

PSNA Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, May 7, 2013 – 7pm

Crowe's Nest Farm

10300 Taylor Lane Manor, TX

Refreshments and important information

Guest Speaker: Maura Phelan – Attorney At Law/long-time PSNA Member

“How to Protect Your Property Values”

Defending your neighborhood

Policing development

How to investigate possible violations

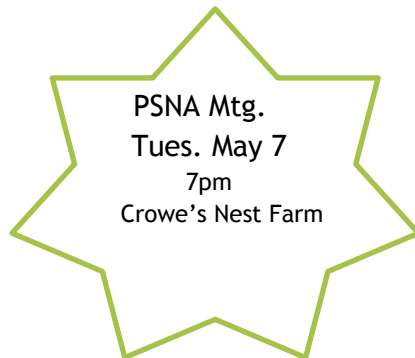


The PSNA Nominating Committee comprised of Dory West (chairperson), Joann Gunlock, Claud Bramblett and Carolyn Shinn will present the following slate of officers at the May 7 meeting:

President	-	John Williams
Vice President	-	Stacy DeLaurier
Secretary	-	Vicki McFarland
Treasurer	-	Rod Castilleja
Webmaster	-	Sharon Bramblett

Any member can also make a nomination for any office at the meeting.

Park Springs Neighborhood Association
P. O. Box 1008
Manor, Texas 78653



The purpose of Park Springs NA is to “improve and maintain the quality of life for residents and protect from environmental hazards within the boundaries of the association”. More information is available on the PSNA website – www.parkspringsna.org.

Saturday, May 11 Elections - **V O T E** – 7am-7pm

City Of Manor Candidates

Mayor: Rita Jonse

Council Member, Place 1: Christopher Harvey and Sherri Hooker

Council Member, Place 3: Ike Clark and David Cruz

Council Member, Place 5: Rebecca Davies and Franklin Grant Hutchinson IV



Manor ISD School Board Candidates

Candidates for two at-large positions are listed in the order they will appear on the ballot:

John A. Jonse

Matildy (Sam) Samaripa, Jr.

Elmer Fisher, Jr.

Allen J. Roberts

Mobile Voting – Mon. May 6

MISD Administration Building

9am – 5pm

Sat. May 11 Voting Locations: 7am-7pm

Precinct #105 – MISD Administration Building

Precinct #106 – Travis County Sheriff’s Office East

7811 Burseson Manor Road

Election Day Vote Centers are in effect for this election. You may vote at any polling place where you see a “Vote Here” sign.

Important Information:

PSNA Yearly Dues - \$20

for the fiscal year May, 2013 – April,2014

Please use the enclosed self-addressed envelope to pay your dues. Members who have already paid their 2013 dues will not receive an attached envelope.

Membership dues are used to pay for postage, refreshments, meeting facilities, web site and other expenses.



Manor City Council Proceedings – April 17, 2013 Meeting:

1. Beginning on May 1st, the City will implement water conservation by limiting watering to an odd/even address schedule. No automatic sprinklers or end-hose sprinklers from 10am – 7pm.
2. It was announced that the City has experienced a surge in residential permits for new home construction. 29 new single family residences were awarded paperwork to begin construction.
3. Contracts to remodel the current Lions Club building to become the “new” City Hall will be awarded soon. The architect for the project – BLGY will coordinate ground-breaking ceremonies. The date of the ceremony will be announced soon.
4. Public hearings concerning the approval of rezoning several tracts of land along Highway 290 have been postponed until May 1st and May 15th council meetings.
5. In a previous meeting, Council approved the use of Hotel Occupancy Funds to remodel the Chamberlain House into a Visitor’s Center/Chamber of Commerce office. Remodeling plans will be given to contractors who will compile rough cost estimates. Requests for proposals will then be distributed.

PSNA Boundaries are US 290 on the north, FM 973 on the west, FM 969 on the south, and the Travis-Bastrop county line on the east. Everyone is residing in this area is welcome to join. There is more information on our website - www.parkspringsna.org. **Our mailing address** is P.O. Box 1008 Manor, TX 78653.





“April showers bring May flowers”.

