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A LETTER FROM YOUR MAYOR



Dear Fellow Citizens,

I am pleased to announce that the Town of Hickory Creek has once again received an excellent audit by Carl Deaton of Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn and Seay Accounting Firm. The town's financial statements of governmental activities and all accounting activities 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 2018 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 and deferred inflows at September 30, 2019 by \$14,485,676. Of this amount, \$2,616,936 may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The Town's total net position increased by \$2,467,256 during the fiscal year from the results of the current year operations. However, total net position decreased by \$32,338 from the results of implementation of GASB 75 related to net OPEB liability during the year.
- As of September 30, 2019, the Town of Hickory Creek's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$4,970,069, a decrease of \$91,612 in comparison with the beginning of the period. Approximately 61 percent of this total amount, \$3,037,645, is available for spending at the government's discretion (*unassigned fund balance*).
- At the end of the current period, the unassigned fund balance for the general fund of \$3,037,645 was 75.42 percent of the total general fund expenditures.

The fund balance of the Town's general fund increased by \$105,769 during the current year compared to a \$56,954 increase in the prior year. Key factors in this increase are as follows:

- Revenues increased \$260,964 or 6.83%, primarily due to increases in property tax and sales tax revenues.
- Expenditures increased \$227,079 or 5.98%, primarily due to increase capital outlay expenditures.

Hickory Creek's annual budget and full audit report can be found on our town website, www.hickorycreek-tx.gov under Government>Financial Information.

At the February meeting, the Council approved a resolution adopting the new 2020 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan. The plan, coordinated by Dunaway Engineering firm, took a year to complete. Thanks to our Steering Committee for the time they committed, and to all of our citizens who participated by providing input through public meetings and surveys. This is a long-range planning document, and implementation will take place over a 5 to 10 year period.

On March 3, the Hickory Creek Town Council participated in a Joint Council meeting with Corinth, Lake Dallas and Shady Shores councils. Various presentations were delivered by each of the 4 city/town managers, and a discussion was held concerning the upcoming Lake Cities Fire Department contract.

In another area of this newsletter, you will find information regarding the upcoming 2020 Census. It is vital that every citizen of our town be counted! Please respond online, by phone or by mail, to ensure that #NorthTexasCounts2020.

Finally, please help me congratulate our Town Secretary, Kristi Rogers, who reached her 20th anniversary on February 14th. Kristi is the first Hickory Creek employee to ever reach the 20-year mark, and I am so grateful for her dedication to our town and our citizens. Happy 20th, Kristi, and here's to many more!!

One final note....thank you for your support of our Council and staff! I'm honored to serve the citizens of Hickory Creek!

Lynn Clark



ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION NAMES HICKORY CREEK TREE CITY USA®

On February 21, Hickory Creek, Texas was named a 12 year Tree City USA® by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

Hickory Creek achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"Everyone benefits when elected officials, volunteers and committed citizens in communities like Hickory Creek make smart investments in urban forests," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees bring shade to our homes and beauty to our neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

ABOUT THE ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION: The Arbor Day Foundation is a million-member nonprofit conservation and education organization with the mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. More information on the program is available at arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.



HOME SECURITY SAFETY TIPS FROM THE HICKORY CREEK POLICE DEPARTMENT



A review of your home's security plan is essential to identifying weaknesses in your physical security that might provide an easy opportunity for a crime to occur. We have compiled a non-inclusive list of home safety security tips which you may find helpful.



Doors: Make sure to close and **lock** all your windows and doors at night and when you are away from home.



For the extra mile, consider adopting a "closed door, locked door" policy; all outside doors are locked while they are not actively being used.

Deadbolt locks: Have deadbolt locks installed with a one strike plate.



For the extra mile, consider replacing all the door strike plate screws with 2"-4.5" steel-hardened wood screws. The screws typically included in the kits are shorter and therefore easier to defeat.

Secure sliding glass doors: use a piece of wood or metal rod in the track and install vertical bolts to prevent lifting it off the track.

Eliminate hiding places: Keep shrubbery trimmed near entrances and windows.

