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# A LETTER FROM YOUR MAYOR



Dear fellow citizens,

As we all know, this has been an incredibly difficult Spring. Many of our businesses, particularly restaurants, were severely impacted by the closure of their dining rooms due to COVID-19. And many citizens across our area have lost jobs or had their hours reduced during these closures. Thankfully, Texas has begun the “reopening” process, and businesses are slowly adapting to the “next normal.”

In order to help both our residents and our restaurants, the Economic Development Corporation recently implemented a dine-out rebate program. Vouchers worth \$25 were mailed to Hickory Creek residents in mid-May. To redeem the voucher, order from any one of our Hickory Creek restaurants (listed on the card), then take or mail the card, with the restaurant receipt attached, to Hickory Creek Town Hall. The EDC will issue a check to you for \$25! Vouchers expire on August 31, 2020, so they are good all summer.

If you haven’t already done so, I urge you to fill out the 2020 Census form ([2020Census.gov](https://2020Census.gov)). As of early June, 73% of Hickory Creek residents have responded to the survey. Due to COVID-19, the self-response phase (online, phone or mail) has been extended to October 31, 2020, so please help us reach 100%! In Texas, even a 1% undercount could cost \$300 million in revenue. The census provides critical data that is used to:

- Ensure public services & funding for schools, hospitals, and fire departments
- Determine how many seats are allocated to Texas in the US House of Representatives
- Plan sites for new business locations
- Provide emergency funding for situations like the Coronavirus pandemic

Our Council has always taken a conservative approach to budgeting, and fortunately, we have weathered the COVID-19 crisis well, with revenues holding steady. As we gear up for the 2020-2021 budget year, we will carefully analyze both revenues and expenses. As always, our commitment is to use your tax dollars wisely, in order to keep our property tax rate as low as possible.

Our updated Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan is now complete, and the Park Board has begun discussion on implementation. Thanks to our Steering Committee, and all of our citizens who participated in the surveys to provide input for the plan. I look forward to the park enhancements over the next few years.

At our April council meeting, several members of our community received special honors. Please see page four (4) for photos each of these outstanding award recipients. Congratulations to each for these well-deserved honors!

Together, we have accomplished a lot in the past year. I appreciate your continued support, and my promise to you is that I will always work to #KeepHickoryCreekStrong.

Best regards,

Lynn Clark

# Hickory Creek Police Department



This is the **WATER SAFETY** way!

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Whether you are spending your summer fishing, jet skiing, or floating in a pool during a barbecue, we have compiled some water safety tips for your consideration:

**WEAR A LIFE JACKET (PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE):** According to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 85% of the fatal boating accident drowning victims were not wearing a life jacket. There are many types and styles of flotation devices. Do some research and make sure you select the correct one.

**LEARN HOW TO SWIM:** Formal lessons can help protect swimmers from drowning. Children swimming in lakes and rivers should wear life jackets.

**CLOSELY SUPERVISE CHILDREN:** It only takes a moment for a child to slip below the surface. Drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death among children.

**BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS:** Lakes, rivers and streams are natural environments. Watch for sudden drop offs, changing bottoms and unseen limbs, rocks, and other objects.

**STAY HYDRATED:** Take breaks, wear sunscreen, drink water and avoid alcohol.

**NEVER SWIM ALONE:** Even experienced swimmers can get tired or experience muscle cramps. Having a buddy helps.

**IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, CALL 911**

**TOGETHER, WE CAN HELP OUR CHILDREN AND  
OURSELVES STAY SAFE NEAR WATER AND HELP  
REDUCE PREVENTABLE ACCIDENTS.**



# 2019 AWARDS

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During the April 27, 2020 Remote Council meeting, council members presented the Town of Hickory Creek's 2019 Scholars of the Year, Sportsman of the Year, and Business of the Year. [RaceTrac](#) (bottom middle) was named 2019 Business of the Year. [Brandon Engel](#) (bottom left) was named 2019 Sportsman of the year, [Josephine Elliott](#) (bottom right) was named 2019 Sportswoman of the year, [Logan Pickard](#) (top left) and [Antonio Banyaga](#) (top middle) were named 2019 Scholars of the year. [Lisa Rowell](#) (top right) was named 2019 Citizen of the year. The Council also proclaimed May 2020 as [Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month](#). Council members presented yard signs to award winners due to COVID-19. Congratulations to all recipients.



