



City of Tyler Issue 3

Contact Us

For Questions Concerning:

- Leases on Lake Tyler, Registration on Lake Tyler East and Status of Lake Tyler Capital Projects
- Construction, Permitting and Inspections on Lake Tyler and Lake Tyler East
- Substandard Structures and All Other Issues Concerning Lake Tyler and Lake Tyler East
- Public Safety Concerns—Emergency
- Public Safety Concerns—Non-Emergency
- Fish and Game Concerns

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Protection of Water Quality

The City of Tyler, in an effort to maintain water quality in the Lake, is authorized to perform annual inspections of on-site sewage facilities (aerobic and septic systems), boathouse plumbing systems and insecticide misting systems on Lake Tyler properties, as well as water front properties on Lake Tyler East.



During the Summer of 2013, the City made a concerted effort to update our records of these facilities on Lake Tyler, as well as to verify mailing addresses of all residents. Although we received a great response, there are still many residents that have never responded.

Therefore, in the coming months, the City will be resending requests for updated information for those on Lake Tyler that have not responded. In addition, we will be updating our records and verifying mailing addresses for residents of waterfront properties on Lake Tyler East. Within the next 30 days, keep your eyes open for a letter from the City that will contain a form that you can complete and send back to Lisa Crossman by fax, mail or email.

The main goal of these inspections is to protect the water quality of our Lakes by ensuring that contaminants aren't entering the water through leaking boathouse plumbing or insecticide misting systems or through failing septic systems. The inspections are visual checks that the systems are working properly. Any problems noted will be brought to the residents' attention and the City will work with residents to correct the problem.

In addition, Lake Tyler residents are reminded that all construction, including tree removal, requires City of Tyler approval and a permit from the Development Services Department. Lake Tyler East residents require City approval and a permit for construction over the water and removal of trees from the 100-foot setback from the 378' elevation line.

Please contact Lisa Crossman by phone at (903) 531-1239 or by email at lcrossman@tylertexas.com if you have any questions.

Timber Management Update

Over the past 15 months, City staff, working with a forest management plan recommended by the Texas Forest Service, has been thinning several tracts around Lake Tyler and Lake Tyler East to promote a healthy forest, maximize City investment, and aid in fire, pest and disease prevention.

Find links to documents and forms, copies of this newsletter, and lots of other helpful information on the web.

We're on the Web!

- <http://www.cityoftyler.org/Departments/TylerWaterUtilities.aspx>
- <http://www.cityoftyler.org/Departments/DevelopmentServices.aspx>
- <http://www.cityoftyler.org/Departments/TylerWaterUtilities/Lakes/LakeTylerLakeTylerEast.aspx>

Timber Management Update (cont'd)

To date, Tyler has placed nearly 880 acres around the Lakes into the Forest Stewardship program that will ensure forest health and a reduction of fire hazards for years to come. Completed areas include Area 3 which is on CR 230 along the east side of Lake Tyler East, Area 5 which is located off of Big Oak bay Road on Lake Tyler East and Area 7 which is situated along both sides of the channel between the two lakes.

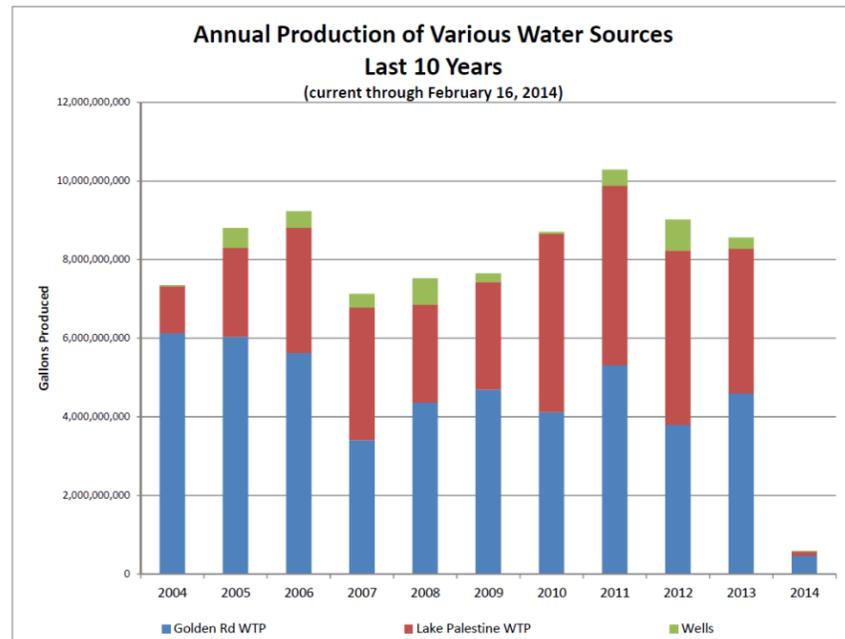
Currently, there is a thinning operation occurring on Area 1, which encompasses the north end of Lake Tyler. Activity is expected to be wrapped up by the first of March for this area. No other activities are on-going or scheduled at this time. The program will be continued until all suitable tracts of land are under management. The City is working with its forester to make application for, and receive, tree farm status on these tracts.

Don't Forget...

