



Lakeside News

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The Hickory Creek Town Council invites you to join us at the annual tree lighting to celebrate the season and wish Roger Mangum the very best on his retirement after eight years of dedicated service as the Chief of Police and Town Administrator.

The festivities will include music featuring the Primrose School children and the Lake Dallas High School Jazz Band, children's activities, a train ride, refreshments, and, of course, a visit from Santa. Door prizes will be given throughout the evening.

Toys for Tots donations and Helping Hands canned food contributions will be accepted in the town hall lobby now through December 11th. Angels for the Spirit of Christmas are also available for adoption at town hall this year.

December 5th at 6:00 pm
Hickory Creek Town Hall
1075 Ronald Reagan Avenue



From The Mayor's Desk

Dear Fellow Citizens,

The last several months have been very eventful for the Town of Hickory Creek. I will briefly share a synopsis of the activity that has taken place.

Sycamore Bend Land Purchase – Looking towards the future the council and I felt it was important to purchase property that could be potentially be used to benefit the youth of the town.

Hickory Creek Economic Development Corporation Land Purchase - October 20, 2014 the EDC purchased the northern parcel of land that borders the current EDC property south of Cornelius Center. This additional 2.827 acres gives the EDC a total of a little over 5 acres of land for future economic development purposes. The land is located directly across from town hall.

Main Street Reconstruction and Point Vista Extension – Precinct 3 County Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell has awarded the town \$1,161,000 for the improvement of Main Street from West Lake Park to Betchan Avenue. The existing road will be removed and replaced with concrete. In addition Commissioner Mitchell has awarded the town \$2,400,000 to extend Point Vista Road from Ronald Reagan Avenue to Park Ridge.

New Trailhead in Arrowhead Park - AGL Constructors, the company retained by TxDOT to complete the I-35 project, will provide a new trailhead in Hickory Creek's Arrowhead Park. A new eight foot wide walking and bike trail is under construction from the park entrance to the pavilion in the east leg of the park, and will eventually connect with trails from Highland Village to Denton. Construction of the trailhead is underway, with an expected completion in late December.

I-35 Construction - The expansion project for I-35 hit an important milestone on October 3, 2014. This date marked the one year mark since AGL Constructors and the Texas Department of Transportation celebrated the official groundbreaking at Copperas Branch Park in Highland Village. TxDOT and AGL are continuing to acquire right-of-way for the highway, and we are beginning to see the scope of the project in Hickory Creek. Construction has begun in the right-of-way at the corner of Turbeville and I-35 for a new "flyover exit." Chili's and the Carmike Theater will not be affected in Phase 1 of the construction. However, TxDOT acquired Texas Land and Cattle, which was demolished to make way for the improved intersection. Eventually, the bridges that currently connect Hickory Creek and Lake Dallas will be demolished, and Oak/Lake Dallas Drive and Turbeville/Hundley will be linked under the highway to provide better access for our community. For the most current status of the project, and to sign up for information on lane closures, please go to 35Express.org and sign up for text or email messages, or follow [I35Express](https://www.facebook.com/I35Express) on Facebook, or [@35Express](https://twitter.com/@35Express) on Twitter.

Town Administrator /Police Chief Set to Retire – Roger Mangum, Town Administrator/Chief of Police recently notified the Town Council of his intention to retire from the Town of Hickory Creek on December 31, 2014. Roger began his work as Police Chief in 2006, and assumed the Town Administrator position upon the Council’s request in 2008. He has provided tremendous leadership not only to our police force, but to our employees and citizens as well. A list of Roger’s accomplishments is too long for this article, but his efforts to establish Standard Operating Procedures and improve safety in our community have been outstanding. He has done a tremendous job of representing Hickory Creek in our extended community as well. Everyone who knows Roger knows that he is a man of integrity, a man of his word, and a man who leads by example. We know Roger is looking forward to his retirement and spending more time on his ranch in South Texas. We gratefully acknowledge a job well done, and add our very best wishes for his retirement.

