



Mayor's Message

By Mayor Chris Riley

"If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything"
-Mark Twain

HOME RULE CHARTER REVISITED

For about 50 years, until 2017, Leon Valley operated under a Council-Manager form of government under the general laws of Texas. In 2017, we passed a Home Rule Charter in order to acquire the greater powers of a Home Rule City. We did not intend to change the form of government or the relationship between the council and manager. The Charter that we passed contained provisions that gave the city manager more power and reduced the powers of the Mayor and Council. It also created an investigative hearing provision that allowed council members to seek to remove other council members who were political opponents. Over three years (2018-2021), the city spent approximately \$400,000 in attorney fees to pay for the resultant in-fighting between council members. In the city election of 2020, the candi-

dates who campaigned for reform of the Charter won the popular vote substantially.

The Council and I are attempting to finalize proposed amendments to the city Charter which will re-balance the powers between the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager. We are recommending deletion of the provisions which called for removal of council members by other council members. The ability to remove council members during their two-year term remains with the public at the ballot box under the recall provision of the Charter. The proposed amendments have been discussed at the March Town Hall meeting, a special meeting on June 4th, and follow up council meetings on July 12 and 19th to gather additional citizen input and answer any questions. There will be two reads of the proposed amendments at the August 2 and 16th council meeting as required by the Charter. The deadline for council to place these proposed amendments for a vote in the November, 2022 election is August 22, 2022.

The citizens will vote on each proposed change in the November, 2022 election. There will be 14

propositions for consideration.

As required by law, all registered voters will receive these proposed amendment changes (in English and Spanish) in the mail prior to the November election. You will also be able to view these proposed amendments online at the city's website: www.leonvalley-texas.gov. Any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call me at (210) 684-1391, Ext. 218.

PARTIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

In 2005, the citizens of Leon Valley successfully voted to freeze the amount of taxes for people over 65 pay to the City of Leon Valley only. This means when you turn 65 and your tax bill for Leon Valley is \$450, you only pay that amount in Leon Valley property taxes until you die or sell the house. Additionally, citizens over 65 or disabled get a \$30,000 exemption from their property tax. Exemption for citizens who are under 65 is \$5,000 or 1% of the house value but not less than \$5,000.

There are other taxing entities that levy taxes on your proper-

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ty. The biggest one is Northside Independent School District. The property tax exemptions for school districts were increased from \$25,000 to \$40,000 as a result of the constitutional ballot measure voted on in May, 2022.

Bexar County Roads/Flood and San Antonio River Authority (SARA) each have a \$5,000 exemption.

Alamo Community College District has a \$30,000 property tax exemption for 65 years and older, and the property tax rate is frozen when a person turns 65. University Health System has a \$30,000 exemption. Bexar County just adopted a \$5,000 property tax exemption this year.

Leon Valley is a separate taxing entity from the much larger City of San Antonio (COSA). This year, COSA increased exemptions for those under 65 from .01% to 10% of appraised value and senior and disabled persons homestead exemptions increased from \$65,000 to \$85,000.

Overall, homestead exemptions lower the taxable value of a home and reduce the owner's property tax burden. For more information, please contact Bexar County Appraisal Officer Customer Service at (210) 242-2432 or look up your account at www.bcad.org.

WE DON'T WANT ANOTHER ENERGY GRID BREAKDOWN

The state power grid operator, Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), and CPS Energy are URGING everyone to take some

simple measures to cut down on energy consumption during this summer's heat wave to help prevent black outs. The power plants are running at a historic pace, often putting off much needed maintenance just to keep the lights and A/C on. Here is an example of the increased demand for energy: In the first half of 2022, ERCOT required energy plants to operate for 2,890 hours to keep the grid operating, as compared to 801 hours in the first half of 2021, and 224 hours for all of 2020. There is now a higher risk of plant breakdowns due to the forced uninterrupted operation.

What can we do to help? 1) Turn your A/C to 78 degrees and use fans to circulate the air in your home; 2) Close shades/blinds; turn off unnecessary lights; 3) Unplug electronics when not in use; 4) Hang clothes on a line outside and cook on an outside grill; 5) Avoid using large appliances and 6) charge electric vehicles at night, after 10 pm.

Visit the CPSEnergy.com website to get information on the Save Now Casa Verde Weatherization program for improving energy efficiency for homeowners and renters. Add insulation to your home. Install a Wifi Thermostat which can help you manage the temperature. Install energy-efficient light bulbs (LED) replacing incandescent and fluorescent light bulbs. Consider installing solar panels to save on your energy bills. The solar rebate is \$2500 per project for residential. Additionally, the federal government gives a 26% federal income tax credit for solar panel installation.

