



# Leon Valley ENews



March 16, 2012

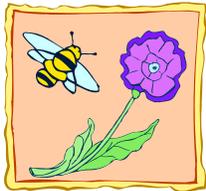
## Upcoming City Council Meetings

The next Regular City Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 7 p.m. The agenda is attached for your reference.

See the agenda packet, for details on the City Council business to be conducted, on our new City website at [www.leonvalleytexas.gov](http://www.leonvalleytexas.gov). If you prefer to see the 'light' version of the City Council business, click on the home page and read the short story published there. The agenda is also posted on the City's official bulletin board outside the front City Hall doors.

All City Council meetings are open to the public. The public is cordially invited to attend and participate.

## Spring Time is Here



From the tree icon above, you can see that the Spring Season is upon us. Although that is a cherry blossom tree pictured, courtesy of Microsoft, we have beautiful blooming trees all around the City of Leon Valley. Please get out and enjoy the beautiful warm weather this weekend. Spring officially arrives on March 20. The Old Farmer's Almanac proclaims that the Spring Equinox occurs on March 20 at 1:14 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time in the Northern Hemisphere.

We are all so grateful for the recent rains because the level of rain received has restored the Edwards Aquifer to a level that allowed the City on March 6 to officially be declared out of the drought stage. We continue to encourage all water customers to practice water conservation measures.

All water customers are encouraged to continue voluntary water conservation measures. Irrigation of lawns and landscape plants is permitted before 10 a.m. or after 8 p.m.

Residents are reminded that there is a mandatory Landscape Watering Ordinance in effect at all times. Watering of existing plants should be done once each five days, whereas watering of new plantings may be more frequent. There are no designated days for watering plants or lawns. Watering with hand held hose, bucket, or drip irrigation is permitted at any time. Questions may be directed to the Department of Public Works, 681-1232, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Code Compliance Friendly Reminder

Just a friendly reminder here from Code Compliance that with the recent rains, there is a lot of overgrown grass and weeds growing-up around the City. Please cut your grass and weeds, which includes your half of the alleyway bordering your property. Code Compliance has been hanging those pink "Friendly Reminder!" hang tags on properties

throughout the City in an effort to get high weeds and grass cut before moving on to the next stage of issuing warnings and citations. Our effort here in the City of Leon Valley is compliance-based. We appreciate your assistance. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Code Enforcement Officer Eddie Tijerina at 684-1391, extension 232.

## Election News

The Capital Facilities Committee, City Staff, and Bond Counsel have been hard at work developing two fact-based voter information flyers. We are waiting for the Bexar County Elections Department staff to complete their review of voter precinct information to ensure that we provide Leon Valley voters and community stakeholders with the most current and certainly the most correct information possible.

A recently released federal Court Order includes a deadline for issuing new Voter Registration (Voter Registration Certificates) Cards; **“What is the new deadline to issue voter registration certificates?** On or before April 25, 2012, the county voter registrar shall issue a voter registration certificate to each voter in the county whose registration will be effective as of the date issued and whose name does not appear on the suspense list.”

Just before we completed this ENews, City staff confirmed with Bexar County Elections Administrator Jacque Callanen that new Voter Registration Certificates (yellow-colored cards) will be issued in time for Early Voting which begins on Monday, April 30. Look for the fact-based information flyers from the City of Leon Valley and for your new Voter Registration Certificates from Bexar County being delivered via the United States Postal Service.



**For the most current City News, visit our website: [www.leonvalleytexas.gov](http://www.leonvalleytexas.gov)**

## May 12, 2012 General & Special Bond Election Information

The City Council at a Special Called City Council Meeting held on Monday, February 27, 2012, called the General Election for Election of the following City Council Places; Mayor, Place 2, and Place 4. The City Council also called a Special Bond Election to be held on the next uniform election date of May 12, 2012, to allow the qualified voters of the City of Leon Valley to consider issuing \$7 million in bonds for public improvements.

## City Council General Election Slate of Candidates Set

The period for signing up to run for City Council ended Monday, March 5 at 5 p.m. The deadline for withdrawal ended on Thursday, March 8, with no changes to the slate of candidates. The following offices are up for election on the May 12, 2012 General Election Ballot: Mayor, Council Place 2, and Council Place 4.



Voters will see the names of the candidates in the following order on the ballot:

**For Mayor:**

Robert Stanley Litoff  
Chris Riley

**For Council Place 2:**

Arthur "Art" Reyna, Jr.

