



Leon Valley ENews

January 6, 2012



Upcoming Meetings & Events

The next Regular City Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, at 7 p.m. All City Council Meetings are open to the public. Look for agenda postings on the City's official website and on the official bulletin board at City Hall. The agenda follows this document.

For a complete look at the entire agenda packet, please visit the City's website: www.leonvalleytexas.gov.

City Council Meetings Re-scheduled

The City Council Meetings for the month of January were rescheduled by the City Council from the first and third Tuesdays of the month to January 10 and January 24 to allow City staff to wrap-up staff holiday scheduling and minimize the impact on City Council agenda production.



**Walk and Talk with Our Mayor, Mayor Chris Riley,
Tomorrow, January 7th**

**Meet at City Hall, 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley,
78238, at 8:30 a.m., for a Walk through Seneca III**

Other Important City or Community-related meetings & events:

Leon Valley Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, January 9th at 7 p.m. at the Leon Valley Public Library located at 6425 Evers Road. The agenda is attached.

Park Commission Meeting

Monday, January 9th at 7 p.m. at the Leon Valley City Council Chambers located at City Hall at 6400 El Verde Road. The agenda is attached.

Business Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) Meeting

Tuesday, January 10th at 1 p.m. at the Leon Valley City Hall Conference Room at City Hall at 6400 El Verde Road. The agenda is attached.

Earthwise Living Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 11th at 6 p.m. at the Leon Valley Public Works Department located at 6427 Evers Road. The agenda is attached.

CAG (Bandera Road Site - Community Advisory Group) Meeting

Thursday, January 19th at 5:30 p.m. at the Leon Valley Conference Center located at 6421 Evers Road. The agenda is attached.

Forest Oaks Garden Club Meeting, January 11th at 1 p.m. "Growing Bromeliads."
Program presentation by Joan Berryman of the World Bromeliad Society. Forest Oaks Garden Clubhouse, 6222 Forest Grove, Leon Valley, 78240



City of Leon Valley Moves Back to Stage I of Water Conservation Program

As of January 6, 2012, the City of Leon Valley moved back into Stage I of the City's Water Conservation Program. The good news is that the Edwards Aquifer has risen over 650 feet above sea level. However, we all need to continue to do our part by using water in a prudent and conservation-oriented manner. Please see the attached announcement that follows this document.

SAVE THE DATE EVENTS:



Notice of Public Hearings before the Leon Valley City Council, Tuesday, January 24th an

Tuesday, February 7th, 7:00 p.m., Leon Valley City Council Chambers, 6400 El Verde Road

Join the Mayor and City Council in a discussion of property maintenance and a proposed ordinance which is designed to regulate trash cans, basketball goals, items/materials placed in front yards or public view, and other similar property maintenance concerns. A draft of the 'Property Maintenance Code Ordinance' may be viewed on the City's website: www.leonvalleytexas.gov. You may also view or request a copy at the Community Development Office. Please call 210-684-1391, extension 226 for more information.

- ✓ **Town Hall Meeting, January 28th, City of Leon Valley Conference Center, 6421 Evers Road, Leon Valley, 78238, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. See invitation at the end of this document.**



- ✓ **Next Earthwise Living Event ~**



23rd Anniversary Earthwise Living Day, Saturday, February 25th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Leon Valley Community Center, 6427 Evers Road, Leon Valley, 78238

- ✓ **Basura Bash, Saturday, February 25th from 8 a.m. to Noon, Zarzamora Creek Clean-up**
Basura Bash is the largest single-day waterway clean-up in Texas and the only event that collects recyclable waste products.



Leon Valley will continue our participation in Basura Bash by cleaning up Zarzamora Creek between Bandera Road and Evers Road on February 25, 2012 from 8 a.m. to 12 Noon.

Individuals and teams who volunteer will receive a free breakfast provided by HEB as well as a Basura Bash sponsored give away. To register, please visit the [Basura Bash](http://www.basurabash.org/) website, or call (210) 681-1232 with questions. With your help, we can beautify our city and keep trash out of Leon Valley's waterways! <http://www.basurabash.org/>

Pet Vaccination Clinic

Saturday, March 24th from 10 a.m. to Noon

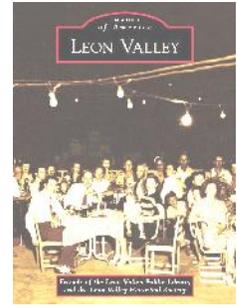
Leon Valley Conference Center, 6421 Evers Road, Leon Valley, 78238.



