



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

**Tuesday, August 4 at 7pm at TerrAdorna Event Center** – 10900 Hibbs Lane (We moved from Crowe's Nest Farm to this location at the February PSNA meeting)

Guest Speaker: James Govea – Residential Project Manager - Texas Solar Power Company. located at 6448 East Highway 290. Austin, TX. 78723

**Find out about solar federal tax credits**..... How does Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative reward its solar customers? What is a kilowatt? How many do I use in a month? How much does it cost me?

Does electricity produced by solar go to a grid or do I use my solar first and then get the rest from Bluebonnet? How efficient are solar panels? What is necessary for installation? What upkeep do I need to do?

Get the answers to these questions and other solar information and Manor area updates at the next PSNA meeting.

Refreshments Important information Come meet your neighbors



Thank You John Williams for your support of PSNA

Long-time PSNA member, community advocate and PSNA President John Williams and his partner Greg Pearson recently moved to Georgetown. We will miss them and the support they have given to the Manor area, but we wish them well in their new home.

John served for several terms as President of PSNA and was always willing to contact County officials when he felt it necessary. He spearheaded PSNA's successful efforts to stop the City of Austin from approving a regional garbage dump on land north of Webberville that was owned by the City of Austin. He monitored Travis County Commissioner meetings, attended Manor ISD School Board meetings and attended Manor City Council meetings.

In addition, John provided a "watchful eye" on Manor-area commercial and residential housing developments and reported and followed up on illegal construction activities.

But most important of all, he was interested in the well-being of the PSNA neighborhood and was a "great neighbor". He will be missed!!

Council members from left include Jeff Turner, Rebecca Davies, Mayor Pro Tem

Gil Burrell Mayor Rita Jonse, Sherri Hooker, Sharon Snowden and Eugene Kruppa.

City elections held on Saturday, May 9 resulted in the reelection of Mayor Rita Jonse, the reelection of Place 5 Council member Rebecca Davies and the election of Eugene Kruppa to Place 1. In an interesting twist, outgoing Council member Sherri Hooker was appointed to fill the Place 3 position left open when incumbent David Cruz did not run for reelection.

# Manor, Texas Named 7<sup>th</sup> Safest Town in Texas

Cities in Texas were recently ranked by assorted categories by the website Niche.com. The rankings provide an assessment of the overall safety of the town and takes into account key indicators of a location's safety - including a variety of violent and property crime data. The Niche database contained

records for 4,280 towns. Of the towns that met Niche's qualifications, they graded 1,827 cities and ranked 1,732.

The City of Manor was ranked #7 based upon the following information:

It should be noted that Taylor ranked #33,
Bastrop ranked #80 and Elgin ranked #97.
GREAT JOB
Manor Police Department!

**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 – <u>www.parkspringsna.org</u>. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 1008 Manor, TX 78653.



# New City Council Sworn In on June 3



#### City of Manor News May 5,2015 Meeting:

1. The council voted to waive the requirements of Ordinance 185, Article II, Section 20(m)iii which establishes the number of parking spaces. Several new businesses that are under construction are requesting more parking spaces than what the ordinance requires. As an example, Starbucks is only required to have 15 parking spaces, but they are requesting 25 spaces.

2. The council appointed Brian Winkler to fill the vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

#### May 20,2015 Meeting:

- 1. 53 construction permits were issued during April as compared to 46 permits issued in April, 2014.
- 2. The work-out equipment at Jennie Lane Park will be removed to make way for the installation of the new play scape. The Public Works Department will begin the installation on May 29.
- Based upon the number of water meters/home sites, Manor has an estimated population of 7,693. The council canvassed the returns of the May 9<sup>th</sup> election and declared as "final" the results for the Mayor's race, Places One and Five and the adoption of city ordinances.
- 4. Sales tax collection for February, 2015 was \$62,405.

