

# LAKE SIDE NEWS

Fellow citizens,

Our Council has had a busy spring, and we're already gearing up for our 2018-2019 budget year. Summer always ends up being a busy time as we begin to plan for our next fiscal year. As always, we want to use your tax dollars wisely and as efficiently as possible.

At our April Council meeting, we honored our 2017 Hickory Creek Business of the Year (Whataburger), Citizen of the Year (shared by Robert & Mary Armstrong), Scholars of the Year (Morgan Mayfield & Brendan Leyden), and Sportsman of the Year (Mason Meeks). The Lake Cities Chamber of Commerce also honored Hickory Creek Police Officer Joe Leggett as First Responder of the Month. Congratulations to each for these well-deserved honors!



Fifth Grader Jayshon Hardimon, a participant in Lake Dallas School District's "The Leader in Me" program, was selected as Hickory Creek's 2018 Mayor for a Day. Mayor Hardimon was on hand for our April Council Meeting, and did an outstanding job assisting me in the meeting!

Here are some updates on Council action from several other meetings this spring:

We were notified by TxDOT that they only mow the I-35 service roads (including any unused right-of-way) three times per year. The council voted to enter into a contract with a third party for mowing twice per month, in order to maintain our section of the freeway. We want to #KeepHickoryCreekBeautiful!

Our Police Chief, Carey Dunn, researched cameras to be used at our park pay stations, and the council received bids from several companies. The council approved the expenditure for multiple cameras, but at this time, one camera has been purchased, and will be installed at Arrowhead Park for testing. If all goes well, the additional cameras will be added in other parks.

The Council approved an engineering contract with Halff Engineering for the expansion of the southernmost portion of Sycamore Bend Road and for a new trail. The road expansion is the southern section of Sycamore Bend Road that leads directly into the park. The northern section of Sycamore Bend (along Steeplechase Ranch) will not be affected.

An agreement between the Town of Hickory Creek, Harbor Grove Water Supply, and LCMUA has been signed for the addition of fire hydrants in a portion of Harbor Grove. LCMUA will send the project out for bid. Hickory Creek will pay for the project materials, and LCMUA will provide the installation. The Council looks forward to adding these much-needed hydrants to improve fire safety in Harbor Grove.

The Council also reappointed Paul Kenney to the Mayor Pro Tem position.

I know we're all tired of road construction, but we ask for your patience again as we work to improve the intersection of Turbeville and Point Vista. This project should be completed, along with additional sidewalks in various areas, by December (weather permitting). The improvements will be well-worth the headache of enduring construction detours. Please watch the town website news section and Hickory Creek Facebook page for updates on the project.

I also want to make you aware of a couple of items regarding emergency services. Denton County has switched providers for their emergency alert system, and Hickory Creek is included in this service. If you previously signed up for emergency notifications through our town website, or Code Red, you will need to create a new account with the Everbridge system. You can access the site at <https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725777#login>. Also, you may not be aware, but if you need to notify 911 of an emergency, but are unable to call, you can notify them via text message.

I hope you and your family have a wonderful summer. I look forward to seeing you around town!

Best regards,  
Lynn Clark

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## FROM THE HICKORY CREEK POLICE DEPARTMENT



**Hello, from the Hickory Creek Police Department,**

We hope everyone is having a great year! It is finally summer time and many citizens are beginning to spend more time outside! With temperatures getting up to 100 degrees and higher here are a few safety tips!

**DRINK PLENTY OF FLUIDS** - To stay hydrated, you have to drink plenty of fluids, but you have to drink the right ones in order to get the best results. Some drinks will deplete your body's water supply, which can lead you to become dehydrated even faster.

If you know that you will be spending some time enjoying a summer day in Texas, avoid drinking alcohol or caffeine. Pack a cooler with bottled water, diluted fruit juice and sports drinks that you can sip from as you spend time outside, and drink them regularly throughout the day.

**EAT THE RIGHT FOODS** - While drinking water is the fastest way to boost your water intake, you can also eat foods that contain water. Watermelon, cucumbers, iceberg lettuce and tomatoes are juicy because of their high-water content.