Come one, come all with your pets ~ For more information, please call Animal Control Officer Ricky Williams at (210) 684-1391, extn. 229.

Leon Valley Public Library News ~ Our Heritage, Our History

The Leon Valley photographic history book (Leon Valley: Images of America) is on sale at the Leon Valley Public Library. The book, published by Arcadia Press, consists of 128 pages with 194 photos. It celebrates the history of Leon Valley covering the early pioneers, the City's growth, civic events, and much more. The cost of the book is \$21.99. It is the first history of Leon Valley published since early cook books were published.



Leon Valley's history from early days through current times is detailed using photographs. Leon Valley was once an area much larger than the current city limits.

The book is also available for sale at these locations around Leon Valley: the Leon Valley Public Library, Walgreen's, Kwik Kopy, and Kathy's Coiffures. It is also available at Barnes & Noble and Amazon.com. The proceeds from the sale of the book will be split 50/50 between the Friends of the Library Children's Wing Building Fund and the Leon Valley Historical Society. <http://www.friendsoflvpl.org/news-1/leonvalleyimagesofamerica>

The Leon Valley Public Library



As the days grow shorter and cooler... it feels like time to curl up with a good book or other resource material from the wonderful selection available at the Leon Valley Public Library. Amongst the resource materials the Library loans are books and movies.

For more information on the latest events at the City's Library, see the City of Leon Valley Library website at: <http://www.leonvalley.lib.tx.us>. Watch their website for updates on upcoming events.

The Leon Valley Public Library and the Friends of the Leon Valley Public Library sponsor an **Earthwise Living Poetry Contest** each year.



See details and how to participate in the flyer that is attached to this document. The deadline is February 22nd at 6 p.m.

The Leon Valley Farmer's Market ~ Shop Leon Valley first... shop early to ensure you shop fresh!

Visit the Leon Valley's Farmer's Market, Wednesdays, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the parking lot adjacent to the Leon Valley Public Library located 6425 Evers Road, Leon Valley.



Do your part to help our local economy.... Shop Leon Valley first! Enjoy the Leon Valley's Farmer's Market - Shop early, and shop fresh!

Volunteer Now ~ Make a Difference



With each new year, come the inevitable pledges to lose more weight, save more money, help others less fortunate, and to make a difference. Making a difference in the City of Leon Valley is easy - volunteer. Make a difference in the lives of your neighbors by helping to shape City policies through volunteering and serving on the

City's boards and committees. Call the City Secretary's office for more information at 210 - 684-1391, extension 216.

The newly updated Volunteer Form (attached) offers the chance to become involved. Help other volunteers involved in reporting graffiti and persons who may be interested in serving on the City Council's ad-hoc committee set to work on commemoration activities honoring both the City of Leon Valley's 60th Anniversary and the Historic Huebner-Onion Homestead's Sesquicentennial (150th) Anniversary.

The City Council's Boards, Committees, and Commissions welcome volunteers interested in serving their community. For the most current volunteer form, please contact the City Secretary's office at j.willman@leonvalleytexas.gov.

Parks Buck\$~ Contribute to our City Park! Sign up now!

Even though Spring is months away now... there's still time to think about our City Park.



Parks Bucks is a program designed to assist in the development of the City's park through contributions and donations. If you are interested, complete the form on the City's website and return it to the City of Leon Valley. The form is located on the tab for the Department of Public Works.

Leon Valley Town Hall Meeting

*Join the Mayor and City Council with ideas to Achieve a
more Sustainable Leon Valley!*

Saturday, January 28, 2012

9:00 a.m. ~ 12:30 p.m.

Leon Valley Conference Center • 6427 Evers Road

KEY TOPICS

Capital Improvement Projects • Economic Development
Beautification of Bandera & Poss Roads
Transportation • Infrastructure

*"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream;
not only plan, but also believe." Anatole France*

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

AGENDA

LEON VALLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012

LEON VALLEY CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

6400 EL VERDE ROAD, LEON VALLEY, TEXAS 78238

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 5:15 P.M.

