

National Night Out Activities
Tuesday, October 2, 2012
6 p.m.
East Metro Park

PSNA will provide brisket and drinks.
Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share.

The purpose of National Night Out:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support for and participate in local anticrime programs
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships
- Send a message to criminals – letting them know that neighbors are organized and fighting back

**Manor Wal-Mart Gets Final Approval;
Construction Expected To Begin in March 2013**

The Manor City Council gave final approval at its meeting on Wednesday, September 19 for the “Manor Market Subdivision” - including Wal-Mart which is located on the south side of US 290, about 800 feet west of the FM 973/Loop 212 intersection. The City of Manor has issued all required approvals so construction could begin immediately.

Because of new Texas Department of Transportation regulations, Wal-Mart has decided to wait until March, 2013 to begin constructing both the Manor and Elgin stores. TxDOT estimates that it will complete making the required roadway improvements in late December 2013, so Wal-Mart is delaying its construction schedule in order to open its new stores when TxDOT’s road improvements are completed. Thus, the expected opening for both the Manor and Elgin Wal-Mart stores is December 2013 or January 2014.

The 151,000 square foot Wal-Mart store will occupy 15.5 acres, including parking for 615 vehicles. The subdivision also includes a 0.9 acre plot for a 16 pump gasoline station and a 2.8 acre plot for 6,000 square feet of “specialty retail”. [Email readers – please see the attached map].

Primary entrances to Wal-Mart will be from a new roadway called “Ring Road” which will connect the south side of US 290 and curve to intersect with the west side of FM 973/Loop 212. On US 290, there will be a new eastbound turn-lane at Ring Rd. At the US 290/FM 973 intersection, there will be expanded eastbound and westbound turn- lanes on US 290, and a northbound left turn-lane on FM 973. There will also be adjustments to traffic signal timing at this intersection.

At the FM 973/Ring Road intersection, there will be both northbound and southbound turn-lanes, and FM 973 will become a three-lane road between US 290 and Ring Rd. There will be no improvements made to the intersection of Old Route 20 and FM 973 or on FM 973 south of the Eternal Faith Baptist Church driveway.

The purpose of members Park Springs NA 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.

52nd Annual Fiesta Fundraiser

Sat. October 13 – 11a.m. – 11p.m.

St. Joseph’s Catholic Church
1300 Old Hwy 20

PSNA will participate and distribute fliers to encourage area residents to join PSNA. – Come visit the booth or sign up to man the booth for a 2 hour shift at NNO on 10/2.

A Traffic Light Will Replace 4-Way Stop In Downtown Manor

An end is coming for a Manor landmark - the 4-way stop will be replaced by a traffic signal. Construction is expected to begin in late November or early December, 2012.

Everyone knows the intersection - most of us think of it as simply ‘downtown Manor’ or ‘the corner by Duett’s’. It’s actually where Parsons St. (going east-west) meets Lexington Ave. (going north-south). It’s also where FM 973 and Loop 212 meet. But we’ve usually just called it “the 4-way stop”.

City Manager Steve Shanks told the Manor City Council at the September 19, 2012 City Council meeting that the Texas Department Of Transportation will begin construction of a traffic light at the intersection in late November or December. TxDOT and not the City of Manor controls the intersection since FM 973 and Loop 212 are state roadways.

Precinct 106 Voters Have A New Voting Location

Recent legislation and congressional redistricting in late spring changed voting precincts and voting locations for some citizens of Travis County. Previously, most PSNA members probably voted in Precinct 106 which was located at the Travis County Sheriff’s Department East Command located on Burleson-Manor Road.

With the recent changes, Precinct 106 residents will now vote in the upcoming election set for Tuesday, November 6 at Neidig Elementary School located at 13700 County Line Road, Elgin, Texas.

The Precinct 105 polling location at the Manor ISD Administration Building located on Highway 290 East will remain the same.

If you are currently not registered to vote, the deadline to register to vote in the November 6 Presidential Election is Tuesday, October 9. Voter registration forms are available at county offices located at 5501 Airport Blvd.

Early voting locations will be posted soon for those voters who wish to vote prior to Election Day. For information on voting, please contact the Tax Assessor-Collector’s office at (512) 854-9473 or visit their website at www.traviscountytax.org.

Let your voice be heard – V o t e
Tuesday, November 6, 2012
Polls open 7a.m. – 7p.m.

**PSNA Speaks Again at County Commissioner’s Court
Asking Developers To Pay their “Fair Share” for Roads**

This is the statement PSNA representatives made to Commissioner’s Court on August 21, 2012

“Our position about Manor area roads is the same as we presented it to you in October, 2010.

“Park Springs Neighborhood Association believes that Travis County Commissioners Court should now adopt a legally binding mechanism to require developers to provide funding for regional roadway improvements outside of their developments which contribute to or benefit their developments.”

“We want “area-wide regional transportation infrastructure improvements to be made along with, not after, residential and commercial building within the projects.”

“We appreciate the fact that many developers in our area of eastern Travis County have expressed their willingness to do so and we believe that now is the time for County Commissioners Court to fulfill that potential and require such participation.”

