



Leon Valley ENews

December 29, 2011



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2012 in observance of the New Year Holiday. We will reopen for business at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 3. The Leon Valley Public Library will also be closed on Saturday, December 31st.

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: www.leonvalleytexas.gov and on the official bulletin board at City Hall.

Last Call for Applications & Resumes to be Considered for the City of Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors positions. Apply through Friday, December 30, 2011 by 11 a.m.



There is still time to submit an application and resume for consideration during the appointment process for the City of Leon Valley's Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. Applications and resumes are being accepted through Friday, December 30th at 11 a.m.

An application form and description follow this document. For more information, please contact Kristie Flores, Community Development and Interim Economic Development Director by email at k.flores@leonvalleytexas.gov or by calling Ms. Flores at 684-1391, Extension 227. Applications are also available online at: www.leonvalleytexas.gov, under the "Economic Development Department" and on the City's main webpage. Applications are also available at the City's Economic Development Department Office located at: 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, 78238.

Reminder ~ City Council Meetings Re-scheduled

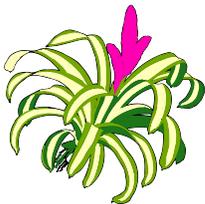
The City Council re-scheduled the January 2012 meetings from the first and third Tuesdays of the month to January 10 and January 24 to allow City employees to wrap-up their Christmas vacation and holiday schedule and not impact the City Council Agenda production.

SAVE THE DATE EVENTS:

- ✓ Next Quarterly Walk with the Mayor ~ January 7th, Meet at City Hall, 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, 78238, at 8:30 a.m., for a Walk through Seneca III



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- ✓ 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



- ✓ Town Hall Meeting, January 28th, City of Leon Valley Conference Center, 6421 Evers Road, Leon Valley, 78238, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

- ✓ 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.



Basura Bash has continued growing over the past 17 years both in the number of volunteers and in the waterways cleaned. Our dedicated volunteers' continued support and commitment to Basura Bash and to keeping the San Antonio waterways clean is a large part of our shared success.

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.

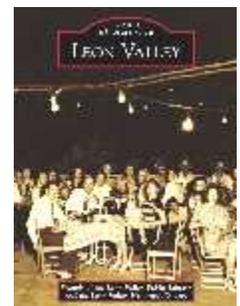
Individuals and teams who volunteer will receive a free breakfast provided by HEB as well as a Basura Bash sponsored give away. To register, please visit the [Basura Bash](http://www.basurabash.org/) website, or call (210) 681-1232 with questions. With your help, we can beautify our city and keep trash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



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 Economic Development Corporation (LVEDC) Now Accepting Board of Director Applications Through December 30, 2011

BACKGROUND:

The 4B economic development sales tax was passed by Leon Valley residents on November 4, 2008, by a 3 to 1 margin in favor of the proposition. This 1/8 of a cent sales tax began generating revenue in April 2009 to improve the quality of life for Leon Valley residents, and to help area businesses and tourism thrive for a healthy economy. Along with this sales tax passage, an Economic Development Corporation (LVEDC) was established by City Council. The LVEDC is operated by a seven member board, consisting of three Directors and four Officers.

APPLICATIONS & DUTIES:

Applications for the Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors are available online. Directors serve two year terms. This is a volunteer position. The Board of Directors meets once per month. Depending on the level of business to be transacted, the Board can and does meet more often.

Directors review and vote on economic development projects for the LVEDC, and make project recommendations to the Leon Valley City Council on project expenditures exceeding \$10,000. Public hearings are held to receive input from residents on any project expenditure over \$10,000.

Applications are available online at: www.leonvalleytexas.gov, under "Economic Development Department", and on the City's main webpage. Applications are also available at the City's Economic Development Department Office located at: 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, TX 78238.