Earn rebates in the form of bill credits in an extensive rebate

program for all types of energy improvements from CPS. We can all do our part to help prevent blackouts this summer.

KEEPING YOU UP-TO- DATE

◇ **New National Hotline Number for Mental Health/Suicide – 988.**

If someone is experiencing mental health related distress, crisis counselors are available 24-hours, 7 days a week, to recognize the person's pain, offer hope and let them know they are not alone. Call 911 if the situation is an EMERGENCY. This site just went online July 16, 2022.

◇ Back to School in August – please remember to slow down in school zones and protect one of our most precious assets – our children.

◇ Please stay cool. There are 68 cooling centers in Bexar County. Maverick Branch Library at 8700 Mystic Park is the closest one. Heat stroke from this triple digit heat can injure or even kill you. And stay safe & healthy with the COVID BA.5 variant around.

Sincerely, Chris

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Photo by Mark Mayfield



Back to School Safety Checklist

Transportation Safety

Whether children walk, ride their bicycle or take the bus to school, it is extremely important that they take proper safety precautions. Here are some tips to make sure your child safely travels to school.



Walking to school

- Review your family's walking safety rules.
 - Walk on the sidewalk, if one is available. When on a street with no sidewalk, walk facing the traffic.
 - Before you cross the street, stop and look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming.
 - Never dart out in front of a parked car.
 - Practice walking to school with your child. Cross streets at crosswalks when available.

Riding a bicycle to school

- Make sure your child always wears his/her helmet when leaving the house.
- Make sure helmet is [fitted and secured properly](#).
- Teach your children the rules of the road.
 - Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, and in a single file.
 - Come to a complete stop before crossing the street. Walk bike across street.

Riding the bus to school

- Go to the bus stop with your child to teach them the proper way to get on and off the bus.
- Make sure your children stand six feet away (or 3 giant steps) from the curb.
- If your child and you need to cross the street in front of the bus, walk on the side of the road until you are 10 feet ahead of the bus. You always should be able to see the bus driver, and the bus driver always should be able to see you.

School Safety

Many school-related injuries are completely preventable. Follow these steps to ensure your child's safety at school.

Preventing backpack-related injuries

- Chose a backpack for your child carefully. It should have ergonomically designed features to enhance safety and comfort.
- Don't overstuff a backpack; it should weigh no more than 10 to 20 percent of your child's body weight.
 - For example, a child that weighs 60 pounds should carry a backpack no heavier than 12 pounds.
- Ask your children to use both straps when wearing their backpack to evenly distribute the weight on their shoulders.

Preventing playground-related injuries

- Encourage your child to use playgrounds with a soft surface. Avoid playgrounds with concrete surfaces, as they are too hard if your child falls.
- Children under the age of four should use climbing equipment with assistance and adult supervision, and watch older children when they're climbing, especially on monkey bars.

Safety
at HOME

National Safety Council

saves lives by preventing injuries and deaths at work, in homes and communities, and on the roads, through leadership, research, education and advocacy.

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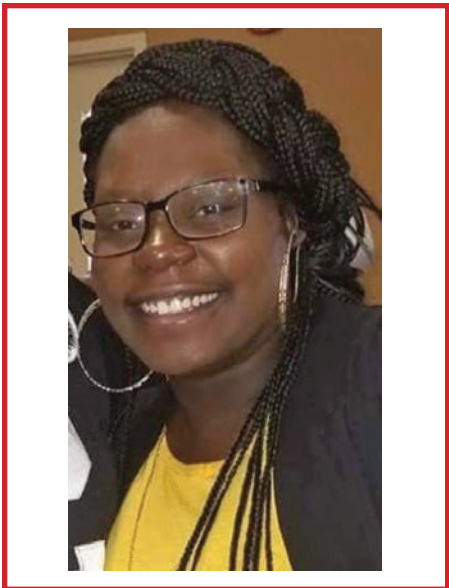
“Jaime Leija”

Meet our newest mem-

Meet your Leon Valley Municipal Court Team Member

ber of the Municipal Court team, Jaime Leija. Jaime joined the City staff in March of this year. He is originally from Laredo TX, and moved to San Antonio to attend college. Jaime has an A.S. degree in Business Administration, and worked in the banking industry before starting here. He and his wife of four years recently purchased their first house and in his spare time, Jaime

loves to play golf. Jaime is a fan of all sports, especially his Houston Astros! Rounding out his family are his dog, cat, and a bearded dragon. Jaime loves working in the Leon Valley Court, and we are very fortunate to have him as an enthusiastic member of the team. You'll see him taking water payments, processing Court paperwork, and greeting all with a big smile.



