

PSNA Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

7 pm

Crowe's Nest Farm

10900 Taylor Lane

Guest Speaker: Kevin Brackmeyer

Manor ISD Superintendent of Schools

About the Guest Speaker: Mr. Brackmeyer was born and raised in Harlingen, TX and attended Southwest State University in San Marcos, Texas where he received a bachelor's degree in psychology. He began his educational career as a teacher at Harlingen High School South in 1989 and taught there for 5 years. He earned his master's degree in educational administration from the University of Texas at Brownsville. His first administrative position was as a middle school assistant principal. He would later assume the principalship at that school.

In 2008, Brackmeyer and his family, which consists of his wife Cindy and sons William (age 10) and Brent (age 7), moved to Austin where he worked for Austin ISD as an executive principal for the office of middle schools.

In 2009, Brackmeyer was selected as the principal at Manor High School. During his tenure, the campus had improved academic achievements that resulted in MHS being "academically acceptable" for the first time in 4 years. Also during his tenure, MHS experienced significant increases in graduation rates, an increase in the number of college-bound students as well as increased scholarship awards.

On June 18, 2012, the Manor ISD Board of Trustees named Brackmeyer as the interim superintendent prior to naming him the lone finalist on December 18, 2012. His appointment as superintendent was finalized on January 10, 2013.

Thank You to Manor ISD for providing this background material.

California Company Purchases 758 Acres in Shadow Glen

Dwyer Realty Continues To Be Involved

In January, 2013, the SunCal Company purchased 758 partially developed acres in Shadow Glen master-planned community in Manor for \$15million. SunCal is one of the largest US privately held land development companies and is based in Irvine, CA. The purchase comprised the remaining developed single-family lots and undeveloped land in Shadow Glen. When completed, the community will have 3,000 home sites.

According to Pete Dwyer, President of Dwyer Realty, "SunCal has retained Dwyer Realty to continue project management, to provide a seamless transition over the next several years. Cottonwood Holdings, Ltd., the original Dwyer partnership that developed Shadow Glen, retains and still owns all of the commercial, non-residential and multi-family land in the Shadow Glen master plan."

Founded over 75 years ago, over the past 15 years, SunCal has acquired projects containing more than 150,000 residential lots, substantial commercial property and community amenities.

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.

School Board Filing Dates Announced

Applications for a place on the Manor ISD Board of Trustees regular election ballot may be filed between January 30th to March 1st 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 John Jonse and Matildy Samaripa are up for election. The election will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2013.

Manor ISD includes 11 campuses that serve 6,932 students in grades Pre K- 12.



McDonalds Is Coming To Town



McDonalds has filed the paperwork to build a store on the northeast corner of Lexington Ave and US 290. Members of the Manor City Council were advised at the January 16, 2013 City Council Meeting that extensive site preparation (earth moving) is needed, which may take until June 1 to complete. Construction will begin once the site work is completed.

Multi-family Housing Unit Proposed near Wildhorse; Many Neighbors Object

Many residents of Wildhorse subdivision spoke at the Manor Council meeting on January 16 to oppose a proposed low-income housing application submitted to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

According to a letter received by city council members, “Cottages at Wildhorse” would be an 80-unit development at the southwest corner of FM 973 and Murchison (one block south of Dollar General), with 100% of the units for low-income tenants.

City Manager Steve Shanks and Mayor Jeff Turner emphasized that the city had not solicited or encouraged the application. The Texas Department of Housing and Community must hold a public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed development. Turner and Shanks emphasized that residents should speak up and be heard at the hearing, which has not yet been scheduled.

The Auto Zone Store is Open

Auto Zone is Open! It’s at 10633 Highway 290 - just west of Riata Ford.

Hours of operation:

7:30AM - 9 PM daily, except Sunday when it opens at 8 AM.

278-4506

Daylight Savings Starts – Sunday, March 10 – “Spring Forward” One Hour

Seismic Booms Heard on Austin Energy’s 2,800 acres of Land

Please Note: Below is an exchange between Sharon Bramblett, a long-time PSNA member who resides on Burleson-Manor Rd. and the City of Austin regarding several presumed seismic booms Sharon heard that seemed to come from Austin Energy land on Nov. 12, 2012. The seven to eight booms seemed to “walk” from north to south over a period of 4-6 hours. Sharon first spoke with the dispatcher at Travis County Sheriff’s Office, who said she had no information on the source. Sharon’s neighbor confirmed with Sharon about hearing the booms on Nov. 12 and 13, 2012 then a few more booms were heard about a week later.

To: acap@austintexas.gov

From: Sharon S Bramblett

Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2012 9:50 PM

Subject: Re: City of Austin: Citizen Response. Citizen name: Sharon Bramblett

On Nov 13, I requested information on the purpose of the seismic tests being carried out on the 2,800 acre Austin Energy property north of Webberville's solar facility. Our farm is adjacent to this AE property. Today we heard more seismic tests. I hope your staff will respond to me soon. Specifically I want to know for what project is the land to be used.