1. **Call to Order and Determine a Quorum is Present.**
 2. **Executive Sessions in Accordance with the Texas Government Code.**
 - A. **The City Council of the City of Leon Valley Will Convene in Executive Session Pursuant to Section 551.087, Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations (1) to Discuss or Deliberate Regarding Commercial or Financial Information that the Governmental Body Seeks to Have Locate, Stay, or Expand in or Near the Territory of the Governmental Body and With Which the Governmental Body is Conducting Economic Development Negotiations; or (2) to Deliberate the Offer of a Financial or Other Incentive to a Business Prospect Described by Subdivision (1), Regarding the Town Center Project, M&C # 01-01-12.**
 - B. **The City Council of the City of Leon Valley Will Convene in Executive Session Pursuant to Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, to Deliberate the Duties and Responsibilities of Public Officers, the City of Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation Board Members, Related to the Upcoming Appointments to the Board of the City of Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation, M&C # 01-02-12.**
 - C. **The City Council of the City of Leon Valley will Reconvene Into Open Session and Take Any Possible Actions Resulting from the Executive Sessions.**
 3. **Adjourn.**
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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order, Determine a Quorum is Present, and Pledge of Allegiance.**
2. **Presentation of Service Awards to Employees of the City of Leon Valley, M&C # 01-03-12.**
This agenda item will allow the Mayor and City Council to formally recognize a number of City employees who are receiving their five year, ten year, twenty and twenty-five year service recognition awards. (Mayor and City Council)
3. **Citizens to be Heard and Time for Objections to the Consent Agenda.**
“Citizens to be Heard” is for the City Council to receive information on issues that may be of concern to the public. The purpose of this provision of the Open Meetings Act is to ensure that the public is always given appropriate notice of the items that will be discussed by the Council. Should a member of the public bring an item to the Council for which the subject was not posted on the agenda of that meeting, the Council may receive the information, but cannot act upon it at

that meeting. They may direct staff to contact the requestor or request that the issue be placed on a future agenda for discussion by the Council.

Consent Agenda

All of the following items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be self-explanatory by the Council or have been previously discussed in Open Session and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests.

4. **Consider Approval of the Meeting Minutes of the December 20, 2011 Special and Regular City Council Meetings. (Willman)**
5. **Consider Action on M&C # 01-04-12, Appointing Members to the City's Boards, Committees, and Commissions: the Earthwise Living Committee.** *This agenda item will allow the City Council to consider making appointments to the City's Boards, Committees, and Commissions by minute order. (Mayor Riley)*
6. **Consider Action on M&C # 01-05-12, with Attached Resolution Appointing Member to the Bandera Road Site – Community Advisory Group (CAG).** *This agenda item will allow the City Council to consider making an appointment to the (CAG) by Resolution to replace an organizational appointee who is resigning. (Willman)*
7. **Consider Action on M&C # 01-06-12 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Continued Lease Agreement With the Northwest Senior Citizen's Club.** *This agenda item will allow the City Council to consider taking action authorizing the City Manager to renew the contract of use of the City of Leon Valley Community Center including associated support staff services by the Northwest Senior Citizen's Club effective January 2012 for a two year period. (Flores)*

Discussion Agenda

8. **Discuss and Update on Town Hall Meeting of January 28, 2012, M&C # 01-07-12.** *This agenda item is to allow the City Council to continue discussing the preparations for the special City Council meeting to be conducted in the format of a Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, January 28, 2012 at the Leon Valley Conference Center.*
9. **City Manager's Report. (Longoria)**
 - A. **Informational Issues.**
 - (1) **Results of the Election of the Bexar Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2012-2013.** *This agenda item will allow the City Council to receive an update on the results of the Election of the Bexar Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2012-2013.*
 - B. **Approved Minutes of City-Affiliated Boards, Committees, and Commissions.** *This agenda item is to allow the City Council to review the work of its boards, committees, commissions, and affiliated City boards through the publication of approved meeting minutes on an ongoing basis.*
 - (1) **Earthwise Living Committee Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2011**
 - C. **Future Agenda Items.**
 - (1) **Discuss New City Website, Preliminary Workshop Meeting, January 24, 2012**

- (2) Conduct Two (2) Public Hearings on the Proposed Property Maintenance Code Ordinance on January 24 and February 7 with Ordinance Adoption Consideration Scheduled for February 21.
- (3) Discuss and Consider Purchasing Policy, Contract Renewal Policy, and Personal and Professional Services Policy, January 24, 2012.
- (4) Consider Approval of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2011, January 24, 2012.
- (5) Consider Ordering the May 12, 2012 General Officers Election, January – March 5, 2012.
- (6) Executive Session to Discuss Negotiations Concerning the CPS Energy Franchise Agreement, January – February, 2012.

