On The Lake News

Town of Hickory Creek, Texas

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Dear Fellow Citizens,

I am pleased to announce the Town of Hickory Creek has received a successful audit by Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn & Seay. Each year, the town's financial statements of the government activities and all accounting activity are audited to ensure compliance contained in the Government Auditing Standard issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The following statements below can found in the 2013 Town of Hickory Creek Financial Statements and Accountants' Opinion:

Financial Highlights

The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the Town of Hickory Creek exceeded its liabilities at September 30, 2013 by $7,110,087. Of this amount, $1,986,744 may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

The town's total net position increased by $537,285.

As of September 30, 2013, the Town of Hickory Creek's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balance of $3,481,560, a decrease of $228,845 in comparison with the beginning of the period. Approximately 60 percent of this total amount, $2,086,353, is available for spending at the government's discretion (unassigned fund balance).

At the end of the current period, unassigned fund balance for the general fund was $2,086,353 or 66.4 percent of total general fund expenditures.

Economic Factors

Due to conservative financial management principles, preparation of the 2013-2014 fiscal year budget did not require an increase in the town's property tax rate for the upcoming year. For the upcoming fiscal year of 2013-2014, the town council elected to adopt the effective rate of 0.416882 per $100 of assessed value. This is a reduction in the property tax rate from the previous year of 0.424287 per$100 of assessed value. This was in direct relationship to the town's administration and the council's very conservative approach to managing the town's resources and expenditures.

During the 2012-2013 fiscal year, the town, along with the parks & recreation board, completed several new projects to upgrade and improve the town's existing parks. The town completed road improvements, sidewalk improvements, and made significant progress in addressing and improving storm water drainage issues throughout the town. Significant progress was made in 2012-2013 attracting new residential development as well as business interests. The town has several new residential developments including; Enclave, Steeplechase I, Steeplechase II, and Water View, underway and an apartment complex, Mansions at Hickory Creek under construction and scheduled for completion in the spring of 2014.

For the 2013-2014 budget years, the town will continue to work toward improving streets, sidewalks, and public parks throughout the town. In addition, the town will continue working with residential developers on planned residential development projects which have received prior approval of the planning & zoning board, as well as the town council.

With that said, myself, your town council, all volunteers, and the town administration will continue to work hard for the citizens of Hickory Creek. As money is important to all of us, I am pleased to report that the town will continue to maintain our current tax rate in 2014. Hickory Creek remains one of the lowest tax rates in Denton County. 2014 will be a fantastic year for our town!

Mayor John M. Smith, Jr.

Early Voting begins February 18, 2014 . Go to www.votedenton.com for more information.

Mayor John Smith at the ground breaking for the widening of FM2181 held recently at 2181 and Parkridge in Hickory Creek.

HICKORY CREEK
ON THE LAKE

Dear Hickory Creek family—make your voice heard:

One of the primary functions your Hickory Creek Economic Development Corporation performs is to promote our town to the outside world.

With the recent increase in homebuilding and strong uptick in economic activity, the Town Council and EDC agreed that this is the right time to reevaluate the message our Hickory Creek "branding" communicates to those on the outside. This is an investment in the future. For this reason, the EDC directors have set aside a portion of their annual budget specifically for this purpose.

Therefore, we invite you to participate by answering a ten-question, online survey that can impact our town's quality of life for years to come—a crucial first-step in an initiative designed to differentiate Hickory Creek in the highly competitive DFW market.

Understanding your wishes is a critical part of making certain that we attract the products and services we all want, as well as help to bring in newcomers who, like us, will enjoy our Hickory Creek community.

We are grateful for your input into the future of this little piece of heaven on the lake we call home. Please invite your friends and neighbors to help, too.

Visit **RebrandHickoryCreek.com** today!

Sincerely,

Town of Hickory Creek Mayor John Smith
The Hickory Creek Town Council
Hickory Creek Economic Development Corporation

got opinions?