You can also munch on celery, radishes, cauliflower and spinach to boost your water intake during hot days. These refreshing fruits and vegetables are also packed with vitamins and nutrients that will improve your overall health.

**WATCH THE CLOCK** - If possible, you should arrange your outdoor activities so that they don't occur during the heat of the day. If you like to walk around Hickory Creek's neighborhoods, do so early in the morning or late in the evening so that the full sun is not bearing down on you.

If you must be outdoors during the hottest parts of the day, try to spend some time in the shade so that you don't get overheated, which can cause you to become dehydrated faster.

**DRESS APPROPRIATELY** - If you wear clothing that doesn't allow your sweat to evaporate or that absorbs more of the sun's heat, you can quickly become overheated and dehydrated. You should wear loose clothing in light colors, as well as a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen. You may also want to pack some lip balm so that your lips don't dry out as the day goes on.

**SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION** - If you think you are severely dehydrated, you might need to visit your nearest emergency room. Your symptoms may include a fever of over 101°F, vomiting, confusion or weakness. Just because the temperature in Hickory Creek is on the rise, doesn't mean that you can't enjoy all that the town has to offer. By following these wise tips, you can avoid dehydration while still taking part in all of the summer fun.

Most importantly, do not leave children or pets inside your vehicle. A child's body temperature can rise to five times faster than that of an adult. A child dies when his or her temperature reaches 107 degrees. Cracking a window does little to keep the car cool. In 10 minutes, a car can heat up to 20 degrees.

If you see a child or pet inside an unattended vehicle while you're out and about this summer, please dial 911.

The Hickory Creek Police Department is here to provide you with quality service 24/7. Please don't hesitate to contact our department for any reason. We are always happy to assist you.

# HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

## TOWN COUNCIL ELECTED OFFICIALS

## MAYOR LYNN CLARK



**Lynn Clark** was first elected to the Hickory Creek Council in May 2007, and served as Mayor Pro Tem from May 2010 to June 2015. In June 2015, the Town Council appointed her Mayor to fill a vacancy, and she was elected to the position in 2016 and reelected in May 2018. In addition to her Council duties, Clark is a member of the Hickory Creek Economic Development Corporation (since 2003), served as Treasurer from 2003 to 2008, and is the current President of the EDC. Clark is married to Bob Clark. They have 2 sons and daughters-in-law and 8 grandchildren.



## PLACE 2 RICHARD DUPREE

**Richard Dupree** and his wife, Char, moved to Hickory Creek in 2001 drawn to the small town atmosphere and being close to family. Having served on several state boards and commissions previously, Richard decided to get involved in the community of Hickory Creek. Richard began with community emergency response training (CERT); this was followed by Citizens Fire Academy, Citizens Corps Council, and helping to start the Hickory Creek Citizens on Patrol (COP). He has served on the Board of Adjustments and his volunteer activities earned Richard Citizen of the Year in 2008.

2018



## PLACE 4 PAUL KENNEY

**Paul Kenney** was first elected to the Hickory Creek Town Council May of 2008, then re-elected in May 2010, May 2012, May 2014, May 2016, and May 2018. Paul has served as Mayor Pro Tem since July 2015. In addition to his council duties, Paul has served as council liaison to the Parks and Recreation Board and the Board of Adjustments. Currently he serves as the liaison to the Planning and Zoning commission. Paul and his wife, Bry, have lived in Hickory Creek for over 16 years. They have two children who know Hickory Creek as their only place to have lived and grown up.

# 2017 AWARDS



During the April 17, 2018 Town Council meeting, Mayor Lynn Clark presented the Town of Hickory Creek's 2017 Citizen of the Year, Scholars of the Year, Sportsman of the Year, and Business of the Year. **Whataburger** (top middle) was named 2017 Business of the Year. **Mason Meeks** (top right), a senior baseball player, was named Sportsman of the year. **Morgan Mayfield** (top left) and **Brendan Leyden** (bottom right) were named Scholars of the Year. **Robert and Mary Armstrong** were named 2017 Citizens of the Year and were recognized for their volunteer work with the Citizens on Patrol. Congratulations to all recipients!