# COUNCIL RE ELECTIONS

## MAYOR LYNN CLARK

Lynn Clark was first elected to the Hickory Creek Council in May 2007, serving 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, 2018, and 2020. In addition to her Council duties, Clark serves on the Hickory Creek Economic Development Corporation. She has met with developers and engineers, TxDOT, and various town boards and staff, always working to provide the best service for the lowest cost for Hickory Creek citizens. She has worked with Precinct 3 Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell to represent Hickory Creek's interests at the county level. Clark is an active member of the Lake Cities Chamber of Commerce and serves as a mentor in the Communities in Schools "Lunch with a Leader" program at Lake Dallas Elementary School. Clark graduated from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin (Odessa, TX), with a degree in History and Literature. She retired as the Executive Director of the Texas Association of Rental Agencies in 2005. Clark is married to Bob Clark, a retired Southwest Airlines captain. They have two sons and daughters-in-law and eight grandchildren.



## PLACE 2— RICHARD DUPREE

A former resident of Tucson, Arizona, Richard Dupree and his wife, Char, had been to Hickory Creek several times to visit his daughter and grandchildren. After taking early retirement from Hughes/Raytheon, they 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.

## PLACE 4— PAUL KENNEY, MAYOR PRO TEM

I was first elected to the Hickory Creek Town Council May of 2008, then re-elected in May 2010, May 2012, May 2014, May 2016, May 2018, and May 2020. I have served as Mayor Pro Tem since July 2015. In addition to my council duties, I have served as council liaison to the Parks and Recreation Board and the Board of Adjustments. I also served on the EDC board from 2011-2013. Currently I serve as the liaison to the Planning and Zoning commission, the Friends of Hickory Creek 501 (c) 3 and co chair of Hickory Creek Helping Hands. I graduated from New Mexico State University with bachelor's of Business Administration with a major in Marketing while completing the Professional Golf Management Program. I have been employed in the golf business since 1994, with my most recent stint as the General Manager at Woodbridge Golf Club in Wylie, Texas. Since 2016, I have transitioned to working with the land development company (Herzog Development) who owns the golf course. I have owned and sold businesses in the fitness industry (DFW), the dry cleaning industry (New Mexico) and currently I am partner in a plantation shutter company in the local DFW area. With my past management experience and business ownerships (past and current), I make daily decisions that are researched, educated, tough and fair for all sides involved. I will always do the same for the future decisions about our Town of Hickory Creek. I have learned the town is very productive when we all work together (citizens, council and staff). I am excited about the future of our town and look forward to serving this great community while making a positive impact for the citizens. My wife (Bry) and I have enjoyed Hickory Creek for over 16 years now. We are blessed and honored to have two wonderful kids (18 & 14 years old) who know Hickory Creek as their only place to have lived and grown up in.



# DINE LOCAL VOUCHERS

The Hickory Creek Economic Development Corporation implemented a dine-out voucher rebate program to help Hickory Creek restaurants. These \$25 vouchers were mailed to residents. To redeem your voucher, order from any one of our Hickory Creek restaurants (listed on the card). Please bring or mail your card, with the restaurant receipt attached, to Hickory Creek Town Hall at 1075 Ronald Reagan Avenue, Hickory Creek, Texas 75065 and we will mail you a \$25 reimbursement check. Residents will need to bring in the voucher with the receipt from a restaurant listed on the voucher in an amount no less than \$25. One voucher per household. Thank you for continuing to support our local businesses during the COVID-19 crisis.



**Let's Eat Out!**

**\$25 reimbursement**

**HICKORY CREEK TX**

The Hickory Creek Economic Development Corporation would like to help our local restaurants and provide the citizens of Hickory Creek \$25 to dine locally during the COVID-19 crisis.

