



# Leon Valley ENews

November 18, 2011



## Upcoming Meetings & Events

The next Regular City Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 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](http://www.leonvalleytexas.gov) and on the official bulletin board at City Hall.

## Other Important City or Community-related meetings & events ~

## Now Accepting Applications & Resumes for the City of Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors through Friday, December 30, 2011 by 11 a.m.



Applications and resumes are being accepted to be considered during the appointment process for the City of Leon Valley's Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors through Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:k.flores@leonvalleytexas.gov) or by calling Ms. Flores at 684-1391, Extension 227.

## Speaking of the Leon Valley Public Library... have you heard of the Children's Wing Expansion Project?



The Friends of the Leon Valley Public Library (FLVPL) are still trying to find funding for the Children's Wing Expansion Project. To that end, Waste Management, our garbage collection service provider, donated two luxury box tickets to a Dallas Cowboys Home Game in the newly built stadium in Arlington, Texas.

The two tickets (The Waste Management Dallas Cowboy Tickets) are for the use of a suite on the Ring of Honor Level. Tickets of this kind normally retail for several thousand dollars each.

For the EBay Auction purposes, both of the tickets are being auctioned together.

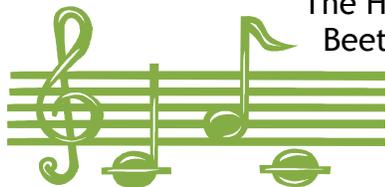
The opening bid was \$300. The Charity Auction began at 11 a.m. on 11-11-11. The bidding ends on Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 9 a.m. Pacific Standard Time (Ebay time) or 11 a.m., our time. The proceeds will be used to fund the FLVPL Children's Wing Expansion Project. The link for further information is: <http://www.friendsoflvpl.org/cowboys-tickets-charity-auction>. The Friends of the Leon Valley Public Library are a 501(c)(3). Good luck!

## Plan to Attend These Upcoming Community Events:



Breakfast with Santa, Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. at the Leon Valley Community Center, located at 6427 Evers Road, Leon Valley, 78238. The tickets for Breakfast with Santa are available now at the Leon Valley Public Library. Advance tickets are \$5 and that's \$6 worth of food coupons at the event.

The Leon Valley Tree Lighting Ceremony, Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., at the Leon Valley Community Center, 6427 Evers Road, Leon Valley, 78238. The event features Mayor Chris Riley, the Leon Valley Elementary Choir, Music by the Pat Neff Middle School, and introduction of a Special Guest (wearing red and white and speaks in terms of ho-ho-ho) of the City of Leon Valley.



The Holiday Concert, featuring our designated community band, the Beethoven Band, on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the Community Center, 6427 Evers Road, Leon Valley, 78238.

For more information on these important community events, contact Ms. Sylvia Gomez, staff liaison, Community Events Committee, at her new location at Leon Valley City Hall, 6400 El Verde Road, 78238, phone Sylvia at (210) 684-1391, extension 225, or email her at [s.gomez@leonvalleytexas.gov](mailto:s.gomez@leonvalleytexas.gov). Conference and Community Center rentals can be done at City Hall, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and on Fridays, 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

## Sign up to volunteer for the City's Boards & Committees



Each holiday season, we think of giving to others. There is one way you can give to an entire community and that is by volunteering.

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 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the Historic Huebner-Onion Homestead's Sesquicentennial (150<sup>th</sup>) 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](mailto:j.willman@leonvalleytexas.gov).



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

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 Public Library News**

### **Bookworms of the world unite!**

Seeking a source of news, information, and worthwhile entertainment? Look no further than the books, movies, and any other of the fine resource materials available through our public library. For more information on the latest events at the City's Library, see the City Leon Valley Library website at: <http://www.leonvalley.lib.tx.us>.



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Speaking of our very fine Public Library... Watch their website for updates on upcoming events.



## **The Leon Valley Farmer's Market ~ Shop Leon Valley first, shop early, shop fresh!**

Visit the Leon Valley's Farmer's Market, Wednesdays, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Here's what happens in the event you've never shopped the Farmer's Market. Local farmers gather in a parking lot with fresh seasonal produce for sale. They gather in the parking lot adjacent to the Leon Valley Public Library located 6425 Evers Road, Leon Valley.

## **Thanksgiving Holiday Closings**



**City Offices and the Leon Valley Public Library will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Holidays on Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**City Offices will re-open for regular business on Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m.**



## **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](http://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](mailto: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.**

# 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the Huebner-Onion Historic Homestead's (150<sup>th</sup>) Sesquicentennial Anniversary, please check this box. This is an ad-hoc Committee of the City Council.

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- 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.**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
<b>Phone Number</b>	<b>E-mail Address</b>
<b>Alternate Phone Number</b>	

**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](mailto:Mayorriley@leonvalleytexas.gov).