



Lakeside News

January– March 2018 Edition

Dear Fellow Citizens,

I am pleased to announce the Town of Hickory Creek has received a successful audit by Carl Deaton of Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn and Seay Accounting firm. The town's financial statements of governmental activities and all accounting activity are audited annually to ensure compliance with standards contained in the Governmental Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The following statements can be found in the 2017 Town of Hickory Creek Financial Statements and Accountant's Opinion:



Financial Highlights

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the Town of Hickory Creek exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows at September 30, 2017 by \$11,785,041. Of this amount, \$2,628,686 may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The Town's total net position increased by \$872,807 during the fiscal year from the results of current year operations.
- As of September 30, 2017, the Town of Hickory Creek's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$5,529,388, a decrease of \$1,254,279 in comparison with the beginning of the period. Approximately 55 percent of this total amount, \$3,020,355, 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 \$2,922,301 or 85.24 percent of total general fund expenditures.

The Town Council adopted a balanced budget for 2017-2018 and approved the Effective Tax Rate of 0.366933 per \$100 of assessed value, a decrease from the prior rate of 0.387319. Total property values increased from \$427,635,972 in 2016 to \$468,823,156 in 2017. Residential growth is reflected in the increased property value, with additional home sites planned in 2018. Sales tax revenue has increased, which indicates a robust local economy. Projections indicate continued growth and healthy economic conditions for North Texas and our area for 2018.

The design phase of the Turbeville/Point Vista intersection is complete, and the project is out for bids. New sidewalks along Point Vista Road, Turbeville Road, Ronald Reagan Avenue and Harbor Lane are also included in this project, and will greatly enhance the walkability along these corridors.

Our police department has added one police officer (meet Officer McGrew on page 5), along with a new Canine Unit headed by Officer Jon Causseaux. Our budget also allowed for the addition of a police car, and we purchased Tasers for each of our police officers. Our fleet replacement plan also allowed us to purchase new Code Enforcement and Public Works vehicles.

LCMUA is building a new one million gallon water tower in Hickory Creek, which will add additional pressure and storage for the entire LCMUA system. Hickory Creek partnered with LCMUA to add our town logo on the south side of the tower, with the LCMUA logo on the north side.

And finally, I'm happy to announce that a new restaurant is coming to Hickory Creek! The owner of the Prairie House on Hwy 380 in Crossroads is developing Elm Fork Restaurant, which will be located at the corner of I-35E and Turbeville Road near the theater. With a menu similar to the Prairie House, the 6700 square foot restaurant will have seating for 160 people, an outdoor patio, and will have a drive through-pick up window for those on the go.

I look forward to all that 2018 will bring to Hickory Creek!

Best regards,
Mayor Lynn Clark

TREE LIGHTING 2017



On December 1, The Town of Hickory Creek hosted our annual Tree Lighting. Santa Claus came to town in his not-so-traditional sleigh, a 1937 Coserv-owned green pickup named "Rosie," while the Lake Dallas High School Jazz band played "Here Comes Santa Claus." The festivities included face painting, crafts, movies, a petting zoo, ugly sweater contest, and a photo booth. Refreshments, prizes, and Arbor Day Trees were given away. If you missed our 2017 Tree lighting then make plans to attend our 2018 Tree Lighting already scheduled for Friday, December 7.





SCOUT PROJECT



Eagle Scout Candidate Ethan Salas and team built bat boxes in Point Vista Park to help combat mosquito borne diseases. Ethan was given an appreciation plaque by the town for his volunteer hours to the park.



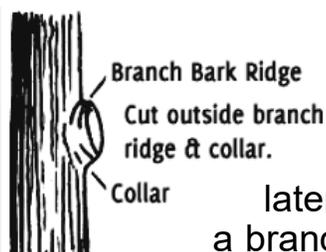
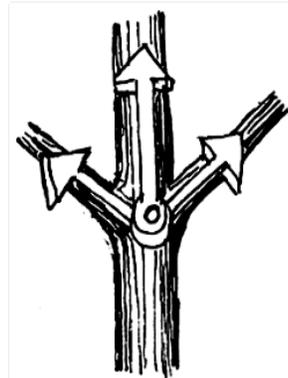
BOARD RECOGNITIONS

At the Town Council meeting held on December 19, Craig Donham and Sharon Stewart were presented a plaque for their service on the Parks and Recreation Board. Craig Donham, pictured with Mayor Lynn Clark, served on the board from 2015 – 2017. Sharon Stewart, not pictured, served on the board from 2011-2017. Thank you Craig and Sharon!