Important Dates to Remember:

Sun. May 12 - Mother's Day
Mon. May 27 – Memorial Day
Fri. June 14 – Flag Day
Sun. June 16 – Father's Day
Fri. June 21 – 1st day of summer
Thurs. July 4 – Independence Day

Next PSNA Meeting – Tues. Aug 6

Manor's Next Elementary School will be in Shadow Glen

Construction expected to begin in 2013

Manor ISD trustees have approved plans to construct a new elementary school to be located in Shadow Glen, on land already owned by the district. Architects have been working with stakeholders, including staff and community members, to formulate plans which meet the district's educational goals, environmental objectives, and to achieve energy efficiency. Capacity of the school is expected to be about 700 students at full capacity

After approval of the architect's plans, Manor ISD trustees expect to advertise bids for construction between October and December 2013. Construction would begin shortly thereafter. The board and administration expect the building could be completed by approximately March 2015. Full use of the building would begin with the beginning of school in fall of 2015. Funds for the construction, expected to cost approximately \$15.5 million are available from a bond issue already passed by district voters.

Manor ISD Superintendent Kevin Brackmeyer says “We are excited that plans are underway for the new elementary school and we look forward to collaborating with all stakeholders as we move forward with the construction process.”

By Abby Siedenstrang – MISD Communications Coordinator

Manor City Hall Construction to Begin Soon

Manor City Council has authorized City Manager Steve Shanks to execute a construction contract for the new City Hall project, including renovations to the former Lions Club building at the corner of Eggleston and Burnet, with an addition on the Lexington side for new City Council Chamber rooms.

Although initial bids from many contractors came in higher than expected, City Council worked with the City Manager to ‘tweak’ some design details so that the final contract price is close to the architect's estimate. Construction is expected to begin soon with ground breaking ceremonies to mark the beginning of the project. Drawings of the plans are still available on the city's website: <http://www.cityofmanor.org/capital-projects/>. The new facility will provide badly-needed space for city employees, who currently must work in very crowded, make-shift conditions.

Base contract for the City Hall project, as approved by City Council is \$1.542 million. In addition, the City plans to renovate the current City Hall building and Annex for Police Department headquarters. Construction funds for both projects will come from \$1.835 million certificates of obligation approved by the City Council in August, 2012.

Mayor Jeff Turner is excited about the prospect of a modern, efficient City Hall. He says “the city of Manor's new city hall, is just one more step in our commitment to economic development. As a city, we have never had more commercial permits taken. Next year our city's landscape will be full of new commercial and retail growth.”



Community Events:

Sat. May 4 – Manor Lions Club Garage Sale at Jennie Lane Park – 8am – 2pm. 10x10 booth space available for rent for \$10.

Call Dave at (512) 656-8011 schedule a booth. Cash, checks and credit cards accepted. Please bring your own table.

Every Wednesday – Manor Farmer's Market at Jennie Lane Park – 4pm – 7pm – meat, vegetables, hand-made products



Wal-Mart Construction Is Finally “About To Begin”

There are two related construction contracts: Wal-Mart’s contract for the building project and a Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) contract for road improvements at the 290/973 intersection plus a new “Ring Road” connecting the Wal-Mart parking lot to both Highway 290 and FM 973.

Originally, contractors had until April 4 to bid on Wal-Mart’s construction contracts, but due to changes in the foundation design, bidding was extended to April 17 (our press deadline). Normally it takes about 2 to 3 weeks for contractor’s bids to be evaluated and a formal contract signed. In perhaps 6-8 weeks, we will see the beginning of construction.

According to public websites, there were several bidders for the roadway construction, at least one of which was for an amount slightly less than the estimated cost.



As of mid-April, **McDonald’s construction permits were** “ready to go” and construction should start soon. Did you know that in 1955, Ray Kroc acquired a small family-owned BBQ restaurant in California called “McDonald’s” and used it as the model for the now world-known fast-food restaurant chain? He refused to install jukeboxes or pay phones to prevent diners from lingering in the restaurant.

Texas Wildflowers.....



Photo taken by Warren Capps April 13, 2013 near Fredericksburg, Texas

Did you know..... that the official Texas state flower is the Bluebonnet (*Lupin Texensis*). It became the state flower in 1901 and in 1971 all 6 species of Bluebonnets were given the status of “state flower”. The Texas Department of Transportation uses the flower extensively in its roadside beautification program as well as erosion control. It blooms from March – May and has a usual height of 12 inches. It makes its most impressive display during years of abundant winter rains.

The Indian Paintbrush (*Castilleja Indirsa Scrophulariaceae*) is native only to Texas and is a member of the Flywort family. It is widely believed that this flower feeds off the roots of grass. It is not the easiest plant to cultivate and prefers well drained soil in full sun. The seeds are very small requiring over 5 million seeds to make one pound. It blooms in ditches and pastures from March – May growing about 6-12 inches in height.