



PSNA Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, May 6, 2014 – 7pm

Crowe's Nest Farm

10300 Taylor Lane

Get the facts about the drought:

People are talking about the drought, but do they have the facts? A presentation about the drought from Tara Wells of the Lower Colorado River Authority will cover:

- Why this could be the worst drought we've ever seen;
- Why we're still in a drought despite significant flooding last year;
- How Central Texas is prone to drought and flood, and how the Highland Lakes help LCRA manage both;
- What LCRA is doing to manage our region's water supply through the drought; and
- Simple ways everyone can help.

Ms. Wells is interim manager of LCRA's communications department. Her professional experience includes nine years in various employee communications roles and three years as the senior communications specialist assigned to interpret and clearly communicate sensitive, complex and technical information related to LCRA's wholesale power business.

Get the lowdown on the new organic farm on Hog Eye Rd:

Many members asked about the new-fangled farm in our neighborhood on Hog Eye Rd. Lori Sellers and Sean Henry of Central Texas Specialty Growers will tell us all about it and talk about "How to Grow Organics". Lori has been a resident at Hog Eye and Biting School Road for 33 years. She has worked at Manor ISD and both sides of her family are farmers for many generations.

Get answers to questions about the Manor ISD bond proposal:

Dan Arrigona, Executive Director of Finance for Manor ISD will answer questions and explain how passage of the bond is not expected to increase the tax rate. (See more complete information about the bond issue on the separate attachment.)

Elect PSNA Officers for 2014-15

The nominating committee comprised of Joann Gunlock (chair), Sage Chandrasoma, Carolyn Shinn, Diane Toussaint and Tom West has nominated the following candidates:

- John Williams-President;
- Maura Phelan-Vice President;
- Vicki McFarland-Secretary;
- Rod Castilleja-Treasurer
- Sharon Bramblett-Webmaster.

Any member may make a nomination for any office from the floor at the meeting.

Two director positions to be appointed by the PSNA President are open for 2014-2015. Board meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month and last about an hour. If you would like to serve as a director, please contact any elected officer.





Saturday, May 10 Is Election Day

Saturday, May 10 is Election Day. Three Manor ISD School Board candidates will be elected at large (vote for up to three candidates) and voters will consider a proposed Manor ISD bond issue.

Within the City of Manor, three City Council members will be elected by place (vote for 1 candidate per place). PSNA recently distributed statements from all the candidates, which are available on the PSNA website www.parkspringsna.org and additional printed copies will be available at the PSNA meeting on May 6.

The Manor ISD Bond Election addresses growth, instructional program needs, safety and security, and facility repairs and improvements. Voters will be asked to consider one bond proposition totalling \$124.9 million. A fact sheet is included in this newsletter -see separate attachment.

PSNA does not endorse or support any candidate or proposal. We present the candidate statements and bond fact sheet so that members can make an informed choice.

Vote Centers are in effect for this election which means you may vote during early voting and on Election Day at any polling location in Travis County where you see a “Vote Here” sign.

The Manor ISD Administration Building will be a Vote Center during all days of early voting which is April 28 to May 6.

On Saturday, May 10, these locations will be open in our neighborhood:

Precinct # 105

Manor ISD Administration Building
10335 US Highway 290 East
Manor, Texas 78653

Precinct #106

Travis County Sheriff’s Office
7811 Burleson Road
Manor, Texas 78653



Don’t forget that a state law now requires voters to present a photo ID at the time of voting.

Manor Heritage Festival Set for May 16-17

The Manor Chamber of Commerce is finalizing plans for the 1st Annual Manor Heritage Festival to be held Friday-Saturday May 16 and 17 at the Manor ISD Athletic Complex located on FM 973 North. The new festival promises to be a fun event for the entire community with such events as a classic car show, a variety of vendors selling arts, crafts and food, a midway with games featuring booths sponsored by non-profit organizations, live music, an authentic 1870’s cowboy chuck wagon complete with cooking demonstrations and a carnival with such rides as Amazon zip line, space ship moon walk, airplane ride, kiddie Ferris wheel, bungee trampoline and the Screamin’ Demon. Call the Chamber office at (512) 272-5699 for more information.



May 16-17, 2014

Cowboy historian RK Wood will demonstrate 1870’s cooking methods at the Manor Heritage Festival on May 17.

PSNA Meetings for 2014:

1st Tuesdays at 7pm @ Crowe's Nest Farm

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

Tuesday, August 5, 2014

Tuesday, November 4, 2014

Important Dates To Remember:

Sun. May 11 - Mother's Day

Mon. May 26 – Memorial Day

Sat. June 14 – Flag Day

Sun. June 15 – Father's Day

Sat. June 21 – 1st Day of Summer

Fri. July 4 – Independence Day



School Board Approves ShadowGlen Elementary Construction Contract

So far, it's "on schedule and within budget" for the new ShadowGlen Elementary School. At their April 21 meeting, Manor ISD trustees approved negotiations to award a construction contract for Shadow Glen Elementary School to the top-ranked bidder - Joeris General Contractors. Joeris General Contractors submitted a proposal with a base price of \$18,113,000 which is approximately \$265,000 less than the previously awarded cost.

