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"A City on the Grow"

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CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Please be advised that the Council has a newsletter sent on a quarterly basis to inform and remind the public about important matters.

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year. We hope each of you had a great Christmas and wish the best for all in 2013.

FIREWORKS BANNED IN CITY

Fireworks in the City of Lytle are banned as per the City's Fire Code. We urge everyone to follow the city's rules and not use fireworks within the Lytle City limits during the holidays. In the past, fireworks were allowed if the city was not in a drought and conditions were favorable. But now, the city's fire code bans the use of fireworks at all times, within the City limits. If we all do our part, we can make Lytle safe for everyone during the holidays.

CITY TAXES

We'd like to remind taxpayers that City taxes will be due on January 31, 2013. If taxes are not paid by this date, penalty and interest will accrue. Also, if delinquent taxes are due, we urge you to take care of them, as we will have our attorney filing more lawsuits.

NEW THINGS FOR LYTLE

We got four new businesses in Lytle in December. All of these businesses are located at the old H.E.B. Store. We are having more businesses check with us, and expect to see at least two more businesses at this same location very soon. Also, we have had other businesses checking with the city on properties located on Main Street, FM 2790 East, and the IH 35 access road. We are hopeful that Lytle will get a few more businesses in our city to provide more services to our citizens and people in the surrounding area. We'll let you know more when we find out.

Also, keep looking for changes around our city, as several projects are in the works. We hope everyone will like these improvements, and will see them as a positive for Lytle.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lytle Veterinary Clinic Rabies Drive that will be held on Saturday, March 23rd. The hours will be 1:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m. For more information please contact the Lytle Veterinary Clinic at 830-709-3674.

The next event will be Lytle's Annual Easter Egg Hunt that will be held on Saturday, March 30th. We'll have more details as they become available.

CODE COMPLIANCE

We have a fairly new Code Compliance Officer that will continue to drive around the city and see that people comply with the city's ordinances. We ask everyone to keep their lots free of debris and junk vehicles to avoid a visit from the city's code enforcement officer. Also, the city is still in Stage 2 of water restrictions, so everyone needs to follow those rules, as well.

WATER CONSERVATION

As mentioned before, Stage 2 drought restrictions are still in effect for Lytle. City Council voted to lease water rights from the City of Devine in order to keep the City from being fined by the Edwards Aquifer Authority for pumping over our allotted water for the calendar year. Council hasn't decided whether the cost ($8,500.00) of these additional water rights will be passed on to our customers in upcoming bills.

BRUSH PICK-UP

Brush pick-up during 2013 will be on every third Monday of each month, just like in 2012. We ask everyone to put their brush out by no later than 7:00 a.m. Monday morning. We urge everyone to not put out brush earlier than the weekend before pick-up is scheduled. Customers do not have to call in for this service as the truck will go down each street one time. If you see the brush pick-up truck coming down your street it is too late to request pick-up, since the truck will not go down a street twice. Again, we remind everyone to keep brush in their back yards until the weekend before brush pick-up starts.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

This year the contest for Christmas decorating had two categories- Adult Groups and Adult and Children Groups. We felt the need for change was necessary to make the contest as fair as possible.

Winners for the Adult Group were: 1st Place: Lytle VFW-Veterans' Park
2nd Place: Lytle Animal Shelter-Animal Shelter
3rd Place: Lytle Band Boosters-H.E.B.

Winners of the Adult and Children Group were:
1st Place: Lytle Boy Scouts-Tri Star Insurance, Gary Hack Sr. property
2nd Place: LYP-Hector Barrera Construction, Lytle Oil Exchange
3rd Place: Lytle Girl Scouts-Lytle State Bank.

Awards will be presented at the January Council meeting.

CITY HOLIDAYS FOR 2013

Enclosed is a City of Lytle Holiday Schedule for 2013. Please remember that the City Office will be closed on these holidays, but garbage will be picked up unless you are notified otherwise. Please clip and save this schedule for future reference.

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New Year's Day	Tuesday, January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 21
Presidents' Day	Monday, February 18
Good Friday	Friday, March 29
Memorial Day	Monday, May 27
Independence Day	Thursday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, September 2
Veterans' Day	Monday, November 11
Thanksgiving	Thursday & Friday November 28 & 29
Christmas Eve	Tuesday, December 24
Christmas	Wednesday, December 25

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THE FOLLOWING ITEMS SERVE AS REMINDERS FOR OUR NEW CUSTOMERS:

ATASCOSA COUNTY TAX OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE

We would like to remind everyone that the Atascosa County Tax Office sends a representative from their office to the City Hall **ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. PLEASE NOTE** that a lunch hour is taken from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. ***PLEASE REMEMBER,** you need to bring proof of insurance to get your license plate sticker.

