

# LETTER FROM MAYOR CHRIS RILEY

08/05/2022

## SWIMMING POOL SCHEDULE:

The *Community Pool* (at Poss and Peachtree) and *Forest Oaks Pool* will both remain open daily (12 pm to 8 pm) through August 21<sup>st</sup>, with the exception that the Community Pool closes on Tuesdays and the Forest Oaks pool closes on Wednesdays. With school beginning on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, both pools will be open only on weekends (8/27, 8/28, 9/3 – 9/5, including Labor Day. There are Free Swim Days at both pools on August 5<sup>th</sup>, September 2 & 5.

The Aquatic Fitness class, led by Thomas Shipman on Sundays – Wednesday from 9:15 – 10:15 am at Forest Oaks pool will conclude on Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Class fee is \$5.00 per person.

**GREAT NEWS:** The Forest Oaks pool will remain OPEN on weekends only in September – 9/10-11; 9/17 -18; and 9/24-9/25 from Noon to 8 pm. With triple digit temperatures this summer, it has been a wonderful refuge to get cooled off in the pools!

## ON-IT ACTION TEAM

Leon Valley residents can report any community concerns regarding needed street repairs, water leaks, noise or other neighborhood nuisances, dead animal reports, abandoned homes, sidewalks, code and/or permitting concerns by calling **(210) 684-6648**. There is also a reporting form by going to the city's website: [www.leonvalleytexas.gov](http://www.leonvalleytexas.gov) and clicking on the Report to ON-IT link. Reporting an issue can be anonymous. A member of the ON-IT team will respond as quickly as possible.

## LEON VALLEY ENEWS – Every Friday

Anyone who is interested in finding out what's going on in our community every week is encouraged to sign up for ENEWS. To sign up, go to the city's website: [www.leonvalleytexas.gov](http://www.leonvalleytexas.gov) and click on Quick Links and click on E-ENEWS. There is a wide variety of information, from announcements of city events and meetings as well as road closures. Practical information about how to avoid heat stroke and CPS Energy's suggestions of how to reduce energy consumption.

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING – AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>

The following are brief highlights of council actions from the August 2<sup>nd</sup> council meeting:

- **Vista Del Rey Apartments** – in response to the number of resident/citizen complaints received this year dealing with no hot water and structural issues with stairs, the council directed our city attorney to file a lawsuit against the owner of the apartment building to bring it into compliance with city standards.

- **4<sup>th</sup> of July Recap** – The evening event with the Spazmatics and fireworks brought a lot of people into Raymond Rimkus Park, but no official count was taken. Suffice it to say that most of the park area was occupied with families and their blankets, and coolers. The City received \$19,040 from corporate donors and vendors to help with the cost. The events of the day, including the 5K run and walk and the parade, cost \$115,000 total which includes the following: \$45,000 for park set-up and staging; \$6600 for advertisement; \$26,000 for entertainment, including the Spazmatics and choreographed fireworks; and \$37,000 for employee overtime, security and other expenses.

- **Triangle Area at Evers and Seneca.** The rezoning request of the undeveloped land at Evers and Seneca, abutting Seneca, Sun Valley and the Natural Area, was discussed. The developer originally requested rezoning of this property from mixed use with Sustainability overlay to a Planned Development District with R-6 Garden homes and R-3 Multiple Family as an additional use with no Sustainability overlay. At the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, the developer will bring back a proposal for a much smaller footprint for about 100 garden homes on slightly less than 10 acres, which will be 2 ½ to 3 ½ stories tall. This was discussed in place of the R-3 (apartment) request, which was not favorable with citizens. No vote was taken.

- Discussed calling a **special election on Amendments to the City Charter** for the November 8<sup>th</sup> ballot and to authorize the city manager to sign a joint election Agreement with Bexar County Elections Administrator.

- Approved a Resolution Authorizing a Texas Office of the Governor (OOG) **grant application** from the police department not to exceed \$22,000 to purchase ballistic rifle armor and carriers for 14 police officers.

- **Fiscal Year Budget 2023:** Total budget for FY 2023 is \$25 million.

The proposed tax rate (no new revenue) is 48.5 cents per \$100 of valuation (down from 53.6 cents in FY 2022). The average market value of a home in Leon Valley went up from \$217,912 in 2021 to \$259,591 in 2022. The average homestead exemption in 2021 was \$9,014 and increased in 2022 to \$28,965. The average Leon Valley tax levy for 2021 was \$1,120 and is reduced in 2022 to \$1,118. The City of Leon Valley taxes represent 21% of the total taxes with Northside ISD representing 50% of your total taxes paid.

**Good News:** After a 17% projected increase in employee medical, dental and life insurance for 2023 Group Insurance, there was only a 0.16% actual increase from last year's insurance rate.

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, August 16th, beginning at 5:45 pm** with the Crime Prevention Control District's annual meeting, followed by the council meeting. The FY 2023 Budget will have a second read to enable the council to vote on the tax rate at the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **DID YOU KNOW.....**

We have openings on a number of City Committees and would love to have your creative ideas to give back to the City of Leon Valley. You do not have to be a citizen of Leon Valley to serve. To access a volunteer form to fill out and return to Sandra Passailague, City Secretary, visit the city's website: [www.leonvalleytexas.gov](http://www.leonvalleytexas.gov) – Quick Links-Programs – Volunteer. Thanks for your consideration!

Enjoy your weekend and stay cool.

Any questions/concerns? Call or email me or any of your council members. We are volunteers who love our jobs serving you!

Sincerely, Chris  
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