



#### February, 2016 Newsletter

## Joint Primary Election set for Tues. March 2

A joint primary election comprised of Democratic and Republican candidates will be held on Tuesday, March 2. Positions include Presidential nominees, US Representatives, Rail Road Commissioner, Supreme Court, State Board of Education, State Representatives, District Attorney and Sheriff. Democratic and Republican candidates who win their respective races on March 2 will face off in the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 8.

Of particular interest to the Manor area will be the selection of County Commissioner Precinct 1 which has been held by Commissioner Ron Davis for the past 18 years.

Four Democratic candidates have entered the contest and they include Richard Franklin, age 59 who runs the nonprofit Youth Unlimited, James Nortey, age 29 who is a graduate of Harvard Law School, Arthur Sampson, age 65 who is a City of Austin employee and Jeff Travillion, age 52 who is a City of Austin employee. The winner of the Democratic primary will face the sole Republican candidate Pat McCord on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

It should be noted that 3 of the 4 candidates made a presentation at the February 2<sup>nd</sup> PSNA meeting. Attending the meeting were candidates Richard Franklin, Arthur Sampson, and Jeff Travillion.

## Early Voting – Tuesday, February 16 – Friday, February 26



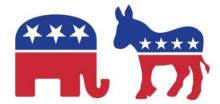
Monday – Saturday from 7am to 7pm and on Sunday – Noon to 6pm

Early voting will be held at the Manor ISD Administration Building

10335 US Highway 290 East

Mobile Voting - Wed. Feb 17 - 9am - 11am

at East Rural Center on Carrie Manor St.





### **City of Manor News**

### January 6, 2016 meeting:

1. Howard Anderson, a representative from the Cemetery Association presented information about the City of Manor cemetery. The City owns the cemetery but the Association has been responsible for burial arrangements for many years. In the near future, the Association would

like to transfer all aspects of the cemetery to the City. There are headstones dating back to 1871. Records show there are approximately 1,200 graves with 500 open burial plots. The City owns a 9 acre plot to the east and Dwyer Realty owns the right of way on the opposite side. There is a possibility that the cemetery may not be enlarged due to residential development, the City's Water treatment plant and a flood plain area that are in close proximity to the cemetery. The Council reviewed two proposals that were prepared by Acutex Surveying. It was noted there are very few businesses in operation today that do this kind of work. The options include Phase 1 which would survey the property to establish boundaries at a cost of \$2,850. Phase Two would survey all of the burial plots to determine an accurate count of burial sites at a cost of \$17,600. Approximately 40 tombstones have fallen and it was recommended that the larger headstones be repaired first since the cost is \$200 per headstone no matter the size. In repairing headstones, the base is cleaned and then raised and concrete is poured under the base. The headstone is then affixed to the base. The Council voted to approve Phase 1. It was noted that Hotel Occupancy Tax funds could be used to pay for this project due to the historical nature of the headstones.

### January 20, 2016 Meeting

1. December 2015 Building permits issued:	12	(32 for Dec, 2014)
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December 2015 Building inspections: 412 (342) December, 2015 Certificates of occupancy: 44 (38)

2. Manor Police Department calls: 701 - 22.6 calls per day (784)

The council voted to purchase five Brazos Technology Ticket Writers at a cost of \$33,000 to assist officers. 28 states current use the ticket writers. A percentage of tickets written over the past few years have been deposited into a Court Technology Fund which will be used to purchase the ticket writers. They are compatible with the Department's current system.

- 3. Estimated population: 8,146 residents in Manor and 2,472 residents in Shadow Glen
- 4. \$61,497 sales tax collected for purchases made in October, 2015.
- 5. Raul Hernandez was appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission.



# What's Going On In Manor





Lagos Elementary School located on FM 973

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Capital Wright Distributing located on Highway 290 East

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## **Important Dates to Remember**

Wed. Feb 10	Ash Wednesday
Sun. Feb 14	Valentines' Day
Mon. Feb 15	President's Day
Wed. Feb 24	Flag Day

Sun. March 13 Daylight Saving Time begins

Thurs. March 17 St Patrick's Day

Sun. March 20 Fri. March 25 Sun. March 27 Tues. May 3 Sun. May 8 First day of Spring Good Friday Easter PSNA Meeting at 7pm Mother's Day

The purpose of Park Springs NA is to "improve and maintain the quality of life for resident and protect from environmental hazards within the boundaries of the association". More information is available on the PSNA website —www.parkspringsna.org. Send us an email at parkspringsna@ymail.com.

**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. Dues are \$20 per year. There is more information on our website - <u>www.parkspringsna.org</u>. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 1008 Manor, TX 78653.