**For Council Place 4:**

Jack Dean  
Al Baldrige



**Voter Registrations Due at Bexar County Voter Registrar's Office on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> by 5 p.m.**

April 12<sup>th</sup> is the last day for submitting voter registration applications in time to vote in the May 12<sup>th</sup> General and Bond Election or for requesting transfer of registration in time to vote in new precinct (not in the same county and territory).

Voter registration information is found at:

<http://elections.bexar.org/Registration/registration.html>. Please **note** that any applications or changes have to be at the Voter Registrar's office by their close-of-business at 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 12.

**Meet the Candidates Forum**



As there are contested races in the May 12, 2012 General Election, there will be a **Meet the Leon Valley Candidates Forum**, Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Leon Valley Conference Center, 6427 Evers Road, Leon Valley, 78238.

The League of Women Voters conducts the Forum. The event is held in order to give Leon Valley voters an opportunity to meet candidates in contested races and to provide the public with information about the candidates, issues of concern, and responses of the candidates to questions posed by the public and the League moderator. Questions may be submitted in advance to the Moderator in care of the Leon Valley Public Library.

**Other City Board, Committee, and Commission-affiliated Meetings & Community Interest Events**

**Community Events Committee Meeting, Wednesday, March 21, 6:30 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley.**

**Tree Advisory Board Meeting, Wednesday, March 21, 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, City Hall, 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley.**

**Bandera Road Site Community Advisory Group Meeting, Thursday, April 12, 5:30 p.m., City of Leon Valley Conference Center, 6421 Evers Road, Leon Valley.**



## Calendar these Dates:



**FOREST OAKS GARDEN CLUB**  
**6222 Forest Grove (FOCA Clubhouse)**  
**Leon Valley, Texas 78240**  
**Thursday, March 15, 2012**  
**8:30 AM to 4:00 PM**

Please come support this local club in continuing programming about gardening in all its branches and help to foster civic pride in our community.

# LEON VALLEY

**T E X A S**



## Public Safety and Support Services Open House

In anticipation of a plan to expand and renovate the Leon Valley Police, Fire/EMS and support facilities, the City of Leon Valley would like to extend an invitation to attend an open house of the municipal facilities located at 6400 El Verde Road.

Open House Tours will be conducted on the following Saturdays:  
**March 24, and April 28, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**



## A lion by any other name...

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Los Leones Student Arts Festival**

**Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Awards Ceremony at 9:30 a.m.**

**Leon Valley Community & Conference Centers, 6421 & 6427  
Evers Road**

## Next Quarterly Walk with the Mayor



**Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m., Meet at Tellez located at 6501 Bandera Road**

The walk will wind through Seneca Estates (Seneca I).  
Wear your best walking shoes and walk and talk with Mayor Chris Riley.

## Pet Vaccination Clinic

**Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. – Noon**

**Leon Valley Conference Center, 6421 Evers Road, Leon Valley, 78238.** For more information, please call

Animal Control Officer Ricky Williams at (210) 684-1391, extension 229.



## Spring Clean-Up Week Dates Changed!

**The new dates are: March 26 through April 6. You can start setting out items on March 19. Collection starts on March 26. Please see the flyer in the attachments.**

Please do not set out items too early or you will receive a visit from Code Compliance! If you still have items that may be of use to someone else, please call the Salvation Army at 1-800-SA-Truck or the Goodwill of San Antonio at 210 924-8581 or any other organization of your choice that accepts donations.

Also important to remember is that our residents are limited to eight cubic yards of material to be disposed of. This represents a pile six foot high, six foot wide, and six foot deep. The Fall Clean-Up is scheduled for September 10 through September 21.

## Next Prescription Drug Collection



Police Chief Randall Wallace reports that April 28<sup>th</sup> is the next opportunity to drop off leftover prescription drugs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at our Police Department, 6400 El Verde Road, under the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency's National Take Back Initiative for Prescription Drugs.

**Pet Parade, Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. to 12 Noon** at the Leon Valley Conference Center Grounds, 6421 Evers Road, Leon Valley, 78238. Bring your pet and join the parade.





*You Are Cordially Invited to  
a Taste of Leon Valley*

*Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 2 p.m.- 6 p.m.  
Leon Valley Community & Conference*

*Center, 6421 & 6427 Evers Road, Leon Valley*

See the event's new logo pictured above. For more information or to purchase a booth, call the City's Community Development Department at 684-1391, extension 226.