# MAYOR FOR A DAY



Fifth grader **Jayshon Hardimon** was selected to serve as Mayor for a Day by the Leader in Me program through the Lake Dallas Independent School District. **Jayshon** toured Town Hall and the police department where Officer McGrew showed him the features in the patrol car. **Jayshon** also called the April 17th Town Council meeting to order. Congratulations **Jayshon Hardimon!**



Officer Leggett received an award from Edward Jones for First Responder of the month for April. The Town of Hickory Creek is grateful for Officer Leggett and his dedication to our citizens!

# RADAR SPEED LIMIT SIGN DATA

Greetings! Many of you have undoubtedly noticed our new digital radar speed limit signs throughout the town. Currently, four are up and functional with more to come. Below I have compiled some quarterly stats for you to review from the analytics provided by the radar signs. Here is how to interpret the data:

- All speed values are in miles per hour (MPH)
- VPH means Vehicles Per Hour
- V85 is the state's standard for setting speed limits generally. This means 85% of all traffic for this quarter were traveling at or below the listed MPH value
- This data represents the quarter from March 06, 2018 through June 06, 2018.

## **Turbeville Facing East**

Average Speed: 30.9

V85: 33.00

270 VPH maximum on 4/20/18 at 1600 hours, avg. speed 30.63, max speed 55.00

## **Turbeville Facing West**

Average Speed 29.02

V85: 34.00

208 VPH maximum on 4/4/18 at 1600 hours, avg. speed 29.75, max 44.00

## **Point Vista Facing South**

Average Speed: 28.53

V85: 33.0

160 VPH maximum on 4/13/18 at 1600 hours, avg. 29.21, max 73.00

## **Point Vista Facing North**

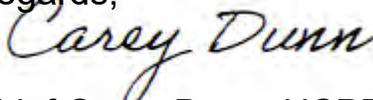
Average Speed: 26.55

V85: 31.00

159 VPH maximum on 4/13/18 at 1800 hours, avg. 29.68, max 73.00

This is just a summary sample of the extensive data provided by the devices. The Police Department will use the data provided to guide our enforcement efforts towards a safer community for everyone, and to pinpoint problem areas and locations related to speed violations. For the safety of everyone, please be aware of posted speed limits and obey all traffic laws.

Regards,



Chief Carey Dunn, HCPD

# GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP



The Town of Hickory Creek Parks and Recreation Board organized a Great American Clean-Up on Saturday, March 24. Over thirty volunteers from the community participated and were able to clean up over forty bags of trash and recyclables from the Hickory Creek Parks. Thank you to all our volunteers.



## BILLBOARDS AT THE PARKS

Have you noticed the new billboards placed at Sycamore Bend and Arrowhead Park? The billboards contain information about mosquito breeding grounds, the Arbor Day Foundation, the Hickory Creek Parks, a map of the Lake Cities, and information regarding park closures and burn bans. Make sure to check them out the next time you drive by.



## EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT



BEFORE

Eagle Scout candidate **Cristian Cruz** repaired the boat ramp gangway at Arrowhead Park Leg 2. The Town Council will recognize **Cristian** for his volunteer hours at the park.



AFTER

# COMMUNITY REMINDERS

## MEDICINE DISPOSAL

As you clean out the medicine cabinet remember Hickory Creek Town Hall has a Med Return Drug Collection Unit so you can properly dispose of expired and unused medicines. Below is a list of what can be deposited in the Med Return.

### Accepted

- Prescriptions
- Prescription Patches
- Prescription Medications
- Prescription Ointments
- Over-the-counter medications
- Vitamins
- Samples
- Medications for pets

### Not Accepted

- Thermometers
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Inhalers
- Aerosol Cans
- Ointments, Lotions, or Liquids
- Needles (sharps)
- Medication from businesses or clinics
- Bloody or infectious waste

## TAX FREE WEEKEND AUGUST 10– 12TH

### AMERICAN REALTY

If you're looking to BUY or SELL a home or if you just want to know the value... contact me today for a FREE, NO OBLIGATION Market Analysis.