- \$25 minimum purchase required, 1 per household
- Valid at Hickory Creek, Texas restaurants only
- Must be used by August 31, 2020

Angelina's (Opening Soon)	101 Baize Blvd.	940-321-1133
Dominos Pizza	1043 Hickory Creek Blvd.	940-321-1226
Don Camillo's (Opening Soon)	1225 Turbeville Rd.	940-321-1100
Elm Fork Taphouse	1221 Turbeville Rd.	940-279-7100
Ely's Mexican Grill	6060 South Stemmons	940-279-4001
McDonalds	8300 South Stemmons	940-321-0728
Palios Pizza Café	4080 FM 2181	940-497-7020
Pho Luv	1029 Hickory Creek Blvd.	940-326-9122
Rice Pot	4000 FM 2181	940-497-2221
Sonic	4150 FM 2181	940-498-0140
Starbucks	4600 FM 2181	940-498-4880
Subway(Walmart)	1035 Hickory Creek Blvd.	940-497-4045
Subway(FM 2181)	4030 FM 2181	940-497-0856
Whataburger	4250 FM 2181	940-498-9377

1075 Ronald Reagan Avenue  
Hickory Creek, Texas 75065

Current Resident  
Hickory Creek, TX 75065

★To redeem voucher, mail or bring postcard with receipt to Hickory Creek Town Hall, 1075 Ronald Reagan Avenue, Hickory Creek, Texas 75065.★

# HICKORY CREEK POLICE DEPARTMENT SAFE EXCHANGE ZONE



The Hickory Creek Police Department now has a Safe Exchange Zone. The Exchange Zone, located at 1075 Ronald Reagan Avenue, is well lit and under 24-hour surveillance, giving residents and commuters a safe place to purchase or exchange property from sites such as Craigslist, Facebook and other online sales. The Safe Exchange Zone is located on the southside of the parking lot facing the pond.



# 7 WORST GARDENING MISTAKES

SOURCE: EASY GARDENS FOR NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS (STEVE HUDDLESTON AND PAMELA CRAWFORD)

## **BUYING THE WRONG PLANTS**

Most beginners buy plants that don't meet their expectations. They don't understand the plant's flowering habits or that the plant is an erratic performer. You will have a greater chance of success with tough native plants that are well-adapted to our climate. Do your homework and learn how the plants grow before you buy them.

## **PLANTING IN AREAS WITH POOR DRAINAGE**

Most plants grown in soil that is constantly wet will die pretty quickly. Drainage problems are the major cause of wet spots in your garden. Some drainage problems can be solved by tilling your soil to a depth of 8 to 12 inches, or punching deep holes through the soil with a shovel or auger. Adding course-textured soil amendments, like expanded shale or pine bark, and tilling to a depth of 12 inches, also helps drainage. Do not use sand. Clay and sand make concrete. If your problem is not solved, seek out the advice of a professional.

## **PURCHASING THE WRONG FERTILIZER**

Grass fertilizers are different from the fertilizer you will use on the rest of your plants. Follow the instructions. Twice as much is not twice as good. Slow-released fertilizers are best. They are milder, and most don't burn plants. The nutrients are released slowly over time. So they don't have to be applied as frequently, making it easier on you. Testing your soil is the best way to gauge the need for fertilizer.

## **WATERING INCORRECTLY**

Plants need quite a bit of water to get established, particularly if planted in spring or summer. Not enough in the beginning could spell death. Too much later could also spell death. Your plants will tell you when they need water. Observe them carefully the first season. If a plant is wilting, it needs water. If the soil feels dry when you insert your finger, it needs water. On average, you'll need to apply enough water to soak into the soil to a depth of 6 to 8 inches. Slow-watering directly on the soil is better than a fast hit with a hose because the roots have more time to absorb the water.

## **PILING SOIL AROUND THE STEM OF THE PLANT**

If soil or organic matter comes into contact with the stem of many plants, the stem rots, and the plant dies. To avoid this plight, plant plants a little higher. To help retain moisture, most people put organic mulch on top of the soil after they have planted. Be sure to pull the mulch away from the trunk or stem when you are mulching.