KEYS TO GOOD PRUNING

1. Begin visual inspection at the top of the tree and work downward.
2. Use the 1/3 and 1/4 Rules of Pruning
 - Never remove more than 1/4 of a tree's crown in a season.
 - Ideally, main side branches should be at least 1/3 smaller than the diameter of the trunk.
 - For most deciduous (broadleaf) leaf trees, don't prune up from the bottom any more than 1/3 of the tree's total height.
 - Where possible, try to encourage side branches that form angles that are 1/3 off vertical that form "10 o'clock" or "2 o'clock" angles with the trunk.
3. For most species, the tree should have a single trunk. Identify the best leader and later branches before you begin pruning and remove defective parts before pruning for form.
4. Don't worry about protecting pruning cuts. For aesthetics, you may feel better painting large wounds but it doesn't prevent or reduce decay.
5. Keep tools sharp. One-hand pruning shears with curved blades work best on young trees.
6. For high branches use a pole pruner. A major job on a big tree should be done by a professional arborist.



7. For larger branches, cut outside the branch bark and ridge collar (swollen area). Do not leave a protruding stub. If the limb is too small to have formed a collar, cut close.

8. When simply shortening a small branch, make the cut at a lateral bud or another lateral branch. Favor a bud that will produce a branch that will grow in desired direction (usually outward). The cut should be sharp and clean and made at a slight angle about 1/4 inch beyond the bud.



The best time to prune is in late winter, early spring, just before the tree begins to open its buds.





Employee Spotlight



Patrol Officer Matti McGrew

In 2012, Matti moved to Denton to attend the University of North Texas where she studied Criminal Justice and Forensic Anthropology. While in her last semester, Matti interned with the Hickory Creek Police Department and it was then she decided to attend police academy. She graduated from the University of North Texas in December 2016 and in January 2017 she started at Texoma Regional Police Academy. She graduated valedictorian of her class in July 2017. Matti is very happy to be back with the Hickory Creek Police Department.



Animal Control Officer Sydney Leyva

In October 2017, Sydney became the new Animal Control Officer for Hickory Creek. She has volunteered with various animal shelters for three years. Sydney has been with the Town of Hickory Creek for three years, previously as the Administrative Assistant. Sydney lives in Denton with her cat Hershey Godiva and she loves spending time with her family and friends.



ANIMAL SHELTER HOURS

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

7:00 AM - 3:30 PM

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

940-465-7444

The Town of Hickory Creek requires all cats & dogs be registered with Animal Services annually. There is no charge to register, just bring a valid copy of their rabies vaccination certificate by town hall.



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vaccinated & registered.
Have yours?*



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NEW SPAN TRANSPORTATION SERVICE COMING TO YOU!!!

Beginning January 2, 2018 SPAN will provide limited trips for medical appointments for Lake Cities' Seniors (60+) and people with disabilities.

If you reside in Shady Shores, Hickory Creek, Lake Dallas, or Corinth and have not had transportation for your medical-related appointments, SPAN is here for you!

All you have to do is complete an application found on the Span, Inc. website (www.span-transit.org) and return to SPAN. Once your profile is created, you can call to schedule a ride to your appointment anywhere in Denton County.

Trips may be scheduled one to fourteen days in advance of your appointment on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Your cost is \$2.50 per one-way trip. That is \$5.00 for a round-trip!

It can be faxed to: 940.383.8433, or emailed to: Rogerm@span-transit.org.

You may email or call with any questions for Roger as he will be happy to answer them for you. 940.382.2224.

We look forward to serving you and your loved ones beginning in 2018!

2018

Warrant Round Up

You Have Unpaid Traffic Citations *PAY NOW*
During Compliance Period and *AVOID ARREST!*

WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU!