**Homes in Hickory Creek are in short supply and in high demand right now**

*"If you're not working with a Realtor you know and trust, please add me to your contacts"*



*Kevin Sadowski*  
KMSadowski@charter.net  
214-507-2023 Call/Text

Free Monthly Home Tips Newsletter  
[www.CallTheAgent.com](http://www.CallTheAgent.com)

*Military Veterans Association of Real Estate Professionals*

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Friday December 7, 2018

**Hickory Creek Town Hall**  
6 pm - 8pm

UPCOMING BULK TRASH DAYS  
JULY 19    AUGUST 16  
SEPTEMBER 20    OCTOBER 18

## TOWN OF HICKORY CREEK HOLIDAY CLOSURES



Wednesday, July 4  
4th of July

Monday, September 3  
Labor Day

## EXCLUSIVE HICKORY CREEK WASTE MANAGEMENT WEBSITE

Waste Management has provided Hickory Creek residents a Town specific website for all service questions. Updates on holiday changes, services offered, how to recycle best, and more can be found here. This new website also works with the WM app for your mobile device, giving residents access to all their account and service request information at a glance.



### DFW LANDFILL

<http://home.wm.com/hickory-creek>

Hickory Creek residents are allowed to dispose of one standard pickup truck bed (maximum 3 cubic yards) of waste per month at the DFW Landfill in Lewisville, TX (1600 S. Railroad St. Lewisville, Texas 75057) at no charge. Material must be covered by a tarp by state law. Residents must bring their current bill and driver's license with Hickory Creek address. Check the website for available times before you head out to the landfill because their hours changed earlier this year.

### AT YOUR DOOR SERVICE

Waste Management's At Your Door Special Collection 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 1995 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 turn key 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 Collection— 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 through this program are sent for recycling.

#### EASY TO USE!

This program is easy to use, as participants simply contact the At Your Door-service at any time, year-round to request a collection. There are three easy ways to schedule a collection: go to [www.wmatyourdoor.com](http://www.wmatyourdoor.com), call 1-800-449-7587 or email [ATYOURDOOR@WM.COM](mailto:ATYOURDOOR@WM.COM)

Hickory Creek provides a 30% senior discount on trash and recycling services for residents over 65. To get signed up, bring your trash bill and drivers license to Town Hall and let us know you're eligible for the discount. The Town will contact Waste Management for your discount on future bills. Once your information has been submitted, there is no need to reapply each year.





**TREE CITY USA**  
Arbor Day Foundation

# TREE WATERING

Tree watering is a key part of tree care and it is difficult to recommend an exact amount due to the varieties of climates. But a few guidelines will help you to water your trees properly.

**Watering Newly Planted Trees:** For new trees, water immediately after you plant a tree.

**Watering Trees During First Two Years:** During the first couple growing seasons, your newly planted tree is expending a lot of energy trying to get its roots established in the soil. Especially during the first few summers of your new trees life, it will have a difficult time dealing with heat and drought. You can make this easier by providing water and covering the soil with woodchip mulch. Deep watering can help speed the root establishment. Deep water consists of keeping the soil moist to a depth that includes all roots.

**How Much Water and When:** Not enough water is harmful for the tree but too much water is bad as well. Over-watering is a common tree care mistake. Please note that moist is different than soggy, and you can judge this by feel. A damp soil that dries for a short period will allow adequate oxygen to permeate the soil.

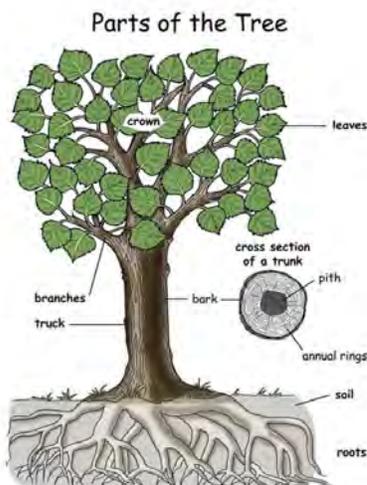
As a general rule, your soil should be moist. Usually 30 seconds with a steady stream of water from a garden hose with a diffuser nozzle per tree seedling is sufficient. Mulching is also key in retaining moisture in the soil.

