



# AUGUST 2012 COMMUNITY UPDATE

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## TOWN OF LITTLE ELM

### WATER, TASTE & ODOR COMPLAINTS

The Town's water supplier, North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), is currently experiencing a Summer Algal Bloom. As a result, the tendency to experience a grassy or earthy taste in the drinking water supply exists. The palatability change that results from a naturally occurring algal bloom does not alter the quality of the water provided. The water remains safe for use with no health risks created by these events. For more information please visit: [www.littleelm.org/odor](http://www.littleelm.org/odor). If you have any questions, please call Public Works at 972-377-5556.

### 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL JET SKI ADVENTURE AND DINNER

On August 18, 2012 the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Jet Ski Adventure and Dinner will be held to raise awareness of the Little Elm Area Food Bank, "LEAFB". From 2-6 there will be fun on the lake which includes visiting 3 area marinas-Cottonwood Creek, The Cabana at Sneaky Pete's and the Dinghy Bar at Pier 121. At each marina you will get your event card stamped. You travel at your own pace and in any order. The card is turned in at the Hidell's prior to dinner for a chance to win 1 Southwest Airline ticket. Dinner will be at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Lynn and Bill Hidell at 3953 Spinnaker Run Pt. in Little Elm. A \$35.00 donation is required for dinner. All proceeds from the dinner are donated to the LEAFB. During the evening multiple items will be raffled off to benefit the Food Bank and there will be a drawing for a Southwest ticket. You are invited to participate in 1 or both of the events.

✚ **A fireworks display over the lake will end the day if there is not a fire ban in effect.**

**To register for the adventure contact: Lynn at 214-215-7220 or Jolly at 972-743-5925.**

The Little Elm Area Food Bank is a volunteer organization providing emergency food to those in need in our community. Monthly we serve approximately 150 individuals. During the 2012 summer the Little Elm Area Food Bank has partnered with Button Methodist Church to provide a nutritious sack lunch to children who might otherwise not have lunch. Information on the LEAFB can be found at [www.leafb.org](http://www.leafb.org).

### IT'S BACK-TO-SCHOOL REGISTRATION TIME!

The Little Elm ISD will conduct on-line registration/student verification for 2012-2013 that will require each parent/guardian to login to our web site and enter a unique student code to verify and update their student's information.

All students new to the district of any age will need to visit their neighborhood school to begin the registration process. New student registration will occur Aug. 7 - 9 on all campuses, or during regular registration. Families with students who finished the year with our district will receive a letter with the new registration code at their home address during the first week of August. If you do not receive the letter around that time or you changed your address during the summer, please contact the school your student will attend for the 2012-2013 school year to update your information. All back-to-school information is on the district's web site including: [www.leisd.ws](http://www.leisd.ws)

- 2012-2013 School Calendar
- Bus Routes
- School Supply Lists
- Open House Dates
- Registration/Verification Dates
- Immunization Requirements/Changes
- NEW Dress Code

If you need access to a computer for registration, please visit one of our schools or the local public library.

### **Our first day for students is Monday, Aug. 27!**

Please view the LEISD new dress code at: [www.littleelm.org/newdresscode](http://www.littleelm.org/newdresscode) and registration at: [www.littleelm.org/openhouregistration](http://www.littleelm.org/openhouregistration)

### HOMES FOR HOPE

We are excited to announce that **Grand Homes** is set to break ground on a Home for Hope in the Little Elm area on July 31. What is **Homes for Hope**? How it works. Non-profit 501 c (3) organization

- A homebuilder decides to build a Home for Hope donating all or a portion of the lost cost, profit, and overhead connected to the home.
- Then the builder approaches his trade partners – the subcontractors, suppliers, and consultants who help build homes and asked them if they too would help by doing their work at cost or a portion at cost, donating any profit.
- The collaboration between the builder and trade partners generates additional revenue to help aspiring entrepreneurs around the world.
- Homes for Hope and the builder hold a ground breaking ceremony; the house is constructed; and the home is presented to the community in a public dedication ceremony. The builder presents a check to Homes for Hope.
- The net proceeds go to HOPE International to empower entrepreneurs around the world to break the cycle of poverty and sustainably provide for their own families.