“Jessica Scott”

Welcome Dr. Jessica Scott as the City of Leon Valley's Human Resource Director, who joined us in June 2022. She comes from USAA, working in the compliance and investigations department. She attended Walden University where she earned her PhD in Public Poli-

Introducing your Leon Valley Human Resource Director

cy and Administration in Criminal Justice. As a Qualitative, Quantitative and Mixed Method Doctoral Researcher in Public Policy and Administration, she ensures policies, legislation, and regulations are conducive to a positive business environment and advocate on a wide range of legislative, regulatory, and legal challenges. She has experience in forecasting data, creating tables and charts containing frequency counts or summary statistics over cases and variables, public policy, administration, regulatory compliance, legal, compliance, and resolving issues for optimal company organizations. Dr. Scott has 10 years of administrative experience in the non-public sector, 5 years in

government volunteering in the legal department and 6 months in tribal government. She contributed to many committees such as policy review to criminal justice corrections with experience in researching best practices to comply with state and federal regulations.

Dr. Scott was raised in Wichita, Kansas where she graduated from Southeast High School. Her hobbies are spending time with family and traveling.

As the new Human Resources Director, she plans to improve employee relations by promoting consistency and outlining essential details of the City of Leon Valley's mission, values, and goals!



National Weather Service



HEAT SAFETY

FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

DURING A HEAT WAVE

- ✓ **Slow down:** Reduce, eliminate or reschedule strenuous activities until the coolest time of the day. Children, seniors and anyone with health concerns should stay in the coolest available place, not necessarily indoors.
- ✓ **Dress for summer:** Wear lightweight, loose-fitting, light-colored clothing to reflect heat.
- ✓ **Eat light:** Choose easy-to-digest foods such as fruit or salads. If you pack food, put it in a cooler or carry an ice pack. Meats and dairy products can spoil quickly in hot weather.
- ✓ **Drink plenty of water (not very cold):** Focus on non-alcoholic and decaffeinated fluids. Drink water even if you don't feel thirsty. If you're on a fluid-restrictive diet or have a problem with fluid retention, consult a physician before increasing consumption of fluids.
- ✓ **Use air conditioners:** Spend time in air-conditioned locations such as malls and libraries if your home isn't air conditioned.
- ✓ **Use portable electric fans:** Fans exhaust hot air from rooms or draw in cooler air. Do not direct the flow of portable electric fans toward yourself when room temperatures are hotter than 90°F. The dry blowing air will dehydrate you faster, endangering your health.
- ✓ **Minimize direct exposure to the sun.** Sunburn reduces your body's ability to dissipate heat. Take a cool bath or shower.
- ✓ **Do not take salt tablets:** Only take salt tablets if recommended by a physician.
- ✓ **Be aware of infants, older, sick or frail people and pets.** Never leave children, disabled adults or pets in a car.
- ✓ **For more heat health tips,** go to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)

WARNING VS. WATCH

Excessive Heat Watch

An Excessive Heat Watch is typically issued two to five days ahead of possible dangerous heat conditions. Certainty regarding the development and timing of the event is lower than a warning.

Excessive Heat Warning

An Excessive Heat Warning, sometimes preceded by an Excessive Heat Watch, is typically issued within one to three days of the onset of extremely dangerous heat conditions and remains in effect until the extreme danger subsides. Certainty is high that the event will occur.

Heat Advisory

A Heat Advisory is typically issued within one to three days of the onset of dangerous heat and remains in effect until the danger subsides. These conditions pose a lesser, but still dangerous, risk to communities. Certainty is high that conditions will occur.

EXCESSIVE HEAT - AMERICA'S DEADLIEST WEATHER

Excessive heat poses a significant risk to people's health, including heat stroke and heat exhaustion, which can result in death. Excessive heat generally means unusually hot temperatures, possibly combined with oppressive humidity, that persists for two or more days. However, specific guidelines vary across the country and may be refined through work with local and state health professionals.

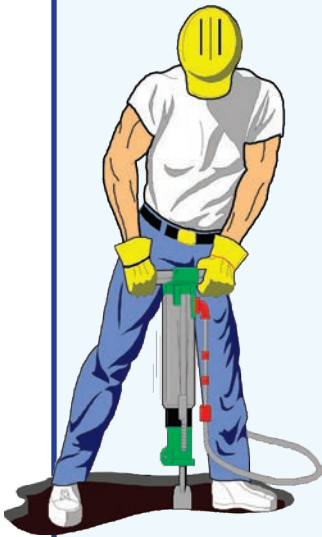


Drink plenty fluids in hot weather, even if you aren't thirsty.

