



# BREAKING NEW GROUND

CITY OF LIVINGSTON | 2003 ANNUAL REPORT





**Ben R. Ogletree, Jr.**  
Mayor

Dear Fellow Citizens:

On behalf of your Livingston City Council, it is a pleasure to address you once again in our annual report. This year's report – entitled "Breaking New Ground" – is quite fitting, given the significant growth and improvement the area continues to see.

First of all, we literally "broke ground" to repair and rebuild many of Livingston's streets, along with the associated drainage, water and sewer utilities. This project is well underway, with several streets already complete. All work on this project is scheduled for completion during 2004. While we had anticipated a modest property tax to fund these improvements, careful financial management and better-than-anticipated revenues from fees and our utility operations made this tax unnecessary for this tax year.

Our streets aren't the only things under construction. This past year, we've welcomed several important establishments to the city's business community – a new Eckerd's drug store, Lowe's home improvement center, a nationally branded motel and Jack in the Box restaurant, to name a few.

I am particularly pleased to see Livingston developing as a regional medical center. Our city has worked with our medical community for years to promote better hospital facilities and a broad range of medical specialties. A huge step toward this goal was accomplished several years ago with the opening of the new Memorial Medical Center hospital. Now we anticipate still more

Economic Indicator	2001-02	2002-03	Percentage Change
Sales Tax Revenue	\$2,189,216	\$2,199,629	Less than 1% increase
Electric Sales - KWH	75,847,547	77,604,894	2.3% increase
Water Sales - gallons	583,258,000	600,589,000	3% increase
Hotel Occupancy Tax	\$110,538.77	\$116,990.83	5.8% increase
Ad Valorem Property Tax Valuation	\$207,971,188	\$211,680,559	1.8% increase
Utility Customers	3,194	3,245	1.2% increase

progress in this area. The Memorial management has announced that a continued high level of business in the Livingston facility has led to their decision to build a large addition to the present hospital. Additionally, several new doctors' offices are being planned around the hospital complex.

To me, breaking new ground is not just about new streets and buildings; it's about the progress and milestones we make year after year that enhance our city. More importantly, it's about providing a better quality of life for our citizens and making Livingston a place they're proud to call home. It is my hope that after reading this report, you feel the same pride I do in our city.

I sincerely appreciate the hard and efficient work of our City of Livingston staff and employees. And, I personally thank the members of City Council, who willingly work without compensation to make our community a better place to live. Your dedication and commitment do not go unnoticed.

Ben R. Ogletree, Jr., Mayor



**Livingston City Council**  
Back row from the left: Scott Simpson, Gene Bush, Clarke Evans, Bill Watson, Councilmen; Front row from the left: Ben R. Ogletree, Jr., Mayor, Kenneth Parkhill, Mayor Pro-tem

## MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT FACTS: YOUR CITY GOVERNMENT

- DATE OF INCORPORATION:** October 3, 1902
- CITY CHARTER:** General Law City
- FORM OF GOVERNMENT:** Council/Manager
- ELECTED OFFICIALS:** Mayor and 5 Council members
- TERM OF OFFICE:** 2 Years
- REGULAR MEETINGS:** 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:00 PM
- SPECIAL MEETINGS:** Called by Mayor

# Administrative / Utility Billing Department



**Sam Gordon**  
City Manager



**Marilyn Sutton**  
City Secretary, Finance Officer,  
Assistant to the City Manager



**Administrative/Utility Billing Staff**  
From the left: Patricia Crawford, Carla Dunning,  
Cheryl Paul, Irene Nicks, Julie Miller, Ellie Monteaux

Development in the Livingston area begins in the administration office. In addition to overseeing and managing the city's operations, this past year the Administrative and Utility Billing Department was busy finalizing plans for much of the construction currently underway.

