



Community News

Quarterly Newsletter

Meet New Council Member Lee Barrett



This past May, after receiving a majority of the votes for the Place 6 seat, Lee Barrett was appointed to the Azle City Council, filling the spot vacated by Councilmember Jeff Wise. Barrett joins council members Dr. William Chambers, David McClure, Paul Crabtree, Rouel Rothenberger, along with Mayor Alan Brundrett and Mayor Pro Tem Bill Jones.

Lee and his family have lived in Azle for close to seven years. They initially were looking at a home in Lakeside, but when that fell through, they ventured out to Azle and have been here ever since. His children all attend Azle public schools.

Councilman Barrett has already established his willingness to serve others. He is very active in scouting; currently serving as cubmaster for Azle Cub Scout Pack 243. He is a member of the National Eagle Scout Association and has made numerous presentations to other area units about the Friends of Scouting funding on behalf of the Longhorn Council. Lee is assisting with the organization of a new group within the Tarrant County Bar Association, Lawyers Living Effectively with Anxiety and Depression (LLEADS), formed to assist Tarrant attorneys and law students struggling with mental health issues. He has held several volunteer positions with a local chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and was formerly a member of Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA).

Councilman Barrett has several goals for his time on the council.

- He hopes to become an effective advocate for the Azle Memorial Library, stating, "Literacy is a really big deal to me, and I have a vested interest in the topic". His first novel, *Barge Pilot*, was published this past year and he recently donated a copy to the Azle Library. Lee's currently working on several other projects with plans for future publication. While the publishing industry goes through the throes of change, he feels our public library system is more important than ever.
- Councilman Barrett's family has a strong tradition in law enforcement, and he wants to ensure our police, fire and first responders have the appropriate training, equipment and support they need to keep the community safe.

Lee has had several conversations with Mayor Brundrett about his vision for the City, and hopes to play a constructive part in making that vision a reality and in the future growth of Azle.

City Council meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at Azle City Hall, 613 SE Parkway. Pre-Council meeting begins at 6:30 pm. Council agendas are posted on the outside bulletin board at City Hall and on the City website the Friday before the meeting. You can also sign up to receive the agenda via email by using the *Notify Me* option on the City website.



Azle Municipal Offices Closed INDEPENDENCE DAY Thursday, July 4 LABOR DAY, Monday, September 2

Police/Fire services will be available by calling 817-444-3221, or 911 in case of emergency. For water/sewer emergencies, please call 817-444-3221.

Community Waste Disposal will **NOT** run their regular residential trash route on these holidays.

WHO TO CALL

City Hall/Utilities 817-444-2541
 Police/Fire 911
 (Non-emergency) 817-444-3221
 Animal Control 817-444-8215
 Permits 817-444-4128
 Public Library 817-444-7216
 Senior Center 817-444-0070

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Public Meetings

City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of each month in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. Agendas are posted the Friday before a meeting on the website and on the bulletin board at City Hall. Agendas for upcoming meetings and minutes of previous meetings are available online at www.cityofazle.org.

Other Monthly Meetings

Planning & Zoning meets the first and third Thursday of the month

Traffic & Transportation meets the second Tuesday of each month

Crime Control & Prevention District meets the second Thursday of each month

Parks & Recreation meets the third Monday of each month

Meetings listed above are held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 613 SE Parkway.

Library Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 1pm in the Azle Memorial Library.

**Lt. Blaisdell receives Public Service Award**

Lt. Lee Blaisdell received the Texas Law Enforcement Achievement Award for Public Service on June 13, 2013 in Austin Texas. In his 22 years as a peace officer with the Azle Police Department, Lt. Blaisdell has worked his way up the professional ranks. Lt. Blaisdell routinely participates in several youth programs such as Success With Every Azle Teen (SWEAT Program), a program that allows juveniles the alternative to work on community projects to reduce court fines in return for the dismissal of misdemeanor offenses. He has coordinated efforts with the Lena Pope Home counseling program to address the issue of teen drug and alcohol abuse. Lt. Blaisdell also helped to start the School backpack program, bringing food to Azle Schools in backpacks so children in need would not go home hungry. Lt. Blaisdell routinely teaches a hunter education program and yearly takes the Azle Police Explorer Post hunting at his family farm. The Award for Public Service is a state wide award and is limited to only 20 officers a year. This year only 8 officers were recognized for their efforts.

Voters Approve Municipal Development District

Azle citizens voted at the May 2013 election to create a Municipal Development District. City Council adopted the ByLaws at the June 4 Council meeting. The MDD ByLaws form a seven person Board of Directors and currently, the City is taking applications to fill these new positions. Each of the Directors **must** reside in the Tarrant County portion of the City of Azle. These are volunteer positions and require a resume for council's consideration. If you're interested in applying for a position on the MDD board, please go to the city's website www.cityofazle.org, "**Your Government**" then "**Boards and Commissions**" to fill out an application and forward to the City Secretary along with your resume. Applications may be faxed: (817)444-7149, e-mailed: nzenk@ci.azle.tx.us, or mailed: 613 SE Parkway. For questions or additional information, contact City Secretary Norma Zenk at (817) 444-7101.

City Reduces Golf Course Debt

On May 21, 2013, the City Council voted to call \$240,000 of the outstanding debt associated with Cross Timbers Golf Course. The early payment of these bonds was made possible by utilizing approximately \$170,000 of gas well royalties and City debt service reserve funds. This action saves the taxpayers of Azle over \$40,000 in interest payments, shortens the life of the debt by one year to 2018, and will reduce the remaining amount of debt outstanding to \$1.24 million at the end of Fiscal Year 2012 – 2013.

