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TOWN OF LITTLE ELM

WELCOME TOWN MANAGER MATT MUELLER

The Town of Little Elm Mayor and Town Council are excited to announce the selection and appointment of Matt Mueller as Town Manager for the Town of Little Elm. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Mueller has served as the City Manager for the City of Guthrie Oklahoma, Deputy City Manager for the City of Claremore, Oklahoma and the Management Analyst for the City of Edmond, Oklahoma. Mr. Mueller has been highly involved in the leadership of his profession and currently serves as a board member for the City Management Association of Oklahoma. He received a bachelor's in Political Science from the University of Central Oklahoma where he served as the president of the Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society and was awarded the political science department's student leadership award and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Oklahoma. Mr. Mueller has been married for nearly 10 years to his wife Rachel. Mr. Mueller will begin his service for the Town on September 17, 2012. Upon his arrival, the Town will host a meet and greet for the public.

LITTLE ELM RECEIVES PLANNING EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association has awarded Little Elm with a Certificate of Achievement for Planning Excellence for 2012. This honor serves to recognize the exemplary professional planning standards demonstrated by Planning staff and the commitment to professional planning by the Planning & Zoning Commission, Town Administration, and Town Council.

Strong planning and zoning efforts ensure functional, high quality, and aesthetically pleasing development that protects Little Elm's long-range tax base. For more questions regarding Little Elm's development and growth, please call Development Services at 214-975-0472.

SEPTEMBER AUTUMN FEST

The Little Elm Autumn Festival Association is hosting their Annual Autumn Fest in the Little Elm Park starting Thursday, September 27 through Sunday, September 30. Planned activities for the entire family include: Pretty Baby Contest, Bar-B-Que Cook Off, 5K Fun Run and 1 Mile Walk, Horseshoes & Washers Toss, Anything that Floats Race, Little Miss, Junior Miss, & Miss Autumn Fest, Four Days of Carnival Rides, Music By CoCo Bon, Entertainment all day Saturday by School Choirs, Dance Studios and Martial Arts. Summing up the evening will be a spectacular display of fireworks. Booth Rentals will be available at the Public Works Service Center on Tuesday September 4 at 9:00a.m. on a first come basis. More details and registration forms can be found at: www.littleelm.org/specialevents. Also, Little Elm Festival Association is looking for volunteers who want to get involved in their community.

ROC THE DOC

For 12 years, the community has come out to support the Little Elm Area Food Bank (LEAFB) by participating in the Rock the Doc, Dr. Robert J. Dennington, Memorial Run. This annual event is **Saturday, September 29** at the Little Elm Park. Race time is 8 a.m. for the 1 Mile Kids Run followed by the 5K at 8:30 a.m. Registration is $10 for the Kids Run. For the 5K, registration is $25 prior to September 20, $20 for students and $20 for groups of 5 or more. After September 20 registration is $30.

Register by September 20 at www.appleortho.com, by mailing the application to the Little Elm Area Food Bank at P.O. Box 746, Little Elm, TX 75068 or at the Little Elm Town Hall, 100 W. Eldorado Pkwy. Checks should be made payable to the **Little Elm Area Food Bank**.

Race packets can be picked up at Apple Orthodontix, 1000 Eldorado Parkway in Little Elm, September 27 & 28 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. or on the day of the race at Little Elm Park from 6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m.

All children will receive a participation award for completion of the 1 mile Kids Run. The top three males and top three females in each group will receive a trophy. The first 400 preregistered participants will receive a race t-shirt, sizes not guaranteed.

This year, $500 will be donated to two Little Elm ISD schools (one elementary and one secondary) with the most registered runners.

Apple Orthodontix is the title sponsor. Additional sponsors include Retractable Technologies, Inc, Blais & Associates, Adventure Kids, *Little Elm Living Magazine*, Little Elm EDC, RaceTrac, Gallagher Benefits Services, Inc., Locke Lord LLP, CF & Company, Little Elm Chamber, Market Street, Hidell Architects, Grande Communications, The Standard, The Grotto Restaurant, BCBS, Ft Worth Zoo, FC Dallas, Centennial Medical Center, BB &T, Independent Bank, Little Elm Eye Care, and Kroger Marketplace.