## *2002-03 HIGHLIGHTS:*

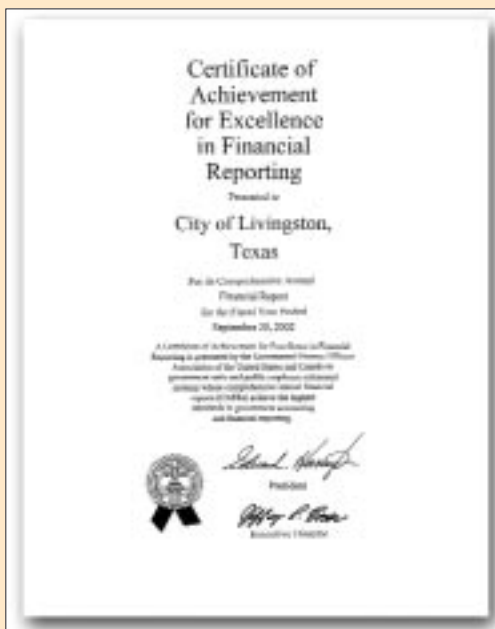
- Approved the preliminary plat and construction plans for the new residential subdivision for active adults 55 years of age and over located on the US 59 North bypass – The Retreat in Livingston.
- Approved the final plat and construction plans for Lowe's Home Center, Inc. – a 110,000 square foot retail facility on a 14.130-acre site, which will employ about 125 people and is scheduled to open in May 2004.
- Applied for and received an Enterprise Zone project designation from the State of Texas for Lowe's Home Center.
- Approved a permit and executed a lease of 66 acres of municipal property on SH 146 South with Prime Operating Company to drill a gas well.
- Planned and organized the 3rd annual picnic for City employees and their families in April 2003 at Pedigo Park.
- Planned, organized and hosted the 2nd annual Volunteer Recognition reception in celebration of National Volunteer Service Week in April 2003 to honor the many individuals and organizations that volunteer their time and talents to serve our community.
- Reviewed proposals, interviewed firms and awarded a new sanitation service contract to Waste Services in August 2003.
- Planned and organized the 11th annual Employee Awards Dinner which was held at Country Oaks Manor in January 2004 to honor employees who earned service, safety, attendance and volunteer awards during the year.

# Finance Department

Good financial health is the foundation of the city's operations. Without it, the community could not continue to thrive. The Finance Department is responsible for maintaining the financial records of the city. And, thanks to their hard work, Livingston received the Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 15th consecutive year. This is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. Its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by our government and city management.

## 2002-03 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Received the Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting award from the Government Finance Officers Association for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending 9/30/02.
- Investment Officer attended bi-annual Public Funds Investment Law workshop, in accordance with state law.
- Complied with new Fixed Asset reporting requirements in comprehensive annual financial reporting for the fiscal year ending 9/30/03, as required by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Rule No. 34.
- Determined cash flow needs for the major street and drainage construction project to achieve maximum interest earnings on bond funds.



## THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON TOTAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES ALL DEPARTMENTS For The Year Ending 9/30/03

### REVENUES

Item	Amount
Property Tax	\$0
Sales Tax	\$2,199,629
Hotel Occupancy Tax	\$116,991
Gross Receipts Tax	\$124,949
Administrative Department	\$159,715
Sanitation Department	\$678,791
Fire Department	\$55,499
Police Department	\$240,419
Street Department	\$1,501
Parks & Recreation	\$178,538
Library Department	\$28,592
Trade Days Department	\$143,350
Electric Department	\$7,295,268
Water Department	\$1,573,863
Sewer Department	\$1,056,553
Series 2002 Certificates of Obligation and General Obligation Refunding Bonds	\$6,600,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$20,453,658</b>

### EXPENDITURES

Item	Amount
Administrative Department	\$323,071
Sanitation Department	\$489,056
Fire Department	\$275,993
Police Department	\$1,023,292
Street Department	\$331,258
Parks & Recreation	\$386,601
Library Department	\$261,921
Garage Department	\$211,977
Trade Days Department	\$128,767
Electric Department	\$7,077,947
Water Department	\$1,678,680
Sewer Department	\$369,602
Capital Improvements	\$2,254,259
Debt Services	\$2,119,556
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$16,931,980</b>

(NOTE: Above figures are audited amounts. Revenues include bond funds not expended during fiscal year.)





# Murphy Memorial Library



**Library Staff**

From the left: Jerri Greene, Gwen Collier, Nita Kuehn



Lois Babson is one of over 100 people to date who have experienced the World Wide Web through the "Computing for Seniors" class offered at Murphy Memorial Library.



**Priscilla Emrich**  
Librarian

The Murphy Memorial Library continues to broaden the materials and service we provide our residents. This year, the library was successful in securing grant money for Spanish language materials, large print books, audio books on CD and children's books. In addition, the Loan Star Grant was bestowed on the library to purchase a people counter to maintain accurate statistics on the number of people using the library daily.