10. Citizens to be Heard.

11. Announcements by the Mayor and Council Members.

At this time, reports about items of community interest regarding which no action will be taken may be given to the public as per Chapter 551.0415 of the Government Code, such as: expressions of thanks, congratulations or condolence, information regarding holiday schedules, reminders of social, ceremonial, or community events organized or sponsored by the governing body or that was or will be attended by a member of the Leon Valley Council or a City official.

Community Events:

01-28-12 Town Hall Meeting, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Leon Valley Conference Center
02-25-12 23rd Anniversary Earthwise Living Day, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Leon Valley Community Center

Executive Session

- 12.** The City Council of the City of Leon Valley reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed on the posted agenda, above, as authorized by the Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney), 551.072 (deliberations about real property), 551.073 (deliberations about gifts and donations, 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberations about security devices), and 551.087 (economic development).

13. Adjourn.

I hereby certify that the above NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS AND AGENDAS OF THE LEON VALLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS was posted on the Bulletin Board at City Hall, 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas, on January 5, 2012 by 5:00 p.m. and remained posted until after the meetings hereby posted concluded. This notice was likewise posted on the City website at www.leonvalleytexas.gov. This building is wheelchair accessible. Any request for sign interpretive or other services must be made 48 hours ahead of the meeting. To make arrangements call (210) 684-1391, Ext. 216.




Janie Willman, City Secretary

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

AGENDA

CITY OF LEON VALLEY LEON VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012, 7:00 P.M.

LEON VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
6425 EVERS ROAD, LEON VALLEY, TEXAS, 78238

Regular Agenda

1. Call to Order, and Determine a Quorum is Present. (Bellows)
2. Citizens to be Heard
3. Consider Approval of the November 14, 2011 (no December Meeting) Regular Meeting Minutes.

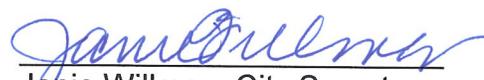
Discussion Agenda

4. Children's Wing Expansion Status including Friends / City Partnership for Children's Wing Building Project (Trent)
5. Library Director's Report (Trent)
 - A. Informational Issues
 - B. November & December 2011 Statistical Reports
 - C. Town Hall Meeting 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Leon Valley Conference Center
6. Friends of the Library Report (Poss)
 - A. Upcoming Book Sale dates
 - B. Publication of *Images of America Leon Valley* as fundraiser
 - C. Breakfast with Santa 2011 Final Report
7. Future Agenda Items
 - A. Children's Wing Expansion Grant Funding Update
 - B. Earthwise Living Day & Poetry Contest 2-25-12
8. Announcements by Chairperson, Board Members, and Library Director
9. Adjourn

Agenda developed and approved for posting by Joyce Miller Trent,
Library Director and Liaison to the Library Board of Trustees

I hereby certify that the above notice of public meeting and agenda of the Leon Valley Public Library Board of Trustees was posted on the Bulletin Board at City Hall, 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas, on the 21st day of December, 2011 by 9:00 a.m. and remained so posted until after the meeting hereby posted concluded. This notice was likewise posted on the City website at www.leonvalleytexas.gov. This building is wheelchair accessible. Any request for sign interpretive or other services must be made 48 hours ahead of the meeting. To make arrangements call (210) 684-1391, Ext. 216.




Janie Willman, City Secretary

AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

CITY OF LEON VALLEY PARK COMMISSION AMENDED MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012, 7 P.M.