SECRET SANTA

Christmas is just around the corner! Registration for the Santa's Elves Program will be Thursday October 4th, Tuesday October 9th, Thursday October 11th, and Thursday October 18th in the Lobby of the Town Hall from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

There will be NO registration during business hours at Town Hall. The place, date, and time for distribution of the gifts will be announced to the recipients at a later date. There are certain items that applicants must provide in order to be considered for the program. Applicants need to bring a picture ID, proof of residency such as water bill, electric bill, etc.; applicants are also required to bring a proof of income statement. Applicants will not be considered without the requested information. Applicants may not apply if seeking assistance from other organizations. This program is not associated with the Angel Tree program sponsored by the LEISD. Secret Santa is to help area children who are **not enrolled** in the public school systems. This program is designed to help families with children 0-12 years of age. Children below school age, home schooled, children attending alternative schools, and special needs children. For more information or questions please contact Kathy at 214-975-0404 or Sandy at 214-975-0471.

FRIENDLY REMINDER FOR RECYCLING

Residents may place the following recycling items in the blue 95 gallon recycling cart: **Unbroken glass bottles-any color, aluminum, tin and steel cans, dry newspapers, magazines and catalogues, phone books, broken down cardboard, junk mail, plastic bottles and containers labeled #1 and #7, (excluding #6) and empty aerosol cans.**

SECOND ANNUAL GEAR FEST

Independent Bank will be hosting Gear Fest 2012 Friday, October 5th from 6:30p.m. to 9:00p.m. Gear Fest is our 2nd annual car show benefiting the Little Elm Area Food Bank. Free admission with food donation or $3 a person. All monies and non-perishable food items will be donated to the Little Elm Area Food Bank. Come join us for music, fun and more. Show spaces are limited. RSVP to Sheena Barrientos at (972) 294-0050 or sbarrientos@independent-bank.com.

TAKE PRECAUTIONS FOR WEST NILE VIRUS

To help prevent the risk of West Nile Virus to the residents of Little Elm, the Town urges residents to follow the 5 D's and to remove standing water from their properties by maintaining ponds, pools, gutters, and birdbaths, as well as checking tarps, removing old tires, and turning over containers that can hold water. For more information, please visit the Town website at: www.littleelm.org/westnile.

5 D's

- **DRAIN** all standing water;
- **DRESS** in light-colored, long sleeve clothing when outdoors;
- **DEET**…Use mosquito repellants that contain DEET;
- **DUSK OR DAWN**…Avoid outdoor activities during these hours when mosquitoes are most active.

For more information please contact:

Emergency Management:	214-975-0425
Health Services:	214-731-3276
Public Works:	214-377-5556

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – OCT. 2nd

NNO, in partnership with Law Enforcement agencies is a national program that promotes crime prevention education as well as neighborhood spirit. Check out details on NNO at www.natw.org. The Town of Little Elm will celebrate National Night Out (NNO) this year on Tuesday, October 2nd, Little Elm Police Officers will be visiting block parties between 6:00 and 9:00 pm. If you are interested in hosting a NNO party, please follow the instructions for filing the necessary paperwork with the Town of Little Elm: The forms can be found on the Town's website at: www.littleelm.org/printableforms.

Complete the "Neighborhood Block Party" **AND** the "Neighborhood Block Party Resident's Signature" forms. Barricades are limited, and will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. Be advised that the $50 deposit fee is waived for NNO Parties. Each entry on the forms has a help field associated with it if clarification is needed. The signature form should be completed and signed only by those residents on the street(s) directly affected by your NNO party. This is a courtesy to your neighbors so they know the exact location, date and time of the event and all can plan accordingly.

Completed forms may be hand delivered to the Police Department, at 88 W. Eldorado Pkwy., during regular business hours or you can mail the forms to: Little Elm Police Department, Crime Prevention Division, 100 W. Eldorado Parkway, Little Elm, TX 75068. Please contact Sergeant Steve Garst at sgarst@littleelm.org or call 972-377-1885 with any questions about NNO.