## 2002-03 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Registered 938 new library users and renewed 1,291 library cards.
- Added 2,935 titles and 3,049 volumes, including audio books and DVD movies.
- Staff answered a total of 2,228 reference questions.
- The library's public access computers were used 5,590 times for a total of 4,550 hours.
- Continued the highly popular "Computing for Seniors" classes taught by Roger Jolly, a library volunteer.
- Received the Tocker Foundation Grant to purchase Spanish language materials.
- Received a donation from the Friends of Murphy Memorial Library to purchase large print books, audio books on CD and children's books.
- Adopted revised user policies and fees in December 2003.

**\*A book drop is located at the back of the library building with access from Marsh Drive for 24-hour return of materials.**

### HOURS OF SERVICE

Monday  
10 AM - 9 PM  
Tuesday - Friday  
10 AM - 6 PM  
Saturday - Sunday  
Closed

### OVERDUE FINES

\$0.25 per day per item  
for books, magazines  
and vertical file items

\$2.00 per day per item  
for audio books and  
videos

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Visit our Web site for 24-hour access to  
the library's catalog information.  
Go to [www.murphymemlib.org](http://www.murphymemlib.org)

# Police Department



On any given day, police officers maintain law and order, collect evidence and conduct investigations. But, this year Livingston's Police Department also assisted NASA with the Columbia space shuttle search and recovery efforts, participated in the fight against terrorism and prepared a smallpox vaccination plan. These are just a few things our police officers do to make sure our community is safe.



**Dennis Clifton**  
Chief of Police

## 2002-03 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Organized and conducted, in association with other Polk County law enforcement agencies, the 3rd annual Polk County Peace Officers Association fishing tournament at Pedigo Park as a fund-raising event to help law enforcement personnel and their families with major medical expenses.
- Participated, along with the Fire and Public Works Departments, in the State Domestic Preparedness Program (SDPP) by completing and submitting an assessment of the City of Livingston's risks, capabilities and needs. The data provided was used to assist in allocating domestic preparedness funding and resources.
- Received a \$70,340 grant, along with other municipal departments, from the Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP) for funding the purchase of equipment to assist the City of Livingston in preventing, planning for and responding to acts of terrorism.
- In conjunction with other municipal departments, Polk County and Memorial Medical Center Livingston, prepared a plan to conduct mass smallpox vaccination clinics for Livingston and Polk County residents, in the event of a national public health emergency triggered by a smallpox outbreak.

### LPD Officers

Back row from the left: Ken Bohnert, Robert Alston, Matt Parrish, Glenn Edwards, Marty Drake, Scott Pasko  
Front row from the left: Lewis Milner, Efrain Rodriguez, Chad Ward, Misty Thomas, Mike deVilleneuve, Leon Middleton



### LPD Office Staff

From the left: Barbara Thomas, Michelle Lilley

### 2002-2003

#### Police Department Statistics:

Criminal Offense Reports	1,335
Adult Arrests	529
Juvenile Arrests	249
Accidents Worked	320
Fatalities	0
Alarms	451
Citations Issued	2,559



**Butch Price**  
Animal Control Officer

### 2002-2003

#### Animal Control Statistics:

Dog Calls	546
Cat Calls	115
Livestock Calls	13
Fowl Calls	3
Wildlife Calls	65
Other Calls	501
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>1,243</b>



# Livingston Volunteer Fire Department

In today's world, a firefighter's job goes way beyond extinguishing flames. This year, the Livingston Volunteer Fire Department made great strides toward fighting terrorism. Their efforts, in conjunction with the Police Department, Public Works Department, Polk County Emergency Management, Polk County Sheriff's Office and San Jacinto and Trinity Counties, proved successful in obtaining funding for a mobile command center to cover disasters and emergencies in Polk, San Jacinto and Trinity Counties.

## 2002-03 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Responded to 510 fire calls.
- Worked with the Livingston Police Department and Public Works Department on Terrorism Assessment.
- Helped coordinate the 2nd Annual September 11th Remembrance Ceremony on Patriot's Day to honor all public safety personnel.
- Purchased additional hand-held radios assigned to fire apparatus.
- Put fire safety education trailer in service with training for more than 3,500 students in area schools.



*Marty Drake - aka Bunker, the Fire Prevention Clown - presented fire safety education programs to school children in 2003.*

- Participated in Memorial Medical Center's Health Fair, the Multicultural Festival event and Livingston High School's College and Career Day.
- Conducted the annual area firefighting training school, which drew more than 450 students and instructors from around the state.
- Maintained excellent ISO rating of 4, which results in lower insurance premiums for residents.

