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Word Is Getting Around - Manor Is Open for Business

You can't help but notice the construction, roadway changes and new retail stores that are evident as you drive through the Manor area. The construction in progress has opened the flood gates of prosperity into Eastern Travis

What's completed:

1. One of the major factors driving growth in the Manor area is the Manor Expressway - a Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority project tripled the current capacity of US Highway 290 between US 183 and SH130 opening the corridor for growth.
2. The Texas Department of Transportation funded approximately \$3.2 million in improvements which straightened out Gregg Manor Lane and installed two traffic signals (which will replace the current signal at US 290 and Gregg Manor). The first signal is at the new Gregg Manor West drive in front of Riata Ford and the second signal is at US Highway 290 and Lexington (the entrance of Shadow Glen Golf Club.) The "old" crossover at West Murray/Highway 290 has been removed and cars can only turn right onto Highway 290 heading toward Elgin. The "old" Gregg Manor Road is now called Manor Downs Road and cars will only be able to turn right onto Highway 290 heading towards Austin.
3. Texas Urgent Care located pm on the first floor of the Medical Towers at Shadow Glenn at the entrance to Shadow Glen subdivision is open Monday – Friday from 9a.m. – 9p.m. and from 9a.m. to 6p.m. on weekends. The facility can take care of non-life threatening medical needs and accept most insurance plans. Call (512) 514-1020 for more information.

What's under construction:

1. Construction continues on St Mary Magdalene Church located near the Shadow Glen golf course. Completion is expected for mid December.
2. The slab has been completed and steel beams are currently being erected for an O'Reiley Auto Parts store located across Lexington Street from McDonald's
3. A new section of homes adjacent to Blake Manor Road in the Briarcreek subdivision has erected the first home this week. The new area contains approximately 66 home sites and is being built by Express Homes.
4. A \$12 million project called Community First Village near the Travis County Expo Center has started construction that will have 225 sites for other-wise homeless tenants. This project was first reported in a PSNA newsletter last year. Students residing in the area will be attending Manor ISD campuses – Oak Springs Elementary School and Decker Middle School.
5. Eight medical offices are currently under construction inside the Medical Towers at Shadow Glen complex. Completion is expected by the end of November.

What's planned for the future:

1. The firestation for 19400 Hogeye Road is currently going through the plan approval process. The facility is designed to house full time firefighters and a fire engine and brush truck.
2. Two "elite" world-class golf courses and a resort facility would be built on 735 acres at Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park.
3. Businesses who have filed initial paperwork with the City of Manor include Starbucks and Panda Express.



Park Springs Neighborhood Association.....

The purpose of Park Springs Neighborhood Association 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.

Officers for 2014 include:

President John Williams	Vice President Maura Phelan
Treasurer Rod Castilleja	Secretary Vicki McFarland
Webmaster Sharon Bramblett	Past President Tom West

PSNA Yearly Dues are \$20 for the fiscal year May, 2014 – April, 2015.



Thank you to those members who have paid your 2014 dues.

If you have not yet paid your dues, please mail your dues to:

Park Springs NA
P. O. Box 1008
Manor, Texas 78653

Membership dues are used to pay for postage, refreshments, meeting facilities, web site hosting and other expenses. Plus, if you have paid your dues, you receive the monthly PSNA newsletter!

Travis County Sets Tax Rate

On Tuesday, September 23, 2014, the Travis County Commissioners Court voted to accept a \$911 million budget which a 6 percent increase over last year’s budget. The budget will be funded with property tax revenue raised through a tax rate of 45.63 cents per \$100 in taxable value. Last year’s tax rate was 49.46 cents per \$100 in taxable value but tax payers should see an increase in their county taxes since their property value probably increased.

The big ticket item for the County budget totaled about \$4.9 million which was for county employee raises. That money was used to add \$1,000 to the base salary of most rank and file employees and to move peace officers up one step on their pay scale.

Property tax statements for all taxing entitles in Travis County will be mailed to property owners soon.

Source: Austin American Statesman – September 24, 2014

Austin City Council Bans Texting and Talking on Cell Phone

Since many of us travel to Austin for work, entertainment venues, doctor appointments and shopping, please be advised that the Austin City Council recently approved a ban on texting or talking on a cellphone while driving. Drivers may use their device if their car is at a complete stop.



Iron Man 70.3 Will Impact Manor Traffic on Sunday, October 26

On Sunday, October 26, more than 2,500 athletes will travel through the City of Manor and the surrounding area over an eight hour period. They will be traveling on our neighboring roads of Hog Eye Road, Upper Elgin River Road, Lockwood Road, Blake Manor Road at Taylor Lane, Taylor Lane at Blake Manor Road and Nez Perce Trace to Decker Lane Road between the hours of 9a.m. to 2p.m.





