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From the Mayor's Desk...

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

Today is the beginning of a monthly message from the Mayor's Desk. Peel Inc., owner and distributor of the Fair Oaks Gazette, graciously offers this space specifically for the City of Fair Oaks Ranch. Our goal is to supplement the City's other communication methods – website, utility statement memos, special mailings, recorded announcements, newspaper articles, etc. The City is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year! Many current residents lived here before the City formed, myself included although it was in the process of forming in 1987. At this year's regular January City Council Meeting, a Proclamation with historical highlights was read and signed commemorating this accomplishment of offering 25 Years of service to the residents of Fair Oaks Ranch. (See Proclamation on pages 8 and 9).

Together, each of us can add celebration to this year in so many ways – large and small! The accomplishments that make our City so unique today lays the foundation for us to continue improving it over the next twenty five years! Each of us contributes a personal ownership to the City of Fair Oaks Ranch and its sustainable value.

The city website at www.fairoaksranchtx.org is available 24/7 for information that you may need. There are more ways to know when something new has posted such as signing up for the Notify Me alert without having to check the website first. For those already signed up, you received an email notice about

the above Proclamation or maybe a cell phone text message and then you chose to go the website to read the info. City Hall will help guide you through the sign up process; call 210-698-0900.

Please take time to sign up for this new service added last year - CODERED. (It is not the same as the Notify Me.) This service sends out emergency messages such as local weather issues (tornados, harsh storms, etc.) via telephone whether land or cell plus offers text message. The second level to this service allows the City to send messages out to citizens regarding city-specific issues - broken water mains, city street closures, etc. Those signed up were made aware of expected Fair Oaks Parkway delays for a number of weeks due to work done by SAWS and the resident driver allows for more time or even takes a different route. (Also posted on the City's website.) Again, City Hall is able to help guide you through the sign up process; call 210-698-0900. Your relatives living elsewhere can sign up so they, too, know what is happening near you especially for emergencies.

In closing this first column, I again thank Peel, Inc. for this opportunity. The Fair Oaks Gazette is a privately owned publication and is not issued or monitored by the City. If someone you know is not receiving the publication in our City, they may contact Peel Inc., or City Hall, and the address will be added to Peel's mailing list.

Respectfully, Cheryl Landman, Mayor

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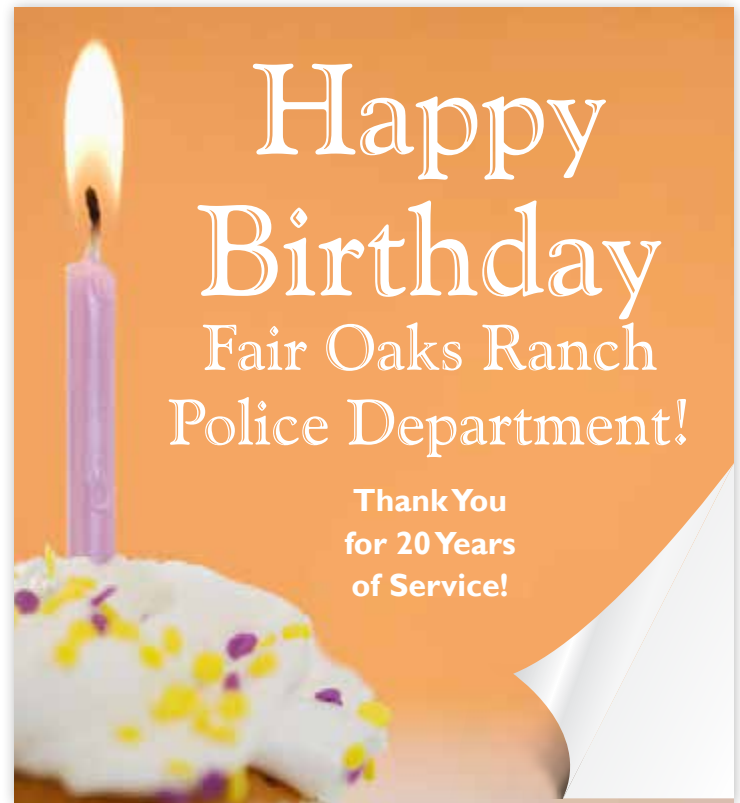
for May 11, 2013 Election

City Council Places 3, 4 and 5 are up for election for year 2013 and deadline information on filing an application for a Place on the City Council can be found by clicking on Notice of Deadline to File at <http://fairoaksranchtx.org>.

Applications can be picked up at City Hall or can be downloaded from the Secretary of State's website <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/index.shtml>.