Exterior lighting: Make sure the exterior of your home is well-lit at night. Consider using motion floodlights around the perimeter.

Make home look occupied: Create the illusion you are home by using timers on lights, radios, and TVs.



For the extra mile, consider using WIFI-enabled "smart" plugs to assist you in creating those automatic schedules.

Suspend deliveries: If away on vacation, put a hold on newspaper and mail/package deliveries, and plan to have your lawn and property appear neat and taken care of. Also, remember to submit a vacation watch/security check request through our website at www.hickorycreek-tx.gov

Spare Keys: leave a key with a trusted neighbor. Do not leave a key in obvious places, such as under the doormat.

Cameras: If you have cameras installed around your house, make sure they are functioning as they should. A camera will not help you if it does not work.

Promptly report suspicious activity: If you see something, say something. Neighbors are the first line of defense against criminal activity in our neighborhoods.

While nothing can make your home absolutely "burglar-proof," these security tips are intended to create security layers that, if followed, can serve to reduce criminal opportunity and make it more difficult to attempt unauthorized entry into your home.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your Hickory Creek Police Department. We are here to serve you!

COUNCIL RECOGNITIONS

At the January 27, 2020 Town Council meeting, the Town of Hickory Creek received designation as a Purple Heart Town. The designation is meant to honor and acknowledge anyone living in the town who has been given the Purple Heart. The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or paid the ultimate sacrifice in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America. The contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from the Town of Hickory Creek who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens.



Eagle Scout Candidate, Matthew Schmidt, was recognized for his work on the Eagle Scout Trail in Sycamore Bend. Matthew repaired the sign and mulched the pathway.

Recognized, but not pictured was Kevin Ricer. Kevin Ricer served on the Parks and Recreation Board.

GENERAL ELECTION –CANCELLED

The Town of Hickory Creek Election scheduled for May 2, 2020 for the purpose of electing a Mayor, Councilmember Place 2, and Councilmember Place 4 has been cancelled due to the Councilmembers being unopposed.

WHEN DO YOU NEED A PERMIT?

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 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 DOUBLE 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 material, building an addition or garage
- Arbors and decks
- Tree trimming and removal
- Having a garage or estate sale



TOWN RECEIVES GRANT FROM TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



The Town of Hickory Creek is pleased to announce we have received a 100% non-matching grant from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TECQ). The grant paid for a brand new 2020 Peterbilt diesel powered dump truck replacing our 1995 Western Star dump truck. The grant totaled \$126,294. Not only will the town receive a new truck with a warranty, the truck will also achieve greater fuel efficiency thus reducing carbon emissions into the atmosphere.

WE SEE YOU ROLLIN': NEW GOLF CART ORDINANCE

In January 2020, Hickory Creek's Town Council adopted an ordinance allowing motorized carts to operate on the town's streets. The ordinance defines a motorized cart as an electric or gasoline-powered motor vehicle, commonly referred to a golf cart, with a minimum of four (4) wheels and a top speed of less than twenty (20) miles per hour on a paved level surface. Vehicles with a top speed between 20 and 25 mph, neighborhood electric vehicles, ATVs, four-wheelers, mules, gators, and go-carts are not included.

Cart operators must have a valid Texas driver's license and be over 16 years old. Carts may be driven on Town roads with a speed limit less than 35 mph and no more than 2 lanes of traffic in either direction between the hours of 6 am and 11 pm. They are not permitted on FM 2181 (Swisher), I-35, service roads, sidewalks, pedestrian trails, or park land and must be parked in a legal parking spot. All traffic laws must be obeyed. Carts may cross a multi-lane or a federal, county, or state road only at an intersection controlled by a traffic-control device stopping traffic from all directions.



