first grand mal seizure. After being tested at Children’s Medical Center, it was determined that she was having constant petit mal seizures when she sleeps, but she has not had another grand mal seizure since.

In 2011, the school nurse at Lake Dallas Middle School noticed Emylee had a rib hump in her back. The nurse was performing regular screenings for scoliosis. After seeing the doctor, the doctors diagnosed her with sever Scoliosis that needed surgery as soon as possible. Emylee’s scoliosis was an S shaped curve. Her upper curve was a 65 degree curve and the lower curve was a 55 degree curve. Emylee had major back surgery in June 2012 to correct the scoliosis. After a 9 hour surgery, she had 22 titanium rods and screws in her back. She was also an inch and a half taller. Her surgeon, Dr. Isador Lieberman at the Texas Back Institute in Plano, used robotics to perform the surgery. This significantly reduced the potential for nerve damage or further complications. She has done so well after the surgery that Texas Health Resources has used Emylee’s story in their marketing campaign. You may see her ad in kiosk at Stonebriar Mall in Frisco.





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straight for a reason.

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Reminder!

A FEW QUICK REMINDERS FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT:

- ◆ With the recent rains, grass and weeds are flourishing. Please remember to cut them before they get to 12 inches tall.
- ◆ Waste Management picks up on Thursdays. Containers and other trash may be placed on the curb no earlier than 6 pm Wednesday and all containers must be put away by 8 am Friday.
- ◆ Boats, trailers, recreational vehicles, buses, etc. may not be parked on the public street and, when parked in driveways, may not extend over the sidewalk or into the street.
- ◆ Vehicles may not be parked in the same location on a public street for longer than 72 hours. Vehicles parked in the street must also have current registration and inspection stickers and have all equipment needed to operate legally on the street.
- ◆ All vehicles in Arrowhead, Point Vista and Sycamore Bend parks must display a valid parking pass. Passes may be purchased from the kiosk at the park entrance or annual passes are available at Town Hall.

There will be no Hazardous Waste Pick up Day this year in the Town of Hickory Creek.



Spring is the perfect time to go through your household and get rid of unwanted items. The term “occasional sale” refers to all sales of used household or personal items at the seller’s residence and includes garage, rummage, estate, yard, etc sales.

If you want to hold a sale there are a few things to remember:

- A permit is required. Permit applications are available on-line at www.hickorycreek-tx.gov/permits or at the Building Department in Town Hall. The current permit fee is \$5.00.
- Only 2 sales may be held at an address per year. (Sorry, the state considers it a business if more than 2 sales are held and requires that sales tax be paid.)
- The only items that can be sold are the used personal property of the residents holding the sale. Items purchased for resale or made specifically to be sold at an occasional sale are prohibited. (Sorry again, the state requires that taxes be paid on those items.)
- The sale may last for 3 consecutive days only and may open at sunrise.
- A total of 5 sale signs may be placed out. Signs may be no larger than 4 square feet and posted using a wood or metal spike in the ground. They must be placed on private property and have the permit number on the bottom right corner. Any signs found on public right-of-ways, attached to any other signs, posts, poles or that do not have a valid permit number will be removed.
- Signs must display the address, dates and times of the sale.
- Signs may be placed out 24 hours before the sale starts and all signs and sale items need to be picked back up the morning after it closes.

If you have any questions about how to have an occasional sale, please contact Code Enforcement at 940/497-2528 or pick up a copy of the Occasional Sale Brochure at Town Hall.



left: Hickory Creek Sportsman of the Year 2012 Megan Steider and Graysen Schantz

below: Hickory Creek Scholars of the Year 2012 Alexa Duysak and McKenzie Harrison



below: Hickory Creek Employee of the Year 2012 KC Epperson



Hickory Creek Business of Year 2012 Rave Motion Pictures, William Morrow, General Manager accepting the award, below



