

# LOG CABIN TIMES

June 2019

IN GOD WE TRUST

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# Thank You for Volunteering

The Log Cabin City Clean-Up held on May 17-18 was a great success. The City would like to THANK all the volunteers that helped during the Clean-Up. We could not have done it without you!

Jason and Michele Shoecraft, Nancy Ruckstaetter, Todd Tucker, Donald Umling, John Wilson, Brad Boyd, Cory Abbe and Marie Sutterfield

The City of Log Cabin would like to Thank the Election Officials for their time and dedication

Lee and Belynda Figueriedo, Todd Tucker, Rhonda Walters, Weldon and Nancy Wallace.

## Park Clean-Up

On Saturday May 18

Nancy and Weldon Wallace, Scott Smiley, and Rodney Allen cut and trimmed trees and removed dead trees.

Thank you for all your hard work. The park looks great.

Thank you Cathy Munden for cleaning the flower bed at the front entrance and around the bushes at the city hall.

Fear thou not; for I [am] with thee: be not dismayed; for I [am] thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Isaiah 41:10

*Prayer Request*

*Rita Anderson*

*The Montanez Family*

*Albert Cheek*

*Garlon Tallent*

*Rita Henderson*

*John Morgan*

*Ann Henderson*

*Brenda Strickland*

*Donald Johnson*

*Myra Morgan*

*Sandy Cummings*

*Glenda Schedule*

*Jonathan Michel*

*Beverly Tinsley*

## UP COMMING EVENTS

### **MOVIE IN THE PARK JUNE 22 AT DUSK**

Bring the family and enjoy a night by the lake watching Princess Bride. There will be hot dogs, water and popcorn for sale. The money raised will go to the park.

#### **Up Coming Events**

##### **Fitness Center**

Monday-Thursday

5:30pm-8:00pm

Call Dee Blackwell 903-243-2373

##### **Council Meeting**

every 3rd Thursday at 7:00pm

#### **BASS TOURNAMENT**

6/8 Media

6/23 Ignition

6/29 CCV

6/29 Henderson Police Association

If you would like to Volunteer to help with the Bass Tournaments, the Red Barn, Newsletter or where needed, please contact City Hall at 903-489-2195

# City Council Meeting

The City Council of the City of Log Cabin met in a regular meeting on May 16, 2019 at 7:00 pm at Log Cabin City Hall, 14387 Alamo Road, Log Cabin, Texas. If a closed session is necessary, the meeting will be re-opened after the closed session.

The subjects to be discussed or considered upon which any formal action is to be taken are as follows: (Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on agenda).

## Call to Order

1. ROLL CALL – Attendees: Nancy Ruckstaetter, Rodney Allen, Jennifer Williams, David Campos, Jessica Abbe
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Cayden Abbe led the US and Texas pledges
3. INVOCATION – Led by David Campos
4. RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE – Ruckstaetter thanked the outgoing council for their service. She also read a summary of the responsibilities of the mayor and councilmembers.
5. SWEAR- IN NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS AND APPOINT MAYOR PRO-TEM – Secretary Figueriedo conducted the swear-in of Mayor Ruckstaetter, Councilpersons Abbe, Campos, Perkins and Williams. Abbe made a motion to nominate Williams for Mayor Pro-Tem. Motion carried.
6. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items: Limited to three minutes.

This item provides the opportunity for citizens to address the City Council on an item posted on the agenda. However, in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.041, the Council cannot discuss, deliberate, or take action on matters not listed on the agenda. At this time the Council will receive citizen comments, and if necessary, may refer the matter to City staff

for research, resolution or referral to Council on a future agenda.

Charlie Hayes of 13921 W Travis Lane asked what the agenda is to repair Wyatt-Earp and volunteered to patch the road.

7. CONSENT AGENDA: Approve minutes of Council Meeting from April 18, 2019

## Financial & Court Report

Zoning & Building Standards Commission Minutes from May 10, 2019

## Volunteer Fire Department Report

Campos made a motion to approve consent agenda items. Williams seconded. Motion carried.

8. DISCUSS/ APPROVE/ TAKE ACTION – Ordinance 90 Revised. Update to Ordinance on page 4 and it combines the Customer Service Inspection (CSI) and Certificate of Occupancy (COO) and assigned a single charge of \$220.00. Williams made a motion to approve. Perkins seconded. Motion carried.

9. DISCUSS/APPROVE/TAKE ACTION - Update on repairs and maintenance required for the Wastewater and Water systems. Corey Frentress and Jeremy Crocker toured the wastewater plant and lift stations and found more repairs to be done including some electrical repairs. These will be included in the updated plans which will be completed in approximately 2 weeks and reviewed with the mayor. No action required.