# Livingston Municipal Court



**Connie Slocomb**  
City Attorney



**Municipal Court Staff**

From the left: Associate Judge Mack Coats, Court Clerk Sarah Milner, Judge John Martin

Livingston's Municipal Court is responsible for Class C misdemeanors, animal control violations, code enforcement violations and other state and city ordinance violations punishable by fine. The court conducts hearings and trials, collects fines, issues warrants of arrest and arraigns prisoners in all types of felony and misdemeanor violations.

### Municipal Court Statistics:

Traffic Violations	1,511
Criminal Violations	1,252
Other Violations	25

**TOTAL VIOLATIONS** 2,788

**TOTAL FINES & FEES COLLECTED** \$186,263.62



# Community Development

In 2003, the staff concentrated on providing special events for the community as well as attracting tourists to Livingston. In partnership with many community organizations, we hosted our first Civil War Reenactment, participated in a tourism assessment survey and added some flair to downtown Livingston with decorative signage.



*New Welcome Banners*



*May Pole Dancers at Anniversary Park*



*Civil War Reenactment*



*New Signs Installed by the Texas Department of Transportation*



**Mark Taylor**  
*Fire Marshal & Code Enforcement Officer*

## *2002-03 HIGHLIGHTS:*

- Partnered with Livingston Specialty Merchants' Guild (LSMG) to plan and provide special events for our community as well as attracting tourists to Livingston.
- Hosted, in conjunction with the Community Event Organizers (CEOs), the first Civil War Reenactment, The Battle for Long King Creek, which attracted more than 400 re-enactors from neighboring states and more than 5,000 visitors.
- Purchased, in conjunction with the Livingston Specialty Merchants' Guild and the Chamber of Commerce, "WELCOME TO LIVINGSTON" banners to be placed in the historical downtown area.
- Participated in a Community Tourism Assessment Survey, which was conducted by state officials from the Tourism Division of the Governor's Office of Economic Development officials in August 2003, at the request of the LSMG.
- Executed a Civic Pride sign agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) for new civic organization signs to be located at the major highway entrances to our community.
- Purchased and installed red, white and blue patriotic banners in downtown Livingston in honor of 4th of July.
- Received new highway directional signage on US 59 for Pedigo Park from the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT).



# Economic Development



**Jerry Marsh**  
Building Official

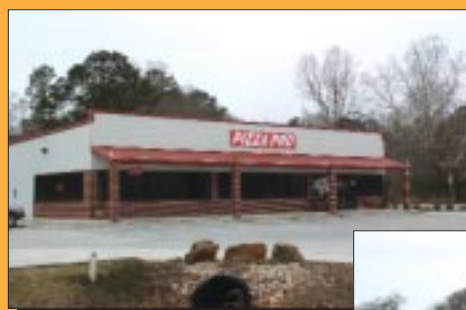
Polk County is one of the fastest growing areas in Texas. And, Livingston is a significant contributor to that growth. In 2003 alone, the city issued 80 building permits for more than \$14 million in construction, creating more than 200 jobs in our community. Now that's breaking new ground!



Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on September 29, 2003 to kick off the development of The Retreat in Livingston, a planned community of 39 homes for adults 55 and older. Homes range from 1,500 to 2,000 square feet, most featuring two to three bedrooms.



*Boys and Girls Club*



*Pizza Pro*



*Performance Car Wash*



*Bradley Wellborn Insurance Agency*



*Pace Funeral Home*



*Jack in the Box*



*Future Home of Lake Livingston Water and Sewer Offices*



*Cici's Pizza*



*Elliot Electric Supply*

# Electric Department



## Electric Department

*From the left: Eric Barlow, Dewayne Oates, Leonard Tucker, Billy McPike, James Smith, Charles Chalker*

Livingston has been operating under a municipally owned electric service system for the past 81 years, meaning the 3,400 residents of the city are the owners of the electrical system. While there are many advantages to public power, the greatest asset is that the profits from the system remain within the community to benefit the local citizens. And, the city's ownership of the electric distribution system allows the city to operate without an ad valorem property tax. The hallmarks of public power – local ownership, local control, community development and reliable service – are a benefit to our citizens and have allowed our city to grow and prosper.