You can check soil moisture by using a garden trowel and inserting it into the ground to a depth of 2", and then move the blade of the trowel back and forth to create a small narrow trench. Then use your finger to touch the soil. If it is moist to the touch, then they do not need water.

**Watering Trees After the First Two Years:** After your tree has been established in your yard for two years the roots will be established. This will allow your tree to withstand a wider range of water conditions including on its own because it has a proper root structure.



**TREES DRINK ABOUT  
2,000 LITERS OF  
WATER EACH YEAR.**

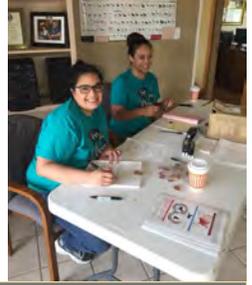


**THE DIFFERENT PARTS OF A TREE GROW AT DIFFERENT TIMES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. TYPICALLY, MOST OF THE FOLIAGE GROWTH HAPPENS IN THE SPRING, FOLLOWED BY TRUNK GROWTH IN THE SUMMER AND ROOT GROWTH IN THE FALL AND WINTER.**

## ANIMAL SHELTER LOW COST VACCINE AND MICROCHIP EVENT



The Hickory Creek Animal Shelter hosted a Low Cost Vaccine and Microchip Event in May and many local residents showed up to get their dogs and cats vaccinated and micro chipped. Thank you to [Dr. Eddy](#), [Dr. Kerce](#), and the staff from the Corinth Veterinary Clinic who helped to make this event possible.



### ANIMAL SHELTER WISH LIST

DOG AND CAT COLLARS (ALL SIZES), BROOMS, DUST PANS, MOP, LITTER BOXES, CAT LITTER, WET AND DRY FOOD (CAT/KITTENS/DOG/PUPPY/SENIOR), GRAIN FREE DOG FOOD & TREATS, CAT AND DOG TOYS, CAT AND DOG TREATS, AND DOG HARNESSES AND LEASHES.

PLEASE BRING ALL DONATIONS TO THE HICKORY CREEK ANIMAL SHELTER LOCATED AT  
970 MAIN STREET, HICKORY CREEK, TX 75065

## Do I Need a Permit For That?



Often the answer is **“YES”**.

If you are doing any of the following projects, you **DO** need a permit: If you have any questions about the permitting process, please contact the Building Department at Town Hall or call 940-497-2528 ext.225. Applications and a copy of the Permit Fee Schedule are available on the Permits page of the town’s website. Projects started without a Building Permit are subject to doubled permit fees.

- ◆ Building a Shed
- ◆ Replacing a Roof
- ◆ Any Project that Makes Structural Changes to a Building, such as Adding a Room
- ◆ HVAC Repairs
- ◆ Electrical Work
- ◆ Replacing a Water Heater or any other Plumbing Work
- ◆ Putting in a Pool or Spa
- ◆ Outdoor Kitchens and Patio Covers
- ◆ Concrete Work
- ◆ Replacing a Fence or Changing its Location, Size, or Materials, Building an Addition or Garage
- ◆ Arbors and Decks
- ◆ Tree trimming and removal
- ◆ Having a Garage or Estate Sale





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

# VISIT YOUR TOWN HALL

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 @ 5:30 PM  
[www.hickorycreekEDC.com](http://www.hickorycreekEDC.com)



## HICKORY CREEK TOWN HALL

1075 Ronald Reagan Avenue

940-497-2528

Monday - Thursday

7:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Friday

7:30 AM - 11:30 AM

## HICKORY CREEK ANIMAL SHELTER

970 Main Street

940-349-1600

Monday - Friday

7:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Saturday - Sunday

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

1075 Ronald Reagan Avenue

940-497-3520

Police/Fire Emergency 911

Non Emergency

940-349-1600