



January, 2016 Newsletter

The next PSNA meeting is...

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

TerrAdorna Event Center – 10900 Hibbs Lane at 7pm

Important Agenda Topics:

- Update on new asphalt plant proposed for Old US Hwy 20 near Bell Farms
- Taylor Lane improvements from Blake Manor Road to future Braker Lane extension
- How to determine if your new neighbor applied for a septic permit when he built his house
- Candidates for Precinct 1 County Commissioner will make a 2 minute presentation

Guest Speaker: Malcolm Brown – new PSNA resident

Topic: “Lockwood Gardens”

From Malcolm:

After the passing of my wife of 52 years, I decided to move from our home in West Lake Hills. I had always enjoyed living in the country as we had done many years earlier at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, so I began a search east of Austin. My friend Santos Sanchez who I have known for thirty-one years, built a home on Hog Eye Road.

I went online to see if there was any property for sale near his place. Luckily, I found this beautiful property at Lockwood Road owned by John and Greg and decided to purchase in June, 2015.

As a botanist interested in gardening and landscape architecture, I found this place ideally suited for developing extensive wildflower fields and multiple gardens.

Now, six months later, much progress has been made. I will summarize my plans to make Lockwood Gardens into beautiful gardens and review the progress to date.

Members of PSNA are invited to visit Lockwood Gardens this spring when newly planted wildflowers will be in their first year of bloom.



Refreshments

Important Information

Come meet your neighbors



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December 2, 2015 meeting

1. A presentation was made concerning trends in today's real estate market in Shadow Glen. Three-fourths of the homes in the subdivision are over \$200,000 with twenty nine percent of the residents are over the age of 40 and are empty nesters. Ten years ago, construction plans were geared to young families.

However, today's home buyers are willing to pay more for homes that meet their needs on smaller lots. This means that house designs such as more windows using double pane glass and higher ceilings will need to change to meet the needs of empty nesters/single adults.

2. Frank Phelan representing Jay Engineering presented a draft of a five year Capital Improvement Plan with proposed water, wastewater and street projects. Phelan mentioned a possible partnership with Manville and Blue Water to help meet the waste water needs for the area. Planned projects include a Blake Manor water line, FM 973 near Wal-Mart/Highway 290 waterline, and Old Kimbro and Greg Lane to Tower Road waterline. Two high priority projects include additional Wilbarger capacity and a Wildhorse Creek lift station to be constructed in 2017.

December 16, 2015 Meeting

1. November 2015 Building permits issued: 36 (11 for November, 2014)
November 2015 Building inspections: 485 (301)
November, 2015 Certificates of occupancy: 16 (24)
2. Manor Police Department calls: 904 (614)
3. Estimated population: 8,146 residents in Manor and 2,472 in Shadow Glen
4. \$86,757 sales tax collected.
5. Waived \$635 in building and inspection fees for Emergency Services District #12 for remodeling the Manor Fire Station located on Parsons Street.
6. Denied a request on a sign waiver for Advance Auto Parts. The current allotment is 108 square feet and they requested a waiver for a 176 square foot signage.



The Times Square New Year's Eve ball drop came about because of a ban on fireworks. The first ball in 1907 was 700 pounds and was lit with 100 25-watt lights. Today, it is covered in 2,688 crystals, is lit by 32,000 LED lights, weighs 11,875 pounds and is 12 feet in diameter.



Thank you to those PSNA members who have paid your 2015 PSNA membership dues.

Membership dues are \$20 per year and are used to pay for postage, refreshments, meeting facilities, web site hosting and other expenses. If you have not done so already, please mail your dues to:

PSNA Box 1008 Manor, Texas 78653

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.

2016 is a Leap Year – Do you know what that means?

There has not been a leap year since 2012. A leap year comes every four years and has 366 days instead of the usual 365 days that an ordinary year has. That extra day is called a "leap day". The leap day is added to the shortest month of the year. Therefore, Feb. 29 is a Leap Day.

Every four years a leap day is added to the calendar to allow it to catch up to the solar year. A solar year is the time it takes the earth to complete its orbit around the sun which happens about one year. If you ever forget when the last leap year was, you can also follow the rule that most years that can be divided evenly by four. For example, 2016 can be divided evenly by 4 = 504 times.

The chances of a baby being born on leap day is about 1 in 1,500. If you are born on a leap day, you can celebrate your birthday either on Feb. 28 or March 1. Most states, however, consider March 1 as the official birthday for those born on Feb. 29. For driver licenses, the Michigan Vehicle Code states that people born on Feb. 29 "are deemed to have been born on March 1."

A person who is born on Feb. 29 may be called a "leapling" or a "leap-year baby." There are about 187,000 people in the United States and 4 million people in the world who were born on Leap Day.

Important Dates to Remember:

Mon. Jan 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Sun. March 20	First day of Spring
Tues. Feb 2	PSNA Meeting at 7pm at TerrAdorna	Fri. March 25	Good Friday
Wed. Feb 10	Ash Wednesday	Sun. March 27	Easter
Sun. Feb 14	Valentines' Day	Tues. May 3	PSNA Meeting at 7pm
Mon. Feb 15	President's Day	Sun. May 8	Mother's Day
Wed. Feb 24	Flag Day		
Sun. March 13	Daylight Savings Time begins		
Thurs. March 17	St Patrick's Day		

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.



What's Going On in Manor?



Construction as of January 4, 2016 on the store located adjacent to the Auto Zone at 12305 Eintrage Drive. The owners have applied for a beer and wine license under the business name "290 Xpress".



Infrastructure work has started on the Las Entradas North property on Highway 290 East.



Sitetwork as of January 4, 2016 on the Advanced Auto store located on Highway 290. Panda Express which opened in late November is in the background. Advanced Auto requested a waiver to have a larger sign installed but their request was denied by the Manor City Council. (see page 2)



Something to think about as we start a new year:

Change starts with **You** –but it doesn't start until **YOU** do.