### 2002-03 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Installed underground electric service to The Retreat in Livingston, the new residential subdivision on the US 59 North bypass for active adults over 55 years of age.
- Selected by Lowe's Home Centers, Inc. to provide electric service to the new facility being constructed on the US 59 bypass.
- Installed and extended electric service to serve various new construction projects including Jack in the Box, Elliott Electric Supply, Lake Livingston Water and Sewer office, Cici's Pizza, Eckerd Drugs, and the Livingston Boys and Girls Club.
- Received a refund of excess revenues from the Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency (SRMPA), the city's electrical power provider, in the amount of \$600,000, to offset the increased wholesale cost of power.
- Planned for an extension of electric service to sites of proposed new churches, hotels and retail outlets in the city's service territory.
- Installed patriotic banners, Welcome to Livingston banners, and holiday decorations on utility poles along Church Street and Washington Street.
- Participated in College and Career Night at the Livingston High School to inform high school students of career opportunities.
- Worked without an on-the-job injury in 2003, earning a Departmental Safety Award.



## Wayne Farmer

*Electric Superintendent*



*Linemen work on replacing the city's wood utility poles with new metal ones.*



*Charles Chalker works on the power lines from one of the city's digger trucks.*





# Water and Wastewater Department

## **Bill Haecker**

*Water and Wastewater Superintendent*

Livingston is responsible for operation of the water and wastewater systems within the city limits, including treatment and distribution of water and collection, transportation, treatment and disposal of sewage. Service is presently provided to 3,061 water customers and 2,748 sewer customers. In 2003, the Water Department received a Certificate for Outstanding Performance from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for excellent water quality and an outstanding level of compliance with state regulations.

### **2002-03 HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Completed the renovation of the 500,000-gallon ground storage water tank located at the poleyard on South Houston at a cost of \$73,238.
- Reduced the annual debt service requirements on water plant bonds due to a refunding of 1979 and 1991 bonds by the Trinity River Authority, which effected an annual savings of \$80,000.
- Purchased a new \$55,000 backhoe.
- Constructed both a laboratory for in-house testing and a new chemical feed building at the wastewater treatment plant.
- Obtained a 5-year renewal of the state permit from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for operation of the wastewater treatment plant.
- Installed security cameras at the water treatment plant located on FM 350 South.
- Replaced 17,355 feet of water line and relocated and upgraded water and sewer lines in association with the major street improvement project.
- Upgraded 92 water services from 3/4" to 1" lines to improve customer service.
- Replaced 13 existing fire hydrants and installed 8 new fire hydrants.
- Replaced 124 water meters.
- Laid 2,765 feet of new sewer pipe, replaced 35 existing services, and made 22 new sewer taps for service.
- Focused on homeland security training, vulnerability assessment and emergency response planning for both the water and wastewater systems.
- Extended water and sewer service to serve the expansion of the Camp Cho-Yeh conference facility, Jack in the Box, Elliott Electric Supply, Lake Livingston Water and Sewer Supply, Cici's Pizza, Eckerd Drugs, the Livingston Boys and Girls Club and other new businesses constructed during the year.
- The Wastewater Department worked without an on-the-job injury in 2003, earning a Departmental Safety Award.



*City Manager Sam Gordon and Mayor Ben R. Ogletree, Jr. recognize the Water Department for receiving a certificate for outstanding performance from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.*



### **Water Department**

*From the left: Andres Ojeda, Royce Newport, Mike Wetherell, Scott Johnson, Robert Burnett, Bobby Wallace, Kevin Saintes*



### **Wastewater Department**

*From the left: Roger Adams, Dario Ruiz, Tim Smith*



# Parks and Recreation Department



**Parks and Recreation / Trade Days Staff**  
From the left: Donny Gilbert, Stuart Thomas, Juan Cuellar, Betty Overstreet, Alex Rodriguez, Jana Wilkins, Deryl Tompkins, Toni Fuller, Mike Reeves



This year, the Parks and Recreation Department worked with the Livingston Specialty Merchants' Guild, the Community Event Organizers (CEOs), and other community service organizations and locally owned and operated businesses to expand and improve many recreational and special events including:

- The Battle for Long King Creek, a Civil War Reenactment held in February 2003 at Pedigo Park
- Hometown Christmas event in downtown Livingston
- The Lighted Christmas Parade
- Summer Fun camps
- Easter Eggstravaganza
- Family Fun Friday Pool Parties - the 3rd annual Sonic 50s Party and the 4th annual Polar Bear Party at Matthews Park swimming pool



*Members of Junior Girl Scout Troop 8121 planted flowers at Matthews Street Park as part of their community service project.*

## ADDITIONAL PROJECTS:

- Approved a Master Plan for the Livingston Municipal Airport, which was funded by a state grant from the Texas Department of Public Transportation, Aviation Division, in the amount of \$60,000.
- Replaced the Matthews Park swimming pool filter at a project cost of \$17,885.
- Installed an automated credit card reader for the purchase of aviation fuel at the Livingston Municipal Airport at a cost of \$13,000.