Residents wishing to operate a motorized cart will be required to obtain a permit from the Hickory Creek Police Department. Prior to permit issuance, an inspection will be conducted to ensure the vehicle has all required equipment, including but not limited to:

- Operational head and tail lamps;
- 2 amber side reflectors & 2 red rear reflectors;
- Stop lamps;
- Operational parking brake;
- An exterior driver's side mirror and either an exterior passenger's side mirror or an interior mirror with an unobstructed rear view of 200 feet;
- Slow-moving-vehicle-emblem on the rear;
- Seat belts in numbers equal to the number of allowed passengers;
- Front & rear turn signals; and
- Current financial responsibility for the cart.
- Gas powered carts must have an exhaust system.

Permits must be displayed on the motorized cart, are not transferable to another vehicle and may be revoked by the town for cause. The registration permit fee is \$25, and all permits expire on December 31st of the following year.

For a complete copy of the ordinance, application forms and inspection information, visit the town's website, www.hickorycreek-tx.gov.

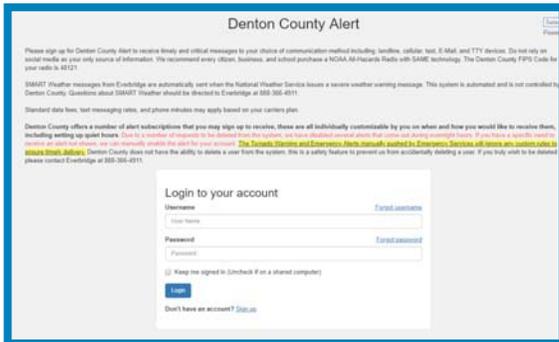


NEVER LEAVE PETS ALONE IN A PARKED CAR

NEVER leave your pets alone in a parked car, it's the law! It is unlawful for any person to intentionally or knowingly confine or allow to be confined any animal under such conditions or for such a period of time as many endanger the health or well-being of the animal due to heat, lack of food or water or any other circumstance which causes suffering, disability or death of the animal.

LAKE CITIES FOURTH OF JULY

This is a spectacular, one-of-a-kind celebration that unites the communities of Lake Dallas, Corinth, Hickory Creek and Shady Shores in celebration of our Nation's birth. The festivities begin with a patriotic parade followed by food, contests, vendors, and toe tappin' music. The day is brought to a close with one of the largest, most dazzling fireworks displays in the area.



DENTON COUNTY ALERT-GET SIGNED UP

Spring in Texas means unpredictable weather and we want our residents to be prepared! SMART Weather messages from Everbridge are automatically sent when the National Weather Service issues a severe weather warning message. To get signed up go to www.dentoncounty.com Under Departments Click on Emergency Services, Emergency Services/Fire Marshal and then Emergency notification. You will need to set up a new account even if you have been previously signed up with CodeRed.

LOW COST VACCINATION



CLINIC

WHERE: Hickory Creek Animal Services
970 Main Street

WHEN: Saturday April 18, 2019
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Vaccines (Rabies, DHLPPC & FVRCP):	\$10
Microchip with lifetime monitoring:	\$20
<i>All pets must be in a carrier or on a leash.</i>	



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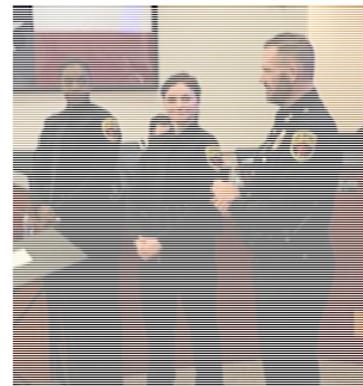


For more information, please contact Animal Services at 940.465.7444

WELCOME HICKORY CREEK'S NEWEST OFFICERS

KRYSTLE DAWSON

Krystle Dawson joined the Hickory Creek Police Department in February 2020. An Arlington native, Dawson graduated from Bowie High School and went on to receive her Bachelors in Sports Management and minor in Business from the University of Southern Mississippi . While working as a police dispatcher for six years, Dawson felt a call to give back to the community. In 2019, Dawson attended the Grand Prairie Police Department to set in motion her desire to serve and to protect the community. Upon graduation she heard about a position at the Hickory Creek Police Department that she knew would be great for community policing and for camaraderie with fellow officers in the department. Officer Dawson is ready to hit the streets and is looking forward to a rewarding and exciting career in Hickory Creek.