10. DISCUSS/APPROVE/TAKE ACTION – Park Committee recommendations and Ordinance 39. Park Committee Chair Nancy Wallace briefed the council on the changes to the ordinance pointing out the various sections of the park and rules or guidelines for each. The changes will allow the police department and code enforcement to enforce the rules. Allen made a motion to approve the changes and updated ordinance. Williams seconded. Motion carried.

11. DISCUSS/APPROVE/TAKE ACTION – Memorandum of Understanding with Star Harbor. Chief Tucker briefed the council on the agreement between the city and Star Harbor to provide police services for a monthly fee. Discussion ensued regarding including overtime costs and investigative costs and insurance reimbursement costs such as worker's compensation in the next iteration of the MOU. Allen suggested a 3% increase in the monthly fee. Williams made a motion to approve Mayor Ruckstaetter and Chief Tucker to negotiate with Star Harbor. Campos seconded. Motion carried. Ruckstaetter said she would bring the results back to the council.

12. DISCUSS/APPROVE/TAKE ACTION - CD maturing. Choose terms. Allen made a motion to renew CD for 2 years at the 1.90% rate. Williams seconded. Motion carried.

13. DISCUSS/APPROVE/TAKE ACTION – Purchase trailer for maintenance to move mowers and other equipment. Council was presented with 3 bids for the trailer. Allen made a motion to table the item so he could check other sources. Williams seconded. Motion carried.

14. DISCUSS/APPROVE/TAKE ACTION – Purchase pump replacement for Lift Station & back-up pump for emergencies. Allen made a motion to approve the purchase of 2 pumps from Odessa Pumps asking that Corey or Jeremy ensure the quotes are bidding on the same specifications of pumps. Williams seconded. Motion carried.

15. DISCUSS/APPROVE/TAKE ACTION – Council member Perkins absence. Councilperson Perkins requested to be excused without penalty from attending the next two meetings as he had trips planned prior to serving, one in June and the other in July.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor Update: Mayor Nancy Ruckstaetter

Police: Chief Todd Tucker

# City Council Meeting

Public Works Department: Jeremy Crocker

16. Citizen Comments on non-Agenda items: Limited to three minutes.

This item provides the opportunity for citizens to address the City Council on non-agenda items. By state law, comments by the Mayor or Council members on any item not on the agenda shall be limited to:

1) Statements of specific factual information given in response to any inquiry

2) A recitation of existing policy in response to an inquiry

3) A proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a future meeting

Marie Sutterfield of 14015 W Travis Lane said Wyatt-Earp is bad to drive on especially in the dark and expressed concern if/when an ambulance needs to drive on it.

Aaron Scott of 14117 W Travis Lane said there is a new Facebook Forum for citizens with the mission to have dialogue between citizens and officials.

Announcement: Councilperson Williams is planning a movie event in the park. Movie in the Park will be held June 22, 2019. The movie is "The Princess Bride." Snacks will be available for sale and as a park fundraiser.

17. ADJOURNMENT – Williams made a motion to adjourn. Campos seconded. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Belynda Figueredo

City Secretary



## Log Cabin Police Department

Listed is a summary of offenses reported to or reported by the Log Cabin Police Department, the citations issued by the department, and the number of calls requiring action by the department from the period April 01, 2019 through April 30, 2019

Total Violator Contacts:	71
Citations	violation: 42
Issued	{ warnings: 27
	COV: 1
	Other: 1
Total Arrest made:	2
On-view:	0
Warrants:	2
Drug related	0 of the total arrest(s)
Code Enforcement:	28
Permits Issued:	5
Total Vehicle Impound(s):	4

Total Calls for Service:	136	Other	22
Animal complaints:	3	Burglary(s):	1
City ordinance violation(s):	23	Burglary of Vehicle(s):	0
Suspicious Person(s):	9	Theft(s):	1
Suspicious Vehicle(s):	1	Harassment(s):	0
Welfare Check(s):	3	Contact Complainant(s):	15
Assist Other-Agency(s):	15	Criminal Mischief(s):	0
Disturbance(s):	5	Civil:	0
Criminal Trespass Warning(s):	1	Juvenile Complaint(s):	0
Reckless Driver(s):	0	UUV(s):	0
Follow-up Investigation(s):	5	Assault(s):	1
ID Theft(s):	0	Motorist assist(s):	2
Accident(s):	1	Medical Emergency(s):	0
Noise Complaint(s):	0	House Watch(s):	20
Alarm(s):	4	Increase Patrol(s):	0
Drug Investigation(s):	0	Submitted: Chief Todd Tucker	

## Mayor's Report

The election was the big event since the last Council meeting. I would like to thank the citizens who signed a petition asking the Secretary of State to send an election inspector to assure our election was run correctly. From this action, which some meant as an accusation of wrong-doing by City election officials, we learned that the City can petition the Secretary of State for an inspector for every election we have, thereby assuring our citizens that elections are being run correctly. In the future this will also save the City thousands of dollars that it would cost to hire an outside entity to conduct our elections.