PSNA Meetings for 2014:

Important Dates To Remember:

7pm @ Crowe's Nest Farm
Tuesday, December 2, 2014

Due to the Tuesday, November 4th election,
we are changing the fourth quarter
meeting from Tues. Nov 4th to
Tuesday, December 2nd.

See page 5 for more information about the meeting.

- Fri. Oct 31 - Halloween
- Sun. Nov 2 – Daylight Savings Ends
- Tues. Nov 4 – Election Day
- Tues. Nov 11 – Veteran's Day
- Thurs. Nov 27 – Thanksgiving Day
- Sat. Dec 21 – Winter Begins
- Thurs. Dec 25 – Christmas
- Wed. Dec 31 – New Year's Eve



Travis County Fire Department – Emergency Services District 12

Call (512) 272-4995 for approval to burn.

Burning Instructions:

1. Cannot burn on **RED FLAG** warning days
2. No household trash or garbage
3. Natural materials only
4. Piles limited to 10x10
5. Must be attended AT ALL TIMES
6. Must be “out cold” by dark
7. 100’ from structure
8. Water must be onsite and ready to use (a water hose that reaches past the burn pile.)



City of Manor News.....

October 15, 2014 Meeting:

1. 24 new single family permits were filed in September, 2014. A total of 373 permits have been requested since January, 2014 – which is considerably more than the 219 permits issued for all of 2013. This has resulted in an income of \$212,000 in building fees.
2. The Manor Police Department logged 873 calls for service in September. This equals 29 calls per day in September, 2014. 732 calls were reported in September, 2013.
3. Thirty-four new water meters were set by the Public Works Department in September, 2014 which equates to an estimated population of 7,326.
4. The Council voted to appoint a committee comprised of Council members Gil Burrell, Rebecca Davies and Mayor Rita Jonse to study potential locations for a temporary Police Department while renovations are being so that the Police Department can move into the “old” City Hall building.
5. The Council voted to sell 14 police radios that are no longer in compliance with 2015 FCC requirements to the Luling Fire Department for \$200 each.
6. The City received \$54,025 in sales tax collections for September, 2014 from the Texas Comptroller’s Office.



Why is this season called "Fall"?

What happens during this season? The leaves on many trees die and fall to the ground. About five hundred years ago, when Middle English was spoken, expressions like "fall of the leaf" and "fall of the year" were quite common, and the name "Fall" comes from them.

Leaves require sunlight, water, chlorophyll and carbon dioxide to make food for themselves. When the leaves turn colors in the fall, they actually are returning to their normal colors. During the summer months, the chlorophyll present in the leaves causes the leaves to turn green, blocking the leaves' actual colors. Once the leaves have turned brown, they are dead and no longer receive any nutrients.



Election Day is Tuesday, November 4, 2014

Joint General and Special Elections will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014.

Polls are open 7am – 7pm. on Election Day.

You do NOT have to vote at your precinct – you can vote at **any** voting location on election day.

Positions include US Senator, District 10 US Representative, District 17 US Representative, District 21 US Representative, District 25 US Representative, and District 35 US Representative.

State of Texas positions include Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller of Public Accounts, Commissioner of General Land Office, Commissioner of Agriculture, Railroad Commissioner, Supreme Court Judges, State Senator and State Representatives, District Judges, County Judge, County Court Judges, District Clerk, County Clerk, County Treasurer, County Commissioner Precinct 4, and Justice of the Peace.

Early voting will be held in Manor on the following days:

Thursday, October 23 – 9am – Noon at the East Rural Community Center on Carrie Manor Street
and

Friday, October 31 – 7am – 7pm at Manor ISD Administration Building located on Highway 290 East.

There are also numerous other early voting locations scattered throughout Austin.

Early Voting is Monday, October 20 – Friday, October 31.

A "mega" voting site is located at Highland Mall – 6001 Airport Blvd – Suite #1020

Hours for October 20 – October 30 – Mon – Sat – 7am – 7pm and Sunday – Noon – 6pm

Don't forget that a state law now requires voters to present a photo ID at the time of voting.

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 for \$20 per year. There is more information on our website - www.parkspringsna.org. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 1008 Manor, TX 78653.



Due to the Tuesday, November 4 election, we are changing the date of the final PSNA meeting of the year.

You and your family are invited to attend
the rescheduled PSNA Meeting

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

7p.m. at Crowe's Nest Farm – 11300 Taylor Lane

Come meet the animals from 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Llamas "Majic" and "McArthur" owned by Sharon & Claud Bramblett

Miniature pony "Truffle" owned by Maura Phelan



Majic, Claud Bramblett and McArthur



Truffle standing next to a "normal" size horse

We will have a brief business meeting followed by singing and holiday refreshments and desserts.



Please bring an unwrapped child's toy (\$10 limit) that we will donate to the Brown Santa program sponsored by the Travis County Sheriff's Department.

