

Mayor's Message

By Mayor Chris Riley

SUCCESSFUL 4th of JULY CELEBRATION!

Congratulations and THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to a fantastic Leon Valley 4th of July event! The day's fun events included a 5K run, the parade, and all day musical entertainment, which culminated with the fireworks finale at dusk! An estimated 15,000 people attended in the park (and many others watched the fireworks from the area). Public safety personnel reported four persons with heat exhaustion and one person falling, but no other problems. Our Public Works staff is to be commended for getting the park ready for this event – on Tuesday, June 30th, the park was flooded after a 3 inch rainfall. Mike de la Garza, event coordinator, commented, "Leon Valley went from a raging river to a raging success"! Special thanks to all our sponsors who helped the city make this event possible: Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation (specifically for the fireworks show), Miracle Body & Paint, Leon Valley Storage, Tellez Tamales, Church of Latter Day Saints and KSAT-12. Hope to see you next year!

CPS ENERGY – "DEMOCRATIZE SOLAR POWER"

On Saturday, July 25th CPS Energy Vice President Raiford Smith presented the public utility's plan to enable customers to obtain their electricity through solar power, a renewable energy source. Up to now, solar energy has been available only to customers who purchased solar panels, costing, after rebates, between \$4,000 and \$9,000. This option remains open, but the generous tax credit is set to expire at the end of 2016. CPS wants to provide solar power to more customers by offering the following pilot programs, which will begin this year:

1. Residential Roof Top – There will be no upfront costs. Solar panels will be mounted by a local installer on your roof. CPS will pay the homeowner a rental fee for hosting the solar facility as a monthly credit on your electric bill. Maintenance will be provided by CPS. Solar panels are warranted for twenty years and are hail and wind resistant. If you have to replace your roof during the twenty year



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warranty, CPS will take down and replace after roof repair. If you sell your property, the panels will stay on the home.

2. Community Solar - Those who have too much shade, or can't have panels on their roof for other reasons, can buy panels for a remote site and get bill credits for the power produced. The cost will depend on how many panels you purchase, and the credits will be based on power produced. CPS has selected a site in the greater San Antonio area which will be a dedicated solar farm for this program.

Customer sign-up for these programs will begin in September and available to anyone in the CPS

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Emergency Shelters and Preparedness

By Luis Valdez, Fire Chief

In the event of a large scale emergency that requires evacuation of your home it's important that you know the safe options available to your family for emergency sheltering. Of course, many of you might feel best travelling to the home of nearby family, friends, or even a hotel, but remember these options may also

be affected by the very same large scale emergency, or travel might be difficult or unsafe. We want you to know that the city's emergency shelter plan now includes a partnership agreement with NISD officials and the American Red Cross. If needed, John Marshall High School will be opened, and Pat Neff Middle School at Evers Rd

and Loop 410 will serve as an overflow secondary shelter. We feel that both of these schools offer the parking spaces, showers, cafeteria, other infrastructure, and mutual aid support staffing that would better serve all of us. We also have agreements with the

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service area. Mr. Smith encouraged citizens to get in early on exploring one of the two options listed above. Look in your CPS Energy bill for more information. Small businesses may also be eligible and municipal buildings as well. 42% of our local energy comes from coal, a major contributor to our air quality / respiratory problems. Transitioning to renewable energy for our area will help to gradually shut down the coal plants, providing cleaner air to breathe and lower fossil fuel emissions.

MOVING FORWARD ON TOWN HALL MEETING GOALS

A. Emergency Preparedness –

Thanks to Fire Chief Luiz Valdez, Asst. Chief Bill Lawson and their team for developing classes on emergency services and preparedness for our community. (2nd Monday of the month, 6-7 pm at the fire station). Additionally, please note that Police Chief Randall Wallace and Asst. Police Chief Ray Lacy are conducting monthly Crime Prevention meetings the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7-8 pm at the Library. Education is key to being safe and prepared. Hope to see you there.

B. Leon Valley Historical Society and the City of Leon Valley –

Public Private Partnership for the Huebner-Onion property. Interim city manager Brummett is researching best practices for public private partnerships. Meetings for the two boards and other community representatives will begin in the next few months.

