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From the Mayor's Desk...

"Everyday is a Good Day in Fair Oaks Ranch"©

Winter is on its way out and spring is upon us! Let it rain and then rain some more. The State of Texas with the exception of a few areas is in a drought ranging from Abnormally Dry to Exceptionally Dry. This is the time of year for working on the yards and in the gardens. Invest wisely in plantings best suited for the soils and the semi-arid climate of Fair Oaks Ranch. Landscape and plant with water needs in mind; add hardscape designs in the yard; utilize drip irrigation and request your free Water Conservation Audit from Trinity Glen Rose Groundwater Conservation District (TGGCD) now available to Fair Oaks Ranch residents.

AUDITS - WATER CONSERVATION

Last year, TGGCD did six water conservation audits during the second half of 2012 when the program was initiated. Our citizens received an in-home consultation to identify areas that could create higher water usage and provide recommendations to help reduce water usage both inside and outside the home. Most fixes are simple – replacing older faucets and showerheads with low-flow fixtures, ensuring toilets and faucets are in good repair, and using evaporative barriers, such as solar screens, to minimize evaporation from pools. Some require a little more time, but can pay off when summer rolls around – increasing the size of mulched landscaping beds to reduce the size of lawn needing irrigation, mapping

of irrigation zones, and installation of a drip irrigation system. In addition to the consult, participants received a "goody" bag full of conservation-minded products, including a hose timer, a moisture meter, rain gauge, and a low-flow showerhead. Now is the time to contact TGGCD at (210) 698-1155 and schedule your personal appointment.

CURRENT RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS

The housing market is on an upward swing. Both new construction permits and remodeling permits are increasing. There are four active residential developments within the three counties of Fair Oaks Ranch: Cibolo Trails and Stone Creek (Kendall County), Settlefeld (Comal) and Frontgate (Bexar). In addition, there are single lots throughout the city that are pulling permits as well. Expect resells to pick up as well with spring and summer seasons. School needs tend to drive this time line. Although most of the new construction does not create any travel issues on our main streets, the Frontgate at IH10 and Fair Oaks Parkway has SAWS adding infrastructure across Fair Oaks Parkway for both water and wastewater. Consequently, lanes are diverted as needed. (Sign up for CodeRed alerts at www.fairoaksranchtx.org for current/potential issues.)

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DEER RESEARCH STUDY

For the past month or so, the researcher tagged an additional 100 white-tail deer as well as putting more transmitters on both does and bucks. For the remainder of the year, the sightings by the researcher will continue and be plotted into the computer software. Toward the end of 2013, a final report will be initiated concentrating on (1) migration patterns of our white-tail deer, (2) the scientific census count and (3) various short and long-term deer management options with associated models.

You can also help collect valuable information for the deer study. When you see a white-tail deer with ear tags or a collar, you can tell us 24/7. Having the citizens of Fair Oaks Ranch report where they sight these deer allows for more data to be collected on the study. It gives a broader vision of where the deer are moving throughout the city. Even those living outside the city can make reports as well. All you have to do is enter information on the Deer Form online at the web address below:

<https://sites.google.com/site/fairoaksranchdeer/home>

Last year we received 1,440 reports from April to December! Out of the 1,440 entries, 917 were of actual deer tag combinations. From 314 deer that were marked with ear tags, 114 individuals were reported by citizens! Great work! Help out again this year and report the deer you spot throughout Fair Oaks on the Fair Oaks Ranch Deer website above. There is also a Quick Link to it on the city website: www.fairoaksranchtx.org

ELECTIONS

At the last Council meeting, the Council voted to sign an Election Service Contract with Kendall County Elections along with the Joint Election Agreement for the May 11, 2013 General Election. Historically, the City has contracted with Bexar County Elections. This year gives us an opportunity to offer a combined poll site on May 11th for both the city election and the BISD election at City Hall.

This annual city election will be for Alderman Place 3, 4 and 5 as the Council serves staggered two-year terms. The current incumbents have filed for re-election.

TODAY IN AMERICA

The television program hosted by Terry Bradshaw will highlight the City of Fair Oaks Ranch as a hidden gem and one of the Best Places to Live and Play. Currently, the professional writers are working to finalizing the script. Once completed, the camera crew will visit the city to do the shoot. Anticipate the shoot to occur April/May. As the time draws closer, dates will be provided.