New Options for Library Patrons - Citizens of Hickory Creek, the decision was made on September 9, 2014 during a special Council session, not to fund the Lake Cities Library beginning October 1, 2014. This was a very difficult decision and was not based solely on economics. Many variables played into the council decision which began when the City of Corinth decided to no longer fund the Lake Cities Library as of April 1, 2014. The Hickory Creek citizens serving on the Lake Cities Library Board have done a phenomenal job for the town. We commend Jaycee Holston, Donna Duncan and Bob Clark for their efforts over the past several years, and especially the past few months as funding challenges arose. As a result of this decision the Council approved funds to help citizens secure access to any library they wish to use. The Town of Hickory Creek will reimburse our citizens up to \$50 per household for a card to the library of their choice. To receive reimbursement, please contact Kristi Rogers or Sydney Leyva at town hall, and provide a receipt for the library card and ID showing proof of Hickory Creek residency. Both Lake Cities and the Denton library charge a fee for cards, but Lewisville and Little Elm libraries are free to any Denton County resident. Additionally, residents Charles and Lisa Cleary have established the first Little Library in Harbor Grove. This library is for the Harbor Grove neighborhood and is to be used on the honor system (take one, leave one). They will register their library, along with its map location, on the Little Free Library world-wide organization website: <http://littlefreelibrary.org>.

I would like to thank the town council and staff for all their hard work to make the above happen. Teamwork is imperative to accomplish goals. I wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season.

Mayor John M. Smith, Jr.





Town of Hickory Creek Brand Standards

Positioning Statement

“ If you’re a seeker of what’s truly important in life, Hickory Creek, Texas can be found under stands of magnificent trees where the bigness and bustle of big-D-Dallas ends and small-town-friendly, lakeside living begins. Straddling I-35E, not too far north of Dallas’ major ring roads and suburbs, this town is a jewel in the crown of communities that circle Lewisville Lake.

People wonder how a town with such easy access to all of DFW could possibly hide in plain sight of a major interstate, but it does. Ask any Hickory Creek resident how they feel about their town and they’ll tell you it’s the perfect place to live—an oasis in an urban desert, a sanctuary from the workaday world, a safe harbor for the entire family.

Whichever metaphor you choose—few would leave. Folks that live here report that something curious happens to them each time they leave and return again. They’ll tell you: ‘the moment you cross the bridge, you feel your whole body relax and a voice inside tells you—you’re home.’

Over the years Hickory Creek has grown and changed, and benefited in the process, but what hasn’t changed is what’s most important to folks here: the town’s natural beauty, its easy-going lifestyle, and the fabulous parks that follow the contours of the lake. Thanks to leaders who’ve maintained a balance between what makes Hickory Creek unique and the conveniences its citizens desire—this town is, and will continue to be, a hidden gem worth searching out.

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Tagline

City-close, lakeside living!

The purpose of the Town of Hickory Creek tagline is to reinforce the message of the logo and add additional clarity and specificity.

Last Spring, the Hickory Creek Town Council approved a project to have Aria Agency, the company that designed our website, develop a new Positioning Statement, Logo, and “Tagline” for the Town of Hickory Creek. An online survey asked for input from citizens on what makes Hickory Creek unique and what draws people to our town. A committee was formed to provide additional input, and multiple meetings were held over the course of the past 9 months. The resulting logo and branding statement were approved unanimously at the October council meeting. Our thanks go to the following committee members who brought this project to completion: Ruth Barboza, Nancy Komet, Bobbie Thompson, Kate Huffman, Ron Furtick, Kristi Rogers, Lynn Clark & John Smith.



Hickory Creek

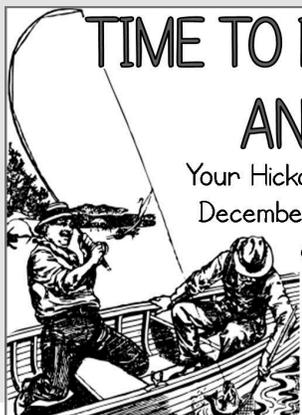
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Neighbors helping
Neighbors.