For more information, visit [weather.gov/safety/heat](https://www.weather.gov/safety/heat)

This is proving to be a very busy summer/fall for the Public Works Department. In addition to our normal tasks, we have projects that are, or will be underway, including the Year 5 Street Maintenance Project, the Huebner Creek Greenway Hike & Bike Trail Segment 1, the Blacksmith Water and Sewer Main Replacement Project, the Huebner Well Generator Project, and the Huebner Elevated Tank Rehabilitation Project.

Year 5 Street Maintenance



Clark Construction will be starting this street mill and overlay project on or before August 8th. Streets include Forest Moss St. (Evers Rd. to Forest Wood St.), Forest Circle, Forest Rose St., Forest Wood St., Forest Mont St., Forest Rim St., Forest Ridge, and Forest Brook. In addition to the street work, fourteen sidewalk intersections are to be modified for ADA compliance. The total projected cost is \$601,188, (barring any contingencies) and funding is through the Street Maintenance Sales Tax.

The project won't take long for completion – one month, weather permitting - and as an added bonus, the same contractor that is performing our work will also be performing work for the City of San Antonio

in the mill and overlay of that terrible stretch of Evers Road, from Forest Dell to Loop 410! All streets should be completed by the end of September.

Huebner Creek Greenway Hike & Bike Trail Segment 1



This is a much anticipated and long-awaited recreational project! The trail will run adjacent to El Verde Road, connecting at the Crystal Hills trailhead on Shadow Mist Dr. and then ending just past the Bandera Road bridge at the Huebner-Onion Homestead. The bids have been opened and we are waiting for TxDOT concurrence on the lowest responsible bidder, then this item can go before City Council for approval. Once approved, the contractor can begin construction. The total construction cost for the project is expected to be \$986,220. Construction may begin as soon as the end of August or the first part of September.

Once this project has been completed, we will begin the engineering and design of Segment II, which will start at the end of Segment 1 and follow the CPS easement in the Huebner-Onion Natural Area Park,

then through Raymond Rimkus Park and end at Evers Road. Major funding for both projects is through a reimbursement grant from the Federal Highway Administration.

Blacksmith Water and Sewer Main Replacement Project

The contractor, R.L. Jones, is underway and will replace the 44-year-old water and sewer mains in this area. The project scope of work includes replacing 450 feet of asbestos-concrete water main with new 8" C-900 pipe, 430 feet of 8" sewer main, re-connecting 13 service lines, installing new gate valves, a new fire hydrant with Storz quick connections, 3 new sewer manholes, one water valve, and providing for an asphalt mill and overlay of Settlers Ridge and Blacksmith Ln. The projected cost is \$546,049, but a portion of the funding is through a Bexar County Community Development Block Grant. We expect completion by the end of July.

Huebner Well Generator Project

The City installed a generator at the Grass Hill well plant in 2019, but if that well is out of service for maintenance, repairs, or for an emergency, we rely on the Huebner well plant. Should that well lose electricity at the same time, we would have to purchase water from the San Antonio Water System. This project will assure that redundancy is in place, providing for the continuous and smooth operation of the well plants during times of emergency.

The project is going to take significantly longer than was originally thought as the availability of this type of generator is

supply chain dependent. We don't expect delivery of the equipment for 46 weeks, so this project will not be complete until July of next year. The contractor for this project is Central Electric Ent. & Co., the projected cost is \$209,330, and it is being funded by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP).

Huebner Elevated Water Tank Rehabilitation Project

This water storage tank is located on Huebner Road, between the shopping center at Huebner and Bandera and the Post Office. The project will complete the rehabilitation of all three of our elevated water tanks. Bid advertisement for this project was to be performed during this past spring, but the Marshall elevated water storage tank was in the process of being rehabilitated and we experienced a supply chain issue in obtaining tank coatings. We knew we were in for a long hot summer (which results in an increase in demand for water), so a decision was made to postpone the project until the fall, when we hope the weather will cooperate. The projected cost of the project is \$374,500 and it will be funded by the utility ratepayers. We expect to advertise bids in September, so the work will not start until November when the weather is cooler, and we can safely take this tank out of operation while continuing to supply sufficient water supplies to our customers.

The Public Works Department takes great pride in the timely and conscientious delivery of much needed and/or wanted projects to our citizens. For more information on any of these projects, please feel free to contact us at (210) 681-1232.



American Red Cross

Water Safety Tips

Swim in designated areas supervised by lifeguards.



Always swim with a buddy.



If you go boating, wear a life jacket!



Install and use barriers around your home pool or hot tub.



Actively supervise children whenever around the water.



Always stay within arm's reach of young children and avoid distractions.



Reach or throw aid to distressed swimmers – don't go!