## **SPACING PLANTS INCORRECTLY**

Each plant requires a certain amount of space to grow properly. If you plant them too close together, they won't grow as expected, nor will they flower profusely. Pay attention to the size your plants will reach at maturity and give them adequate room to grow. Your garden may look a little sparse at first, but if you planned right the plants will grow to fill it in.

## **PLACING PLANTS IN THE WRONG AMOUNT OF LIGHT**

Different plants need different amounts of light. A blanket flower likes full sun; a hosta likes shade. But how much sun is enough for sun plants? The rule of thumb is at least four to six hours of direct sunlight a day. For your shade-only plants, if they are left in the sun, the leaves and flowers will burn. Before you plant, learn the light conditions around your property and know the light requirements of the plants you're establishing.

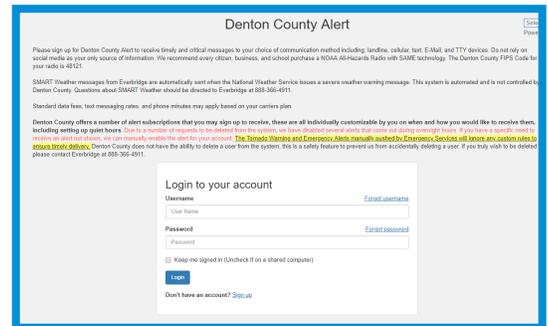


## NEVER LEAVE PETS ALONE IN A PARKED CAR

**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.

## DENTON COUNTY ALERT-GET SIGNED UP

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](http://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.



## GOING ON VACATION SOON?

Are you traveling or making plans to travel in the upcoming months? Go to our website at [www.hickorycreek-tx.gov](http://www.hickorycreek-tx.gov). Complete the Vacation Watch a Form and a police officer will drive by and check on your residence while you are away, giving you the peace of mind while you are on vacation!

### Heat Stroke in Dogs

**Signs**

Panting	Weakness	Shaking
Salivation	Listlessness	Collapse
Vomiting	Poor coordination	Seizures
Diarrhoea		

**What to do**

1. Remove the dog from the heat source - seek shade or air-conditioning
2. Cool the dog with water (cool, NOT iced) Spray with a hose, submerge in a bath/pool (if safe to do so), or drape with wet towels and use a fan
3. Check rectal temperature every 10 - 15 minutes and stop cooling if temperature drops below 39.5C/103F
4. Offer the dog a drink of water - do not force them to drink
5. Get the dog to a veterinarian as soon as possible, even if everything seems ok.

## BE IN THE KNOW

Residents, we want to keep you informed! Did you know the Town of Hickory Creek has Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor and if you aren't on social media we also send out emails to remind you of any town closures, changes in trash pick up or bulk trash, special events, construction updates and even park or boat ramp closures. To get signed up for email messages go to [www.hickorycreek-tx.gov](http://www.hickorycreek-tx.gov).

# #HICKORYCREEKSTRONG



## MELISSA SHIPE

Hickory Creek resident Melissa Shipe had never sewn a stitch until the end of March, and didn't even own a sewing machine. She started seeing friends in the medical field requesting masks to wear due to COVID-19, and wanted to do something to help them. She bought a sewing machine and had a woman at JoAnn's Fabric spend 10 minutes showing her how to use the machine. She bought fabric, went home & starting making masks. She was working full-time, but sewing masks in her spare time, often staying up until 1 or 2 a.m. Word spread through Facebook, and she has made masks for medical & military personnel, friends & neighbors, and even the Hickory Creek Police Department. To date, she has made over 1100 masks, and given them away for free! She said, "I just wanted to do my part and help out where I could." Melissa, you have done an incredible job. Thank you for showing us your Hickory Creek Spirit!