CASSIDY O'NEILL

Cassidy O'Neill joined the Hickory Creek Police Department in February 2020. O'Neill grew up in Douglass, Kansas and graduated from Douglass High School. She went on to receive an Associate of Science from Butler Community College. During the summer of 2016, O'Neill moved to Texas to attend the University of North Texas where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. After graduation, she attended the Police Academy with the Denton Police Department where she graduated Valedictorian. O'Neill left the police department to pursue a career in firearms and worked for Texas Gun Experience as an Events Associate/Instructor. O'Neill decided to return to law enforcement after participating in a ride along with Investigator McGrew.



Town Council and Hickory Creek Police Department

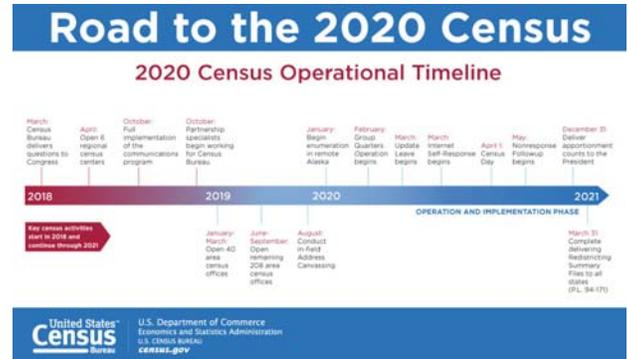
Front Row Left to Right: Officer Contreras, Sergeant Causseux, Officer McGrew, Officer O'Neill, Reserve Officer Jaworski, Sergeant Miller, Officer Leggett .
Second Row: Chief Dunn, Officer Dawson, Officer Theriault, Lieutenant Hubbert, Officer Zehetner, Officer Koshy, Back Row: Councilmember Elrod, Councilmember Dupree, Councilmember Gordon, Mayor Clark, Mayor Pro Tem Kenney, Councilmember Theodore



2020 CENSUS: EVERYONE COUNTS

The 2020 Census is a massive undertaking. It requires counting a diverse and growing population in the United States and the five U.S. territories. To do this, the U.S. Census Bureau must:

- Make an accurate list of every residence in the U.S. and five U.S. territories-including houses, apartments, dormitories, military barracks, and more.
- Get a member of every residence to complete the census online, by phone, or by mail in March and April of 2020.
- Follow up in person with homes that have not responded.



COLLECTING RESPONSES

There are three ways that the Census Bureau will initially collect responses from people for the 2020 Census: online, by phone, and by mail.

By April 1, 2020, you will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home.

Starting in May 2020, the Census Bureau will begin following up in person with homes that have not responded to the census.

COUNTING EVERYONE IN THE RIGHT PLACE

To ensure a complete and accurate count, the Census Bureau counts people at their usual residence, which is the place where they live and sleep most of the time, with a few exceptions. People who do not have a usual residence should be counted where they are on Census Day (April 1, 2020).

The Census Bureau has special processes in place to ensure that everyone in the 50 states, District of Columbia and five U.S. territories is counted.

IMPORTANCE OF THE DATA

The 2020 Census will determine congressional representation, inform hundreds of billions in federal funding, and provide data that will impact communities for the next decade.

The 2020 Census will provide a snapshot of our nation—who we are, where we live, and so much more.

The results of this once-a-decade count determine the number of seats each state has in the House Representatives. They are also used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

Over the next decade, lawmakers, business owners, and many others will use 2020 Census data to make critical decisions. The results will show where communities need new schools, new clinics, new roads, and more services for families, older adults, and children.

The results will also inform how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding are allocated to more than 100 programs, including Medicaid, head Start, block grants for community mental health services, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as SNAP.

CENSUS 2020: EVERYONE COUNTS CONTINUED

REDISTRICTING

The U.S. Constitution mandates that the country count its population once every 10 years. The results are used to adjust or redraw electoral districts, based on where populations have increased or decreased.