CITY OF LEON VALLEY CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

6400 EL VERDE ROAD, LEON VALLEY, TEXAS 78238

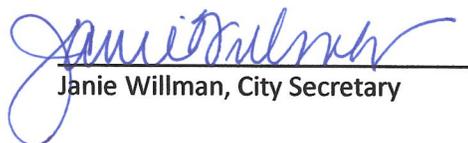
1. Call to Order and Determine via Roll Call if Quorum is Present.
2. Review and Consider Approval of the November 14, 2011 Meeting Minutes.
3. Citizens to be Heard.
4. Reports: Activities that Impact the Park of Access to the Park.
 - A. Park Rental Applications.
 - B. Status of the Park Bucks Program.
 - C. Status of Repair to the Tarmac Near the Main Pavilion.
 - D. Status of Replacement of Basketball Nets.
5. Discuss:
 - A. Review the Park Survey and Items to be included in the Master Plan.
6. Commissioners' and Staff's Comments.
7. Announcements:

The next meeting will convene on February 13, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. at the City of Leon Valley City Council Chambers.

Meeting Agenda Approved by Bert Thomas, Chairman, Leon Valley Park Commission.

I hereby certify that the above **AMENDED** NOTICE OF THE REGULAR MEETING AND **AMENDED** MEETING AGENDA OF THE LEON VALLEY CITY PARK COMMISSION was posted on the Bulletin Board at City Hall, 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas, on the **6th day of January, 2012 at 5:45 p.m.** and remained so posted until after the meeting hereby posted concluded. This notice was likewise posted on the City website at www.leonvalleytexas.gov. This building is wheelchair accessible. Any request for sign interpretive or other services must be made 48 hours ahead of the meeting. To make arrangements call (210) 684-1391, Ext. 216.




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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

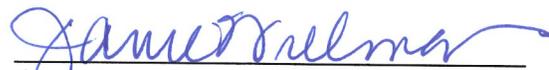
AGENDA

**LEON VALLEY BUSINESS OWNERS AND
MANAGERS ASSOCIATION (BOMA)**

**Tuesday, January 10, 2012, AT 1:00 PM
Leon Valley Conference Room
6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas**

- I. Poll for Attendance and Determination of a Quorum
- II. Approval of Minutes – September 13, 2011
- III. Goals & Objectives of BOMA
- IV. Shop Local Program
- V. Other Business
-Bandera Road & Discussion with Chief Wallace, LVPD
(image/traffic solutions/Wurzbach Rd)
- VI. Adjourn

I hereby certify that the above notice and agenda of the Leon Valley Business Owners and Managers Association meeting was posted on the Bulletin Board at City Hall, 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas, on January 6, 2012 at 10:15 a.m. and remained so posted until after the meeting hereby posted concluded. This building is wheelchair accessible. Any request for sign interpretive or other services must be made 48 hours ahead of the meeting. To make arrangements call (210) 684-1391, Ext. 226.


Janie Willman, City Secretary



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

AGENDA

CITY OF LEON VALLEY EARTHWISE LIVING COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2012, 6:00 P.M.

Leon Valley Public Works Dept., 6427 Evers Road, Leon Valley, TX 78240

1. Call to Order, and Determine a Quorum is Present
2. Approval of minutes for December 13, 2011 meeting
3. Sponsorship/ Vendors list divide-up with telephone contact for participation
4. Door Prize letters for door prize contacts/ bank contact update
5. Speakers, entertainment and Emcee(s) in writing
Obtain resumes, background information for introductions at event
6. Vote on building layout change: Community/exhibits – Conference/Speakers
7. Flyer Draft; Finalize first draft of flyer, program, speakers, sponsors
8. Reserve Police and Contact Chief Irwin for PA system
9. Adjourn

Meeting Agenda Approved by Ms. Valerie Siat, Staff Liaison Earthwise Living Committee

I hereby certify that the above NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND AGENDA OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY EARTHWISE LIVING COMMITTEE was posted on the Bulletin Board at City Hall, 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas, on January 3, 2012 by 5:30 p.m. and remained posted until after the meeting hereby posted concluded. This notice was likewise posted on the City website at www.leonvalleytexas.gov. This building is not wheelchair accessible. Any request for sign interpretive or other services must be made 48 hours ahead of the meeting. To make arrangements, call Valerie Siat, at 210 – 681-1232.




Janie Willman, City Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE
BANDERA ROAD SITE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP (CAG)
MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, January 19, 2011 at 5:30 P.M.