To learn more visit: [www.littleelm.org/homesforhope](http://www.littleelm.org/homesforhope)

## LITTLE ELM COMMUNITY CHORUS "AUDITIONS AUGUST 21 & 28"

We began our initial season by singing our first concert in April on the stage with the Turtle Creek Chorale in Lewisville. See the professionally produced video of that performance on: [www.Vimeo.com/40977993](http://www.Vimeo.com/40977993). We completed this first season by performing in the Arts and Sounds Festival in Little Elm on May 19. Our fall season will begin in August 12. If you would like to be a part of the Little Elm Community Chorus in the fall, please feel free to visit our website at: [www.LittleElmCommunityChorus.org](http://www.LittleElmCommunityChorus.org), click on "Join The Chorus" and fill out information for an audition on August 21 and 28 at Button Memorial UMC. You will be called to arrange a convenient time. Fear not!!! The audition is to let the director know what you know about music, not to exclude anyone. You will be taught how to sing in a choral setting. We are already scheduled to sing in a local choir of over 250 voices with full orchestra in September for a 911 memorial presentation. Come have fun singing. Come sing with the Chorus!!

## LITTLE ELM EDC NEWS

The Little Elm Economic Development Corporation was awarded more than \$10,000 in grant money from CoServ at the July Board of Directors meeting.



The grant will be used to update the aerial maps and magnetic area development maps to help improve communication with future businesses and developers. The maps play a crucial role in enticing new businesses to the Town because they give an overview of the proposed property area and show the other developments occurring at this time.

"These maps are great tools for showing the properties we have available for new businesses," EDC Executive Director Jennette Killingsworth said.

Little Elm is experiencing tremendous growth so updating the maps is a must to show the developments and progress occurring in Town.

Little Elm is a prime location to expand or relocate to, and the EDC is excited for all the new businesses coming to our Town. For more information about what the EDC is doing this month, find us on Facebook or Twitter.

## DONATE UNWANTED ITEMS NOW

The Little Elm Police Explorer & Little Elm Fire Explorer Programs will be having a fundraising garage sale on Saturday, August 25 at 7:00 a.m. in the Kroger Parking Lot. They are accepting the following: Infant & Toddler Clothes

(no adult clothing), Toys, Housewares, Furniture, Books, Electronics, Jewelry, Purses, Shoes, Baby Items, Movies, Tools, Decorative Objects, or anything else you may want to donate. Tax receipts are available upon request. To schedule a donation drop off or pick up time, contact Kaci McMillan, [policerecords@littleelm.org](mailto:policerecords@littleelm.org) or 214-975-0442.

## THE DANGERS AND CONSEQUENCES OF SPEEDING

In 2010, there were 381 car crashes reported in Little Elm. In 2011, there were 590 car crashes reported in Little Elm, an increase of (209) 54%. If you ask, most drivers might say the increase in accidents is due to all of the road construction going on in Little Elm. Construction certainly can impede traffic flow and is basically a speed bump for drivers; however, the truth is accidents are caused by drivers who commit traffic violations. Unsafe and illegal speed is the most commonly reported contributing factor in crashes. Many drivers may not perceive speeding as a great risk on the road, but when you push above the speed limit, you are pushing the limits of road safety. Driving at unsafe speeds is just as dangerous and deadly as drunk and distracted driving.

### **The dangers and consequences of speeding:**

- Greater potential for loss of vehicle control.
- Increased stopping distance -- It takes more than the length of a football field to stop when traveling at 60 miles per hour.
- Less time available for driver response for crash avoidance.
- Increased crash severity leading to more numerous and severe injuries.