THINGS YOU WANT TO KNOW

- Update on the Hike & Bike trail: At the July 7, 2015 city council meeting, the city council rejected all bids for the prior trail plan that was to go through the Natural Area. Mr. Brummett has suggested that the existing trail grant money (\$933,000) be used for connecting the Triangle Park (at the Huebner Onion Homestead) under the Bandera Road Bridge along Huebner Creek to Crystal Hills Park, after Bexar County's flood control project is completed. Mr. Swaim, engineer for the project, concurs and reports the planning and design for the Crystal Hills portion has already been partially completed. Mr. Swaim has suggested that the city take on the responsibility for connecting the trail from Evers/Poss to the Triangle Park, eliminating the restrictions of federal grant requirements.

This would allow existing sidewalks to be used as part of the trail.

Connecting the two parks was the original intent of the project. This would also allow the city to apply for another MPO grant that may meet a more pressing need in the community, rather than another trail grant. Nothing has been determined and citizen input will be obtained.

- Fiscal Year Budget 2016 will be presented to the citizens on Tuesday, August 18th at 7:00 p.m. Please come and give your two cents on how your tax dollars are being spent. A detailed summary of the budget will be communicated in the October Lions Roar.
- Fall Brush Pick Up Guidelines for September are included in this Lions Roar issue. If you have furniture or other reusable items, please consider calling Salvation Army or another donation center for pickup to help families in need.

I am your public servant. My door is always open. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email me at (210) 618-2092 or mayorrriley@leonvalleytexas.gov.

Sincerely, Chris

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Church of Latter Day Saints on Huebner, and St. Johns Baptist Church at the end of Evers rd. These churches will serve as short-term sheltering options for small groups, including those with special needs. We are confident that having a cooperative partnership with NISD and the Red Cross places us all in a much better state of preparedness.

You can learn more of this type of important information by attending one of our upcoming community classes held at your brand new fire station on the 2nd Monday of each month from 6-7PM beginning in September. We will have a quick topic at the beginning of each class followed by an open discussion format. You can ask questions of the Chiefs, one of our Fire Officers, or

Paramedics, and learn more about your emergency services. Our first few topics include; Disaster preparedness in the home (September), Medical Emergencies (October), Flood preparedness (November), Holiday and cooking safety (December), and much more to come! So mark your calendars, and call ahead to reserve your spot, class size is limited. Lastly, we encourage everyone to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and now on NextDoor.com. Questions about emergency services and preparedness are welcome anytime! We want you to be prepared before an emergency happens! Thank you, and stay safe!



Got Drugs?

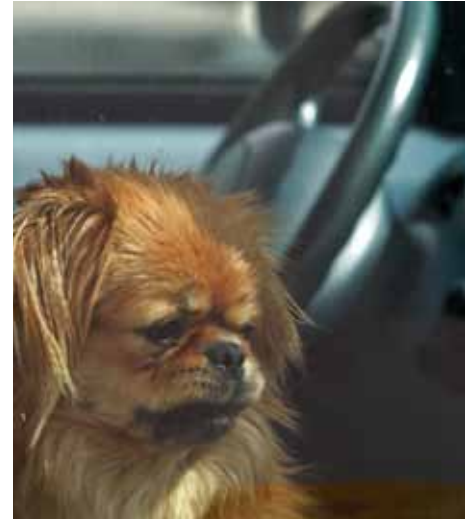
Saturday, September 26, 2015 is the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. You can turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal at the Leon Valley Police Department between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications.

Pets in Hot Cars

It takes only minutes for a pet left in a vehicle on a warm day to succumb to heatstroke and suffocation. Most people don't realize how hot it can get in a parked car. On a 78 degree day, temperatures in a car parked in the shade can exceed 90 degrees and hit a scorching 160 degrees if parked in the sun in just 10 minutes! So many experts recommend not leaving pets or children in parked cars even for short periods if the temperature is in the 60s or higher. Rolling down a window or parking in the shade doesn't guarantee protection either, since temperatures can still climb into the danger zone. And if the window is rolled down

sufficiently, the pet can escape. Plus if a passer-by claims he or she was bitten through the car window, the pet owner will be liable. If your furry friend has to come with you be sure the place you are traveling to is pet friendly because having him stay in your automobile just isn't safe for anyone.

If you see a dog left alone in a hot car, take down the car's color, model, make, and license plate number. Have the owner paged in the nearest buildings, or call Leon Valley Animal Control at 210-684-1391, ext.230. Have someone keep an eye on the dog. Don't leave the scene until the situation has been resolved.



Leon Valley Public Library

Have you been in the library lately? If not, it's time to pass through! We have the latest books and DVD's, computers for resident use, and an incredible children's wing to share!