## TRADE DAYS:

- Completed the 4th year of operations of the monthly event with an average of 219 vendors attending each show in 2003 and total annual revenues in the amount of \$143,350 for the fiscal year 2002-03.
- Increased attendance by the public, with more than 40,000 shoppers coming to the event during the past year. Advertising efforts attracted shoppers from the Beaumont/Houston area to as far north as Nacogdoches.
- Installed a lighted billboard on US 59 South of Cleveland to market the event.
- Approved a contract for marketing services with Communications Plus for 2004, which will include *Texas Highways*, *Texas Monthly*, *Southern Living* and other upscale media to broaden the target shopper market.



*Trade Days at Pedigo Park*



# Street Department

## Street Department

From the left: James Mitchell, Jason Britton, Jerry Cowen, Cody Marsh, Carlos Orosco, Paul Baker

The streets of Livingston are the lifelines of our city. They take us from here to there and back again. In 2003, the Street Department was hard at work – planning, improving and upgrading those lifelines.

### 2002-03 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Continued the extensive city-wide drainage improvement program by cleaning ditches, upgrading culverts and redirecting the flow of water on the following streets: First Street, Calhoun Street, Bluebird Street, Liberty Road, Skyview Drive, Blue Ridge Drive, Drew and Feagin, Pine Street north of West Street and at Abbey and Drew Streets.
- Awarded the contract for a major street and drainage improvement project to Pinto Construction Company, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$4,800,000.
- Contractor began street improvement project in Spring 2003 with priority given to street reconstruction and renovation in the northwest quadrant of the city around school campuses.
- Continued extensive work to trim trees and brush overhanging public streets throughout the city.
- Applied for and received a Texas Capital Fund grant in the amount of \$178,836.73 for improvements to Mill Ridge Drive to accommodate heavy truck traffic to Lowe's Home Center.

- Approved request to improve Milliken Drive in Thunder Mountain subdivision.
- Purchased a new sign machine to make street signs, regulatory and directional signage and event signage in-house.
- Reclaimed approximately 1,500 tons of road aggregate material from the street renovation project to use on upgrades of existing unpaved streets in various parts of town during the next year.



**Hec Long**  
Street Superintendent



Street improvements on Calhoun Street



# Garage Department

The Garage Department focuses on ongoing maintenance of city vehicles and equipment. Keeping these repairs in-house results in a savings of thousands of dollars in annual maintenance costs.

### 2002-03 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Maintained more than 50 vehicles and 73 pieces of equipment for all city departments, including the Livingston Fire Department vehicles and equipment.
- Earned a Departmental Safety Award for working without an on-the-job injury for the year 2003.
- Purchased a new 3/4 ton pickup for the garage crew.



**Garage Crew**  
From the left: Keith Foxworth, Scott Parker



# Personnel



*LPD's float wins first place in the Christmas Parade (non-commercial winner).*

The 11th Annual City of Livingston employee appreciation and awards dinner was held on Thursday, January 29, 2004 at Country Oaks Manor, with over 100 employees and their spouses in attendance. The theme for the event was a South of the Border fiesta complete with sombreros, maracas and Macarena dancing. During dinner, Los Arrieros, a mariachi group from Houston, entertained. Following dinner, employee awards were presented by Mayor Ben Ogletree, Jr. and City Manager Sam Gordon in the following categories: Service Awards, Individual Safety Awards, Departmental Safety Awards, Individual Attendance Awards and Volunteer Awards.

## DEPARTMENTAL SAFETY AWARDS

In 2003, there were three departments that worked injury-free, meaning there were no on-the-job injuries of any kind.

- **Electric Department** - 7th year to win this award
- **Sewer Department** - 5th consecutive year to win this award
- **Garage Department** - 8th year to win this award

## CITY EMPLOYEES' PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY EVENTS

Each year, many of the city's employees volunteer their time and talents to a variety of local fundraisers, events and charitable organizations.