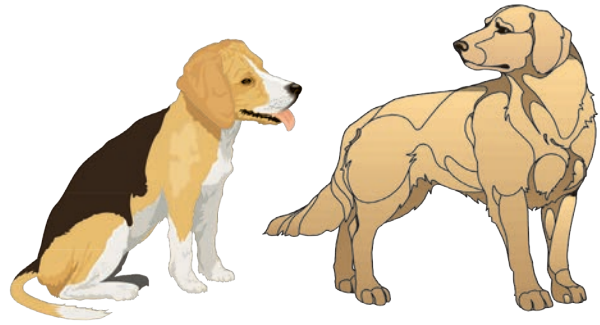


Keep toys not in use away from the pool and out of sight.



Be water smart! Learn how at [redcross.org/watersafety](https://www.redcross.org/watersafety)

Summer Heat Dangers to Your Pet



A Hot Car

Most dog owners know you can't leave a pet in a hot car. Temperatures can rise to dangerous levels in just minutes, putting your dog at risk of heat stroke. But what if you open a window a little bit? Does that make it safe to leave your dog in the car? The answer is simple: You should NEVER leave a dog alone in the car, even with cracked windows.

Open windows don't keep dogs safe. According to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), studies have shown that a parked car with the windows cracked heats up at almost the same rate as a car with the windows rolled up, putting pets in danger. On scorching days, temperatures inside parked cars can climb to 140 degrees Fahrenheit in less than one hour. Just a 2 degree increase in a dog's body temperature is all it takes for heat stroke to kick in. Fatalities can occur in little as 15 minutes

Hot Asphalt

The high heat of summer can become highly hazardous to your dog's paws. However, there is a simple test that you can do to check whether the pavement is too hot for your pet's paws by doing the "seven-second test."

Touch the pavement with the back of your hand for seven seconds. If you can't hold out for the full seven seconds because the surface is too hot, then it's also too hot for your dog's paws.

CAR TEMPERATURE DOG SAFETY CHART		
Running into the store for "just a minute" can be fatal for a dog left in the car!		
IF IT'S THIS HOT OUTSIDE:	IT ONLY TAKES THIS LONG:	TO REACH THIS INSIDE:
75°	10 Min.	100°
75°	30 Min.	120°
85°	5 Min.	90°
85°	7-8 Min.	100°
100°	15 Min.	140°

DON'T LEAVE YOUR DOG IN THE CAR THIS SUMMER!



When is it too hot for dog paws?

If the air outside is pleasantly warm, you may think there's no risk that your dog's paws will get burnt. But the ground can get much hotter than the surrounding air and absorbs heat fast.

Sec. 2.01.026 Safety of animals in motor vehicles

(b) No person shall leave any animal in any standing or parked vehicle in such a way as to endanger the animal's health or safety. Any animal care officer or police officer is authorized to use reasonable force, including the breaking of a side window, to remove an animal from a vehicle whenever it appears the animal's health or safety is endangered and said neglected or endangered animal shall be impounded.

Sec. 2.01.029 Fastening animals

(g) In accordance with the Texas Health and Safety Code, an owner may not leave a dog outside and unattended by use of a restraint that unreasonably limits the dog's movement in the case of extreme weather conditions, including conditions in which the actual or effective outdoor temperature is below thirty-two (32) degrees Fahrenheit; a heat advisory has been issued by a local or state authority or jurisdiction; or a hurricane, tropical storm, or tornado warning has been issued for the jurisdiction by the National Weather Service.

<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/health/dogs-in-hot-cars>

<https://www.fourpawsusa.org/our-stories/publications-guides/hot-asphalt-a-danger-to-your-dogs-paws>

<https://franklinpet.com/the-facts-about-dogs-in-hot-cars/>

<https://thedogfirstaid.co/too-hot-for-paws/>





CPS Energy strives to provide our customers with the easiest and efficient ways to ensure energy savings and bill reductions.

Taking simple actions like these during hot summer weather helps conserve energy and saves you money on your utility bill:

- ☛ Set your thermostat at 78 degrees or higher. Bump it up a little more if you are leaving home.
- ☛ Use fans & point them in your direction to feel 4-6 degrees cooler. Set ceiling fans to run counter- clockwise.
- ☛ Lower window shades and blinds when they are in direct sunlight.
- ☛ Avoid using large appliances like an oven and clothes dryer. Grill & line dry when you can.
- ☛ Unplug appliances and electronics when you are not using them. When the wire is connected to the outlet it consumes energy, even if the appliance or device is turned off.

In addition to these money saving tips, here are other energy efficiency programs and rebates you may want to consider:

Prepare your home

Start by insulating and weatherizing your home or business or checking the condition of existing items. Weatherizing and achieving greater energy efficiency are important all year, especially when temperatures soar into the triple digits.