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Proclamation,

See Pages 8 and 9



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BI-ANNUAL BULK/BRUSH PICKUP SERVICE

The City of Fair Oaks Ranch contracts with Allied Waste Services (AWS) to provide a bi-annual bulk/brush pick up service. The pickup is "by the rules" as stated under Quick Reference. Allied Waste will not pick up any pile that has excess brush, commingled brush/metal objects, items not placed out by the appropriate time/date, or piles placed near obstructions to the crane on their truck. Those passed by will need to be moved out of the city right of way or make arrangements with Allied Waste or any other private contractor for immediate pickup. Any resident placing bulk/brush items out either prior to or after their authorized date as noted below or for not moving items if passed by will be issued a summons for violating City Ordinance and will appear in court to pay the appropriate fine. The pickup schedule is divided into three (3) sectors with one assigned bulk/brush pickup per sector:

SECTOR 1 All residential homes north of Cibolo Creek plus Deer Meadow Estates

SECTOR 2 All residential homes between Cibolo Creek and Dietz Elkhorn (including homes on Dietz Elkhorn)

SECTOR 3 All residential homes south of Dietz Elkhorn

This is your official notice of your scheduled pick up time as noted below. Please make note of the dates for your sector as this is the only notice you will receive for the pick up. **DO NOT PUT ITEMS OUT PRIOR TO YOUR SECTOR'S START DATE AS THIS IS A VIOLATION OF CITY ORDINANCE, AND WILL RESULT IN A CITATION BEING ISSUED AND MAY RESULT IN A FINE OF NOT MORE THAT \$2000 FOR EACH DAY OF THE VIOLATION.** The items must be placed at the curb in front of your property, but not in the street.

Please follow the instructions listed under QUICK REFERENCE to ensure a complete and timely pick up by Allied Waste. Failure to follow the instructions may result in items not being picked up and your having to pay an additional amount for a special pick up. With your cooperation, your sector should be cleared of trash within four (4) weeks.

There are a few issues listed below that need special attention:

- Contractors that you hire for brush or tree trimming must remove the trimmed waste as it will not be picked up by Allied Waste. If your contractor does not want to haul the trimmings off you may contact Allied Waste at 210-648-5222/800-275-4234 for a price estimate to remove the contractor's waste.
- Brush piles larger than fifteen (15) feet in length, six (6) feet in width, and six (6) feet in height will not be picked up and will be subject to an extra charge.
- Hazardous Materials (batteries, oil, gasoline, tires, paint, etc) will not be picked up and placing them in the street right of way is a violation of city ordinance (See backside of this notice for additional information, or visit city's website).
- Illegal Dumping (i.e., trash on vacant lots) is a violation of State Law with fines and/or jail penalties. Please place your brush/bulk trash on your own property.

The City's goal is to ensure a speedy and effective brush/bulk trash removal with the intent of keeping our beautiful city a great place to

live and visit. This can only be accomplished with your cooperation. Your neighbors, the Mayor and the City Council respectfully ask for your personal commitment to help achieve such.

BULK/BRUSH PICK UP SCHEDULE

SECTOR: The area where you live in the City

START DATE: The first day that you can put items at the curb for pick up

PICK UP DATE: The day that brush/bulk trash pick up starts in your sector

START DATE TO PUT ITEMS OUT	ALLIED WASTE PICK UP STARTS	SECTOR
January 19, 2013	February 4, 2013	1
January 26, 2013	February 11, 2013	2
February 2, 2013	February 18, 2013	3

QUICK REFERENCE

1. Place Items out by 7:00 am on your sector's pick up Date (if you miss your pickup, contact Allied Waste for fee information for a special pickup). Items must be placed at the curb in front of your residence only (not on street).

2. Keep all bulk items separated three feet from brush and shrubbery trimmings especially scrap iron, wire, metal, etc. to avoid equipment damage. Do not place bulk items near fences, mail boxes, water meters, telephone pedestals, fire hydrants, under trees or other low hanging lines as the trash truck cannot safely pick up items there.

3. Remove gasoline/oil/propane/butane from items being discarded, i.e. lawn mowers, small engines, bar-b-que pits, gas cans.

When hiring a contractor to cut and trim your trees, shrubs, etc. or to replace decks, carpets, etc. please make arrangements for the Contractor to remove the waste. Otherwise, you need to contact Allied Waste for a price quote to remove the waste for you.

Items containing FREON are not acceptable by State Law. Allied Waste can only accept freezers, refrigerators, air conditioners, and other applicable appliances with a state approved certificate from a state licensed technician stating removal of the Freon. Each appliance must have the proper certificate attached when placed at the curb (no certificate/no pickup). Call a/c firms, appliance companies, refrigerant removal firms, etc for information and your costs.

Following items are not acceptable:

<i>Tires</i>	<i>Acids</i>
<i>Batteries</i>	<i>Poisons</i>
<i>Waste oil</i>	<i>Paints*</i>
<i>Gasoline</i>	<i>Solvents</i>
<i>Pool Chemicals</i>	<i>Auto Fluids</i>
<i>Household Chemicals</i>	<i>Pesticides</i>

These items are considered hazardous waste creating legal problems, health & safety concerns as well as machinery problems. Please take an active role in disposing of your hazardous wastes responsibly. The following can provide helpful information for you: 1-800-CLEANUP or www.earth911.org.

**Dried paint acceptable. Remove lid and let it dry to a complete solid (approx 3-4 months). Test it!!!*

Tending to Tender Tropicals

By Calvin Finch, Ph.D.