Then, share them! This is your home, your future, your brand. Take the 5-minute survey at:

RebrandHickoryCreek.com

SURVEY ENDS 23 MARCH 2014

TOYS FOR TOTS

Thank you Hickory Creek residents and businesses ! As you can see in the picture, hearts and wallets were opened and the result was a bonus for the children of Denton County.
This year Toys for Tots accepted a record number of toys for children in need of Christmas cheer.
We thank you for your generosity.

Does your beautiful baby ride in a car seat? Of course they do ! Do you ever wonder if it is installed correctly and that your baby is as safe as you can make him? Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Denton holds Car Seat Inspection for free the first Saturday of every month in the hospital parking lot from 10AM-2 PM. Please call 1-877-THR-WELL (1-877-847-9355) to schedule your car seat check. For more information: www.texashealth.org/carseat.

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WHAT EVERY TEXAN SHOULD KNOW ABOUT OUR

STATE WATER PLAN

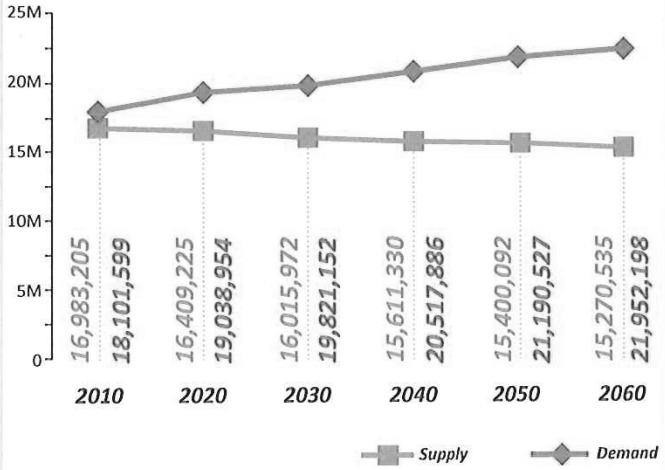
We have a State Water Plan

In 1997, the Texas Legislature adopted a consensus-driven water planning process. Our water planning process has received praise nationwide and is considered by many to be the model for successful, locally-driven state water planning efforts.

If we fail to implement our State Water Plan, by 2060, 50% of Texans will lack a sufficient water supply during severe drought conditions.

Projected water demand and existing supplies in acre-feet per year

(1 acre-foot = 325,851 gallons)



If we fail to implement the State Water Plan, the cost of inaction is severe

While our State Water Plan is essential to public health and the success of our economy, we have not fully implemented the plan – a move that requires state financing. If we fail to implement the plan, by 2060, half of Texans will not have enough water during certain drought conditions. Drought conditions cost Texas businesses and workers billions of dollars in lost income every year. If Texas does not implement the State Water Plan, those losses could grow to $116 billion annually.

Your State Water Plan was designed by local, community representatives

Driven by local concerns and local decisions, Texas' water planning process is a bottom-up, locally driven model. The state is divided into 16 regional water planning groups. Each group is comprised of public and private interests, including Texans representing public health, economic development, agriculture, local government, ground and surface water management and power generation. Each planning group evaluates population projections, water demand projections, and other factors to identify Texans who will not have enough water during times of drought. The groups are also responsible for recommending strategies and projects that could be implemented to obtain more water.

Once the planning groups adopt their respective regional water plans, those plans are sent to the Texas Water Development Board for approval. The board then uses information from the regional water plans and other sources to develop the State Water Plan. Because our water planning process was designed to be adaptive, regional water planning groups are required to update local plans every five years in order to respond to changing conditions.

Failure to meet our water supply needs could result in a reduction in income of nearly $116 billion annually by 2060, with over a million lost jobs.

http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/wrpi/swp/swp.asp

Our State Water Plan, Water for Texas 2012, is a nationally acclaimed approach to drought preparedness and meeting Texans' future water needs.