Voluntary Compliance Period

February 9th – February 23rd
Monday – Thursday: 7:00am to 4:30pm
Friday: 7:30am to 11:30am

Cash or Credit Card
Or Pay Online at
www.hickorycreek-tx.gov

HICKORY CREEK MUNICIPAL COURT
1075 Ronald Reagan Avenue
Hickory Creek, TX 75065
(940) 497-2564

or by phone at
800-444-1187



HICKORY CREEK HAPPENINGS



Hickory Creek citizens are invited to come have coffee with the Mayor, Police Chief, and Town Administrator at Town Hall from 8:00 am to 9:00 am on Tuesday, February 13. Come enjoy a cup of coffee and hear about upcoming happenings in Hickory Creek!



Town of Hickory Creek
General Election
is scheduled for
May 5, 2018.

For the purpose of electing
the positions of Mayor,
Councilmember Place 2 and
Councilmember Place 4.

Need to renew your pet's registration?
Time for Shots?
Need a microchip?

HICKORY CREEK'S LOW COST VACCINE & MICROCHIP EVENT

Coming this spring to the Animal
Adoption Center.

Watch for more information on
our website or on Facebook

Keep Hickory Creek Beautiful

Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup is the nation's largest community improvement program, engaging more than 5 million volunteers and participants every year to create positive change and lasting impact in local communities. The Town of Hickory Creek will be hosting a Great American Clean-Up Event on Saturday, March 24 at 9 am. They will meet in the southeast side of the Wal-Mart parking lot.





COMMUNITY REMINDERS



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.

Hickory Creek requires that **A L A R M** all commercial & **PERMIT** residential alarm systems to be registered with the town every January. First time residential alarms and commercial alarm systems require a \$50 Application Fee. Subsequent home renewals are currently free. Failure to register an alarm system and / or multiple false alarms may result in citations and fines.



Applications may be found on the Permits page of the town website or come by the Building Department at Town Hall. For more information contact 940/497-2528.



WINTERY WEATHER

Every winter, on days with freezing temperatures, multiple complaints are received about water from sprinkler systems and other sources creating icy conditions around town. 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 you have a sprinkler system, disable the system anytime the forecast calls for freezing temperatures or install a rain / freeze sensor to prevent future problems. Also eliminate any other ways that ice may form and create a hazard. Violations can result in the issuance of citations.

FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION, FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!



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Not on Facebook? Go to our website at www.hickorycreek-tx.gov. Click on Notify Me and receive updates by e-mail or text from the Town of Hickory Creek.



Mardi Gras

City of Lake Dallas' 13th Annual

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 5 - 9 p.m. Lake Dallas City Hall 212 Main Street, Lake Dallas, TX 75065

Celebrate all that is Mardi Gras – Music, Parades and Food! Wear your festive greens, purples and golds and collect all the beads you can as the amazing floats pass by during the parade. Visit with your neighbors and stroll the vendor market. Be sure to check out all the entries in the Mask Contest. If you don't participate in the crawfish eating contest, make sure you are there to watch it! Returning this year, are favorites The N'awlins Gumbo Kings. They will headline the entertainment and have you dancing in the streets.

"Laissez Les Bon Temps Roulez!" In other words, "Let the Good Times Roll!"

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TOWN OF HICKORY CREEK HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Monday, February 19
 Presidents Day



Friday, March 30
 Good Friday

UPDATED HICKORY CREEK PARKING REGULATIONS



At its December 2017, the Hickory Creek Town Council updated the town's parking Ordinance. Here are some of the main things to remember when parking in Hickory Creek:

- ☞ Cars may only be parked on the street for 48 hours without being moved.
- ☞ Non motorized vehicles (trailers, boats, etc.) may not be parked or stored on the street. If a vehicle is being actively loaded, it may be parked for no longer than 24 hours.
- ☞ Any vehicle that can not physically or legally operate on a public street may not be parked or stored in the street. This includes cars without current registration stickers, plates, missing parts, on jacks, leaking fluids, etc.
- ☞ Vehicles may not be parked on dirt or grass, on a vacant lot or drive across a curb.
- ☞ Please be considerate of your neighbors and do not block drives, mailboxes, sidewalks, or garbage pick up.
- ☞ Do not park within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, 20 feet of an intersection, 30 feet of a stop sign, or any other traffic sign or signal, or 50 feet of a railway crossing arm.
- ☞ Sporting equipment, such as ramps, basketball goals, etc., containers, or other property, excluding vehicles, can not be stored or put in or next to the street, sidewalk, or any other public right of way.
- ☞ Large commercial vehicles may not be parked or stored on any street unless they are actively unloading and not blocking traffic.
- ☞ Vehicles being advertised for sale or being used to advertise products or services may not be stored in the street. This does not include regularly used company work vehicles weighing less than 1 ton parked on private property for less than 72 hours.
- ☞ Farm equipment may not be stored on lots of less than 1 acre unless the property is being used primarily for agriculture.
- ☞ Unless there is an emergency, vehicles may not be washed, or repaired on a street or right of way.
- ☞ Temporary paving such as bricks, blocks or stones, may no longer be used to create a parking area. Areas currently using temporary paving materials will need to be removed or converted to standard paving by January 2020.