Remember, this is YOUR opportunity to meet your neighbors and start or increase your Neighborhood Watch group. Every neighborhood is strongly encouraged to participate. Don't' miss your chance to personally 'take a bite out of crime!"

LITTLE ELM FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library will be holding their 15th Annual Anniversary Program on October 23 starting at 7:00p.m. Refreshments will be served at 6:15p.m. Special guest speaker and writer, Dave Lieber will present a humorous skit based on his novel "Yankee Cowboy", followed by The FOL who will be honoring their volunteers. Please visit www.littleelm.org/lefol for more information or contact cwwestayem@gmail.com or call 469-285-0930.

RTI – LOCAL BUSINESS – NEW INVENTION

Retractable Technologies, Inc. (NYSE MKT: RVP) announced a launch of a new innovative product, The VanishPoint® Blood Collection Set (BCS). The VanishPoint® BCS is a novel safety blood collector devise. Please view for more information. Retractable Technologies, Inc. Launches New VanishPoint® Blood Collection Set.

DENTON COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

Denton County Veterans Service Office is a member of the General Administration Team of Denton County. http://dentoncounty.com/veterans

- The Veterans Service Officer, Paul Bastaich, is appointed by the Denton County Commissioners and acts in the best interest of all veterans and their dependents of Denton County.
- The Denton County Veterans Service Officer is charged with the responsibility of advising armed forces veterans and dependents of the legal benefits available to them under U. S. Federal and State laws. The Veterans Service Officer reports to the Commissioners Court, and performs duties under the technical guidelines established by the Texas Veterans Commission and Federal Law. We assist Veterans in receiving the benefits they have earned.
- The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) has 8 benefit programs available to veterans and/or dependents. They are:
    - Home Loan Guarantee
    - Burial
    - Compensation & Pension
    - Health Care
    - Education
    - Vocational Rehabilitation
    - Life Insurance
    - Appeals Process

Denton County Veterans Service Office is Located in the Mary & Jim Horn Government Building, 1505 E. McKinney, Denton Texas. Available: Monday – Thursday 8a.m. – 5p.m., Friday 8a.m. – 12 noon for walk in services. For more information please call: 940-349-2950. facebook.com/DentonCountyVSO. Please bring your Record of Separation (DD-214) when you visit. There is no fee for our services.

4TH ANNUAL WOOFSTOCK FESTIVAL

You will not want to miss the 4th Annual WoofStock Festival on Saturday, October 20, 2012 at Little Elm Park (704 W. Eldorado Parkway) from 1 pm to 6 pm. Dogs are welcome in the park during the festival. (All dogs must be on a leash with a rabies tag). You will enjoy live music performed by local bands, food booths, vendor displays, and raffle drawings throughout the day. Donations and items sold by WoofStock at the festival will help place rescued and abandoned dogs into loving, caring homes. See woofstockcamp.org for details.

Other activities include:

- Pet costume contest and pet/owner look-alike contest
- Dog agility exhibition
- On-site pet adoptions
- Free bounce house and carnival games
- Face-painting and other fun activities for kids
- Little Elm Park amenities include playground, picnic areas, swim beach, and hiking/biking trails.

Admission is free. Donations (by cash or credit card) are welcome. The WoofStock 2nd Chance Camp feeds, spays, neuters, vaccinates, and provides medical care for these rescue dogs until they are adopted. WoofStock volunteers also provide training and socialization for these dogs.

When bringing your dog to the park, please remember:

- Low-cost vaccinations will be available at the entrance, including rabies, bordetella and DHLPP (distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, parainfluenza & parvovirus annual vaccines).
- All dogs must have a rabies tag and current vaccines (or be vaccinated at the event).
- All dogs must be leashed. (No retractable leashes please)

Proceeds from the festival will help the WoofStock 2nd Chance Camp expand its mission by building a permanent no-kill animal shelter. WoofStock is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and donations are tax deductible. Donations can be made online at www.woofstockcamp.org.