The Little Elm Police Department will continue to put forth proactive efforts concerning speed enforcement. Quality of life is the ultimate goal in the Little Elm community, and by reducing accidents this is one of the qualities we all can enjoy.

## WEST NILE VIRUS

The Town would like all residents to take special precautions to lessen their exposure to West Nile by removing sources of standing water, especially after a rainfall; and if you will be in mosquito-prone areas, wear protective clothing (such as long-sleeved shirts and pants) during peak times from dusk until dawn, and use a recommended mosquito repellent according to manufacturer's directions.

You can reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home and neighborhood by eliminating places where they lay their eggs. Here are some simple steps you can take:

- Remove any item that can hold standing water including tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots, scrap tires, solid waste, and wheelbarrows when not in use.
- Clean birdbaths weekly.
- Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers left outdoors and in tires used for swings, barriers, running exercises, etc., so they won't hold water.
- Clean clogged roof gutters every year.

- Aerate ornamental pools or stock them with fish. Clean and chlorinate swimming pools that are not being used.
- Children's toys, plastic wading pools and tarps covering wood, cars, boats, and other equipment can also hold water and breed disease-carrying mosquitoes.

The best way to protect yourself is to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes. Use personal protection while outdoors when mosquitoes are present. To reduce your chances of being bitten by mosquitoes:

- Wear light colored clothing, long-sleeved shirts or jackets and long slacks.
- Use mosquito netting when sleeping outdoors or in an unscreened structure. Protect small children when outdoors.
- Avoid mosquito-infested areas or stay indoors when mosquitoes are most active (Many mosquitoes are most active two to three hours before and after dusk and again at dawn when the air is calm.)
- Avoid physical exertion, and use colognes and perfumes sparingly as these may attract mosquitoes.
- Consider the use of a mosquito repellent, according to directions, that contains DEET (not to exceed 30% for adults and 15% for children) when it is necessary to be outdoors.

The Town of Little Elm plans to use a larvacide in tablet form in mosquito prone areas. Larvicides specifically target mosquito larvae before they emerge as adults which can reduce or eliminate the need for the application of pesticides that kill adult mosquitoes. Two categories of larvicides typically used are the microbial and biochemical. Microbial larvicides utilize bacterial spores that are toxic to mosquito larvae. Methoprene is a biochemical larvacide containing an insect growth regulator that interferes with mosquito larval development. **HOWEVER, THESE TABLETS ARE NONTOXIC AND SAFE FOR AQUATIC LIFE, PETS AND HUMANS.** If you have any questions, please call Public Works at 972-377-5556.

## PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

The Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce the opening our new **Little Elm Recreation Center on August 9**. The two-story facility is located off Main Street and is over 26,000 square feet, and is designed to promote fun and enriching recreational and fitness programs to residents and non-residents to enjoy. The amenities include a full size basketball gym, designed with 2 full size volleyball courts for youth and adult leagues and fitness classes, a 2000 square foot fitness room equipped with five 36" flat screen TV's to distract you as you sweat on the treadmills, stairmasters, elliptical, bikes, free weights and stationary equipment. As you head up to the second floor there is a multi-purpose room with a full commercial kitchen for special events and cooking classes. This room will host most of the group fitness and dance classes as well as be available for rentals, meetings and birthday parties. Step outside and you will enjoy the outdoor terrace that oversees the beautiful landscape of Little Elm and Lake Lewisville that can be a picturesque backdrop for photographs. The terrace will be furnished with patio furniture to encourage people to visit with friends or relax as they wait for a program to begin.

The facility will also include; a room for children's art, drawing, and educational classes, a room for adult programming that includes a kiln, and locker rooms with showers and lockers. The facility will begin to take memberships for a nominal fee in mid-August. [www.littleelm.org/fees](http://www.littleelm.org/fees)

**Durham School Services is currently hiring school bus drivers** for the Little Elm, Aubrey, The Colony, and Lewisville areas. Training provided at no charge to assist you in obtaining the required CDL license. Interested parties contact Terri Duncan at 214-557-5431 or 972-221-4557 ext. 74770.