State legislatures or independent bipartisan commissions are responsible for redrawing congressional districts. The U.S. Census Bureau provides states with population counts for this purpose.

FEDERAL FUNDING

The results of the 2020 Census will inform decisions about allocating hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding to communities across the country—for hospitals, fire departments, school lunch programs, and other critical programs and services.

BUSINESS DECISIONS

The 2020 Census will be valuable to businesses, as the results will provide a rich set of data on the communities they serve, including population trends and growth projections.

Business owners rely on census results to make decisions, such as where to open new stores, restaurants, factories, or offices, where to expand operations, where to recruit employees, and which products and services to offer.

GARAGE SALE PERMIT

Spring is the perfect time to go through your house and get rid of unwanted items. If you want to hold a garage sale in Hickory Creek there are a few things to remember:

- ⇒ A permit is required. The permit fee is \$5. Only two sales may be held at an address per year.
- ⇒ The sale may last for 3 consecutive days and may open at sunrise.
- ⇒ The only items that can be sold are the used personal property of the residents holding the sale. Items purchased for resale or made specifically to be sold at an occasional sale are prohibited.
- ⇒ A total of 5 signs may be placed out. All signs must display the address, dates and times of the sale, and the permit number. They may be no larger than 4 square feet, be posted on a wood or metal spike in the ground and must be placed on private property. Any signs found on public right-of-ways, attached to any other signs, posts, poles or traffic control devices, or that do not have a valid permit number will be removed.
- ⇒ Signs may be placed out 24 hours before the sale starts and all signs and sale items need to be picked back up the morning after the sale closes.



If you have any questions about how to have a garage sale, please contact Code Enforcement at 940.497.2528 or pick up a copy of the Garage Sale Brochure at Town Hall.

REPAIRING STORM DAMAGED TREES

INTRODUCTION

When storms strike, along with damage to property such as houses, power lines, and commercial buildings, they may cause damage to trees in the urban forest. There are six main types of storm damage to trees: 1) blow-over, 2) stem failure, 3) crown twist, 4) root failure, 5) branch failure, and 6) lightning. Each type is the result of a complex and interactive mix of tree problems and climate.

Damage is often relatively minor with only the smallest branches of the tree being injured. Usually damages of this type result in little or no permanent damage to the tree. All that is required is clean up for the broken twigs and branches and perhaps some light pruning to restore a pleasing shape.

Severe damage consisting of large broken branches, split crotches and removal of bark, and splitting or splintering of the trunk can also occur. Strong winds, lightning and heavy ice storms are the most probable causes. When a tree is severely damaged, the first question that must be answered is: "Is the condition of the tree such to make keeping it worthwhile?" Take the time and effort to save a tree only if a substantial portion of tree remains intact and if, when repairs are made, the tree will still be attractive and of value to the property owner.



TREATING THE TREE

Assuming the decision has been made to repair the tree, the next question is: "Am I capable of repairing the damage myself or should I seek professional help?" Unless experienced in the use of such equipment and comfortable working off the ground, it may be best to have the work performed by a competent professional. Once it has been determined that a tree can be salvaged there are certain procedures that one should follow.

Assess the damage. Some branches may be broken and hanging in the tree, others may be partially attached, and in some cases, entire forks may be split.

Plan which branches must be removed and where the removal cut should be made.

Remove all damaged branches at the nearest lateral branch, bud, or main stem and not in the middle of a branch.