RIP ROARING RIDE

Little Elm Lions are excited to announce their Third Annual Charity Bike Ride 25/35/55 Mile "Rip Roaring Ride" on October 14, 2012. Bike Route and location will be provided after registration has been completed and have received $25 for early Registration. After 10/5/12, the fee will be $35. Tax deductable donations will assist 3 year old Kallie as she receives her hearing aids and speech therapy as well as supporting other residents and charities in Little Elm. Please register by mail at: www.lelions.com thru 10/05/12. Little Elm Lions Sponsors: Country Meadows Pet Inn, Sonic, Capital One, and Mad Duck Cycles. If you would like to be a sponsor, please contact Claudia Hennebry at claudiahennebry@aol.com.

LITTLE ELM COMMUNITY CHORUS "COME SING WITH US"

The Fall of 2012 is filling with great singing performance opportunities. We begin by singing 10 songs with over 250 other voices and a full orchestra at Westside Baptist is at 900 West Bellaire Blvd, Lewisville, 75067 on September 30th at 7:00 p.m. as a memorial to the victims of "911". This is not a patriotic concert. On October 20th, we will be singing for the Festival for Frisco Lakes at Del Webb. Our fall concert will be performed at Button Memorial UMC on the evening of November 10th. We will be performing for the official opening of the new Little Elm Bridge and honoring veterans. Our Christmas music schedule is in process. A very EXCITING set of opportunities and more to come! If you would like to be a part of the Little Elm Community Chorus this fall, it is not too late. Please visit our website at: www.LittleElmCommunityChorus.org, click on "Join The Chorus-Auditions" and fill out information for an audition. You will be called to arrange a convenient time. Fear not! The audition is not to exclude anyone. It is to let the director know what you know about music and what he needs to teach you this season. Come have lots of Fun and Sing with the Chorus! See and hear one of our performances: www.Vimeo.com/40977993.

PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

The **Little Elm Recreation Center** is open Monday through Thursday 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., Friday 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., and Sunday 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. The LERC is located at 303 Main Street.

Little Elm Tennis Academy is now offering Fall tennis programs for youth and adult. Little Elm Tennis Academy is a cooperative effort of the Town of Little Elm and LEISD to offer affordable programming on public courts. All classes are held at Little Elm High School. Class sizes are limited, so sign up early. Programs are led by David Gray, former head coach for

University of North Texas, and P1 certified by USPTA. For detailed information and registration go to www.littleelmfun.org or contact David at 469-774-4560.

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 to purchase tickets in advance through PayPal.

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

ADULT ATHLETICS

Fall Adult Softball League Registration – now through September 16. Leagues begin the week of September 24. Cost is $350 per team. Men's Church and Class D on Monday's; Men's Class D on Thursday's; Co-ed Church and Class D on Friday's; and Co-ed Class D on Sunday's. Visit www.littleelmfun.org or contact Chris Manley at 972-731-1466 or cmanley@littleelm.org and more information.

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, 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. You may also visit 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 or you can contact Mia Luna at 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; Monday at 7:30 p.m.(beginning September 10), at Little Elm Park located at 704 W. Eldorado Parkway.

Horseshoe Pitching Club – Join our sanctioned tournaments: 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 cvallen1156@aol.com for registration and questions.

LITTLE ELM ADULT SENIOR PROGRAMS

Get your **Vitamin B12** shot, *provided by Flu Shots of America,* on Wednesday, September 5 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.

Join our group for a game of **Pinochle** every Monday at 1:30 p.m. Come watch, come learn, come join the fun!

Let's play Bingo! Friday, September 7 and Friday, September 21. Bingo cards will be sold for $1 each, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. The game will start promptly at 1:30 p.m. and will be played until approximately 3:00 p.m. Cash prizes!

Meet & Eat! Join us for lunch…everyone pays their own way, just come and enjoy the company and good food. September 7 at 12:00 p.m. at Taco Delite, 896 W. Eldorado Parkway, Little Elm; and September 18 at 12:00 p.m. at Scotty P's Hamburgers, 5110 Eldorado Parkway, Frisco. 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.

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 2nd 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 Little Elm Friends of the Library Adult Literacy Program is hosting a free monthly **Public Bazaar & Business Expo**. Proceeds support the Little Elm Adult Literacy Program. Vendor tables may be reserved for $10 ($5 for FOL members). September 15 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@littleelmfol.org 214-673-2361.

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, or visit the library website at www.littleelm.org/library.