## YOUTH ATHLETICS

Come support the LEAYSA Baseball/Softball league at a **Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction** at the Little Elm Community Center on Saturday, September 8. Price will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for kids under 12. Contact a board member or your coach for tickets in advance or go to [www.leaysa-softball.com](http://www.leaysa-softball.com) to purchase tickets in advance through PayPal.

**LEAYSA is currently seeking Board members for Facilities/Public Relations and Fundraising/Sponsorships.** Contact [president@leaysa.com](mailto:president@leaysa.com) if you are interested in volunteering. For additional youth athletic information, visit [www.leaysa.com](http://www.leaysa.com).

## ADULT ATHLETICS

**Fall Adult Tennis League Registration** – now through August 20. The league begins the week of August 27. Cost is \$20 per player with 8 matches guaranteed. Men's Singles (competitive & recreational) on Tuesday's; Women's Singles (competitive & recreational) on Thursday's; Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles on Monday's. Visit [www.littleelfun.org](http://www.littleelfun.org) or contact Chris Manley at 972-731-1466 or [cmanley@littleelm.org](mailto:cmanley@littleelm.org) for more information.

Are you interested in **Adult Flag Football**? Flag football has the potential to be as popular as our adult softball league, which runs a number of different divisions year round. Leagues would be 8v8, with a men's league and possible co-ed league. Contact Chris Manley at 972-731-1466 or [cmanley@littleelm.org](mailto:cmanley@littleelm.org).

**Boot Camp Fitness for Men & Women** at Little Elm Park. Boot Camp Fitness is the quickest, easiest and most FUN way to jump start your fitness program and lose pounds and inches fast. Whether you are a beginner, an avid fitness enthusiast, or just tired of the same old gym routine, this boot camp is for you! One thing for sure is you WILL get results! Come outdoors with us and enjoy the fresh air and fun, motivating, team environment! Free Classes – try 2 free classes. First time campers join for \$179 and continuing fitness camp members just \$99. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 5:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. & 2-Saturdays at 7:00 a.m. Little Elm Park is located at 704 W. Eldorado Parkway. For registration or more information contact Coach McLean at 214-794-0698 or [fitness@mcleanlifebalance.com](mailto:fitness@mcleanlifebalance.com). You may also visit [www.mcleanlifebalance.com](http://www.mcleanlifebalance.com) for more information.

**Camp Gladiator/Adult Fitness Bootcamp** is the most cost effective way to receive professional training at a reasonable price. The group environment creates accountability, competition and fun. Camp Gladiator is for all fitness levels and allows campers to go at their own pace. The initial fee is \$170 but consecutive campers get a discount that brings the cost down to \$5 a session. Our consecutive campers pay between \$69-\$95 dollars per camp. Camp is for 4 weeks and each session is 1 hour long. When you register for Camp

Gladiator you get unlimited sessions and can come to any and all locations as many times as you like. Since there are over 100 locations in the DFW area, you have many camps to choose from. To register go to [www.campgladiator.com](http://www.campgladiator.com) or you can contact Mia Luna at [mialuna@campgladiator.com](mailto:mialuna@campgladiator.com) or 214-223-9229. Little Elm Camp Schedule: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 5:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m., at Kroger located at 2671 Little Elm Parkway; and Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., at Little Elm Park located at 704 W. Eldorado Parkway.

**Horseshoe Pitching Club** – Join our sanctioned tournaments: Summer Doubles on August 11, Fall Classic on September 8, and Autumn Fest on September 29. Tournament play held in Beard Park at 300 E. Eldorado Parkway, Little Elm. Contact Coyce Allen at 817-819-5788 or [cvalen1156@aol.com](mailto:cvalen1156@aol.com) for registration and questions.