*American Cancer Society Relay - Two teams with more than 30 employees participating in the annual fundraiser; Administrative Team "Quack Attack" and Livingston Police Department "Bad Boys."*



*The Street Department's float - Santa's Sleigh - in the Christmas Parade.*

## THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES EARNED AWARDS DURING 2003:

- Roger Adams - Attendance and Safety Award
- Robert Alston - Safety Award
- Paul Baker - Safety Award
- Eric Barlow - Safety Award
- Sandy Bell - Attendance Award
- Ronnie Bogany - Attendance and Safety Award
- Ken Bohnert - Service (15 years) and Volunteer Award
- Charles Chalker - Safety Award
- Dennis Clifton - Service (15 years) and Volunteer Award
- Gwen Collier - Attendance Award
- Jerry Cowen - Safety Award
- Patricia Crawford - Volunteer Award
- Juan Cuellar - Attendance and Safety Award
- Mike deVilleneuve - Safety Award
- Marty Drake - Safety Award
- Carla Dunning - Volunteer Award
- Keith Foxworth - Safety and Volunteer Award
- Sam Gordon - Volunteer Award
- Bill Haecker - Service (25 years) and Volunteer Award
- Scott Johnson - Safety Award
- Nita Kuehn - Service Award (15 years)
- Chad Lilley - Safety Award
- Michelle Lilley - Volunteer Award
- Hec Long - Volunteer Award
- Cody Marsh - Safety Award
- Billy McPike - Safety Award
- Leon Middleton - Safety Award
- Julie Miller - Service (5 years) and Volunteer Award
- Lewis Milner - Attendance and Safety Award
- James Mitchell - Safety Award
- Ellie Monteaux - Volunteer Award
- Royce Newport - Service Award (5 years)
- Irene Nicks - Volunteer Award
- Dewayne Oates - Safety Award
- Andres Ojeda - Service (20 years) and Safety Award
- Scott Parker - Safety Award
- Matt Parrish - Safety Award
- Scott Paske - Safety Award
- Cheryl Paul - Volunteer Award
- Butch Price - Volunteer Award
- Mike Reeves - Safety Award
- John Ricks - Service Award (5 years)
- Dario Ruiz - Safety Award
- Kevin Saintes - Safety Award
- James Smith - Service (20 years), Attendance and Safety Award
- Tim Smith - Attendance and Safety Award
- Marilyn Sutton - Volunteer Award
- Mark Taylor - Safety and Volunteer Award
- Barbara Thomas - Service Award (10 years)
- Leonard Tucker - Service (25 years) and Safety Award
- Bobby Wallace - Attendance Award
- Chad Ward - Attendance and Safety Award





## PETE PEEBLES



Pete Peebles served as a member of the Livingston Volunteer Fire Department for 64 years. He joined in 1939 at the age of 12, serving as the department's mascot. This was the first of many positions he held in the

department. At the time of his death on July 20, 2003, he was serving as the department's chaplain.

Pete served his community with distinction and demonstrated his willingness to place his concern for the safety of the public before his personal safety. His performance throughout the years was characterized by an unselfish willingness to perform any duty that was requested of him, earning him the admiration, respect and affection of his fellow firefighters as well as the Livingston community.

## LESLIE BOYKIN

In November 2003 Leslie Boykin, director of the City of Livingston Parks and Recreation Department, passed away after a courageous battle with cancer. Leslie's hard work and dedication to her work and the city were an inspiration to us all.

She became the City of Livingston's first Parks and Recreation Department director in June of 1997. Her responsibilities included four parks totaling almost 300 acres, a swimming pool, an airport, an historical homestead, cemetery and various municipal properties.

Leslie implemented numerous new programs for youth and adults, including the Summer Fun camp program and Christmas in the Park, for which she helped build many of the displays. Additionally, she supervised construction of a new softball complex, fishing pond and the Trade Days complex. Leslie coordinated with youth organizations to provide athletic fields for softball, baseball, soccer and basketball; solicited volunteers and funding from businesses and civic organizations for park improvement programs. Her weekly column in the *Polk County Enterprise* and the annual calendar of events helped inform the public of upcoming events in the area.



*Long-time members of Livingston's Fire Department, Pete Peebles and Roy Sanders*



*Santa, Leslie and "Mom"*



*Balloons released at Leslie Boykin's Memorial Service*

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