

NEWSLETTER:

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**CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER**

Please be advised that the Council has a newsletter sent on a quarterly basis to inform and remind the public about important matters.

**FIREWORKS BAN LIFTED**

The order from Lytle Mayor Mark Bowen banning ALL fireworks within the Lytle City limits was "lifted" on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The recent rains made it possible for this ban to be done away with for now. Please keep in mind that should we not have rains in the future and a danger exists if fireworks are used that the Mayor can once again put a ban on fireworks. We encourage everyone to use extreme care when using fireworks. Have a wonderful and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**UPCOMING CITY HOLIDAYS**

The City's next holiday will be on Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Independence Day. City employees will also have off on Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Labor Day.

**NOTICE TO DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS**

At the June City Council meeting, Council voted to have the City's delinquent tax roll printed in the City's official newspaper once again. This tax roll reflects ALL taxpayers that have NOT paid their city taxes by June 30<sup>th</sup> for this year, as well as prior years. The City should have the delinquent tax roll ready by July 31<sup>st</sup>. After that date, we will prepare the delinquent roll for publication. **TO AVOID HAVING YOUR NAME APPEAR ON THE DELINQUENT TAX ROLL IN THE NEWSPAPER, PAY YOUR TAXES BY THE JULY 31ST DEADLINE.** The City's delinquent tax attorney will also be filing more lawsuits if taxes are not paid, so we urge you to pay your taxes.

**BRUSH PICK-UP**

The City Council has voted to have brush picked up once a month, once bids are obtained. The quarterly pick-up scheduled for the third week of July will go on as scheduled, however you will not be required to call in for this service. The Council will be discussing increasing the monthly garbage rate in order to pay for this service. **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE NEXT BRUSH PICK-UP IS SCHEDULED TO START JULY 19TH.**

**WATER CONSERVATION**

I am so happy to report that due to the recent rains, the aquifer level is nearly thirty (30) feet higher than a year ago and therefore, we don't have any water restrictions placed on us at this time. We are hoping the rains continue, so we don't have to place restrictions on water usage this year.

**WATER SURCHARGE**

As you may remember, a few months ago Council voted to pass on a surcharge to all water customers due to the city being penalized for overpumping from the Edwards Aquifer in 2009. Since that time the City Secretary, City Attorney, and Mayor have talked with the Edwards Aquifer Authority concerning additional water rights the City purchased and plans to purchase. After a meeting held June 22<sup>nd</sup> with aquifer officials, the city will be charged a \$200.00 penalty, as long as we use the previously set fine of \$8,200.00 towards the purchase of additional water rights. Also, the City has been placed on two-years of probation. If we overpump during this two year period, the City will be assessed higher penalties.

GOOD NEWS – You will not see a surcharge on your bill this year.

BAD NEWS – Because of the probation, we are urging everyone to conserve water as much as possible, to avoid stricter penalties over the next two year period. We hope the rains continue to help us to conserve.

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS SERVE AS REMINDERS FOR OUR NEW CUSTOMERS:**

**ATASCOSA COUNTY TAX OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE**

We would like to remind everyone that the Atascosa County Tax Office sends a representative from their office to the City Hall **ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** **PLEASE NOTE** that a lunch hour is taken from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. **\*PLEASE REMEMBER**, you need to bring proof of insurance to get your license plate sticker.

### **BUILDING PERMITS REQUIRED**

The City of Lytle requires its residents and business owners to get building permits prior to starting building projects, whether it's a new dwelling, addition to dwelling or business, swimming pool, gazebo, deck, storage shed, etc. If you do not get a building permit prior to starting construction, the cost of the permit will be doubled. We urge everyone to comply with the city's building ordinance.

### **BULKY WASTE PICK-UP**

Bulky waste pick up for July is scheduled to start on July 26<sup>th</sup>, the last Monday of the month. REMEMBER THAT BRUSH IS NOT CONSIDERED bulky waste. Also please remember, do not mix in brush with your bulky waste, or it will not be picked up.

Bulky waste include old furniture, mattresses and other household items. Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, tires, and paint are not picked up due to environmental issues. Also, construction debris is not included as part of bulky waste pick-up.

Again, we urge everyone to place bulky waste at curbside the weekend prior to the start date, so we do not have the city right-of-ways looking dirty and ugly for a long period of time. Also, remember to place your bulky waste where it does not cause a problem for your neighbors, or for people driving down your street.

### **CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Lytle City Council meets on the second Monday of each month\* at 6:30 p.m. at the Lytle City Hall.

\*Note – December meeting is usually not held due to the holiday season.

### **CITY OFFICE HOURS**

The City Office is open during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The office is open during the noon hour.

### **CITY WEBSITE**

Don't forget to visit our website at [www.lytletx.org](http://www.lytletx.org). We do update this website as often as possible with important news.

**DRIVE-THRU WINDOW**

We'd like to remind everyone that the drive-thru window at the back of the City Hall building is open for their convenience during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**GAS EMERGENCIES**

As mentioned in the last couple of newsletters, CPS Energy now operates and maintains the city's gas system. If you have an emergency, please call, (210) 353-HELP (4375) or toll free at 1-800-870-1006.

**NIGHT DEPOSIT**

A night deposit box is available for the convenience of customers paying utility bills and taxes. This drop box is located next to the drive-thru window at the back of the City Hall building.

**OVERGROWN LOTS & YARDS**

We'd like to remind everyone with property in the Lytle City limits that we do have an ordinance prohibiting lots and yards to become overgrown with weeds and debris (that includes old tires). If you are found to be in violation of the city's ordinance you will be notified to correct the situation within seven (7) days of the notice. If you do not clean the property within the allotted time, the city will be forced to send a police officer to issue a citation to you and then file a complaint against you in Municipal Court. This could lead to you being fined for every day your property is not cleaned up. We ask everyone to keep their yards free of weeds, trash and debris to keep our city looking neat and clean.

**WORK ORDERS**

All citizens are urged to call the City Office to turn in work orders for City-related matters. In the past, citizens have told laborers or Council members about things that needed to be done and since they were not in the office, a work order was not written and the work to be done was forgotten. **PLEASE REMEMBER**, call the City Office if you have a matter that needs to be tended to.

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**IMPORTANT CITY TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Lytle City	(830) 709-3692
Lytle Pager	(210) 235-8664 (Leave detailed message) (210) 820-9927 (Enter phone # for faster service)
Lytle Animal Control	(830) 709-3832
Lytle EMS and Police	(830) 772-3149 or 9-1-1
Lytle Fire Department	(830) 709-2326 or 9-1-1
C.P.S. Energy	(210) 353-HELP (4357) 1-800-870-1006 – Toll Free

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**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Lytle has been very blessed this year: where much of the state of Texas has seen losses in sales tax revenue, Lytle has seen an increase in this tax money. With the new Subway and Autozone, along with other businesses that are planning to build in the Lytle area, our future looks very bright.

I want to take this time to say thank you to the many volunteers who have assisted in our community. You are the ones who are making this town a better place to live and work in. If you are an organization or individual looking for a project in Lytle, please give us a call and we can point you in the right direction.

Summer is here, so please conserve water as much as you can. Also, be cautious when you or a family member is working in the heat. Remember to take breaks when needed and drink plenty of water.

With the Fourth of July just around the corner, my family and I would like to wish each of you a happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Mayor Mark Bowen