## **The Leon Valley Public Library**

The Leon Valley Public Library is still the best value in town for free information, free resources of varying kinds, and free family entertainment.



Chess Night: The Librarian is currently seeking chess players who would like to meet for a weekly or monthly chess night.

Volunteers to teach chess are also being sought. Email the Librarian expressing your interest or with your offer to teach on a voluntary basis.

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

## **Leon Valley Farmers Market**



With the Spring Season officially beginning next week, now is the time to shop fresh at our local Farmer's Market, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Wednesday on the parking lot next the Leon Valley Public Library, 6425 Evers Road, Leon Valley, 78238.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
**AGENDA**  
**LEON VALLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2012, 7 P.M.**  
**LEON VALLEY CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**6400 EL VERDE ROAD, LEON VALLEY, TEXAS 78238**

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY CITY COUNCIL, 7 P.M.**

- 1. Call the City of Leon Valley Regular City Council Meeting to Order, Determine a Quorum is Present, and Pledge of Allegiance. (Mayor Riley)**
- 2. 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.*

**Note:** City Council may not debate any non-agenda issue, nor may any action be taken on any non-agenda issue at this time; however City Council may present any factual response to items brought up by citizens [Attorney General Opinion – JC 0169].

**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.*

- 3. Consider Approval of the Meeting Minutes of the March 6, 2012 Special Joint Leon Valley City Council and City of Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation Board Meeting. (Willman)** *This agenda item will allow the City Council to consider approval of the draft minutes of the Special Joint Leon Valley City Council and City of Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation Board Meeting of March 6, 2012.*

**Regular Agenda**

- 4. Consider a Request by the Los Leones Student Arts Festival Planning Team for a Fee Waiver Allowing Participants to Pay Only Half the Amount Required for Temporary Food Permits, M&C # 03-06-12.** *This agenda item will allow the City Council to consider approving a request by minute order waiving the cost of the*

*temporary food permits for participants of Los Leones to pay only half of the cost of the current fees at \$20 per permit. (Flores)*

5. **Consider Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with for Incident Management and Consent Tows, along with Towing for the City of Leon Valley's Vehicle Fleet with Banis Towing, M&C # 03-07-12.** *This agenda item will allow the City Council to consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Banis Towing for private consent tows as well as towing for the City of Leon Valley's vehicle fleet. (Police Chief Wallace)*
6. **Consider an Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Appendix A Fee Schedule Article A11.000 Water and Sewer Fees, Section A11.001, Subsection (g) Edwards Aquifer Authority Fee, of Ordinance No. 11-018, and Providing a Conflicts Provision to Increase the Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA) Fee from \$.1637 per 1,000 gallons to \$.2578 per 1,000 gallons as mandated by the EAA, M&C # 03-08-12.** *This agenda item will allow the City Council to consider an ordinance amending and replacing Ordinance No. 11-018, adopted August 16, 2011, repealing and replacing Appendix A Fee Schedule Article A11.000 Water and Sewer Fees Section A11.001, Subsectin (g) Edwards Aquifer Authority Fee, and Providing a Conflicts Provision to increase the Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA) Fee from \$.1637 per 1,000 gallons to \$.2578 per 1,000 gallons as mandated by the Edwards Aquifer Authority. (Stolz)*

#### Discussion Agenda

7. **City Manager's Report. (Longoria)**
  - A. **Informational updates, as may be required**
  - B. **Monthly Departmental Reports.**
  - C. **Financial Statement for the Month of February 2012. (V. Wallace)**
  - D. **Approved Minutes of City-Affiliated Boards, Committees, and Commissions.** *This agenda item will allow the City Council to review the work of City-affiliated boards, committees, and commissions through the publication of approved meeting minutes on an ongoing basis.*
    - (1) BOMA, Leon Valley Business Owners' and Managers' Association Meeting Minutes, September 13, 2011, and January 10, 2012 Meeting Minutes
    - (2) Earthwise Living Committee, January 31, 2012, February 7, 15, and February 21, 2012 Meeting Minutes.
    - (3) Park Commission, October 10 and November 14, 2011 Meeting Minutes. Park Commission, January 9, 2012 Meeting Minutes.
  - E. **Future Agenda Items.**
    - (1) Agreement with CPS Energy regarding use of the Community Improvement Economic Development (CIED) Funds.
8. **Citizens to be Heard.**
9. **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:**

- March 24:** Public Safety and Support Services Open House Tour, 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, 78238, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- March 31:** 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Los Leones Student Arts Festival, Leon Valley Community & Conference Centers, 6421 & 6427 Evers Road, Leon Valley, 78238, 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- April 7:** Next Quarterly Walk with the Mayor, re-scheduled from March 31 due to conflict with Los Leones. Meet at Tellez, 6501 Bandera Road, at 8:30 a.m. The walk will wind through Seneca Estates (Seneca I).
- April 14:** Pet Vaccination Clinic, 10 a.m. – 12 Noon, Leon Valley Conference Center, 6421 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas 78238.