Thanks for your prompt reply,
Sharon Bramblett

Citizen Assistance Form

CAF #6026 – AE Email Response

December 5, 2012

Dear Ms. Bramblett,

Thank you for your email to City Manager’s office regarding your City of Austin Utilities account. On behalf of the City Manager, please allow me to respond.

We always appreciate customers taking the time to contact us with their requests and providing us the opportunity to continue to make ongoing improvements to better serve City of Austin citizens.

We received your inquiry about some “seismic booms” that you have been experiencing in your area. After researching your inquiry and contacting the location in your area, Austin Energy (AE) could not find any information about any type of activity that AE was involved with that could have resulted in any type of ”seismic boom” disturbances. Austin Energy is not conducting any blasting in the area and AE is not aware if any type activity in the vicinity.

We apologize that we were not able to locate where the noise disturbance was originating from; we have not had any other reports of this type of activity or disturbances in the area.

We are committed to helping to try to resolve your concerns. If this type of disturbance continues or you have additional questions, Sonny Poole with Austin Energy’s Public Involvement & Real Estate Services can be contacted directly at (512) 322-6442 or by email at sonny.poole@austinenergy.com. He will be happy to visit with you at your convenience.

Thank you again for contacting the City of Austin.

Nikkii Abbott
Customer Solutions Coordinator
Austin Energy

PSNA Meetings for 2013:

1st Tuesdays at 7pm

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Tuesday, August 6, 2013

Tuesday, October 1, 2013 (NNO)



Other Important Dates To Remember:

Mon. Jan 21 - MLK Day

Wed. Feb 6 - Ash Wednesday

Thurs. Feb 14 - Valentine’s Day

Mon. Feb 18 - President’s Day

March 11 – 15 - MISD Spring Break

Wed. March 20 - 1st day of Spring

Fri. March 29 - Good Friday

Sun. March 31 - Easter

Sun. May 12 - Mother’s Day

Fri. June 14 - Flag Day

Sun. June 16 – Father’s Day

PSNA is now using a new print format to send quarterly newsletters via email.

We appreciate your support in receiving newsletters via email to save postage and printing costs in addition to volunteer time required to prepare the mail-out. You can still receive a hard copy newsletter by calling Vicki McFarland, Newsletter Editor at (512) 914-7571. Please let us know if you change your email address – send an email to parkspringsna@ymail.com. Newsletter articles are written by John Williams and Vicki McFarland and do not represent views expressed or endorsed by PSNA.

Austin Energy Substation Construction To Begin Near Taylor Lane

As previously reported, Austin Energy is building a 20-acre substation with an entrance to Taylor Lane just south of where the high voltage transmission lines cross the road.

Transmission construction	- October, 2012
Concrete deliveries	- mid December, 2012 – March, 2013
Steel control house erection	- January, 2013
Delivery of 345 kV breakers	- mid January, 2013
Gravel delivery	- February – May, 2013
Delivery of steel	- February, 2013
Delivery of Autotransformer	- early April, 2013
Energization of 345 kV bus	- early May, 2013
Energization of Autotransformer & 138 kV bus	- early June, 2013

If you encounter any problems with the construction - contact Austin Energy: Dorothy Kester or Jim Randig at 505-7041.

Tolls Now Charged On “Manor Expressway”

You can't miss all of the road construction as you travel into Austin on Highway 290 and you can't miss paying a toll charge if you drive on the first section of Central Texas' sixth tollway – the Manor Expressway being built on the U.S. Highway 290 East corridor.

Toll charges started on January 5, 2013 for the initial 1.5 miles of tollway in addition to the four flyovers connecting the road to U.S. Highway 183. The roadway had been free since November as part of an introductory promotion. Driving on the tollway will cost vehicles with an electronic toll tag 50cents vs. 67 cents for those drivers who have no electronic toll tag affixed to their windshield and therefore must pay by mail. Driving on a flyover will cost an additional 50cents. There are no toll booths to collect cash payments.

Construction continues east of the new section that will contain a six-lane tollway with six frontage road Lanes, which will eventually extend 6.2 miles from U.S. Highway 183 to east of Parmer Lane with construction costs of \$426 million. The road's operator – the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority proposes that construction will be complete in 2014.

Other Information About New Businesses Coming To Town

CVS Pharmacy to open in 2014. Members of the Manor City Council were told that CVS wanted to wait and open their store after the US 290 improvement construction project was completed in 2014. The site is near Auto Zone.

Ramos Restaurant plans a 'Sports Bar' in the former 'Chop Shop' location next to their popular restaurant.

City Council gave its approval, with the condition there be no gaming machines or activity allowed. Mr. Ramos told the Council he planned a 'family-friendly sports bar', including possibly a pool table, with potentially special activities such as Karaoke and live music. He assured Council he wanted a facility that would be family-friendly and complement the downtown area.

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.