## SUE HIPP

Local Hickory Creek resident, Sue Hipp, has brought smiles to a lot of faces during the COVID-19 pandemic. Years ago, Sue rescued a giant "Snoopy" in a clearance sale. At the time, her dad asked, "What are you going to do with that!?" Sue lived in a different state than her parents, but every time she visited them, Snoopy would fly with her to their house, and she would leave him someplace where her parents would find him after she left. Her parents would do the same, and they enjoyed the back-and-forth game for many years...always finding Snoopy in a hidden place after a visit. After Sue's dad passed away, she hated to get rid of Snoopy, so he was packed away & forgotten. During the COVID pandemic, Sue found Snoopy in a closet, and sat him on her front porch. On trash day, she sat him on a bicycle, with a handwritten sign thanking the Republic employees. The worker went past her house, then stopped, came back & asked to take a picture with Snoopy. That simple act inspired Sue to dress Snoopy in a new outfit each day. Snoopy has thanked medical personnel, celebrated Earth Day & Cinco de Mayo, asked Jerry Jones to draft him, and watched the Blue Angels fly over. As Snoopy often says, "There's much to be thankful for." Snoopy, we're thankful for YOU and Sue!

## SOLICITORS



If someone comes to your door trying to sell you a product or service, verify they have been approved by the Town as a solicitor. ALL registered solicitors will have a name badge with their name, company name and an expiration date. Door to Door solicitors may only work between 9 am and 8 pm Monday through Saturday. Call the Building department or Town Hall if you suspect someone is soliciting without a permit. Remember, you have the right to tell a solicitor to leave your property. If they do not or if you are made uncomfortable by their presence, please call the Police Department 940.349.1600 ext. 9.

## GIVE US YOUR BEST SHOT!

The Town of Hickory Creek is looking for pictures of our town to feature in our newsletter, on our social media, and on our website. If you have pictures you would like to share, please email [events@hickorycreek-tx.gov](mailto:events@hickorycreek-tx.gov). Please include your name and place the picture was taken.



## NOISE ORDINANCE

Everyone wants to enjoy peace and quiet in their homes but do you know what the town's Code of Ordinances says about noise nuisances? Power equipment such as lawn mowers, chain saws and other gas powered equipment may not be used between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. Radios, televisions, musical instruments, speakers, etc. must be kept low enough so they do not disturb anyone else between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. At NO time may speakers or any other equipment be loud enough to be clearly heard 50 feet from the source. Barking dogs are a frequent complaint. Before making a noise complaint, please try to determine if there is a specific reason the dog is barking and, if possible, speak to the dog's owner. Complaints for repeated problems should be forwarded to Animal Control 940.465.7444, To report a code violation go to [www.hickorycreek-tx.gov](http://www.hickorycreek-tx.gov) >Departments > Code Violation Form or Dispatch at 940.349.1600 ext. 9. Remember, animal noise complaints are usually not considered an emergency situation and an Animal Control Officer will not be dispatched after hours. Construction activity is prohibited within 150 feet of a residence between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m., Monday thru Friday and may not begin Saturday, Sunday or holidays until 9 a.m. unless the project has been granted special permission by the town in advance.



## CALLING ALL VETERANS

The Town of Hickory Creek is looking to feature some of our hometown heroes. If you are or know of a Veteran living in Hickory Creek please have them email a short biography and picture (s). Biographies will be featured in future editions of our Lakeside Newsletter. Please contact [Kristina.smith@hickorycreek-tx.gov](mailto:Kristina.smith@hickorycreek-tx.gov) with questions or to submit a biography.

## 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



## TAX FREE WEEKEND

Tax free weekend will be held August 7 –August 9 this year. During this annual sales tax holiday, you can buy most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks (sold for less than \$100) tax free.

# Free Curbside Collection of Used Textiles & Small Household Items

The Town of Hickory Creek is offering a convenient new recycling service for residents: Curbside collection of used textiles and small household items. The services are provided by Simple Recycling ([www.simplerecycling.com](http://www.simplerecycling.com)) and are free to the Town of Hickory Creek and free to residents.

## How It Works

When cleaning out closets or disposing of unwanted clothes and small household items, residents can place them in the bags. Residents can then place the bags at the curb or alley near their recycling container on their normal recycling collection day. Simple Recycling's trucks will pick them up, free of charge.