Seal gaps and cracks around windows and doors with caulk and weather stripping. Prevent cool air from escaping by closing the damper on your chimney in your home and by keeping exterior doors and windows closed. Preventing cool air from escaping is the first step in keeping you cool and comfortable this summer and essential to keeping your hard-earned money from going out the window.

Other simple, inexpensive things to do include replacing worn-out door sweeps, insulating electrical outlets and switches, and adding attic insulation, if the budget permits.

Need assistance with weatherization? Our SaveNow Casa Verde Weatherization Program helps income-qualifying homeowners and renters reduce energy loss (and costs) with free energy efficiency improvements. Customers who qualify for Casa Verde typically see savings of up to \$400 per year on their energy bill.

Keep your air conditioner well-maintained

One of the most effective ways to save energy is to give your HVAC system some TLC. Sticking to a routine maintenance schedule performed by a licensed and bonded professional at least twice a year will ensure your air conditioner is clean and operating efficiently. A well-maintained air conditioning unit runs more efficiently, uses less energy, and can prevent costly breakdowns, all of which keep money in your pocket. It also saves you from tracking down reputable AC company help during their high-demand time of the year – the dog days of summer. Routine maintenance helps maintain a comfortable temperature in your home and business.

Apart from routine maintenance, check and replace air filters every two weeks from May through September, if needed. Dirty filters restrict airflow which causes the system to work harder.

Install a WiFi Thermostat

Installing a WiFi programmable thermostat can help you manage the temperature in your home or business is a breeze. Whether you own or are thinking about purchasing one, registering your WiFi thermostats in the WiFi Thermostat Rewards program can save you more money. Earn rebates in the form of bill credits while enjoying many other conveniences of a WiFi thermostat. Learn more about the program and which thermostats qualify by visiting the WiFi Thermostat Rewards webpage. Also, you'll want to understand the 20-degree difference that affects your air conditioning system's operational efficiency.

Looking for more ways to boost your energy efficiency and save money? Visit SaveNow and learn about available energy savings programs and rebates for your home or business.

Invest in energy-efficient light bulbs

Another easy, environmentally-friendly, and energy-saving project to consider is installing LED light bulbs.

Replacing incandescent and fluorescent light bulbs with LED light bulbs will play a role in the overall energy efficiency of your home or business.

Apart from emitting less heat and using less power, LEDs last longer, saving you money. According to energy.gov, good-quality LED bulbs can last more than 25 times longer than traditional light bulbs and can have a useful life of 25,000 hours. That equates to more than three years if run 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Having an environmentally-friendly home or business comes with many benefits, but you can boost your energy savings further by taking steps to reduce energy consumption. Using natural light as much as possible and turning lights off when you leave the room is an easy, no-cost action to conserve energy every day.

Install Solar Panels

Investing in solar is a great way to go green and save money on your energy bill.

For a limited time, CPS Energy offers a rebate to customers to help offset the upfront cost of installing a system. Before investing in solar, we recommend shopping around and getting at least three quotes from a CPS Energy registered solar contractor. Learn more about solar rebates here.

Bottom line

Improvement projects are a valuable investment in your home and business and the right direction to an Environmentally Responsible and Resilient future. We invite you to join us on this path forward. For more ways to save energy and money through energy conservation and efficiency, visit CPSEnergy.com.



Photo by Mark Mayfield

City of Leon Valley Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan

The City of Leon Valley is committed to providing accessible services to the community. The purpose of the Transition Plan is to identify physical barriers that may limit access to City programs and services. The Transition Plan is intended to provide a framework for the continuous improvement of City facilities for people with disabilities. This is a living document, regularly updated as barriers are removed and new facilities come under ownership or control of the City.

Check out the updated [ADA Transition Plan document](#) and provide your feedback!

[City of Leon Valley Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan](#)

Visit www.LeonValleyCares.com

Or scan the QR code to provide public feedback.

We want to hear from you LV!



Transition Plan

Feedback

Keeping Our Elderly Safe

Elderly individuals in our community can become the victims of crime, like any other age groups. As some senior citizens are unable to fully care for themselves, they often need special attention. The areas where they are most at risk include physical abuse, financial exploitation, fraud and self-neglect.

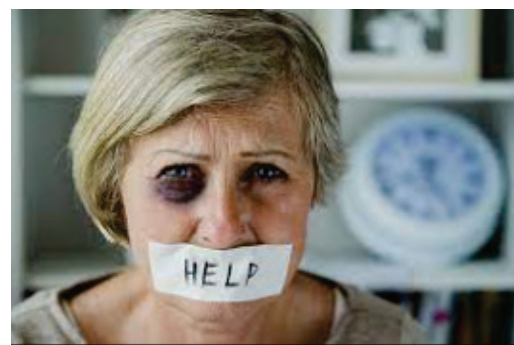
There are several ways that elder abuse is committed: physical, emotional, sexual, neglect and abandonment. In addition, seniors may neglect their own welfare.