BUILDING PERMITS REQUIRED

The City of Lytle requires its residents and business owners to get building permits prior to starting building projects, whether it's a new dwelling, addition to dwelling or business, swimming pool, gazebo, deck, storage shed, etc. If you do not get a building permit prior to starting construction, the cost of the permit will be doubled. We urge everyone to comply with the city's building ordinance.

BULKY WASTE PICK-UP

Bulky waste is scheduled for the fourth Monday of each month. **REMEMBER THAT BRUSH IS NOT CONSIDERED** bulky waste. Also please remember, do not mix in brush with your bulky waste, or it will not be picked up.

Bulky waste includes old furniture, mattresses and other household items. Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, tires, and paint are not picked up due to environmental issues. Also, construction debris is not included as part of bulky waste pick-up.

AGAIN, WE URGE EVERYONE TO PLACE BULKY WASTE AT CURBSIDE THE WEEKEND PRIOR TO THE START DATE, SO WE DO NOT HAVE THE CITY RIGHT-OF-WAYS LOOKING DIRTY AND UGLY FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME. ALSO, REMEMBER TO PLACE YOUR BULKY WASTE WHERE IT DOES NOT CAUSE A PROBLEM FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS, OR FOR PEOPLE DRIVING DOWN YOUR STREET.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Lytle City Council meets on the second Monday of each month* at 6:30 p.m. at the Lytle City Hall.

CITY OFFICE HOURS

The City Office is open during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The office is open during the noon hour.

DRIVE-THRU WINDOW

We'd like to remind everyone that the drive-thru window at the back of the City Hall building is open for their convenience during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

GAS EMERGENCIES

As mentioned in the last couple of newsletters, CPS Energy now operates and maintains the city's gas system. If you have a gas emergency, please call, (210) 353-HELP (4375) or toll free at 1-800-870-1006.

NIGHT DEPOSIT

A night deposit box is available for the convenience of customers paying utility bills and taxes. This drop box is located next to the drive-thru window at the back of the City Hall building.

OVERGROWN LOTS & YARDS

We'd like to remind everyone with property in the Lytle City limits that we do have an ordinance prohibiting lots and yards to become overgrown with weeds and debris (that includes old tires). If you are found to be in violation of the city's ordinance you will be notified to correct the situation within seven (7) days of the notice. If you do not clean the property within the allotted time, the city will be forced to send a police officer to issue a citation to you and then file a complaint against you in Municipal Court. This could lead to you being fined for every day your property is not cleaned up. We ask everyone to keep their yards free of weeds, trash and debris to keep our city looking neat and clean.

WEBSITE

Don't forget to visit our website at **www.lytletx.org**. We do update this website as often as possible with important news.

WORK ORDERS

All citizens are urged to call the City Office to turn in work orders for City-related matters. In the past, citizens have told laborers or Council members about things that needed to be done and since they were not in the office, a work order was not written and the work to be done was forgotten. **PLEASE REMEMBER**, call the City Office if you have a matter that needs to be tended to.

MAYOR'S REPORT

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and looking forward to a new year. I also hope you were able to spend time with your family and friends during the holiday season, since it is a time for us to reflect on the many blessings we have had during the year.

I encourage each of you to take the opportunity to visit our stores located in Lytle. Many of our stores located on Main Street have provided great service and merchandise for many years for our citizens and the surrounding area. Shopping in Lytle helps everyone.

It is truly amazing all the businesses we have had come to town over the course of a year. It is obvious Lytle has been truly blessed and the future looks great.

Many projects will be getting underway this year that will benefit the citizens of Lytle. We will keep you posted as to when they will begin.

Last but not least, I want to thank our great volunteers for all they have done for our community in 2012. For anyone who is interested in helping in 2013, please call or email us and we will find you a project to assist with.

Thank You
Mayor
Mark Bowen

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IMPORTANT CITY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Lytle City	(830) 709-3692
Lytle Pager	(210) 235-8664 (Leave detailed message)
	(210) 820-9927 (Enter phone # for faster service)
Lytle Animal Control	(830) 709-3832
Lytle EMS and Police	(830) 772-3149 or 9-1-1
Lytle Fire Department	(830) 709-2326 or 9-1-1
C.P.S. Energy	(210) 353-HELP (4357)
	1-800-870-1006 – Toll Free

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