Time to renew your
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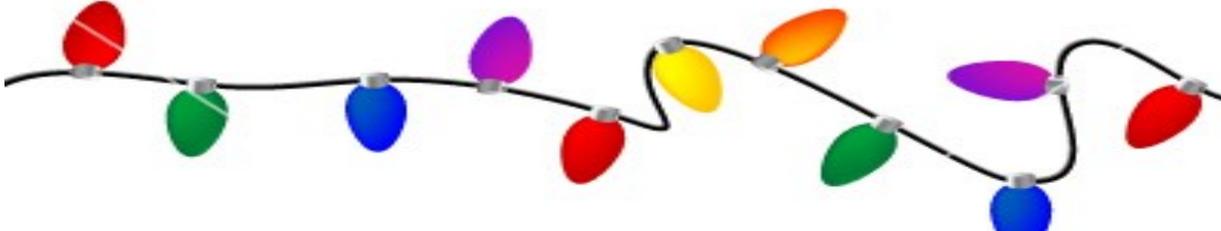
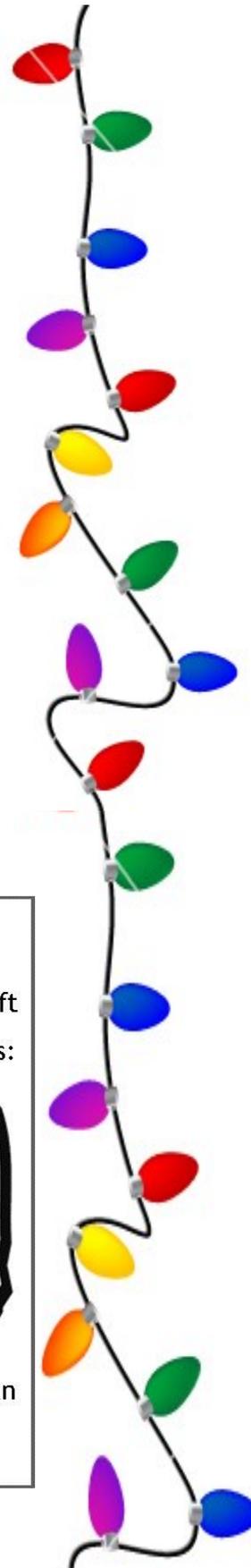


TIME TO RENEW YOUR ANNUAL PASSES

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.



For more information go to www.35express.org



SPRINKLER SAFETY

Every year during wintery weather, complaints are received for sprinkler systems being left on, causing icy roadways. The Town of Hickory Creek's Drought and Water Usage Plan states:

A person commits an offense if he knowingly or recklessly irrigates, waters, or causes or permits the irrigation or watering of a lawn or landscape located on premises owned, leased, or managed by the person in a manner that causes ... the formation of ice or any other hazardous condition.



If your property is equipped with a sprinkler system, please disable the system whenever the temperature is forecasted to go below freezing or install a rain/freeze sensor to prevent future problems. Continued violations can result in the issuance of citations.

BUCKLING UP COULD SAVE YOUR GIBLETS.



Harbor Grove now has a Little Free Library and you're encouraged to use it!



Your neighbors, Lisa and Charles Cleary, are excited to be the Steward (s) for the Harbor Grove Little Free Library.

- We initially stock the LFL with a variety of good quality books that we hope will interest our neighbors
- You stop by and take whatever catches your fancy
- You return and bring books to contribute when you can
- LFL books are always a gift – never for sale!

Because of communities like ours, the Little Free Library movement has rapidly grown. Many Libraries have been installed and thousands of books shared around the country as well as around the world. Little Free Library's mission is to:

- **Promote literacy and the love of reading** by building free book exchanges worldwide.
- **To build a sense of community** as we share skills, creativity and wisdom across generations.

Check out the LFL story at www.littlefreelibrary.org. Better yet, encourage others to put one up in their area! We hope to see you soon.



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Don't Turn Your Holiday Into a Tragedy

Stay Safe and Drive Sober to Spread the Holiday Cheer

Drunk driving is a killer on the roads all year round, but data shows that the tradition of celebrating the holidays with alcohol leads to an increase of traffic crashes and resulting deaths and injuries.

- In 2012, 954 people lost their lives as a result of drunk-driving-related crashes during the month of December alone.
- From 2007 to 2011, 14,318 people lost their lives during December. Twenty-nine percent (4,169) died in crashes that involved drivers with blood alcohol concentrations of .08 grams or higher.
- Whether you've had just one or one too many, hand the keys to a sober driver, (not the "least drunk" driver). Even one drink can increase the risk of a crash while driving.
- Be responsible. If someone you know is drinking, do not let that person get behind the wheel.
- Buckle up every time, no matter how short the trip. Be sure all passengers in the car buckle up.
- If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact law enforcement. Your actions may save someone's life, and *inaction could cost a life.*
- Drunk driving can result in arrest, loss of driving privileges, higher insurance rates, lost time at work, court costs, fines, and attorney's fees, and many other unwanted consequences.
- Your decisions can be the difference between *life and death.* When you drink and drive, you are endangering yourself, your passengers, and those on the road around you.