Tropical plants are beautiful, but a little care needs to be taken during our infrequent cold weather. Although our winters are mostly mild, it's a good idea to keep an eye on the forecast so you can prepare your landscape for a freeze. Here are some tips to keep in mind when dealing with tropicals:

Bougainvillea and oriental hibiscus are very sensitive to cold. They decline with temperatures below 40 degrees. Covering them will sometimes do the job, but the best protection is a freeze-proof shelter.

Citrus and other subtropical plants will usually survive our cold weather if they're planted in sheltered locations such as the south side of a structure. Otherwise in temps below 26 degrees, cover them with cloth and carefully provide a heat source such as a mechanic's light or poultry heat lamp under the cover.

Rain or irrigation on a regular basis helps make landscape plants

less sensitive to cold temperatures. But contrary to popular belief, eleventh-hour applications of water just before the freeze don't reduce freeze damage. To be effective, plants must have the time and growth conditions to absorb the water and integrate it with the salts and other materials within the plant cells that protect it from cold.

The idea that the heat storage capabilities of water will help prevent freeze damage has a basis in science. However, the amount available from a last-minute splash of water is not an adequate substitute for proper planning.

Join the MySAWS Conversation

What tender tropicals are you safeguarding this time of year? Share it with us on Facebook.

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PROCLAMATION CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH

I, Cheryl Landman, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Fair Oaks Ranch, hereby honor the 25th Anniversary of The City of Fair Oaks Ranch

- Whereas,** the area known today as the City of Fair Oaks Ranch began as an unincorporated development in 1975 by the Ralph Fair, Jr. family; and,
- Whereas,** the land for development (10-20 acre ranchettes followed by desirable 2-5 acre plots) was the Fair family ranch consisting of 5,000 acres situated in three counties -- Bexar, Comal and Kendall; and,
- Whereas,** Don Smith of Don Smith Company and Bob Weiss, President of Ralph Fair Inc. were hired to lead the development process; and,
- Whereas,** in 1975, the Fair Oaks Ranch Homeowners Association was organized and incorporated to provide guidance and services to anticipated residents; and,
- Whereas,** Ralph Fair, Inc. initiated FAIRCO, the area's water and wastewater services; and,
- Whereas,** in 1978, the original 14,000 square foot Fair homestead became the Fair Oaks Ranch Golf and Country Club; and,
- Whereas,** by 1985, under the stewardship of Ralph Fair Inc., the developer, and the charter mission of the Fair Oaks Ranch Homeowners Association, additional services were needed for the growing population of approximately 1,000; and,
- Whereas,** based on the unanimous vote of the Homeowners Association in 1986, three of the Board officers - Boots Gaubatz, Don King and Robert Herring - began work to create "a city or township" that could provide required services and permit maximum local control of the area's future; and,
- Whereas,** in 1987, due to State law and after petitions and several votes, two cities were created, Fair Oaks Ranch North and Fair Oaks Ranch South, capturing the outline of 5,000 acres; and,
- Whereas,** on January 27, 1988, the Texas Secretary of State recorded the two city election results in favor of consolidating each city into one - the City of Fair Oaks Ranch; and on May 7, 1988 Boots Gaubatz was elected as its' Mayor and continued as such for almost twenty years with Dan Kasprowicz and Cheryl Landman following; and,
- Whereas,** the new governing body began providing needed services for the public health, welfare and safety:
- By the end of 1988, Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services were contracted

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- In 1993, the Fair Oaks Ranch Police Department was organized by Police Chief Roy Thomas
- In 1994, Boerne Independent School District built Fair Oaks Ranch Elementary
- In 1998, the City purchased FAIRCO and renamed it Fair Oaks Ranch Utilities

Whereas, In July 2006, the City of San Antonio released 3,258 acres of their extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) to the City of Fair Oaks Ranch allowing for more development and expansion of its' city limits; and,

Whereas, the City of Fair Oaks Ranch maintains a residential culture where light commercial is located in the outer perimeters of the city limits; and,

Whereas, today, Fair Oaks Ranch provides a variety of life style areas including garden homes, golf course properties, gated communities, green belt areas, private country club, etc.; and


Whereas, over the decades, numerous volunteers provide professional expertise, research, hold important city-related positions, initiate and complete projects providing recommendations to the City, create balance throughout the City by attending to their area's needs (covenants, local HOA, etc.) thus giving each one a personal ownership in the City of Fair Oaks Ranch as we know it today.

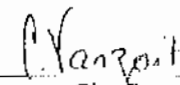
Whereas, We are a cornucopia of unique individualism exercising a strong value for minimal government with a city staff committed to serve our citizens with respect and a smile. Today's City Council as the previous Councils provide the policy direction for the betterment of the whole.

Now, Therefore, I, Mayor Landman, hereby ask all citizens of Fair Oaks Ranch to celebrate, throughout the year, the City's 25th Anniversary by appreciating and sharing

"That Every Day is a Good Day in Fair Oaks Ranch"

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS 17th DAY OF JANUARY 2013.


Cheryl Landman, Mayor


C. Vanzant, City Secretary



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