### LITTLE ELM ADULT SENIOR PROGRAMS

Get your **Vitamin B12** shot, *provided by Flu Shots of America*, on Wednesday, August 8 at 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Shots are only \$15 per shot. Cash, check, and credit card accepted (\$1 convenience fee for credit card payments). Vitamin B12 is a nutrient your body needs to naturally give you: Increased energy; Restored mental clarity and decreased memory loss; and Reduced daily stress and irritability.

**Meet & Eat!** Join us for lunch...everyone pays their own way, just come and enjoy the company and good food. August 3 at 12:00 p.m. at Del Taco, located at 2721 Little Elm Parkway, Little Elm; August 17 at 12:00 p.m. at Pick 6 Grill, located at 2833 E. Eldorado Parkway, Little Elm; and August 27 at 12:00 p.m. at Applebee's, located at 2672 FM 423, Little Elm. RSVP to 972-731-1465 if you would like to join us.

Come boot scoot and boogie with us at our **Line Dancing** class every Wednesday and Friday at 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Movie Day and Popcorn**, every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. Arrive a little early to claim your seat, as the movie will start promptly at 2:00 p.m. Check out our website or call 972-731-1465 for the list of movies for the month.

Join us for **Ice Cream & Wii Bowling** on Monday, August 13 at 2:00 p.m. Ice cream is served by Baskin Robbins. Wii Bowling is also played every Monday of each month at 2:00 p.m.

Join us for **Strength, Core & Balance Fitness Class** Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. and Thursdays at 8:45 a.m. Note on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, fitness class will begin at 8:00 a.m.

The Area Agency on Aging of North Central Texas provides **free confidential counseling and advocacy services in the areas of benefits and entitlements**. A Benefits Counselor will be at the Brenda Button Mills Senior Center on

the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Benefits counseling topics include: Medicare A&B; Medicare Supplemental; Medicare Advantage; Prescription Coverage; Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income (SSI); Veteran's Benefits; Long Term Care; and Nursing Home Medicaid.

### LIBRARY NEWS

The Library is constantly looking to expand its offered services to the citizens of Little Elm. To that end, we are proud to announce that we now offer a **notary service at no charge**, available during library operating hours – including Saturdays.

August is a busy month for Little Elm Public Library. Visit the Library for **Critterman animal show** on Tuesday August 7 at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday August 8 at 1:00 p.m. we will be screening the **Family Movie Blockbuster** "Happy Feet 2". Don't forget to turn in your **reading logs** by August 14 to get your completion bags and raffle tickets, and then stay for **Mystery Movie Night** screening of the suspense classic "Rear Window". Make sure to visit us again on August 18 for our Summer Reading Wrap-up with a "**Mad Science**" **cool chemistry show** and raffle prize drawings!

Little Elm Public Library is now pleased to announce that we are now accepting volunteer applications online! If you would like to help the library, please visit <http://bit.ly/LEPLVolunteer> and apply. After you get a confirmation you will be able to see and sign up to fill scheduled library needs! Speaking of online, don't forget to like us on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/littleelmlibrary>) to get the scoop on new items at the library and to learn about upcoming events!

The Little Elm Friends of the Library Adult Literacy Program is hosting a free monthly **Business Expo**. Proceeds support the Little Elm Adult Literacy Program. Vendor tables may be reserved for \$10 (\$5 for FOL members). August 25 at 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Little Elm Community Center, located at 107 Hardwicke Lane. For more information and booth registration, contact [expo@littleelmlfol.org](mailto:expo@littleelmlfol.org).

The Little Elm Public Library always has many things going on. Regular library hours are Monday/Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., and Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. For more information about the library, call 214-975-0430, email [library@littleelm.org](mailto:library@littleelm.org), or visit the library website at [www.littleelm.org/library](http://www.littleelm.org/library).

### SEEKING VOLUNTEER JUDGE FOR TEEN COURT

Town of Little Elm is in search for a volunteer to participate with our Teen Court program and work with the youth in our community. For more information please contact Hugene Purdy, Juvenile Case Manager at: [teencourt@littleelm.org](mailto:teencourt@littleelm.org) or 214-471-7721.