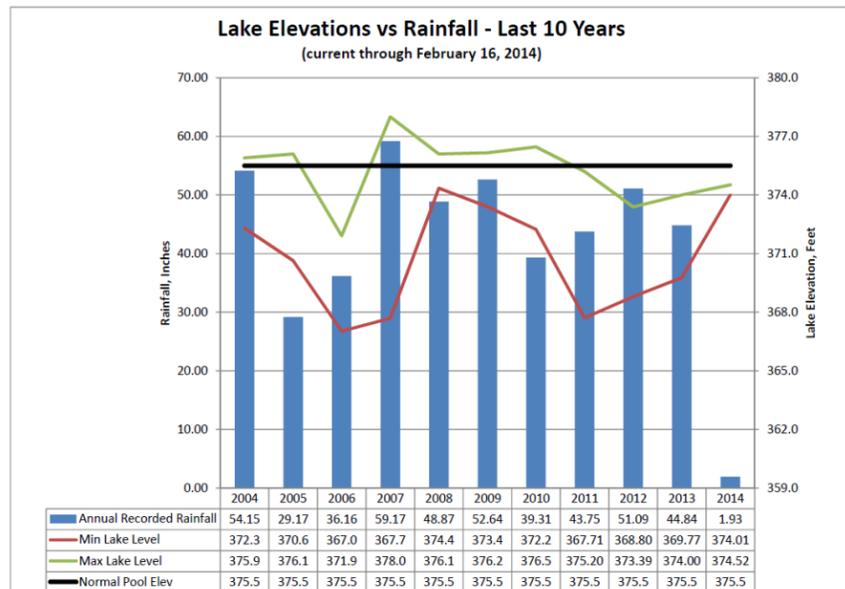
Contact the Smith County Sherriff's Office at 903-566-6600 for complaints about noise or other non-emergency issues.

Operational Data for Lake Tyler / Lake Tyler East

Presented at right are the annual water production figures showing the amounts produced through Feb. 16, 2014 by the Golden Road Water Treatment Plant (Lake Tyler/Lake Tyler East), Lake Palestine Water Treatment Plant (Lake Palestine) and the City's 11 water production wells over the past ten years.



Also presented at right is a graph that illustrates the annual high and low water elevations for Lake Tyler and Lake Tyler East as compared to the normal pool elevation of 375.5 feet. In addition, annual rainfall totals in inches are shown.



Rainfall data through Aug. 31, 2013 was measured at the Golden Road Water Treatment Plant. Rainfall data from Sept. 1, 2013 through the present is measured at the Lake Tyler Raw Water Pump Station.

City and State Boating Safety Rules

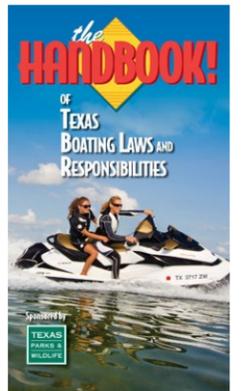
As the weather begins to warm up, we can expect more and more boat traffic on the Lakes. All boaters need to remember that City and State boating safety rules and regulations apply.

The City of Tyler has rules governing boats and boating in Chapter 19, Article VI, Division 2 of the City's Code of Ordinances. The Ordinances cover issues such as safe operation of boats, obstruction of ramps, toilets on boats, and abandoned vessels. A link to the Code of Ordinances can be found on the City's Lake Tyler / Lake Tyler East web page at www.cityoftyler.org/Departments/TylerWaterUtilities/Lakes/LakeTylerLakeTylerEast.aspx.

In addition, you can purchase a copy of the "Handbook for Texas Boating Safety Laws and Responsibilities" from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at www.boat-ed.com/texas/handbook/. The Handbook is available in versions for smart phones and eReaders for \$1.99. Web-based and pdf versions for your desktop are available at no charge.

Topics covered in the Handbook include:

- Vessel Basics
- Navigation Rules
- Nighttime Navigation
- Emergencies
- Personal Watercraft (PWCs)
- Boating Laws and Regulations
- Required Equipment
- Skiing
- And much more...



Updates on Repair Projects

Lake Tyler Dam Repair

Plans and specifications for the repair of the Lake Tyler Dam were originally submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Dam Safety Section for review in September 2013. Upon review, the TCEQ requested revisions to the plans and specifications and additional hydraulic computer modeling. Revised plans and specifications, along with the results of the computer modeling, were re-submitted to the TCEQ for second review on Dec. 16, 2013. Construction of the project cannot begin until approval is received from the TCEQ.

City staff can proceed with the pre-qualification of cutoff wall contractors and advertising the project for bids prior to receiving TCEQ's approval. Therefore, City staff is currently receiving submittals of Qualification packets from cutoff wall contractors until Feb. 25 and began advertising for bids on Feb. 18. Bids will be opened on

Tuesday, March 18. It is anticipated that the project will be complete in nine months, once it is underway.

Send your comments and suggestions to Lisa Crossman with Tyler Water Utilities by phone at (903) 531-1239 or by email to lcrossman@tylertexas.com

Miscellaneous Retaining Wall Repairs

Bids were received on Jan. 28, 2013 for the repair of the retaining walls at Hillcreek Recreation Area and Eastside No. 4 Recreation Area. The low bid was submitted by Knight Erosion Control, who is currently obtaining the insurance and bonds required by the construction contract. Construction is expected to begin by the end of March.