Leon Valley Conference Center
6421 Evers Road
Leon Valley, Texas 78238

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.
2. Public Comment.
3. Approval of Minutes for the October 20, 2011 CAG Meeting.
4. Receive report from Mr. Chris Villarreal, EPA Project Manager, regarding site investigations and the status of the Record of Decision.
5. Receive report from Mr. John Hoyt, Edwards Aquifer Authority, regarding the search for historic wells in the project area.
6. Election of CAG Chair and CAG Secretary for 2012.
7. Discuss items for future CAG meetings.
- Next meeting scheduled for April 19, 2012
8. Adjournment.

I hereby certify that the above meeting notice was posted on the Bulletin Board at City Hall, 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas, on the 16TH day of December 2011 at 8:00 a.m. and remained so posted until after the meeting hereby posted. This notice was likewise posted on the City website at www.leonvalleytexas.gov.

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Janie Willman, City Secretary



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
CONTACT: M. Longoria 684-1391
OR PUBLIC WORKS AT 681-1232

As of January 6th, 2012 Stage I of the City's Water Conservation Program is in effect. The Edwards Aquifer has risen over 650 feet above sea level. Any use of water should be prudent and conservation oriented. All Leon Valley residents are required to comply with the following conservation measures:

Swimming Pools: Pools should not be drained and refilled during this period. Pools must be covered with an effective evaporation cover or screen, covering at least 25% of the surface area of the pool when not in active use.

Vegetable Gardens: Irrigation between 8pm and 10am is permitted. Watering with a hand held hose, bucket, or drip irrigation is permitted at any time.

Reduce water used for fountains and other decorative facilities.

Washing of impervious surface areas, such as sidewalks and driveways is prohibited. Washing of mobile equipment and Automobiles should be discontinued except when using a hand held hose or bucket and should be done over a pervious surface, such as a lawn. Use of commercial car washes that recycle their water is recommended.

Landscape Watering: Irrigation between 8 p.m. and 10 a.m. of lawns and landscape plants is permitted one day per week. Based on the last digit of your address your watering day is as follows: 0-1 Monday; 2-3 Tuesday; 4-5 Wednesday; 6-7 Thursday; 8-9 Friday; All businesses and apartment complexes will use Wednesday as their watering day. Watering with hand held hose, bucket, or drip irrigation is permitted at any time.

Questions may be directed to the Department of Public Works Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 210 - 681-1232.

2012 ~ 23rd Annual Earthwise Living Poetry Contest

**Sponsored by
Leon Valley Public Library
&
Friends of the LVPL**

*Poets of all ages are encouraged to enter the Earthwise Living Poetry Contest 2012.
Possible Poetry topics are:*

- *Keep Leon Valley/Texas Beautiful*
 - *Water and Air Quality*
 - *Conservation of Natural Resources including wildlife*
 - *Recycling*
 - *Pollution*
 - *Water and Energy Conservation*
 - *Care of the Community, State and entire Planet for Future Generations*
 - ***Poetry must focus on some aspect of the above topics.***
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Entry Categories: Adult, High School, Middle School, Elementary School, Place name, age category, complete address, and telephone number.

This information ON THE BACK OF ENTRY or ON SEPARATE PAGE ONLY

DEADLINE: Poems accepted year round or delivered to the Leon Valley Public Library by 6:00p.m. February 22, 2012; entries MUST be at the Library by this deadline in order to allow time for judging. Entries may be mailed, hand delivered or e-mailed to the Leon Valley Public Library, 6425 Evers Rd., Leon Valley, Texas, 78238. e-mail: jmtrent@leonvalley.lib.tx.us Questions? Call the Library at 684-0720

Winning entries will be honored at Leon Valley's Earthwise Living Day. Winning entries will receive U.S. Savings Bonds, certificates and publication in area media.



City of Leon Valley - VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Volunteers help to make the City of Leon Valley a great place to live, work and do business! If you are willing to share your time and talents with your community, we would very much be interested in hearing from you. Please consider these opportunities to meet new community members, learn more about your City and help make Leon Valley its best.