**Executive Session**

10. 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).
11. **Adjourn.**

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I hereby certify that the above NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND AGENDA OF THE LEON VALLEY CITY COUNCIL were posted on the Bulletin Board at City Hall, 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas, on March 15, 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](http://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

**THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**AGENDA**

**LEON VALLEY TREE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 6:00 PM  
Leon Valley City Council Chambers  
6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas, 78238**

- I. Poll for Attendance, Determination of a Quorum, and Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Minutes – February 22, 2012**
- III. Discussion of a Leon Valley “Neighborwoods Program” and Program Booklet**
- IV. Discussion of Bandera Road Beautification**
- V. Executive Session in Accordance with the Texas Government Code.**  
The City of Leon Valley Tree Advisory Board 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 Tree Advisory Board Meeting was posted on the Bulletin Board at City Hall, 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012 by 11:30 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

CITY OF LEON VALLEY  
COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 6:30 PM  
Leon Valley City Hall  
Conference Room  
6400 El Verde Road  
Leon Valley, Texas 78238

AGENDA

- I. POLL FOR QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER
- II. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2012 MEETING
- III. LOS LEONES UPDATE AND VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE
- IV. 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY GRAND MARSHAL UPDATE
- V. VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION FOLLOW-UP
- VI. ADJOURN

AGENDA APPROVED BY SYLVIA GOMEZ, STAFF LIAISON

I hereby certify that the above Public Notice and Meeting Agenda of the Leon Valley Community Events Committee Meeting were posted on the Bulletin Board at City Hall, 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012 by 6:00 p.m. and remained so posted until after the meeting hereby posted concluded. This building is wheelchair accessible. Any request for signed interpretive or other services must be made 48 hours ahead of the meeting. To make arrangements, please call (210) 684-1391 extension 226.



  
Janie Willman, City Secretary

**City of Leon Valley**  
**BANDERA ROAD SITE**  
**COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP (CAG)**  
**MEETING AGENDA**

**Thursday, April 12, 2012 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 January 19, 2012 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. Receive Report from Dr. Eric Marsh, Skeo Solutions, on the status of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC) program.
7. Discuss items for future CAG meetings - Next meeting scheduled for July 19, 2012
8. Adjournment.

I hereby certify that the above meeting notice was posted on the Bulletin Board at City Hall, 6400 El Verde Rd., Leon Valley, Texas, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March at 1:30 p.m. and remained so posted until after the meeting hereby posted. This notice was likewise posted on the city website at [www.leonvalleytexas.gov](http://www.leonvalleytexas.gov). This building is wheelchair accessible. Any request for sign interpretive or other services must be made 48 hours a head of the meeting. To make arrangements call (210) 684-1391. Ext. 216.



  
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*Spring Clean-up Week*  
March 19 ~ March 25, 2012

## SPRING CLEAN-UP WEEK • MARCH 19 ~ MARCH 25, 2012

*Waste Management will pick up all your bulky items such as old furniture, water heaters, appliances and brush.*

### Collection Begins on March 26, 2012 at 7:00 a.m.

Collection vehicles will pass down each street **only once** and will proceed until the entire City has been collected. All commercial tree trimmers will be required to haul away all trimmings.

#### Simple guidelines that will help you prepare for a safe and successful clean-up.

##### **DO**

**Do limit amount to be picked up to 8 cubic yards - (6ft. x 6ft. x 6ft.).**

**Do place bulky waste items in an area clear of obstacles, away from fences, fire hydrants or gas and water heaters.**

**Do place discarded items and brush at your normal pick-up location(s).**

**Do stack brush with the butt ends pointing in the same direction and notify all commercial landscapers that brush must be hauled away and not placed at the curb.**

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

##### **DON'T**

**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 consolidate piles with neighbors.**

**Don't wait until March 26th to put your items out for collection. You could miss the collection for your street.**

**Thanks! Together, we can keep Leon Valley clean! For information, contact Public Works, 681-1232, or Waste Management, 1-800-800-5804.**