#### June 17, 2015 Meeting:

- 1. 53 construction permits were issued in May, 2015 as compared to 80 issued in May, 2014.
- 2. Starbucks located near O'Reilly Auto Parts will start construction on July 9.
- 3. Three new water meters were set which results in an estimated population of 7,703 residents in Manor and 2,457 residents in Shadow Glen.
- 4. The Manor Police Department received 1,127 calls in May, 2015 in comparison to 943 calls received in May, 2014. The Department is averaging 36 calls per day.
- 5. Sales tax revenue for March, 2015 was \$87,340 which is an increase of \$27,000 from March, 2014.
- 6. Place Two Council member Gil Burrell was elected Mayor Pro Tem.
- 7. The Council will review the fee structure for new commercial construction over the next few months.



#### 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:

#### Greetings from your newly-elected PSNA President!

I have a tough act to follow, and I will need everyone's help if we hope to keep to the standard set by John during his tenure as our leader. We are presently a very small group representing a very large area, and to do that well we will all need to participate and encourage others to do the same.

With Travis County having only a few enforcement officers covering the entire county, it is up to us to identify issues and bring them to their attention and then keep pressing the issues until they are resolved. If no one speaks up, everyone assumes it is okay - we are the ones affected, we must be the ones to speak out. And PSNA is here to be sure that your voice is heard and that you have the support and backing to make the powers that be take notice.

We are your loudspeaker, your face at the hearings and meetings. But we need you all to do your part - To recruit more members, attend the meetings, report what you hear and see, and tell us your concerns. To go to meetings on issues that interest or affect you and give us a rundown. Knowledge is power, and our board alone can't do it all. But if we all act together, WE CAN DO GREAT THINGS.

I look forward to seeing what we can accomplish and making John proud.

~~Maura Phelan

2015 PSNA President



# Manor ISD News.....

- 1. The bidding process for the District's newest elementary campus began in late June and will continue until early August. Los Lagos Elementary will be the district's 9<sup>th</sup> elementary campus and will be located on FM 973 across from the Wildhorse Creek subdivision. The new school, with a capacity of 700 students will be built on land donated by Dwyer Realty. Bond money that was approved by Manor voters in May, 2014 will pay for the construction. Construction will take almost one year to complete the building.
- 2. The Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC) is seeking parent members for the 2015-2016 school year. SHAC is an advisory group comprised of individuals who represent segments of the community. The group acts collectively to provide advice to Manor ISD on aspects of the District's health and wellness program to ensure community values and local health issues are reflected. The group meets quarterly. If you are interested in serving on the Council, please contact Health Services Coordinator Cindy Cobia at (512) 278-4093.
- 3. This past May, the District opened the Manor Mustang Health Center which is located behind Manor New Tech High School. The clinic is a partnership with Austin-Travis County Integral Care and the People's Community Clinic. It is outfitted with medical procedure rooms and a therapist office and provides services to elementary students for the 2015-2016 school year.
- 4. The first day of school is Tuesday, August 25, 2015. The District will open a new campus Shadow Glen Elementary School.



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#### **Manor Commons**



Construction continues on buildings known as the Manor Commons Shopping Center on Ring Road across the street from Wal-Mart. Businesses who have registered with Developer Barth Timmerman include El Pollo Rico, Advance Auto, Sprint Store, Family Total Dental, and a nail salon. Wendy's is under contract. Panda Express is a stand-alone restaurant directly in front of Manor Commons.



#### **Panda Express**

Site preparations for Panda Express adjacent to Manor Commons began last week. According to the construction superintendent, construction will take about 3 months. Construction Photos date - July 16,2015.

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**Shadow View Shopping Center** 



Photo date – July 16, 2015

Site preparations for the Shadow View Shopping Center located on Highway 290 East adjacent to McDonald's and in front of Shadow Glen Golf Club began several weeks ago. The center is comprised of three buildings (the first structure is shown here) with a view of the golf course. Construction should be completed by late Fall.

#### **Gas Station at Wal-Mart**



A gas station adjacent to the Manor Wal-Mart will feature an entrance on Highway 290 East. Photo date – July 16, 2015

### **Upcoming Dates**



Monday, September 7 – Labor Day Wednesday, September 23 – autumn begins Saturday, October 31 – Halloween Sunday, November 1 – Daylight Saving Time ends – "Fall back" one hour Tuesday, November 3 – PSNA Quarterly Meeting and Election Day (Amendments) Wednesday, November 11 – Veterans Day Thursday, November 26 – Thanksgiving.