Regarding the election, I want to thank Lee Figueriedo for volun-

teering his time to serve as election judge for the last 2 years. Also, thank you to Weldon Wallace, Nancy Wallace and Rhonda Walters for volunteering as poll workers.

With regard to roads, you have probably noticed that the City has finally gotten the material necessary to work on our roads. We will be filling deep holes and then will begin going block by block on Wyatt Earp to first fix the drainage and then fix the road. Many ditches and culverts under driveways and under roads have filled in over the years causing water to run over the roads. Drainage must be addressed before asphalt can be used to fix the roads. Any holes that are filled before drainage is fixed is

only temporary and probably won't last thru a big rain.

We received a notice from Tarrant Regional Water District regarding an inspection they did of our Dock during which they found violations. These must be fixed and another inspection performed before we they will issue our annual operating license. Our maintenance department has been addressing these violations and we are just about ready to call for are-inspection.

City-wide clean-up will be tomorrow and Saturday from 9-4. Volunteers are still needed to help. Residents need to bring a current water bill and picture ID. The dumpsters are only available for Log Cabin city residents.

## Aqua Services

Water/Wastewater Monthly

Report

April 2019

Installed 1- sewer tap

Installed 1- water meter tap

Fixed 4 water leaks

Replaced grinder pump in lift station 1

Repaired wiring, replaced fittings, unclogged grinder pump at lift station 3

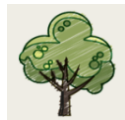
Unclogged pump at lift station 2

## Fun Facts



The average Texan throws away about 6 and a half pounds of trash each day.

In 2015, Americans recycled or composted about 1/3 of their waste.



One ton of paper manufactured from recycled paper saves up to 17 trees and uses 50% less water.

It almost always takes less energy to make a product from recycled materials than it does to make it from new materials. One recycled aluminum can will save enough energy to run a laptop computer for over



five hours.

Small amounts of waste can have a big impact. The oil from one oil change can contaminate up to one million gallons of drinking water - a year's supply for 50 people.



Water is a finite resource - even though about 71% of the Earth's surface is covered by water, less than 1% is available for human use.

With a new water-efficient showerhead, a seven-minute shower uses less water than a full bath.



A faucet leaking at a rate of one drop per second can waste up to 3,000 gallons of water per year. That's the amount of water needed to take more than 180 showers!



Most glass food and beverage containers are 100% recyclable and can be reused over and over again.



Plastic beverage bottles can be recycled into other usable items such as fleece, sleeping bags, and backpacks. It is estimated that 1,200 plastic soda bottles could be recycled into carpeting for an average-sized living room.



## Keep Our Water Clean

Water is an essential part of our lives. In addition to quenching our thirst, we depend on it for recreation, to irrigate our farms and water our livestock, and to run our businesses. The job to protect water quality is complex. Governmental and nongovernmental organizations and citizens must all work together to protect and restore water resources. We encourage you to do your part.

Misapplication of fertilizer poses a significant threat to surface water and

groundwater. More is not always better when fertilizing your yard. Excessive watering or a rainstorm can wash away the chemical excess - wasting your money and endangering nearby waterways.

1. Apply pesticides and fertilizers according to the label's directions and only to plants that are specified on the label. Only use the recommended amount of pesticide or fertilizer.
2. Use the least-toxic pesticide first.
3. Choose natural or organic fertilizers.
4. After mowing, leave grass clippings on your lawn. These clippings act as a slow-release fertilizer for your grass.
5. Plants that are native or well adapted to Texas require less pesticides and fertilizers when managed properly.
6. Apply mulch around trees and shrubs, reducing the need for fertilizers.

## It's Time to Find and Fix Leaks

Next time you hear your toilet running, take note. That could be a sign of a toilet leak.

Although you may not worry much about leaks, your family could be wasting 10,000 gallons of water each year because of them. That's the equivalent of about 270 loads of laundry.

### Protecting Water Resources

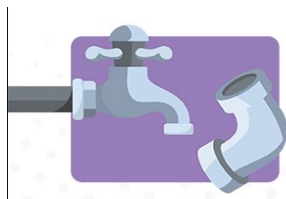
Water is a critical natural resource and is routinely threatened during Texas' recurring periods of drought. Texas has a long history of cycles of drought, including the drought record, which took place during the 1950s, and the second worst drought, which lasted from 2010 to 2014. We do not know when the next drought will happen, and it is possible that more severe conditions could occur.