The holidays should be a time of celebration, not tragedy. Reach your destination safely by being a courteous driver, sharing the road, scheduling frequent stops and never driving after drinking.

Happy Holidays from the Hickory Creek Municipal Court

Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) Levels	.15% About 7 beers		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serious difficulty controlling the car and focusing on driving
	.10% About 5 beers		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Markedly slowed reaction time • Difficulty staying in lane and braking when needed
	.08% About 4 beers		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trouble controlling speed • Difficulty processing information and reasoning
	.05% About 3 beers		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced coordination and ability to track moving objects • Difficulty steering
	.02% About 2 beers		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of judgment • Trouble doing two tasks at the same time



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Atmos Energy Urges Customers to Prepare for Winter Today

Lessons Learned from the 2013-14 Winter Heating Season

[Atmos Energy](#) is urging its customers to prepare today for what could be another bone-chilling winter. The United States faced extreme temperatures and record-setting natural gas consumption during the [2013-2014 winter heating season](#) and according to industry leaders, the same may hold true this winter.

“The lessons learned from last year’s polar vortex is that there is no such thing as too much preparation,” said [Atmos Energy division president]. “Last year we were able to provide affordable natural gas during critical periods thanks to our investments in our infrastructure and our underground storage. With winter on the horizon, Atmos Energy is planning for another robust heating season.”

Tips for customers:

In order to prepare for winter today, Atmos Energy advises all customers review their natural gas accounts. If you are a new customer or your service is currently inactive, call 1-888-286-6700 today to avoid long wait times on the phone and possible days without heat or hot water.

Tips for calling:

The best time to call is weekday afternoons. Mornings are typically the busiest time at our call centers.

Atmos Energy’s two customer contact centers, which are located in Texas, receive approximately 17,000 calls per day.

Customers who call during a busy time can use the automated phone system to schedule a return call from an agent, rather than wait on hold.

Contact us Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. (CST); Saturday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at 1-888-286-6700; and for emergency calls 24/7 at 1-866-322-8667.

Energy conservation:

Learn how to save energy throughout the winter at www.atmosenergy.com/wintertips

The best way to lower your energy bill is to use energy more wisely. A programmable thermostat allows you to keep your house cooler at night and when you’re away, and will automatically warm your house to comfortable levels for the hours you are home.

Try Atmos Energy’s online tools such as an Energy Calculator to help manage your energy use. Inspect your windows and doors for drafts. Use caulk or sealant to insulate as needed.

Energy assistance:

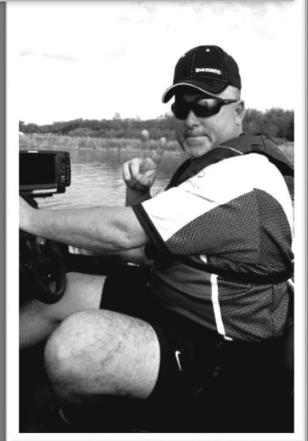
If you are having trouble paying your utility bill, please visit our [website](#) to learn more about energy assistance programs. Low-income customers are eligible for federal energy assistance through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which helps pay energy bills and weatherize homes.

About Atmos Energy

Atmos Energy Corporation, headquartered in Dallas, is one of the country's largest natural-gas-only distributors, serving over three million natural gas distribution customers in over 1,400 communities in eight states from the Blue Ridge Mountains in the East to the Rocky Mountains in the West. Atmos Energy manages company-owned natural gas pipeline and storage assets, including one of the largest intrastate natural gas pipeline systems in Texas and also provides natural gas marketing and procurement services to industrial, commercial and municipal customers primarily in the Midwest and Southeast. For more information, visit www.atmosenergy.com. Atmos Energy can also be accessed through social media platforms such as [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

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3rd Annual T. O. P. S. 2014

**TX - OK Patriot Shootout
Soldier Fishing Competition
Held September 26 - 27 2014**

Sycamore Bend Park, Hickory Creek, Lewisville Lake, TX



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Town Offices will be closed:

November 11
November 27-28
December 24-26
January 1-2

We're on the Web !
www.hickorycreek-tx.gov

Visit Your Town Hall

Parks & Recreation Board—1st Monday @7PM
Planning & Zoning Commission—1st Wednesday @7PM
Town Council—3rd Tuesday @ 6:30 PM
Economic Development Corporation—4th Thursday @7PM
www.hickorycreekEDC.com



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