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Investing in our State Water Plan supports water management tools that work

The water management strategies identified in the State Water Plan include the following proven tools:

Conservation

- Efficiency of use and decreased demand on existing supplies
- Savings from every sector, including municipal, agricultural, energy production, manufacturing, mining and more

Surface Water

- Connection to existing supplies via pipelines and other tools
- Building and expanding water treatment plants
- Stream diversions
- Reservoirs

Groundwater

- New wells
- Aquifer management

Reuse

- Treated wastewater for irrigation

Treatment of Brackish Water

Desalinization

Conjunctive Use of Surface and Groundwater

To learn which of these tools is recommended for your community's unique water needs, please visit http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/publications/state_water_plan/2012/02.pdf

Contact us

For additional information regarding opportunities to support the coalition, or to schedule a presentation regarding our efforts, please contact us by emailing info@h2o4texas.org. You may also contact the coalition's executive director, Heather Harward, at 512-826-7490, or via e-mail at heather@texaswaterplan.org

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The benefits of implementing our State Water Plan are clear

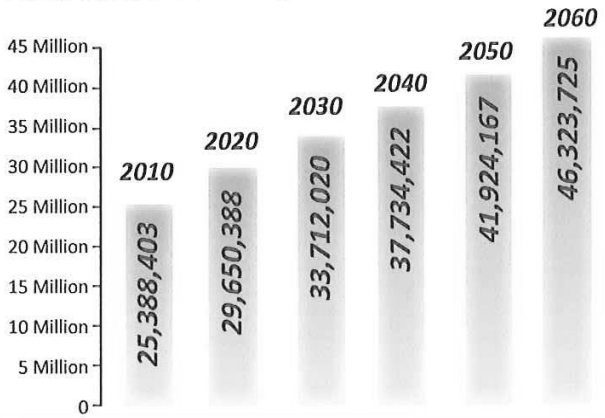
Ensuring that we have an adequate supply of clean, affordable water protects public health and the economy. It is estimated that every one billion dollars in financial assistance provided for state water plan projects will generate $1.75 billion in sales revenues, create $888.8 million in state gross domestic product, add $43.9 million in state and local tax receipts, and create or support nearly 13,077 jobs across the state.

Water is not cheap

Our state's regional water planning groups are also charged with estimating the cost of implementing their recommended projects and strategies. To implement the State Water Plan, the regional water planning groups estimate that the total capital costs will be about $53.1 billion over the next 50 years. Based on surveys conducted as part of the planning process, local jurisdictions indicate that a significant part of the total costs can be borne by local sponsors. However, the local jurisdictions identified specific funding needs best suited for state financing. As of 2011, the need for state financing to fully implement the State Water Plan is approximately $29.1 billion over the next 50 years.

Projected Texas population growth

The population in Texas is expected to increase 82 percent between the years 2010 and 2060, growing from 25.4 million to 46.3 million people. We do not have enough existing water supplies to meet the water demands of those 46 million Texans during times of drought.



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Hickory Creek Animal Shelter

Fundraiser

Cook Books $20

Help Support

The Hickory Creek Shelter Animals!

Great gift idea!

Recipes for People

& Pets too!

Available at Town Hall, the Animal Shelter or contact 940/465-7444 for more information.

DENTON COUNTY BOATERS!!
ZEBRA MUSSELS ARE NOT YOUR FRIENDS!!!

Starting in 2014, TPWD rules require that you drain all water from your vessel when leaving a Denton County lake. This applies to ALL types of watercraft. For complete information go to www/texasinvasives.org/.

There are also new rules for the transport of live bait and fish.

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Traffic Safety Tip From Your Municipal Court:

Safety Tips - Work Zones

Each year in Texas, there are approximately 15,000 crashes and more than 100 people killed in highway construction and maintenance zones.

The two leading causes of work zone crashes are excessive speed and the failure to remain alert while driving. As a result, one in three work zone crashes is a rear-end collision.

Driver Safety

At any one time, there can be more than 1,000 Texas highway work zones in operation. With so much construction, motorists frequently encounter work zones.

Please keep the following tips in mind when driving through work zones:

- Slow down and always follow posted work zone speed limits. Speeding is one of the major causes of work zone crashes. Remember, traffic fines double in work zones.
- Pay attention. Workers and heavy equipment may only be a few feet from passing vehicles.
- Be patient. Delays from highway construction can be frustrating, but it only takes a few extra minutes to slow down for a work zone.
- Plan ahead. Leave a few minutes early when traveling through a work zone in order to reach your destination on time.

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