- Bandera Road Site - Community Advisory Group:** This Group meets quarterly to listen to updates from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) about the contaminate water plume in the City and inform the Council and the community about the EPA's actions and findings and make suggestions in the remediation and investigation process. The water plume is centered at approximately the intersection of Grissom and Bandera Roads. They usually meet quarterly at 5:30 p.m. at the Leon Valley Conference Center.
- Board of Adjustment:** The Board of Adjustment (BOA) has the power to review and approve variances from zoning ordinance requirements and administrative decisions (Zoning Interpretations) that create unnecessary hardships in the development of property because of exceptional or extraordinary conditions. Unlike other boards or commissions, the BOA makes the final decision on items that come before it; variances are not passed on to City Council for final approval. Meetings are held on call and are typically held on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. There are five (5) members and four (4) alternates.
- Business Managers' and Owners' Alliance Committee (BOMA):** This committee, formerly the Business Alliance Committee, has taken a new name and a new emphasis to act as a business advisory committee to City Council and local businesses on business-related topics. Additional goals are: to assist in providing business incentive ideas and programs to encourage a robust economy and to retain and attract businesses; to advise on specific efforts that will market the Leon Valley business community; to facilitate business vitality by new and existing business retention, expansion, and beautification projects; and to assist the City in creating a unified theme of development that will promote future business development and redevelopment of existing properties. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month, at 1:00 p.m. at the Leon Valley Kinman House, 6417 Evers Road.
- Community Events Committee:** The Community Events Committee (CEC) is committed to providing volunteer support and coordination for the various City-sponsored civic events including the 4th of July Celebration, the Beautification Awards Program, the Grandparents' Day Concert, and the Holiday Lighting Program. Monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Conference Center or Kinman House.
- Earthwise Living Committee:** The Earthwise Living Committee (EWLC) is dedicated to providing community education that will develop a sustainable way of life in harmony with the natural surroundings. The EWLC sponsors and coordinates the annual Earthwise Living Day held on the last Saturday in February. Monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Public Works Service Center off Evers Road.
- Library Board of Trustees:** This Board of seven appointed members serve for terms of 2 years, and meets the second Monday of each month in the Library at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Library projects and plans and to review Library policies.
- Park Commission:** The Park Commission (PC) is an advisory commission, of Leon Valley citizens, which makes recommendations to the City Council regarding park ordinances and policies, as well as serves as a liaison for the City with the public for park matters. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. There are nine (9) members on this commission.

- Tree Advisory Board:** This seven member (7) Board with three (3) alternate members will meet to oversee the Leon Valley Tree Challenge and work toward the City's goal to plant 10,000 trees by the year 2020. Board members serve a term co-terminus with the Mayor. This Board began meeting in July 2009 and holds their meetings monthly at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.
- Zoning Commission:** The Zoning Commission (ZC) acts as an advisory board to the City Council on land use and zoning matters. The Commission holds public meetings on all matters relating to:
 - the creation of zoning districts
 - the enforcement of zoning regulations
 - amendments to all zoning ordinances
 - any other matter within the scope of the zoning power
 Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. There are seven (7) members and three (3) alternates.
- Leon Valley Now Volunteers:** These volunteers serve as volunteer code enforcement assistants. They patrol a designated area of the City and report violations of City Code which the Code Enforcement Officer will investigate. There are no formal meetings after the initial training sessions. These volunteers work closely with the Community Development Department and the City's Code Enforcement Officers.
- Volunteer Park Patrol:** This new volunteer group assists the Leon Valley Police Department in to helping to manage our recreational and trail areas within the City. The volunteers will be called upon to assist staff in providing a safe environment for park patrons. The Park Patrol volunteers will receive basic training in various subjects related to the position, including public relations, first aid, CPR, policies and procedures, and special event assistance. Please see the homepage of the City's website at www.leonvalleytexas.gov for additional information.
- Other Volunteer Activities:** If you would like to assist with the graffiti abatement reporting, in our library shelving books and etc., or just when there is a special event - consider checking this box. You will be assigned duties on the day of the activity and your help is always welcomed!
- Commemoration Committee:** If you would like to assist with the planning and staging of the commemoration activities celebrating the City of Leon Valley's 60th Anniversary and the Huebner-Onion Historic Homestead's (150th) Sesquicentennial Anniversary, please check this box. This is an ad-hoc Committee of the City Council.

- I would like to serve on the Committee(s) I have checked above.** Please contact me with further information regarding meetings and appointment.
- I'm not able to volunteer at this time, but perhaps in the future.**

Name	Address
Phone Number	E-mail Address
Alternate Phone Number	

Where to return your application:
 Mail or drop off your application in care of the Mayor's Office at Leon Valley City Hall, 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas 78238-2399, or fax your application to (210) 684-4476, or email to Mayorriley@leonvalleytexas.gov.