



Lakeside News

February-May 2015 Edition

From the Mayor's Desk

Dear Hickory Creek Citizens,

The Town of Hickory Creek has once again received excellent news regarding the 2014 fiscal year audit conducted by Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn, & Seay, Certified Public Accountants. During the January 2015 council meeting, Carl Deaton reviewed the results of the town's financial standings with the primary purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that comprise the Town of Hickory Creek. Below are the highlights he presented:



- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the Town of Hickory Creek exceed its liabilities at September 30, 2014 by \$7,477,531. Of this amount, \$1,799,118 may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The town's total net position increased by \$367,444.
- As of September 30, 2014, the Town of Hickory Creek's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$3,014,139, a decrease of \$467,421 in comparison with the beginning of the period. Approximately 63 percent of this total amount, \$1,896,292, 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 \$1,896,292 or 53.7 percent of total general fund expenditures.

In 2014, general fund expenditures were \$387,923 higher than the previous year, an increase of 12.3%, due primarily to the purchase of land for future recreational use and a drainage easement. However, the net result was a decrease of only \$87,178 in our overall fund balance. The town saw a decrease in sales tax revenue in part due to the expansion of Swisher Road and I-35. Our town maintains a healthy fund balance, which gives us the ability to pay cash instead of financing certain expenditures and provides stability during economic ups and downs caused by uncontrollable variables. Today, we have in excess of six months operating expenses in unreserved funds thanks to your town council and staff, who have done a great job managing the town's resources.

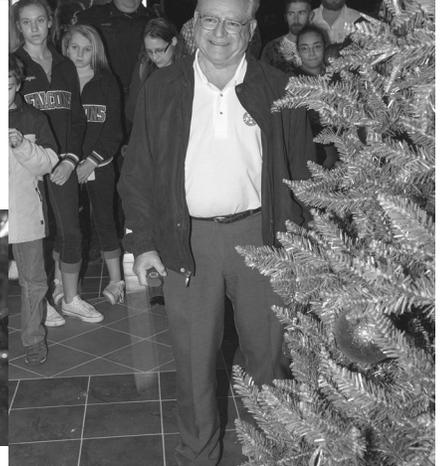
Hickory Creek has been blessed with continued economic growth and a town council /town administration that cares about the future of our town. We have the best employees looking out for our bottom line. I look forward to working with the council to keep our tax rate one of the lowest in Denton County.

So what can we look forward to in 2015? The new developments currently under construction will bring new citizens to our community. Several road projects are planned including the reconstruction of Main Street from Lake Dallas to the entrance of Westlake Park, and the continuation of Point Vista Road from Ronald Reagan Avenue to Parkridge. These projects will be completed with funds allocated by the Denton County Commissioners Court. The town council will study the needs of our growing town and explore the possibility of a bond election for neighborhood street improvements, recreational facilities and other needs that may be identified.

The town council and I are excited about 2015 and the work ahead of us ensuring "our town" remains one of the best places to live in Texas!



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Chief's Corner
February 5, 2015

As many of you know, Town Administrator/Chief of Police Roger Mangum has left us in favor of retirement as of New Year's Day. I am Lieutenant Carey Dunn, and it is my honor to have been appointed as Interim Chief of the Hickory Creek Police Department. I have proudly served alongside the men and women of HCPD since 2003 and have never looked back.

The Hickory Creek Police Department has always strived to represent excellence. We have worked hard to earn and maintain the community's trust and respect by providing quality, caring law enforcement services. We are committed to continue to better ourselves, our community, and our profession by our actions and attitudes. HCPD Officers are dedicated professionals, and I am proud to represent each and every one of them.

One of many challenges facing modern law enforcement is obtaining and maintaining productive, efficient communication and interaction between law enforcement and the citizens they serve. Many recent events in our great nation have put an exclamation point on the need for improved and continued community relations. The events in Missouri, New York, Florida, and popping up everywhere across the country has put a spotlight on police practices and strained relationships between citizen and officer.