Rainey Lann, district Director of Facilities and Construction, announced at the meeting that he anticipated a 13 month construction schedule with a goal of substantial completion in June of 2015. This means teachers and students should have ample opportunity to move in and be ready for the opening of school in August, 2015.

City of Manor News

April 16, 2104 City Council meeting –

1. Manor citizen and long-time City Councilmember Maud Taylor was recognized for her years of service to her community. A proclamation was presented to members of her family. Ms. Taylor was born April 13, 1926 and passed away in 2011. She served on the Council for 27 years making her the longest-serving Council member. Ms. Taylor also served on other committees including 15 years on the Advisory Board of the East Rural Community Center. She has 8 living children and 4 children attended the ceremony.
2. A water foundation donated by the Manor Lions Club has been installed at Jenny Lane Park.
3. City of Manor Road crews repaired bad road conditions on Blake Manor Road near the FM 973 intersection. Approximately 400 square feet of asphalt mix was applied to fix hazardous road conditions. This repair work by the city follows repair work done by Travis County on Blake Manor to the southwest toward Blake Manor Elementary School.
4. In Police News, the Manor Police Department has moved its offices to the "brown building" on Lexington Avenue near the Bluebonnet Electric Offices. This re-location allows renovation of the old City Hall building at Burnet and Parsons into a new Police Station. Two new police officers have been hired and are now on duty. Chief Robert Snyder reports all vacancies are now filled. The Department conducted 866 calls during the month of March which is an increase from 845 calls made in March, 2013. This averages 27.9 police calls per day.
5. On first reading the Council voted to change zoning of the 'new' Lions Club building on Old Route 20. This will allow the club to rent the facility to outside groups for events.



The Manor Lions Club donated a water fountain to the City last month.

Recent Local Sales Tax Revenue Increases Dramatically

According to information from the Texas State Comptroller's Office, local Sales Tax revenue increased dramatically for the most recent month. The City of Manor's monthly receipts increased more than 79% from a year before to \$52,802.71. City Manager Steve Shanks told City Council this included about 10 days of revenue from the recently opened Wal-Mart store. According to the Comptroller's website, the Emergency Services District #12's most recent monthly receipts were \$57, 126.41 which reflects the increase in tax rate approved by voters last year.

Area Roadway News

- 1. US 290 resignalization and Gregg-Manor realignment** - Construction is underway and completion is several months away. Gregg-Manor Lane will be straightened to intersect with 290 at Riata Trail and **traffic lights on 290 will be relocated**. Upon completion, traffic will only be able to cross 290 or make left turns at Parmer Lane, Riata Trail (new Gregg-Manor), Lexington, Shadow Glen --- and FM 973. *There will no longer be a crossover or left turn at Murray St (the old school administration building)*. Lexington St. near the Bluebonnet Electric office building will be straightened.
- 2. Manor's downtown 4-way stop will become a traffic signal intersection soon** -Bases for the signal light poles and sidewalk changes are being constructed, and within a few months downtown Manor will no longer be able to claim it has no traffic light. PSNA has not been able to obtain an official expected opening date from TxDOT.
- 3. Planning is underway for a traffic light at Blake-Manor Rd. and FM 973** - PSNA has learned that TxDOT is planning a traffic light at the corner of Blake-Manor (Brenham St.) and FM 973 near the Wildhorse Creek subdivision. We have not been able to learn when construction might begin.
- 4. Manor Expressway 290 Toll Road will open on May 17** - The 6.2 mile project from US 183 to east of Parmer Lane began construction in 2010 and it replaces what had been a four-lane road with stoplights. There will now be a six-lane toll way with free frontage roads alongside. The toll charge to travel the entire distance, including using one of the toll flyovers at the west end will be \$2.12 for those vehicles that have a toll tag. Those who do not have a toll tag will receive a bill by mail for \$2.83.

Breaking News About Littig Rd. Concrete Batch Plant Application

PSNA has learned of an application by APAC-Texas to authorize construction of a Concrete Batch Plant to be located at 14201 Littig Road which appears to be the address of the Capital Aggregates facility (Wheeler-Iron horse) at the intersection of Littig Road, Old Kimbro Road and Old Route. 20. We hope to have further information at our meeting on May 6. For further information you may call APAC-Texas or call Ms. Shana Swain, Environmental Health and Safety Representative at 512-848-3252.



Community Events:

- Sat. May 3 – Manor United Methodist Church Garage Sale - 8am to 2 pm
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Every Wednesday - Manor Farmers' Market – from 4-7pm at Jenny Lane Park.
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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 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.