The camera crew can be anywhere throughout our City so lets put our best foot forward. As you go about your outside spring clean-up over the next couple of months take into consideration that your home and yard may appear in the national plus regional airings. The city itself will take steps to look sharp as well. The City will have exclusive rights to the video once completed.

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BEHIND THE SCENE

It is easy to accept what we see; yet there is so much behind the scene that provides the view.

Most of you know that Roy Thomas, previous City Administrator, retired. I doubt that you know about the passing on January 30th of another employee – Raul Castro.

Raul was one you didn't see as you would Roy yet Raul was an exceptional asset to our citizens and to the other employees as well. His faith in God, love of family and belief in himself formulated his value system. Raul was a dedicated and truly committed employee determined to do his best at everything expected or asked of him. And he always performed with a humble spirit, a positive attitude and a willingness to go out of his way to help other co-workers. Raul's personal dream was to one day run his own business. Every day, he ran his work here as if it was his business providing the best service possible to you...his customer.

Rest in peace, Raul, and thank you.

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Respectfully,
Cheryl Landman, Mayor

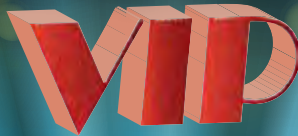
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The Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center is saying good-bye to its first Director of Nursing, Lynne Almaguer, RN,BSN. Lynne has served this community through the HCPCC for 8 years by providing pregnancy counseling, limited obstetric ultrasounds, STD testing, and community education in our schools and churches. Many volunteers over the years have been blessed by her mentoring and caring spirit. Many families have benefited from her faithful service and gentle demeanor. The HCPCC has been able to grow into a professional quality medical center through her leadership as Director of Nursing. We will all miss her and all that she brought to the staff, volunteers and families at the HCPCC



At the same time, the HCPCC is pleased to announce that Daphne Luttrell, RN, BSN has begun serving as the new Director of Nursing. She brings experience in labor and delivery as well as a heart for this ministry and the families it serves. Daphne and her husband Cliff have lived in Boerne for the last 15 years. She and Cliff have 3 children: Ashley, Torrey and Dean. Daphne has served this community in many capacities through her church, the Boerne Women's Job Corps, and the Boerne Education Foundation. The Center is blessed to have her and knows that she will carry on the fine tradition of caring service begun by Ms. Almaguer.

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Leon Springs Night 2013 Marks 3rd Annual Fiesta Event *In Old Leon Springs, Texas*

Leon Springs Business Association (LSBA) announced its plans are underway for the third annual Leon Springs Night—a Fiesta celebration of our community and its history. Leon Springs Night 2013 will be held on Friday, April 19th at Leon Springs Dancehall.

Leon Springs Night, in the spirit of the San Antonio Fiesta season, will offer food, beverages, and entertainment for persons of all ages. As many San Antonians have come to enjoy the annual celebrations of Fiesta, Leon Springs Business Association brings these same seasonal cheers to area residents. Leon Springs Night welcomes families, friends and neighbors to participate in Fiesta close to home. The event provides a means of support for many community charitable activities in Leon Springs, Texas.

Leon Springs Night 2013 is held at Leon Springs Dancehall on Interstate Highway 10 at Boerne Stage Road. The event runs from 5:30 PM until 11:30 PM. Activities include live music on two stages, a kids play area (kids area closes at 8:00 PM), gourmet food featuring area restaurants, festival foods offered by area businesses, and beverages for all ages, among other activities such as crafts sales and art events. Admission is \$8.00. With a

clothing donation to Arms of Hope, or advance purchase, admission is only \$5.00. Children under 12, and those with an active military ID, are admitted free of charge. FMI visit <http://www.LeonSpringsNight.com>.

Leon Springs, Texas, was first settled in 1846. It was the final stagecoach stop on an eastbound route to San Antonio. Now 150 years later, more than 20,000 inhabitants call Leon Springs home. Leon Springs is situated in northwest Bexar County along IH-10, West of Camp Bullis between Boerne and San Antonio's Loop 1604. The Leon Springs area is experiencing new levels of growth including a variety of residential and commercial developments. Leon Springs Business Association was formed in 2006 to promote a growing and supportive community in Leon Springs, Texas.

Leon Springs Business Association is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. For further information, contact Leon Springs Business Association, c/o Broadway Bank, 24175 IH-10W, Leon Springs, TX 78257; or log on to www.leonspringstx.com.



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