

City Info Highlights

A N U P D A T E F O R L O N G V I E W C I T I Z E N S

Budget Shortfall

The City of Longview is experiencing some of the same losses of revenue that are occurring throughout the country. The biggest immediate challenge for the City is the decline in our sales and use tax receipts. This will create a projected budget shortfall of about \$1.5 million this year unless we take other steps quickly. This trend will probably continue through 2009 and possibly into 2010.

Cost-saving Measures

The City Manager has already announced several measures to control and reduce spending, including no new merit step salary increases for employees, no cost-of-living salary increases for 2010, limiting travel, extending vehicle replacement cycles, and not filling vacancies in positions as they occur.

City Offices Closure Schedule

One additional cost savings effort that will begin this month will be employees taking one unpaid "furlough day" per month. Most office closures will occur on a Friday, but a few will be on alternate days. Please take note of the following closures:

City Hall and other offices

Friday, April 10
Friday, May 22
Friday, June 19
Thursday, July 2**
Friday, August 7
Friday, September 4
Monday, October 12
Wednesday, November 25
Thursday, December 24

Library*

Monday, April 13
Tuesday, May 26
Monday, June 22
Monday, July 6
Monday, August 10
Tuesday, September 8
Monday, October 12
Wednesday, November 25
Thursday, December 24

*Prosecuting Attorney's Office will be closed on Monday, April 13

**Offices will also be closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of the Independence Day holiday

Even though most City offices will be closed on these days, many City services will still be available 24/7: emergency and public safety services, the Library's book/video drop box, the City Hall drop box for utility payments, and online utility bill payments and recreation class registrations at www.mylongview.com. The CUBS transit center will be open on its regular schedule.

Any questions or comments about these closures can be directed to 442.5004.

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