Hickory Creek Citizen of the Year 2012: Tom Bont, right



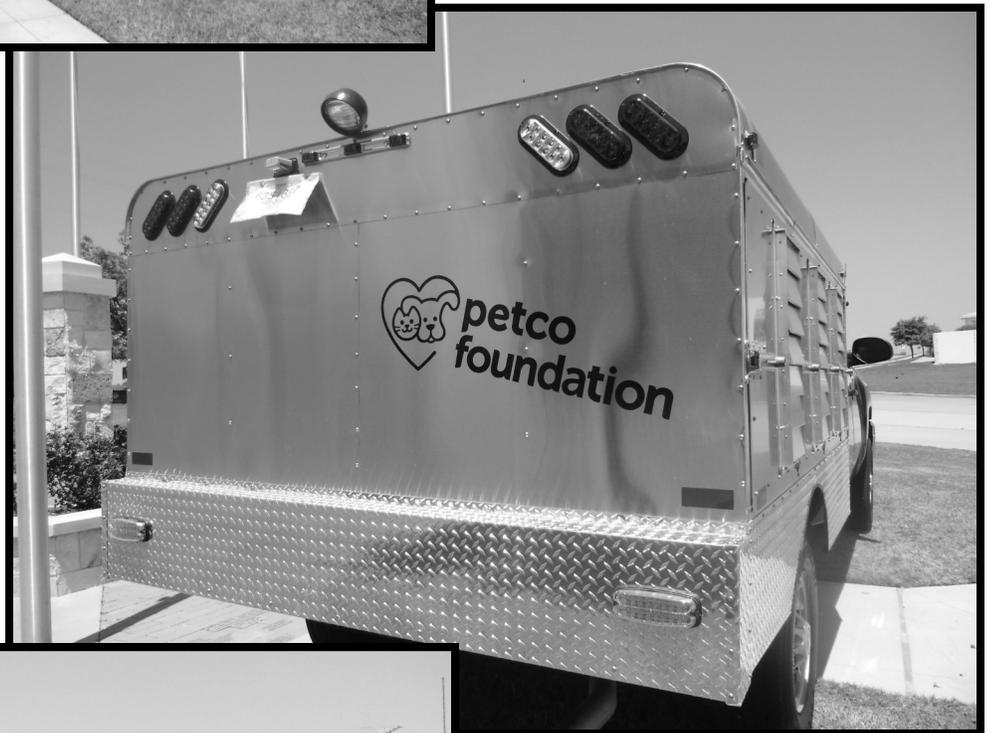


The Town of Hickory Creek is the proud owner of a brand new truck for the use of Animal Services. The old truck was in use for many years and ready for retirement. ASO KC Epperson wrote a grant request and the town was awarded a \$25,000.00 grant from the Petco Foundation. Congratulations to Officer Epperson for her great work with the grant.

Officer Epperson and the town partner with Petco for many adoption events and our felines stay at Petco frequently to better their chances of finding their forever home.

In 2012, the Petco Foundation surpassed \$100 million in funds raised for companion animals since the organization was created.

To learn more, visit www.petcofoundation.org





Traffic Safety Tip From Your Municipal Court:

Aggressive Driving



If you've ever been passed on the wrong side, tailgated, cut off or hemmed in by another vehicle, you've been the victim of an aggressive driver. Drivers may be fined up to \$200 for each moving violation associated with aggressive driving and could spend time in jail.

Avoid Becoming an Aggressive Driver

- Keep your emotions in check. Don't take your frustrations out on other drivers.
- Plan ahead and allow enough time for delays.
- Focus on your own driving. Yelling, pounding on the steering wheel and honking your horn won't make traffic move any faster.

How to Avoid Danger

- First, be a cautious, considerate driver. Avoid creating a situation that may provoke another motorist.
- Don't tailgate or flash your lights at another driver.
- If you're in the left lane and someone wants to pass, move over and let the driver pass you.
- Use your horn sparingly.
- Second, if you do encounter an angry driver, don't make matters worse by triggering a confrontation.
- Avoid eye contact.
- Steer clear and give angry drivers plenty of room.
- Don't make inappropriate hand or facial gestures.
- If you're concerned for your safety, call 9-1-1.



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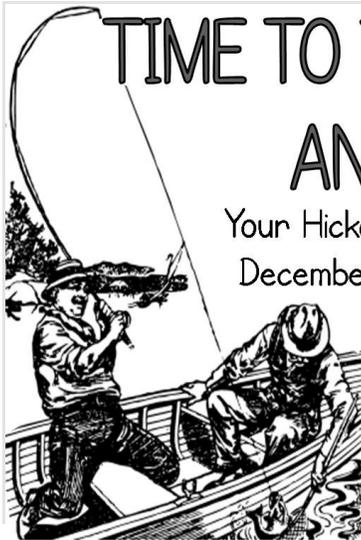
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Overheating can kill an animal. Never leave an animal alone in a vehicle, since even with the windows open, a parked car, truck or van can quickly become a furnace. Parking in shade offers little protection, as the sun shifts during the day. When traveling, carry a gallon thermos filled with fresh, cold water. Don't force your animal to exercise after a meal in hot, humid weather. Always exercise him or her in the cool of the early morning or evening.

There are many pets looking for good homes. Please consider opening your home and your heart.

www.petfinder.com



TIME TO RENEW YOUR ANNUAL PASSES

Your Hickory Creek Park Pass expires on December 31st of each year. To avoid citations, check the date on your pass then come by Town Hall or visit one of the park kiosks to renew your Boat or Day Use pass.



NEWS FROM YOUR HICKORY CREEK PARKS

The Parks and Recreation Board announce that new playground equipment will be installed in the near future at Point Vista and Sycamore Bend Parks. Funded by the Hickory Creek Economic Development Corporation, these play structures will attract boaters, fishermen, and neighborhood kids to the parks and are rated from 2 to 12 years of age. After installation, all Hickory Creek Parks will have playground equipment.

Plans are also in the works to add a pavilion to Sycamore Bend Park for use by park visitors. That should be complete by the end of next year.



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Town Council—3rd Tuesday @ 6:30 PM
Economic Development Corporation—4th Thursday @7PM
www.hickorycreekEDC.com



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