As such, it is my intention while serving as your Chief to focus my energies on building a strong network of communication and interaction with you, the citizens, business owners, employees and consumers that live, work or shop here, and to really hear your input. Police Officers today can no longer simply have a reactive response to situations, with their only interaction with the community being when an incident has occurred. My first major policy initiative is called Citizen 2 Police. It asks officers to randomly stop and introduce themselves to you, gather any concerns, complaints or comments you may present, and respond accordingly. Do not be alarmed if officers stop and speak with you at random, perhaps while playing with your kids in the yard, participating in commerce at a business, or while walking down the street. In this way, we will begin to implement a proactive policing model, and the community and police can work together to resolve and prevent situations from developing in the first place.

Please feel free to contact me with any feedback that you may have. You are the best eyes and ears the department could have, and we want to know what you are seeing, good or bad. My direct office phone number is (940) 497-3520 ext 254. My email address is carey.dunn@hickorycreek-tx.gov. Or feel free to stop by the office and talk with me face to face if you choose. Thank you for putting your trust in your local officers and allowing us the privilege of serving this community!

Volunteers Honored

On Saturday, January 10, the Town Council held a dinner at Genti's Italian Restaurant to honor our town volunteers. Over sixty citizens from various boards and members of Citizens on Patrol attended the dinner, where Mayor Smith highlighted the growth and changes over the past year. He noted the excellent financial position of the town, mentioned several new neighborhoods that have been approved, improved roads in several areas of town, and some recent land purchases for additional park land and a potential town center.

Our town is full of dedicated volunteers who give generously of their time and talents, and who have contributed in various ways to the success of Hickory Creek. As a "thank you" gift, each volunteer was given a shirt & jacket with the new town logo, which was the result of a recent branding project completed by the Economic Development Corporation.

Again, we say "thank you" to all of our wonderful volunteers in Hickory Creek!



NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS! HICKORY CREEK C.O.P. S!

Citizens On Patrol needs YOUR HELP!

The Hickory Creek Police Department Citizens On Patrol program is now accepting applications. Come get started now! (Must be 21+)



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Gain knowledge and experience unlike anything you've had before!

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HICKORY CREEK POLICE DEPT.

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Contact Lt. Carey Dunn
for details.

<http://www.hickorycreek-tx.gov/police>



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Hickory Creek Police Department

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Voluntary Compliance Period

February 20th through March 6th, 2015

Monday – Thursday / 7:30am to 5:30pm
Friday / 7:30am to 12:00pm

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New Fire Pit at Sycamore Bend Park

Built by Seth Terry
14 year-old Freshman at Lewisville High School.
Son of Cynthia Terry & the late Phillip Terry.
Troop 424—Lake Dallas, TX