The term *vehicle* includes motorized and non motorized means of transporting people or items on a street, waterway or airway such as cars, trucks, motorcycles, trailers, RVs, boats, campers, semis etc. If you have any questions contact 940/497-2528 ext. 225 or any violation may be reported anonymously at www.hickorycreek-tx.gov.





WASTE MANAGEMENT'S AT YOUR DOOR SERVICE

THE MISSING PIECE TO YOUR RECYCLING PROGRAM

Waste Management's At Your Door Special CollectionSM is a service provided to residents to collect the difficult, sometimes hazardous and hard-to-recycle items that almost every household accumulates. We make it easy for residents to dispose of these items, by collecting the materials at their door- safely, easily and responsibly. Experience is key- This program has served hundreds of thousands of homes since 1995¹ and currently manages programs for dozens of public agencies in many states.

Community Benefits

The At Your Door service is a valuable community program, since every resident benefits from the responsible handling of home generated special materials. By collecting these items, the possibility for water pollution and environmental hazards can be reduced. This turnkey program is simple to implement with minimal ongoing staff time required and no capital investment is required.

Numerous Acceptable Materials

The At Your Door Special CollectionSM service is focused on the collection of home generated special materials, formerly called "Household Hazardous Waste". Acceptable items for collection include automotive products, automotive and household batteries, garden chemicals, household chemicals, paint products, electronics and universal materials. Most of the materials collected through this program are sent for recycling.

Easy to Use!

This program is easy to use, as participants simply contact the At Your DoorSM service at any time, year-round to request a collection. There are three easy ways to schedule a collection: go to www.WMATYOURDOOR.COM, call 1-800-449-7587 or email ATYOURDOOR@WM.COM.



1. Includes when program was under different ownership



BULK TRASH PICK-UP

As of November 1st, Waste Management has made some changes to its services in Hickory Creek. All residences were issued new 96 gallon waste and recycling containers. All trash for collection must be placed inside the containers for regular weekly pick-up. Remember, the use of plastic bags for food debris is recommended. Loose food and waste inside the container is an invitation for local wildlife to dig in and feast. Please ensure that all trash is placed fully inside the container and the lid is securely closed. If loose debris is blown free during pick-up, residents are responsible for cleaning up any debris deposited in their yard.

On the 3rd Thursday of every month, one bulk item may be placed on the curbside for additional pick-up. As always, bulk trash may be put at the curb near the containers no earlier than 6pm on Wednesday evening. This is included in your monthly service and does not require a call to Waste Management for scheduling. Any other large trash or debris that can not fit inside the containers may be dropped off at the DFW Landfill in Lewisville. See WM.com for location, hours and other information.

Residents may also contact WM for collection of hazardous materials such as chemicals, paints, automobile fluids, etc. through the At Your Door Special Collection Service. Contact Waste Management for details.

Public Sector Solutions



Think Green.

Residents over 65 – Did you know Hickory Creek provides a senior discount of 30% for your trash and recycling services? It's easy to get. Simply come to Town Hall with your trash bill and proof of age and town staff will let Waste Management know you're eligible for the discount on your future bills.



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Parks & Recreation Board—2nd Monday @ 6:30 PM
Planning & Zoning Commission—1st Wednesday @ 7 PM
Town Council—3rd Tuesday @ 6:30 PM
Economic Development Corporation—4th Thursday @ 7 PM
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Friday
7:30 AM – 11:30 AM

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940-497-3520
Police/Fire Emergency 911
Non-Emergency 940-349-1600

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970 Main Street
940-349-1600
Monday-Friday
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