Things are happening all the time at the library, our monthly programs include:

Adult Coloring Evenings: Held once a month, from 6 – 8 pm. Call for the scheduled date. Adult Coloring is the latest craze. Coloring has been shown to relieve stress and anxiety. Join us for an evening of peacefulness including spa waters, relaxing music, friends and loads of inspiration. Pamper yourself....we will provide all supplies, you provide the company!

Adventurers Club: Day of week TBD, 10:30 am. Our Adventurer's Club is geared to the 3-5 year old crowd, and starting in September, we will be exploring the alphabet.

Book Club: We are going to take a break for the rest of summer and will schedule a reorganization meeting in September, date TBD.

Chess Group: Held the second and last Thursday of each month beginning at 3:30 pm and going until everyone is

done playing (or 8 pm). The Chess Group is open to all ages and skill levels.

Community Drum Circle: The fourth Saturday of each month at 10:30 am. A community participation activity guaranteed to bring a smile to your face! No experience necessary, all ages welcome!

Crime Awareness Program: The second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. The Leon Valley Police Department conducts evening programs on learning about crime prevention and neighborhood watch.

Smart Shoppers Group: The Third Tuesday of each month at 10:30 am. Learn to shop SMART! Using coupons, birthday clubs, Groupon and many other sources, we share ideas and tips on getting the most for your money. Children welcome, a movie will be shown.

Storytime: Thursday mornings at 10:30 am. For August, we will have guest readers. In September, our Toddler Storytime is filled with stories, songs and crafts. Come prepared to have a great time and meet new friends! (all ages welcome, however the focus is on the toddler aged.)



August will see a COW at the library when the Southwest Dairy Farmers send their mobile classroom to visit on Wednesday, August 19th at 10:30 am. Adult Coloring Evening is already scheduled for Thursday, August 13 at 6:00 pm. September is currently in the planning stages, sostop by the library and pick up our monthly calendar as we schedule in our fall activities and follow us on facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/leonvalleypubliclibrary>).

Your LEON VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY.....CHECK US OUT!



Clean up, Fix up Week

Fall Large Item Pickup

It's almost that time! The Fall Large Item Pickup will be held from September 7th to September 18th. Items to be picked up should be placed at the curb on Monday, August 30th. Waste Management will survey the City to determine what equipment is needed the week prior, and then begin their pick up.

Each year we receive complaints that Waste Management has skipped a home or that they didn't pick up all the items that were placed at the curb. Here are a few tips to assure your items are removed:

Dos and Don'ts of Large Item Pickup:

Do limit the total amount to be picked up to 8 cubic yards - (6ft. wide x 12ft. long x 3ft. tall).

This means that brush AND all other items must equal 8 cubic yards. Please take a look at the diagram and assure your total pile meets the size limitation.

Do place bulky waste items in an area clear of any obstacles, such as fences, fire hydrants, and water meters. If items are placed on or near fences or fire hydrants, Waste Management will not be able to pick them up.

Do place discarded items and brush at your normal pick-up location(s). Please stack brush with the butt ends pointing in the same direction.

Do have Freon properly removed and disposed from refrigerators and air conditioners and properly tagged by a qualified Freon disposal technician.

Above all, be sure your account with Waste Management is in "active" status. All residents are required by law to have an active account with them and if not, your items will not be picked up.

Don't mix scrap iron, wire or any other metal objects with brush and shrubbery.

Don't put out commercial or industrial waste, construction material, tires, batteries, oil, paint, or other household hazardous waste.

These items will not be picked up.

Don't place discarded items on vacant lots or commercial establishments.

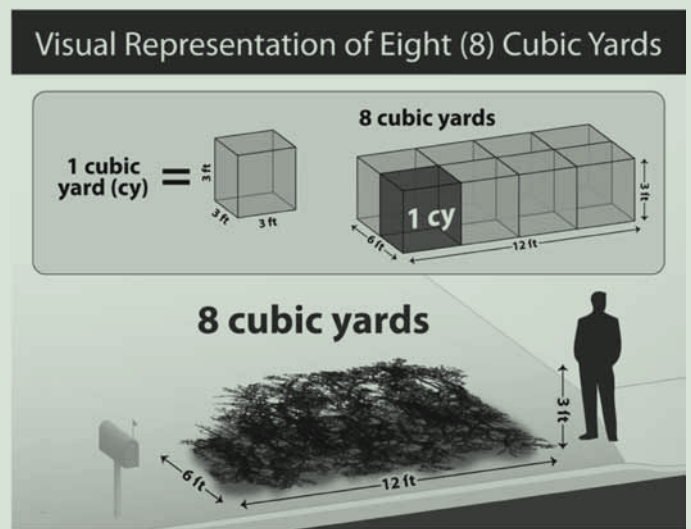
Don't place discarded items under low hanging tree limbs.