REQUIREMENTS & DEADLINE:

Applicants for Board of Director service should possess a business background, and be familiar with the business affairs of the Leon Valley business community. Applications with resumes will be received until **11 a.m. on December 30, 2011.**

Applications with resumes will be reviewed with the most eligible candidates selected for interviews. A recommendation will be made by the LVEDC to the Leon Valley City Council with official appointment by a majority City Council vote following interviews.

If interested, please submit your application and resume to: LVEDC Director Application, Attention: Kristie Flores, Community Development / Interim Economic Development Director, 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas, 78238. You may also email your application and resume to: K.Flores@leonvalleytexas.gov. If you have questions, please contact Kristie Flores at (210) 684-1391, Extension 227.



Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation
Application for Membership on the Board of Directors

Name _____
Home Address: _____ City _____
Work #: _____ Home: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____
LV Resident for ___ years; LV Business owner? Y ___ N ___; Occupation _____
Education (grade level/degree) _____ Major Course of Study _____
Special business knowledge or skills (attach separate sheet if needed): _____

Non-profit Experience? Y ___ N ___ Where? _____
List any community activities: _____

Briefly describe why you would like to serve on the LVEDC Board: _____

Have you previously served on a City Board or Commission in Leon Valley or elsewhere?
(Please list if not included in above.) _____

Have you attended any Board, Commission or City Council meetings? (Describe) _____

Do you have a significant interest in the City of Leon Valley's business community? If so,
describe: _____

If selected as a Board member, I understand the information contained on this application is subject to the Texas Public Information Act, and may be disclosed to anyone requesting this information. I also understand that the Act does allow a Board Member to choose whether or not to allow public access to information in the custody of the City or the LVEDC Board records that relates to home address, home phone number, social security number, or that reveals whether or not the Board Member has family members.

*If selected as a Board Member for the LVEDC for the City of Leon Valley,
I choose to: () allow, or () not allow the above mentioned information.*

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit application and resume to: LVEDC Application for Board of Directors
Attn: Kristie Flores, Interim Economic Development Department Director,
City of Leon Valley, 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, TX, 78238
Call (210) 684-1391, Ext 227, for more information.

THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

LEON VALLEY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

**Tuesday, January 3, 2012, at 6:30 p.m.
Leon Valley City Council Chambers
6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas, 78238**

AGENDA

- I. Poll for Attendance, Determination of a Quorum, Call Meeting to Order**
- II. Consider Approval of Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2010**
- III. Conduct a Public Hearing and Consider Board of Adjustment Case No. 2011-207 a request by Mary Garza, applicant and property owner, to encroach twenty (20) feet into the rear yard setback at 7600 Eckhert Road, being Lot 44, Block I, CB 4446A, Linkwood Addition Subdivision.**
 - A. Discussion**
 - B. Public Hearing**
- IV. Conduct a Public Hearing and Consider Board of Adjustment Case No. 2011-208 a request by Mary Zamorano, applicant, to allow eight (8) less parking spaces than required by Code at 5250 Evers Road, being Lot 14, Block 1, CB4428H, Zamorano Subdivision Unit #2.**
 - A. Discussion**
 - B. Public Hearing**
- V. Executive Session in Accordance with the Texas Government Code.**

The City of Leon Valley Board of Adjustment 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).
- VI. Adjourn**

I hereby certify that the above public notice and agenda of the Leon Valley Board of Adjustment meeting was posted on the Bulletin Board at City Hall, 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas, on the 21st day of December, 2011 at 9:30 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 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.

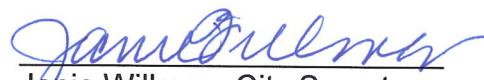
Discussion Agenda

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

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

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

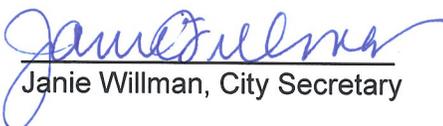
Leon Valley Conference Center
6421 Evers Road
Leon Valley, Texas 78238

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

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.