BRANCH REMOVAL

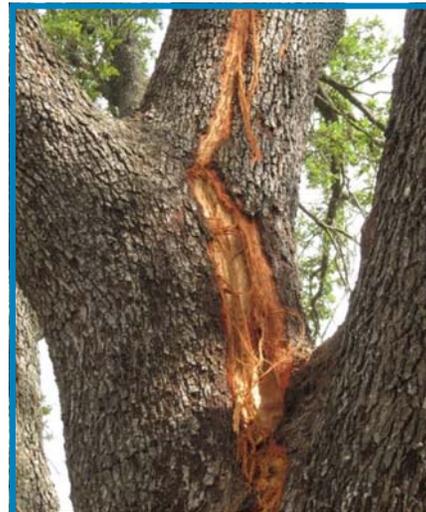
Branches smaller than 3-inches in diameter can be removed using pruning shears or a pole-pruner. Sharp, properly aligned shears or pruners will make a clean cut, not crush or tear bark tissue and reduce cleanup time. Use a sharp saw to remove larger branches. If a power saw is used, a safety rope and harness are essential. The most efficient and least damaging way to remove large branches without causing further damage to the tree is the 3-cut procedure. The first cut is the undercut. From the underside, saw approximately 12 to 18 inches from the main stem or branch to which the damage limb is attached. Cut into the branch about 1 to 1 1/2 inches deep and withdraw the saw blade before it begins to bind. For the second cut, or over cut, saw approximately 2 to 3 inches beyond the undercut and continue until the branch is removed. The final or flush cut is made to remove the

remaining stub. Saw in the natural depression flush with the trunk or branches. Careless pruning can result in death of the entire branch or in excessive sprouting and the eventual development of more problems later on, since these sprouts are generally short lived and weakly attached.

REPAIRING STORM DAMAGED TREES CONTINUED

TORN BARK

In some instances the tearing of bark on large limbs or the main trunk occurs. This is especially common when trees have been struck by lightning. Carefully trim away all loose bark back to the area where it is solidly attached. Do not cut too deeply into the wood of the tree. This cutting of the bark is referred to as a bark tracing. If possible, all bark wounds should be cut into an elliptical shape, being careful to keep the trace as narrow as possible. This may be difficult on large areas. However, trimming the bark in this manner will encourage rapid healing with minimal wood decay.



SPLIT FORKS

Some forks and main branches that are split apart or partially broken may be repaired without removing one or both branches. This type of work is usually beyond the capability of most homeowners unless they have experienced assistance. If the break is nearly even, it is possible to draw the split portions back together and secure them with a large diameter steel bolt and threaded screw rod placed through the split section. The proper procedure for repair begins with drawing the split together using a small block and tackle or winch. Place this 6 to 8 feet or more above the split to obtain maximum leverage. Drill holes through both halves of the split in which the bolt or rod is inserted. With long split areas, 2 or more bolts may be necessary. In addition to the bolts, it often helps to install a steel cable between the two main branches of the split fork several feet above the split. Use lag screws to attach the cable to each branch. Do not wrap the cable around the branch or it may eventually girdle it. This cable system helps hold the crotch together, thus reducing the change of further breakage.

WOUND TREATMENTS

After pruning is complete, all wounds larger than 1 1/2 to 2 inches in diameter can be coated with wound dressing or pruning paint. Recent research has shown that dressings and paints probably do not increase the rate of healing. However, they may prevent drying out and provide some cosmetic effect. Several commercial materials are available or a couple of coats of orange shellac suffice. Areas of torn bark where tracings have been made can also be treated in this manner.



UPROOTED TREES

Trees may be uprooted as a result of severe storms. If the tree is large, it cannot be saved and therefore must be removed. For some smaller trees it may be possible to straighten the tree and brace it using guy wires or cables. Some type of power lift or equipment is usually necessary to pull the tree upright. Do not attempt this procedure unless 1/3 to 1/2 of the roots are still in the soil and the remaining exposed roots are relatively compact and undisturbed.

Before the tree is pulled upright, remove some soil from beneath the root mass so the roots will be placed below the existing soil grade level. Once the tree is back in the upright position, fill in soil as needed. Water the tree to help form the soil and remove air pockets. Attach 2 or 3 guy lines to the trunk as is often done for newly transplanted trees, at a point approximately two-thirds of the height of the tree and to anchors placed some 12 to 15 feet from the base of the tree to hold the tree in place.

WASTE DISPOSAL

Materials from fallen or salvaged trees can be used in several ways. The larger branches can be cut and used for firewood. Add smaller branches and twigs to the compost pile or cut up for kindling. Branches can also be converted into chips for use as compost, mulch or other landscaping purposes if chipping equipment is available to local residents.