Don't wait until September 8th to put your items out for collection - you will miss the collection for your street!

Please Note: Piles larger than the allowed 8 cubic yards will not be picked up and you will be responsible for haul off. If you hire a commercial tree trimming service, please have them remove the trimmings, as these piles are typically larger than what is allowed for pickup.

Sometimes the volume of items in a neighborhood is so large that Waste Management takes a bit longer for removal. They do send updates to Public Works daily to report their progress, their location, and any problems they have encountered. If you find your address has been skipped or you need other help, please call the Public Works Department at 681-1232 and we will try to resolve any problems.

Here's what eight cubic yards looks like:



Crime Prevention

With the addition of Assistant Chief Ray Lacy, who is a certified Crime Prevention Specialist, we are providing several tools to assist our residents.

The Police Department is having crime awareness seminars on the second Tuesday of each month at the Leon Valley Public Library, 6425 Evers Road. The seminars will run from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm. These seminars are designed to provide general crime prevention tips to our residents.

The Police Department is also able to provide home security inspections. A Crime Prevention Specialist will come to your residence and will make recommendations on how to make your house less vulnerable to criminal activity.

The Police Department would also like to remind everyone that National Night Out is October 6th this year. If you are interested in further information, or would like to have a neighborhood gathering, please contact Assistant Chief Lacy at (210) 684-3215 or via email at r.lacy@leonvalleytexas.gov.

If you have a question or concern about crime in your neighborhood, you can go to www.crimereports.com and after putting in your zip code, a map of crimes reported to the Leon Valley Police Department will populate.



Code Violation Procedure

- 1) Code compliance officer observes code violation and writes summary of code violation for case file as case #.
- 2) Code compliance officer informs resident of code violation(s) and explains methods that can be used to resolve the code issue. In some cases when resident cannot be contacted directly, a code violation door-hanger giving the resident ten (10) calendar days to comply will be placed to inform resident of code violation-ordinance #.
- 3) The code compliance officer will continue to monitor case for compliance.
- 4) After ten (10) calendar days, officer will re-inspect for compliance, if compliance has occurred, case is closed. If not in compliance, officer will mail 1st letter of violation giving the resident another ten (10) days.
- 5) If resident is still not in compliance, a 2nd letter of violation will be mailed via certified mail.
- 6) The letter gives the resident another ten (10) calendar days to resolve the code violation.
- 7) The letter will inform the resident's right to a variance requesting an appeal to the Board of Adjustments (BOA).
- 8) After ten (10) days specified in 2nd letter of violation, Notice of Violation has expired; the resident will have seven (7) calendar days to seek appeal and variance from the (BOA).
- 9) The Code Officer shall issue a summons indicating the City Code Violation.
- 10) After summons is issued, the violation shall be processed through the City's Municipal Court System.

For information, contact Code Compliance, 251-1797.



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CITY MEETINGS

All meetings at City Hall unless otherwise specified.

City Council

1st & 3rd Tuesday - 7:00 p.m.

Board Of Adjustment

Meets as required

Coffee with the Mayor

Quarterly, 4th Saturday - 9-11 a.m.

Community Events Committee

4th Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

Earthwise Living Committee

2nd Wednesday - 5:30 p.m. Public Works

Library Board

2nd Tuesday - 5:30 p.m. - Library

Park Commission

2nd Monday - 7:00 p.m.

Stormwater Committee

Quarterly, 1st Monday - 7:00 p.m.

Tree Advisory Board

3rd Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

Zoning Commission

4th Tuesday - 6:30 p.m.

Community Advisory Group

Meets as required

CITY NUMBERS

Keep these numbers handy

Emergency Number for POLICE, FIRE and EMS 911

City Web Site Address

..... www.leonvalleytexas.gov

City Hall 684-1391

Animal Control & Code Compliance 251-1797
..... 204-9979

Fire 684-3219

Police 684-3215

CAT 684-ONIT (6648)

Human Resources 684-1391

Dead Animal Pickup 1- 800-800-5804

Public Works 681-1232

Library 684-0720

Waste Management 1- 800-800-5804

Community Center Rental 684-1391 ext. 225

Senior Citizen's Club 522-9966

City Hall, non-emergency Police and Fire operations may be contacted at the above numbers Monday - Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Closed weekends and holidays. Public Works Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

