

PSNA Quarterly Meeting
Tuesday, February 4, 2014
7 pm
Crowe's Nest Farm
10900 Taylor Lane
Manor, Texas



Greg Pearson and Anna

Guest Speakers: Greg Pearson and Steve Oleson

Topic: "The Art of Falconry: Hunting with Hawks and Falcons"

About the Guest Speakers:

Greg, a PSNA member, and Steve are respectively President and Vice-President of the Texas Hawking Association, one of the largest hawking associations in North America.

Both have falconry licenses and permits from the US and the state of Texas. They will bring birds – including a Peregrine Falcon and a Harris's Hawk – and explain the ancient art of falconry which is still practiced around the world today.

This is an opportunity for us to see first-hand the differences between hawks and falcons, and learn about how an ancient sport continues today.

Special Election Run-Off for State House District 50

A November 5, 2013 election pitted several candidates against each other to replace Representative Mark Strama (D-Austin) who resigned last fall to take a job in the private sector. House District 50 includes parts of Austin, Pflugerville, Manor, Elgin and Round Rock. The winner of the election would have served out Strama's term which ends in January, 2015. If no one received a majority of the vote, the top two vote-getters would race each other in a run-off.

Democratic candidate Celia Israel and Republican Mike Van De Walle were the two top vote-getters in the November 5, 2013 election and are now facing each other in a special election runoff to be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2014. You can vote in the special run-off even if you did not vote in the November 5 election.

Travis County voters can vote at any polling place during election hours which are 7am – 7pm. Don't forget that a state law now requires voters to present a photo ID at the time of voting.

Let your voice be heard – VOTE



School Board Filing Dates Announced

Applications for a place on the Manor ISD Board of Trustees regular election ballot may be filed between January 29th to February 28, 2014 between the hours of 8a.m. to 5p.m. at the district's Administration Building located at 10355 Highway 290 East.

The school board has seven members who are responsible for adopting policy, employing and evaluating the superintendent, approving the budget and setting the tax rate. Meetings are typically held on the third Monday of each month and begin at 6:30 p.m. Other meeting dates may be added or changed as necessary.

Each member is elected at-large and serves staggered three-year terms. Positions currently held by Allen Ambuhl, Desiree Cornelius-Fisher, and Melinda Fiebig are up for election. Manor ISD includes 11 campuses that serve more than 8,500 students in grades Pre K- 12.

The election will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2013.

Travis County to increase fees at County-owned Parks

Travis County Commissioners voted on Tuesday, January 15, 2014 increase fees at county-owned parks and other facilities including East Metro Park, Hamilton Pool Preserve, Hippie Hollow Park, Mary Quinlan Park, Del Valle Park, Richard Moya Park, Southeast Metro Park, Northeast Metro Park, Barkley Meadows Park and Webberville Parks. This is the first time fees have been increased since 2009 but are necessary to off-set the costs of increased staffing and law enforcement costs. The increases will begin on March 1.

Of particular interest to PSNA members, fee increases for East Metro Park located on Blake Manor Road affect several features of the park. Basketball shelter rentals will increase from \$75 to \$100 per day while rentals of the community pavilion center will increase from \$35 per hour with a 2-hour minimum to \$50 per hour with a 4-hour minimum or from \$300 to \$400 per day for groups. Weekend use of basic soccer/multi-use athletic fields will increase from \$5 to \$10 per hour.

Precinct One Commissioner Ron Davis voted against the price increases.

Local Road Construction Updates

Realignment of Greg-Manor Rd. is scheduled to begin soon. The new road will go from the Manor ISD school complex to intersect US 290 at Riata Ford. Resignalization and intersection changes on US 290 will occur as part of this project. There will be new traffic signals at Greg-Manor Road (Riata Ford) and Lexington Street (McDonalds). The current crossover and traffic signal at Murray Ave (the old Manor ISD administration building) will be eliminated. The curve of Lexington St. (near the Bluebonnet Electric Co-op office) will be straightened.

The long-delayed installation of a signal light at the 4-way stop in downtown Manor is scheduled to begin in late February, according to the Texas Department of Transportation. It will replace the 4-way stop signs.

Construction has begun on a new road running east-west from FM 973 to Taylor Lane, just south of Gilleland Creek at FM 973. The road will be called Braker Lane, and is part of the planned Whisper Valley development.



PSNA Meetings for 2013:

- 1st Tuesdays at 7pm @ Crowe's Nest Farm
- Tuesday, February 4, 2014
- Tuesday, May 6, 2014
- Tuesday, August 5, 2014
- Tuesday, November 4, 2014



Other Important Dates To Remember:

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| Fri. Feb 14 - Valentine's Day | Fri. April 18 - Good Friday |
| Mon. Feb 17 - President's Day | Sun. April 20 - Easter |
| Tues. March 4 - Primary Election Day | Sun. May 11 - Mother's Day |
| Wed. March 5 - Ash Wednesday | Mon. May 26 - Memorial Day |
| March 10 - 14 - MISD Spring Break | Sat. June 14 - Flag Day |
| Thurs. March 20 - 1 st day of Spring | Sun. June 15 - Father's Day |

City of Manor News

January 15, 2104 City Council meeting –

1. Wal-Mart store manager Michael Lopez announced the Manor store will open on February 19, 2014.
2. Manor's estimated population based upon water meter installations – 6,910 in 2013 vs. 6,078 population in 2012.
3. Manor Police Department - Dec. 2013 calls – 715 vs. 663 calls in Dec.2012. A total of 9,080 calls were received in 2013 with 5,897 considered “high priority” calls which include collisions, family violence and death.
4. 16 new home permits were issued in Dec. 2013. Site plans for O'Reily Auto Parts to be located on Highway 290 East and Capital Beverage to be located on FM 973 north of Highway 290 East has been submitted to the City for review. Walgreens to be located on Highway 290 East near Lexington Street is “still communicating” with the City about their site plans. Rain has delayed the construction of the medical center at the entryway to the Shadow Glen subdivision but construction has resumed.
5. Council members voted to authorize the City Manager to begin the process to remodel the Eppright-Chamberlain house for a Visitor's Center using Hotel Occupancy Tax funds.

Community Events:

The Manor Gardeners will host an antique rose propagation workshop on Saturday, February 8th at 10:30 am in the Shadow Glen amenity center. Come to learn this easy propagation method and to get information on growing drought tolerant antique roses.



The Manor Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the 1st Annual Heritage Fest on May 16-17, 2014 at the Manor ISD Athletic Complex located on North FM973. The festival will include a carnival, midway for the kids, **vendors, live music** and a car show. *More details to come in next month's issue.*

Manor Farmers' Market – every Wednesday from 4-6pm at Jenny Lane Park.

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.

PSNA Officers are President - John Williams Vice President - Stacy DeLaurier
Treasurer - Rod Castilleja Secretary - Vicki McFarland Webmaster - Sharon Bramblett
Director - Maura Phelan Past President - Tom West