ALL THINGS TRASH



REPUBLIC SERVICES SENIOR DISCOUNT

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 Republic Services for your discount on future bills. Once your information has been submitted, there is no need to reapply each year. Senior discounts previously applied for with Waste Management will carry over to Republic Services.



As you clean out the medicine cabinet remember Hickory Creek Town Hall has a MedReturn Drug Collection Unit so you can properly dispose of expired and unused medicines. Below is a list of what can and cannot be deposited in the Med Return.

ACCEPTED

NOT ACCEPTED

Prescriptions	Thermometers
Prescriptions Patches	Hydrogen Peroxide
Prescription Medications	Inhalers
Prescriptions Ointments	Aerosol Cans
Over-the-Counter Medications	Ointments, Lotions, or Liquids
Vitamins	Needles (Sharps)
Samples	Medication from businesses or clinics
Medications for pets	Bloody or infectious waste

UPCOMING BULK TRASH DAYS

April 16
MAY 21
JUNE 18
JULY 16

E-CIG DROP-OFF

DOING YOUR PART FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH & SAFETY

LOCATION
 HICKORY CREEK TOWN HALL LOBBY

ALL E-CIG ACCEPTED
 Most batteries - regardless of type - contain toxic chemicals, like cadmium, lead, lithium, or sulfuric acid. If your old batteries end up in a landfill, pollutants like these can leak out into the environment and contaminate groundwater, damage fragile ecosystems, and even make their way into the food chain.
 If batteries aren't disposed of properly, there's also a possibility they could short circuit, overheat, and cause a fire.

BEFORE YOU RECYCLE

- Old batteries may not generate enough energy to power a device, but they could still spark a fire if they're not handled carefully.
- Store them in a secure container that keeps them lined up side-by-side, so the contact points can't touch each other or brush up against anything that's metallic or conductive.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:
Batteries + Bulbs.

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COMMUNITY REMINDERS

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BOAT RAMP & DAY USE PASSES

Boat ramp and day use passes expire on December 31 of each year. You can purchase 2020 passes at Town Hall, online, or at the pay stations located in Arrowhead, Point Vista, and Sycamore Bend. If you purchase the pass at the park pay station you will receive a receipt that requires you to stop by Town Hall during business hours to pick up a permanent sticker. If you purchase passes online, we send the pass to you in the mail.

Hickory Creek Residents receive a **FREE** day use pass but you must come by Town Hall to pick up the pass. Boat ramp passes for Hickory Creek residents are \$35. Having an expired park pass may result in a citation. Please place all passes in the front windshield by the inspection sticker so they may easily be seen.



ALARM PERMITS

The Town requires all commercial and residential alarm systems to register every January. First time residential alarm systems require a \$50 application fee and renewals are 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 you may come pick up applications at Town Hall.



ANIMAL REGISTRATION

The Town of Hickory Creek requires all cats and dogs be registered with Animal Services annually. There is no charge to register, just bring a valid copy of their rabies vaccination certificate to Town Hall. Failure to register animals could result in a fine.

**HICKORY CREEK
TOWN HALL**

1075 Ronald Reagan
Avenue
940-497-2528
Monday - Thursday
7:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Friday
7:00 AM - 11:00 AM

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1075 Ronald Reagan
Avenue
940-497-3520

Police/Fire Emergency 911

Non Emergency
940-349-1600

**HICKORY CREEK
ANIMAL SHELTER**

970 Main Street
940-349-1600
Monday - Thursday
7:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Friday
7:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Saturday - Sunday
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

VISIT YOUR TOWN HALL

Parks & Recreation Board—Third Monday
Planning & Zoning Commission—Third Tuesday
Town Council—Fourth Monday

Economic Development Corporation—Third Thursday
www.hickorycreekEDC.com

ALL MEETINGS BEGIN AT 6:00 PM



UPCOMING TOWN CLOSURES

Friday, April 10	Good Friday
Monday, May 25	Memorial Day
Friday, July 3	Day before Independence Day
Monday, September 7	Labor Day