In addition to drought prone climate,

Texas has one of the fastest growing populations in the country. In 1950, only 8 million people lived in the state. In 2010, about 25 million people called Texas home. By 2070, 51 million people are expected to live in the Lone Star State, all of whom will need water to work and live.

To learn how to identify and fix leaks, check out the infographic to the right and visit the EPA Fix a Leak Week website.

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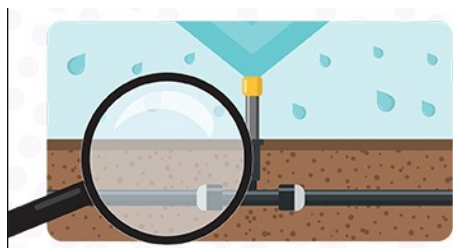
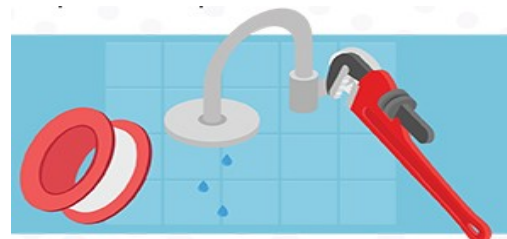
Examine faucet gaskets and pipe fittings for any water on their surface

Identify toilet leaks by placing a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. You have a leak if any color shows up in the bowl after 10 minutes. Be sure to flush immediately after the test to avoid staining the tank.



Old or worn out toilet flappers are often the cause of toilet leaks. Fixing them can be an easy and inexpensive repair.

Some leaky showerheads can be fixed by ensuring there is a tight connection between the showerhead and the pipe stem, and by using pipe tape to secure it.



Check your in-ground irrigation system each spring before use to make sure it wasn't damaged by frost or freezing. A leak that is 1/32nd of an inch can still waste up to **6,300 gallons** of water per month.



If you can't repair leaking fixtures, it might be time to replace them. Look for the WaterSense label when considering a new toilet, faucet or showerhead.

**Take Care  
of Texas**  
It's the only one we've got.  
[TakeCareOfTexas.org](http://TakeCareOfTexas.org)

EPA  
**WaterSense**  
[www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense)

For more information on finding and fixing leaks, visit the Fix a Leak Week website.  
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# RESOURCES

## RESOURCES FOR SENIORS

Based on conversations with community leaders across the US, many seniors are unaware of the available care options and programs that can help maintain their independence and quality of life. A free resource that provides comprehensive information on topics like financial support, organizations, and available care options that are in every city in Texas that can help senior citizens stay connected with their community.

You can read more about our work here: <https://www.caring.com/seniorliving/assistedliving/> or call (800) 973-1540

Caring.com is a leading senior care resource for family caregivers seeking information and support as they care for aging parents, spouses and other loved ones. We have been featured on the Administration for Community Living, AARP, Forbes, and is referenced by many governmental agencies and organizations across the internet.

### GO BUS

The purple and white Go Buses are seen frequently around Henderson County. Riders can arrange for transportation Monday through Friday, by calling **1-800-590-3371**.

Rides must be scheduled 24 hours in advance. Trips to Tyler are available for residents of Athens, Gun Barrel City, Mabank, Malakoff, Trinidad, Eustace, Seven Points, Tool, Murchison, Brownsboro and Larue.



## The number to call when you don't know who to call.

2-1-1 East Texas is a free, anonymous, information and referral service that is available to anyone, 7 days per week, 24 hours each day.

The service helps to connect people in the 14 East Texas counties with critical social services and charitable programs that are available in the local community. You can simply dial 2-1-1 from any phone. Trained and certified Call Specialists assist every caller in assessing his/her need and providing referrals to available local charitable, nonprofit, and government agencies. Citizens have been helped in ways such as paying bills, shelter, housing, food, clothing, counseling, mentoring, employment leads, rent assistance, job development program, food pantry, good qualified child care or even those looking for volunteer opportunities. For more information go to

<http://uwsmithcounty.org/2-1-1-east-texas/>.





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### COUNCIL

*Jessica Abbe*                      *John Perkins*  
*Rodney Allen*                    *Jennifer Williams*  
*David Campos*

*Council meeting: 3rd Thursday of the month @ 7:00pm*

### COMMITTEES

Park Committee: Nancy Wallace, Chair

Zoning and Building Commission: David Campos, Chair

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In case of water leak emergency please call

903-275-9996

Do you have trouble contacting  
 Log Cabin Police Department?  
 Log Cabin Police are dispatched by  
 Henderson County Sheriff Department.  
 You can call (903)677-6311 And ask to  
 have to a Log Cabin Officer  
 Dispatched to your Address