In October 2007, the City Council made the commitment that royalties from the gas wells drilled at Cross Timbers Golf Course would only be used for the early payment of golf course debt until the debt is completely paid. Since April 2009, the City Council has called \$2,795,000 of that debt. These early payments have saved the taxpayers of Azle over \$1.76 million in interest payments and have shortened the life of the debt by seven (7) years.

City implements Mandatory Drought Plan, Stage 1

When the combined storage capacity of Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD) reservoirs reaches 75%, TRWD requires its municipal customers to initiate its drought plan. Azle's water source, Eagle Mtn. Lake, is part of this system. With the District's overall system capacity hovering at 75% and the persistence of drought conditions in North Texas, TRWD notified the City of Azle on May 22, 2013 that its mandatory Drought Plan would go into effect on June 3. In an effort to conserve water supplies, TRWD requested all of its lake customers do the same. Therefore, the City of Azle implemented their Drought Contingency Plan on June 3, 2013. Azle residents' designated days are the same as what Tarrant Regional Water District has implemented for Tarrant County.

Key Stage 1 Drought Measures

- ✳ Limit outdoor watering with hose-end sprinklers and automatic irrigation systems to no more than twice per week at each service address.
- ✳ No outdoor watering with hose-end sprinklers and outdoor irrigation systems between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- ✳ Non-essential water use, such as hosing of paved areas, hosing of buildings except for fire protection and surface preparation, and using water in a manner that allows runoff is highly discouraged.
- ✳ Watering by hand or using soaker hoses or drip irrigation is allowed anytime, any day of the week.

***Restrictions do not apply to locations using treated wastewater effluent or well water for irrigation.*

We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you posted of any changes in water supply status that would trigger or reverse the implementation of future drought response stages.

KNOW YOUR WATERING SCHEDULE

MONDAY
No watering allowed

TUESDAY & FRIDAY
Non-residential sites (apartments, businesses, parks, common areas)

WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY
Residential addresses ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8

THURSDAY & SUNDAY
Residential addresses ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9



2012 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is a regulation, passed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as part of the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments, that requires all community water systems to provide their customers with an annual water quality report. With the CCR, communities benefit by acquiring a better understanding of their water suppliers and the processes involved, which allows them an opportunity to make an informed decision regarding their use of drinking water.

The CCR is a summary of the quality of the water we provide our customers. It also provides the City of Azle an opportunity to explain how the community's drinking water supplies are protected. The report can be viewed on our website at <http://cityofazle.org/DocumentCenter/Home/View/1781>. Customers may also obtain a copy of the report at Azle City Hall or give us a call and request a copy be mailed to you.

Summer Tips for Pets

Soaring temperatures are no more comfortable for dogs and cats than they are for people. Heat prostration is a common cause of summer illness that can, and does, kill many pets each year. Here are a few tips for keeping your pet comfortable this summer:

- ✳ Provide a cool, shady spot and plenty of cool, clean water if your pet is outside. A sheltered area must also be available for pets to escape summer storms.
- ✳ Never leave your pet in vehicles with the windows partially or completely rolled up. Temperatures inside a car rapidly climb to more than 100° F and can cause death in as little as 10 minutes! If you'll have to leave your pet in a car for any period of time, do them a favor - leave them at home.

Azle Memorial Library News and Events

For more information about the Azle Memorial Library, please call 817-444-7216 or visit www.azlelibrary.org

Announcing the 2013 Summer Reading Clubs for ALL Ages!

Children, teens and adults are invited to participate in one of three Summer Reading Clubs at the Azle Memorial Library! Participants who reach certain reading milestones will be eligible to win awesome prizes, and everyone is invited to attend fun summer programming. Information about summer reading is available at the Library, by calling 817-444-7216 or online at www.azlelibrary.org (click on the programs and events link).

Wonderful Wednesdays Storytime

Join us each Wednesday through July 17 for stories, finger plays, rhymes and more! Older siblings are also welcome! Each storytime lasts thirty minutes.

10:00 am: Toddler Tales (ages 18-36 months)

10:45 am: Preschool Storytime (ages 3-6 years)

Teen Movie Thursday

Teens are invited to watch a movie on the big screen in the Teen Area of the Library every Thursday at 4 pm in June and July. Free popcorn provided by the Friends of the Azle Library.

Family Film Friday

A fun movie for all ages will be shown in the Library Community Room every Friday at 4 pm in June and July. Free popcorn provided by the Friends of the Azle Library. (As a reminder, parents must remain with all children ages 0-8. Parents of children ages 9-13 must remain in the Library building).

READ to a Dog

Children of all ages are invited to read to a certified therapy dog on the second Saturday of each month from 2:00 to 3:30 pm.

What's Cookin'?

Join us for cooking demonstrations, culinary history, recipes, samples, and more on the second Monday of each month at 4:30 pm in the Library Community Room. Foodies of all ages are invited!

Main Street Book Club

Join the library's Main Street Book Club for a rousing literary discussion on the third Tuesday of every month at 6 pm in the Library Community Room. Call the Library at 817-444-7216 for the upcoming book selections.

Lego Club

All kids are invited to attend the NEW Lego Club at the Library! Participants will use Lego's provided by the library to creatively explore their imaginations while learning about architecture, shapes, math, and more! The program takes place on the third Wednesday of the month from 4:00-5:30 pm in the Library Community Room.

***NEW HOURS**

Azle Memorial Library
333 W. Main Street

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Hours

Mon / Wed / Fri

9 am - 6 pm

Tues / Thurs

9 am - 8 pm

Saturdays: 9 am-5

pm (Extended)

Sundays: CLOSED



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