“When we were here on October 26, 2010, representatives of two of the developments were also present. Both those representatives told the Court that they were willing to consider a variety of regional arrangements – specifically including a Public Improvement District. We support developers who are willing to ‘step up to the plate’ and we believe they deserve a regional agreement which is legally binding on all area developers, in order to preserve a ‘level playing field’.”

Please Note: Tom West and Maura Phelan spoke to Commissioners Court on August 21, 2012 expanding a statement PSNA had sent to the Court. (See below for the text of the statement). **Thank you, Tom and Maura!**

Maura reports:

Tom West and I appeared at Commissioner’s Court and spoke on behalf of PSNSA regarding the Regional Tom Transportation Funding Mechanisms. Representatives for two of the developers were present, as well as Steven Manilla and Anna Bowlin from the county. The large development (Whisper Valley) will have 5500 single family homes plus commercial development, and Ed Wolf has only about 200 acres to develop – and represents himself as a poor rancher who is suffering from the drought and is just a minor player.

We made clear that PSNA wants the road improvements to be ahead or in keeping with the development as they go, however that is done, and that we want something that is legally binding on all developers and is secured in some way so that once they go broke, our road improvements don’t die with them.

Commissioner Davis told staff to be sure that we are invited to all discussions about the plans, especially because staff and the court intend for whatever is worked out in our area to be a model for how this will be done in the future. Wolf’s representative asked if the members, landowners, of our organization would be willing to participate since “they will probably develop their own property in the future”. I told her that we would be willing to discuss it, but that most of our members were landowners, not in developments, and many were not interested in development and how would they determine who would have to participate? I told her that many were, in fact, dedicating their land by instituting conservation easements, and that those properties would have to be exempted from such a plan as they would never be developed. But said we would be glad to talk about it. The court suggested we participate with CAMPO on the planning stages, I told them that we had and that we also talked to those building the new 290 and were very involved with the city and county organizations in coming up with a plan that would work for our members.

Tom reports:

Whisper Valley wants a private agreement with the County. And they want to pay a per unit assessment upon sale of the lot. Of course, this means a lag in financing infrastructure in that the fund only grows with the sale of units. The County can finance the building of roads in anticipation of the coming sales, but if sales are slow to develop the County is on the hook for infrastructure already in place. At least that's the way I read it. It’s evident that this issue continues to be one counties like Travis are dealing with all over the state. This presents the opportunity for innovative deals that all parties can agree to. It also tends to pit budget strapped County projects against the lack of actual requirements for developers to pay for any improvements outside of their developments. The County wants to find some way for the developers to agree to participate in road improvements, and the developers want improved roads to help sell their properties. PSNA's continued monitoring and participation will be important. I believe we do carry some weight in these discussions.

The New Bridge Is Open on Old Route 20 near Manor New Tech and Parmer Lane

The bridge on Old Route 20 between Manor New Tech and Parmer Lane Extension has re-opened!

Construction is not yet complete - there are temporary concrete barriers instead of permanent guard rails. Travis County tells us it will be several weeks before construction is completed, but that any temporary lane closures will be limited to between 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. to avoid rush hour traffic. No more detour on Joyce Turner Road!!



Upcoming Community Events



21st Annual

Manor Fest

October 5 – 6, 2012

Friday, Oct 5: 7p.m. – 11p.m.

BBQ Cook-Off
Frozen Tee Shirt Contest
Celebrity Dunking Booth
Live Music

Saturday, Oct 6: 10a.m. – 5p.m.

Parade – 10 a.m.
Kid's Activities – moonwalk, bungee jump, train
Student Performances at the Park
Crafts & Food Vendors
Celebrity Dunking Booth
Dessert Bake-Off – 11a.m.
Live Music
BBQ Judging – 11a.m.
Classic Car Show
Chicken Chip Bingo
Silent & Live Auctions - 3p.m.
50/50 Contest

Find us in the heart of downtown Manor –
just east of Austin on Highway 290 East

Proceeds benefit the Manor Lions Club Scholarship Fund,
Lions Club Charities and community programs sponsored
by the Manor Chamber of Commerce

Healing With Horses Ranch Open House

Sat. Sept 29 – 9a.m. – 2p.m.

10014 FM 973 Manor (3 miles south of Manor)

Ribbon Cutting – 9:20 a.m.
Demonstration rides Meet the horses
Scavenger hunt Horse painting
Kid's craft corner

“**Truck or Treat**” at Jennie Lane Park

Wed. October 31 - 6pm – 8pm

Come see decorated vehicles and trick/treat for candy

Sponsored by:

St Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church and
Manor United Methodist Church



[PSNA Meetings for 2013:](#)

Tuesday, February 13, 2013

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Tuesday, August 13, 2013

Tuesday, October 1, 2013 (NNO)

PSNA is now using a new print format to send quarterly newsletters via email.

We appreciate your support in sending newsletters via email to save postage and printing costs in addition to volunteer time required to prepare the mail-out. You can still receive a hard copy newsletter by calling

Vicki McFarland, Newsletter Editor at 272-9048. Please let us know if you change your email address – send an email to

parkspringsna@ymail.com

Daylight Savings Ends – Sunday, November 4 – Don't Forget to Change Your Clocks – “Fall” Back One Hour



