



January, 2017 Newsletter

## **The next PSNA meeting is...**

**Tuesday, February 7, 2017**

**TerrAdorna Event Center – 10900 Hibbs Lane at 7pm**

### **Guest Speaker: Bethany Hebbard – Community First! Village**

Community First! Village is a 27-acre master planned community which is a missionary of the Austin non-profit Mobile Loaves and Fishes. It is located south of the Travis County Expo Center at 9301 Hogeye Road.

The Village provides affordable, permanent housing and a supportive community for disabled and chronically homeless in Central Texas.

The goal of the community is to lift up homeless people off the streets and provide them shelter and the opportunity to revitalize their lives. Housing options include 120 micro houses, 100 RVs and 20 canvas-sided cottages. The site includes a chapel, kitchen, chicken coop, garden, beehives, and a medical facility.

**About the Guest Speaker:** Bethany Hebbard lives and works at the Community First! Village with her husband Steven. She runs the Village's on-site inn and retreat center and she and Steven develop many of the Village's educational programs. Bethany received her PhD in English Literature in 2012 from Baylor University.

### **Other items on the agenda:**

- \*\* Learn about planned development and new businesses coming to Manor
- \*\* Get updates on Manor ISD campuses

**Refreshments and come visit with your neighbors at the Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.**



Photo from Mobile Loaves and Fishes – Micro House

## City of Manor News

### December 7, 2016 meeting



1. The Council elected Gene Kruppa to serve a one-year term as Mayor Pro Tem.
2. Danny Burnett representing Dwyer Realty presented information about the Las Entradas Development.

### December 21, 2016 Meeting

1. Manor Police Chief Ryan Phipps recognized members of the Manor Police Department. The Unit Citation Award that recognizes the patrol shift that produces the highest number of incident reports, arrests, traffic enforcement and DWI enforcement was presented to Officer Pettersen, Officer Stone, and to Sgt. Anderson. The Officer of the Year Award was presented to Officer Pettersen and the Police Department Employee of the Year and City of Manor Supervisor of the Year Award was presented to Sergeant Struble.
2. Departmental Reports:

November, 2016 Building permits issued:	12	(36 for Nov, 2015)
November, 2016 Building inspections:	688	(485)
November, 2016 Certificates of occupancy:	26	(16)

Manor Police Department October calls: 1,279 (42.6 calls per day) (956) (31.8 calls per day)  
Estimated population: 9,022 residents in Manor and 2,533 residents in Shadow Glen.  
\$107,153 sales tax collected in November, 2016 comparison to \$86,757 collected in November, 2015.
3. Approved an interlock agreement with Manor ISD for the design and construction of wastewater lines and lift station improvements to service the Manor Senior High School campus located on FM 973.
4. Conducted annexation and rezoning public hearings on the following properties: 55 acres of land on FM 973 which is proposed to be part of an IDEA Charter school. Annexed 0.61 acre on FM 973 to construct a small feed store. Rezoned four lots at the corner of Lexington and Brenham Street from single family residential to light commercial. Rezoned the old City Hall from Institutional District zoning to Downtown Business District zoning. Rezoned 9.9 acres of land between Riata Ford and the Manor Lions Club from Light Commercial to Single Family. The applicant has expressed an interest in building apartments in the future.
5. Barth Timmerman representing Greenview Development presented information about a Preliminary PUD site plan located at the southeast corner of FM 973 and Highway 290 East. If approved, it would be resubmitted as a Final PUD site plan. The 149 acres is between Wal-Mart and the Bell Farms subdivision. It includes approximately 369 single family homes with 145 single family homes on 40 foot lots and 224 single family homes on 50 foot lots, a 17 acre tract for apartments at 23 units per acre, 36 acres of commercial and approximately 22 acres of parkland for an 18 hole disc golf course, a pavilion/food truck court area, a dog park and a picnic area with grilling stations. Also part of the plan is to extend Ring Drive from Wal-Mart to the Bell Farms subdivision.



**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 - [www.parkspringsna.org](http://www.parkspringsna.org). Our mailing address is P.O. Box 1008 Manor, TX 78653

## New Year's Customs around the World



**Brazilians** throw white flowers or gifts into the ocean for vitality and strength.

**Chinese** homes are cleaned with a sweeping motion done towards the center of the home. This is to insure any fortunes left in the house are not swept out. Once all of the dirt is collected, it is discarded through the back door.

In a number of **Latin American** countries, people with a desire to travel will place empty suitcases by their front door.

Families in the **Philippines** place red fruit on their dining tables which represents coins.

People in **Spain** eat 12 grapes in the last 12 seconds of the year. Each grape is eaten as a way to signify good luck.

People in **Denmark** break plates to say good bye to the old year and to welcome the new year.

In **Japan**, a Buddhist tradition is to ring a bell 108 times which will bring cleanliness.

In **Bolivia**, families will bake coins into cakes that are to be eaten on New Year's Eve. The person that finds the coin in their cake will be blessed with good luck throughout the year.

In the small **Peruvian** village of **Chumblivilcas**, people have fist fights on December 25 as a way to settle their differences. This allows them to start the new year with a clean slate as they have left their frustration or anger out about certain issues.

Single women in **Belarus** sit in a circle with a pile of corn in front of them. A rooster is placed in the center of the circle and the woman whose grain the rooster picks at will be the first of the group to be married.

Eating black eyed peas in the **South** for good luck and prosperity is a tradition that dates back to the Civil War. At first, the peas was planted as food for livestock and later as a food staple for slaves. The fields of the peas were ignored as Northern troops destroyed other crops thereby giving black eyed peas a major food source for Confederates. Other Southern traditions include eating corn bread which represents gold. For the best chance of

luck every day in the year ahead, one must eat at least 365 black-eyed peas on New Year's Day.



### PSNA Meetings for 2017:

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

at 7pm – TerrAdorna Event  
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