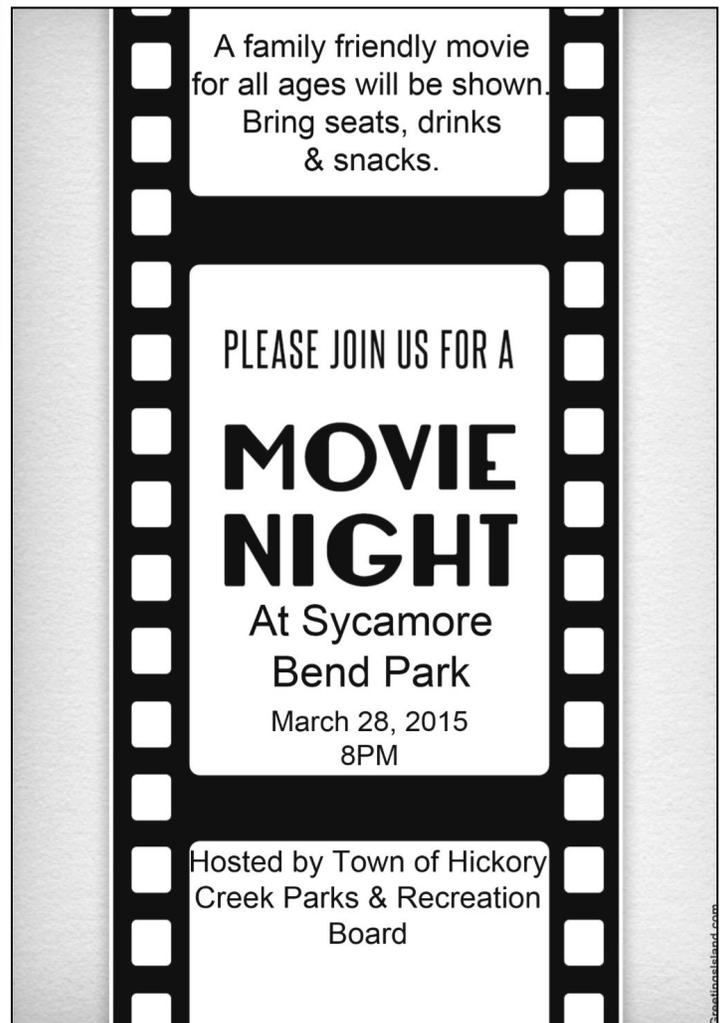
Friend of the Park

The Parks & Recreation Board is looking for board members. Volunteer to be on our board and help us continue to create new ideas for our parks.



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.



A family friendly movie for all ages will be shown. Bring seats, drinks & snacks.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

MOVIE NIGHT

At Sycamore Bend Park

March 28, 2015
8PM

Hosted by Town of Hickory Creek Parks & Recreation Board

CreationStation.com

The pavilion at Sycamore Bend & Arrowhead Park are available for rental.



Contact Town Hall at (940)497-2528 for information.



It's Time to Play!!!

Tired of being stuck inside? That winter pallor getting you down? Visit Arrowhead, Point Vista and Sycamore Bend Parks for some fishing and boating fun or stop by one of Hickory Creek's public playgrounds.

Public playgrounds are located in all three lakeside parks as well as at the end of Harbor Lane beside Lake Lewisville in Harbor Grove, at the corner of Tanglewood and Robins Nest in Lakewood Garden. All of these parks offer slides, and climbing equipment. Tanglewood Park also has swings, spring toys for small children and a basketball court. Harbor Lane Park includes a "merry-go-round", swings, grills, picnic tables and a great view over the lake. Point Vista Park and Arrowhead Park have boat ramps, picnic tables and floating docks. Sycamore Bend Park



offers a boat ramp, picnic areas, and a primitive camping area. Use fees for both Day Use and Boat Launches are required at Arrowhead, Point Vista and Sycamore Bend parks. The pavilions at Arrowhead and Sycamore Bend Parks can be reserved for events. Dogs are welcome in all of Hickory Creek's parks but must remain on a leash at all times.

Parents are reminded that kids should have as much fun as possible but adult supervision is needed when children are on the playground. Our playgrounds are intended for users between the ages of 2 to 12 years old, however, only pre-school children between 2 and 5 should be using the animal spring toys at Tanglewood Park and the tot swings. Parents should look over the park area before play to ensure that no hazards, such as litter and broken glass, exist and monitor the play of their children. Little ones may think that they can keep up with and do the same things as big brother or sister but may not have the necessary physical abilities. Inadequate adult supervision and falls from equipment are the most common reasons for playground injuries. The town inspects on a regular basis to ensure that the park areas and the play equipment are properly maintained, but please remember that the use of all Hickory Creek playground equipment, park areas, and the waterways of Lake Lewisville is at the user's own risk.



If you have any safety concerns about the public playgrounds, please contact Code Compliance at 940/497-2528 ext. 230 or http://hickorycreek-tx.gov/code_enforcement_issue.

Register your cat or dog at Town Hall. Just bring in a copy of their rabies certificate. There is no charge for registration.



For more information go to www.35express.org



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HICKORY CREEK “LEASH LAWS”

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!

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.



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Planning & Zoning Commission—1st Wednesday @7PM
Town Council—3rd Tuesday @ 6:30 PM
Economic Development Corporation—4th Thursday @7PM
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