Elder Abuse and Neglect

■ Signs of Physical Abuse

Bruises, black eyes, broken bones

- Open wounds, punctures, untreated injuries
- Sprains, dislocations
- Broken eyeglasses/frames, signs of being restrained
- Over- or underutilization of medication
- Caregiver's refusal to allow visitors to see an elder alone
- The senior's verbal report of being mistreated



■ Signs of Emotional Abuse

- Elder is emotionally upset or agitated
- Senior is withdrawn and noncommunicative or nonresponsive
- Unusual behavior, such as sucking, biting, or rocking
- An elder's report of being verbally or emotionally mistreated

■ Signs of Sexual Abuse

- Bruises or bleeding around vaginal or genital area
- Unexplained venereal disease or genital infections
- Torn, stained, or bloody underclothing
- An elder's report of being sexually assaulted



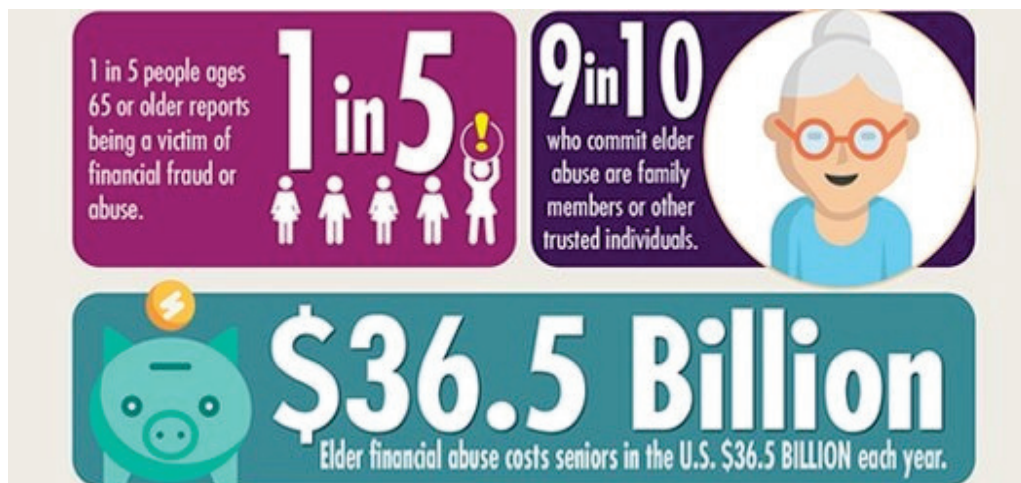
■ Signs of Neglect

- Dehydration, malnutrition, untreated bed sores, poor personal hygiene
- Unsanitary, unclean, or unsafe living quarters
- Lack of clothing or inadequate clothing
- Inadequate housing or homelessness
- An elder's report of being mistreated



■ Signs of Abandonment

- Desertion of an elder at a hospital, nursing facility, or similar institution
- Senior's disorientation
- Desertion of an elder at a shopping center, park, or other public area
- An elder's report of being abandoned

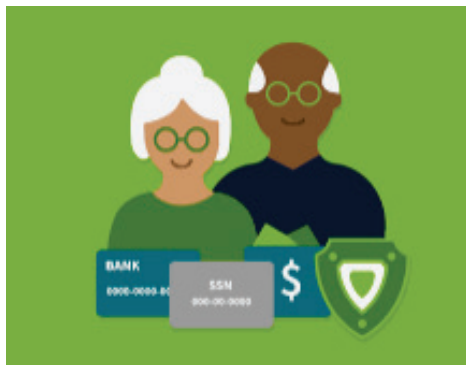
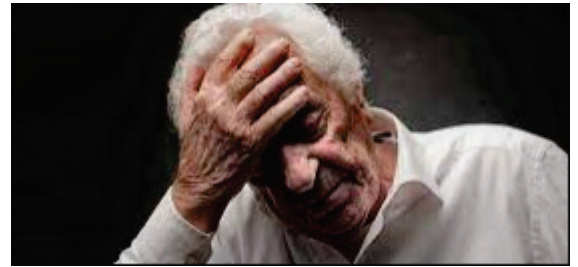


■ Financial Exploitation

- The unique issues that senior citizens face can leave them more at risk of becoming victims of fraud or identity theft than other age groups.
- Caregivers should watch for signs of financial exploitation in their older parents and realize that these crimes could be committed by anyone – even the elder's family members or other caregivers.
- Many criminals consider senior citizens easy targets for scams because they may have a "nest egg" to spend or invest, might be lonely and more willing to talk to strangers, are less likely to report fraud than other age groups and no longer have their partner and confidant to talk to.