When Simple Recycling collects bags from a residence, the collection worker will leave replacement bags at the curb. If a resident has a lot of material to get rid of, and doesn't have enough bags, then that's no problem. Residents can contact Simple Recycling for their orange bags at [www.simplerecycling.com](http://www.simplerecycling.com) or use regular trash bags that are clearly marked for Simple Recycling.

## BENEFITS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

According to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), more than 84% of old clothes, shoes, belts, handbags, and textile items end up in a landfill or an incinerator! In fact, the average person in America throws away more than 85 lbs. of textile items each year. Textiles make up more than 6% of all the residential and municipal trash in the US.

Clothing and textiles require a lot of resources to make, including water, fertilizer, and pesticides for growing natural fibers like cotton, as well as petroleum to make synthetic fibers. When we reuse and recycle textiles, it conserves the resources used to make them. In fact, collecting one ton of clothing conserves far more than a ton of the "embedded" resources.

The Simple Recycling service is designed to keep those items out of the trash, which is good for the environment.

## TYPES OF ITEMS ACCEPTED

Simple Recycling will collect a wide range of used textiles and small household items. The list of accepted items includes:

Used or New Clothing (men's, women's, children's)

Boots & Shoes

Bedding (sheets, pillow cases, blankets, comforters)

Belts & Ties

Books

Bras

Coats & Jackets

Fashion Accessories

Handbags & Purses

Hats & Gloves

Kitchenware

Linens

Pillows

Sandals & Slippers (in pairs)

Socks (single or in pairs)

Stuffed Animals

Table Linens

Tools

Towels

Toys

Undergarments



Did you know?...



Without a curbside collection program, nearly 85% of clothing and usable home goods get thrown into a landfill. That's 21 billion pounds each year!

There is a better way!

JUST FOLLOW THESE EASY STEPS

STEP 1



Place this bag in your closet and fill it with clothing & shoes

STEP 2



Set your bags out bright and early on your regular collection day

STEP 3



Our friendly drivers will pick up your bags and leave replacement bags behind



Please remember to set out your Simple Recycling bags on your normal recycling collection day!

## RECYCLING SERVICES: WEEKLY OR BI-WEEKLY? LET US KNOW

Residents, the town council is considering a request to reduce the cost of recycling services. To reduce prices, the Town of Hickory Creek could switch to recycling pick up **every other week** or keep prices the same and continue recycling pick up **every week**. Waste pick up will continue to remain weekly. To voice your questions or concerns please contact Town Administrator, John Smith at [john.smith@hickorycreek-tx.gov](mailto:john.smith@hickorycreek-tx.gov) no later than August 15.

## LIBRARY CARD REIMBURSEMENT

Looking for places to take the kids this summer? The Town of Hickory Creek offers our residents Denton and Lake Dallas library card reimbursements! The Town will reimburse residents up to \$50 per household. To receive the refund, bring the receipt from the Denton or Lake Dallas Library and a copy of your drivers license with your Hickory Creek address (or a utility bill with your address) and we will send a check to you in the mail for reimbursement.



**SAVE THE DATE**

**DEC**

**4**

**6 PM UNTIL 8 PM**

**HICKORY CREEK**

**TREE LIGHTING**

**A FUN FAMILY EVENT TO KICK OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON!**

# 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.

## DFW LANDFILL

Hickory Creek residents are allowed to dispose of one standard pickup truck bed (max 3 cubic yards) of waste per month at the DFW Landfill in Lewisville, Texas (1600 S. Railroad, Lewisville, Texas 75067, Phone: 469.373.4066) at no additional 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.



## UPCOMING BULK TRASH DAYS

**July 16    AUGUST 20**

**SEPTEMBER 17    OCTOBER 15**

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



# COMMUNITY REMINDERS

## 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

**ALL MEETINGS BEGIN AT 6:00 PM**



## UPCOMING TOWN CLOSURES

<b>Monday, September 7</b>	<b>Labor Day</b>
<b>Monday, October 12</b>	<b>Columbus Day</b>
<b>Wednesday, November 11</b>	<b>Veterans Day</b>