



November, 2016 Newsletter

## The next PSNA meeting is...

**Tuesday, November 1, 2016**

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

**Guest Speaker: Stefanie Lane – Watershed Protection Department – City of Austin**

\*\* Learn about planned development for the Manor area.

\*\* Get updates on Manor ISD campuses that will open for 2017-2018 school year

**Refreshments and come visit with your neighbors!!**

### About the guest speaker:

Stefanie Lane is an Environmental Scientist for the Watershed Protection Department at the City of Austin. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Plant Biology from the University of Texas after working for 10 years in Austin's native & sustainable landscaping industry. Her current project assessing creeks of the Blackland Prairie was born out of a desire to address the disparity of attention given to the two eco-regions in Travis County.



As the population of the greater Austin area grows, increasing pressure is placed on land use and landscape stability in the Blackland Prairie eco-region. Recent flooding catastrophes in 2015 & 2016 have only underscored the need to remain vigilant in understanding the landscape and our influence upon it. Through collaboration with governing entities, industry, and private landowners, the Watershed Protection Department is characterizing the state of Blackland Prairie creeks in Eastern Travis County. This valuable information will further the Watershed Protection Department's mission to safeguard lives, property, and water quality.



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**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



### City of Manor News

#### September 7, 2016 meeting

1. Frank Phelen the city engineer representing Jay Engineering presented information on a proposed automatic meter reading pilot project. He noted the “old” meter boxes are fraught with errors and sometimes contain snakes. Using an automatic reading system would greatly increase the speed in determining water usage. There are 2,700 meters in the City and utilizing a City employee to read them manually takes two weeks, while an automatic system

can process 10,000 meters per day. The pilot will start with 250 residents of the Hamilton Point subdivision which is approximately 16 years old. The pilot will last for approximately 6 months to test the meters and the software system. The cost is \$195 per meter. It should be noted that new subdivisions coming to the area are already equipped with automatic meter reading. Approximately 300 new homes are constructed in the area each year.

2. Appointed Anne Weir to the City of Manor Planning and Zoning Commission.

#### September 21, 2016 Meeting

##### Departmental Reports:

1. August, 2016 Building permits issued: 38 (23 for August, 2015)  
August, 2016 Building inspections: 528 (609)  
August, 2016 Certificates of occupancy: 41 (26)  
Manor Police Department July calls: 1,413 (45.9 calls per day) (1,145) (37 calls per day)  
Estimated population: 8,739 residents in Manor and 2,501 residents in Shadow Glen.  
\$106,543 sales tax collected in August, 2016 comparison to \$89,920 collected in Aug, 2015.
2. Council members voted to accept the 2016-2017 budget and set a tax rate of .7738 cents per \$100 evaluation.
3. The Manor Police Department received two grants - \$29,567 from the Texas Governor’s Office for body cameras and \$2,556 from the US Department of Justice for body armor.



## Presidential, Congressional, State, County, City, and School Trustee Elections Tuesday, November 8, 2016

Polls open 7am – 7pm – Vote at any polling location in Travis County



### Early voting – Monday, October 24 – Friday, November 4

Monday – Saturday – 7am to 7pm \* Sunday – Noon to 6pm

at Manor ISD Administration Building – 10335 East Highway 290 Manor, TX

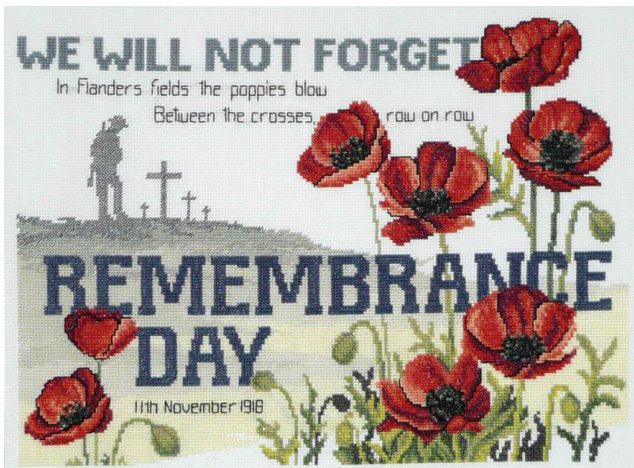
For questions about voting, please call the Travis County Clerk at (512) 238-8683

or their website – [www.traviscountyelections.org](http://www.traviscountyelections.org). A sample ballot is located on their website.

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## Veteran's Day Remembrance

Friday, November 11, 2016 – 11am at Jenny Lane Park – Manor, TX



**Honoring our veterans with song, history and placement of a memorial wreath at the flagpole.**

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On the morning of November 11, 1918 after four years of war, Allied and German leaders met in Rethondes, France to sign the armistice that would end World War I.

The agreement was to go into effect at 11am on November 11 – the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. The day was first designated to honor those soldiers who fought and died in World War I which was said to “be the war to end all wars”.

One year later – in 1919, on the first anniversary of the end of the War, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11th as “Armistice Day” to honor the men who had fought in the War. During the early years, this day was set aside for parades, meetings and a two-minute suspension of business activity at 11am. Other countries also observed the day with many people in England wearing a red poppy on their shirt.

In 1921, the US Congress established the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia to honor those soldiers who had made the ultimate sacrifice. An unidentified American soldier killed in France – with the following inscription on a marble slab – “Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known only to God” was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery. Over the years, remains of an unknown soldier from World War I, World War II and from the Korean and Vietnam Conflicts have also been interned.

In 1954, the name “Armistice Day” was changed to Veteran’s Day – a day to honor all American veterans including those men in women who had served in World War II and in the Korean Conflict.

**Today, we honor all veterans who have served in both war and in peacetime.**