■ Prevention Measures of Exploitation

- Minimize isolation
- Family and friends can help with early detection.
- Formal credit checks of senior's finances
- Background checks on caregivers or people close to victim



■ Warning Signs of Financial Exploitation

- Overdrawn bank accounts
- Junk mail piling up at home
- Numerous phone calls from numbers child/caregiver does not recognize
- “Gimme” gifts—cheap, useless items like whistles, hats, rulers, or bumper stickers

■ Intervention Measures for Financial Exploitation

If you suspect that an elder has been exploited financially:

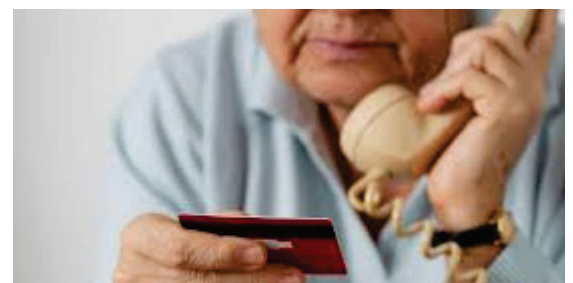
- Contact the local adult protective services agency.
- Contact your state's attorney general's office; and
- File a report with the local police department.



■ Telemarketing Fraud

Criminals use high-pressure sales tactics and psychology to exploit the trust of victims. Remind older loved ones that:

- Offers that seem too good to be true usually are.
- You do not have to be polite to salespeople.
- When on the phone, always feel free to say “No,” and hang up. It's not rude – it's shrewd.



■ Telemarketing Fraud Warning Signs

Beware of the classic lines below, which are often used by fraud artists:

- “You must act now, or the offer will expire.”
- “You have won a free gift, but you must pay for postage” (or another charge).
- “Don’t miss this ‘high-profit, no-risk’ offer.”

■ TIPS for Protection

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- Be wary of any caller that tries to convince them not to speak with anyone about the call.
- It can be hard to understand the verbal details of an offer. Request to receive details in the mail. All legitimate business offers, and investments should be able to comply.

Ultimately, the members of the Leon Valley Police Department want our citizens to be aware of potential dangers and always feel that they can reach out to the Police Department with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for taking the time to read the article. If I can be of any assistance in the future, you can reach out to me at the Police Department at extension 245 or by email at k.burleson@leonvalleytexas.gov.

Lieutenant Kasey Burleson




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Did you hear that we recently launched a new online service designed with you in mind? Public records request submissions online with a secure portal will allow you to accomplish the following:

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Visit https://www.leonvalleytexas.gov/departments/city_council/government/open_record_request.php and start your first request today.

We are also building MuniDocs which is a document bank which will store many archived records that will be available at your fingertips. This feature will be available on your  website. Both are coming to you this fall! Stay tuned for more exciting news on both of these items.



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CITY MEETINGS

All meetings at City Hall unless otherwise specified. All meetings subject to change due to Covid-19

- City Council**
1st & 3rd Tuesday - 6:00 p.m.
- Board Of Adjustment**
Meets as required
- Capital Facilities Oversight Committee**
4th Monday - 6:30 p.m.
LV Conference Center
- Citizens Police Advisory Committee**
3rd Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.
- Coffee with the Mayor**
Quarterly, 4th Saturday - 9 -11 a.m.
- Earthwise Living Committee**
2nd Wednesday -
5:30 p.m. Public Works
- Economic and Community Development Advisory Committee**
Meets as needed
- Library Board**
2nd Tuesday - 5:30 p.m. - Library
- Park Commission**
2nd Thursday - 6:30 p.m. -
Conference Center
- Tree Advisory Board**
2nd Monday - 6:00 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Commission**
4th Tuesday - 6:30 p.m.

CITY NUMBERS

Keep these numbers handy

- Emergency Number for POLICE, FIRE and EMS** 911
- City Web Site Address**
www.leonvalleytexas.gov
- City Hall** 684-1391
- Animal Control & Code Compliance** 251-1797
- Non-Emergency Fire** 684-8897
- Police** 684-3219
- CAT** 684-ONIT (6648)
- Human Resources** 684-1391
- Dead Animal Pickup** (210) 333-4287
- Public Works** 681-1232
- Library** 684-0720
- Tiger Sanitation** (210) 333-4287
- Community Center Rental** 684-1391 ext. 228
- Senior Citizen's Club** 522-9966

City Hall, non-emergency Police and Fire operations may be contacted at the above numbers Monday - Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed weekends and holidays.
Public Works Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

