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To submit an article for the Fair Oaks Gazette, please email it to fairoaksranch@peelinc.com. The deadline is the 15th of the month prior to the issue.

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From the Mayor's Desk...

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

CITY'S ANNUAL AUDIT FOR 2011-2012

Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, outside auditing firm, complimented the City's fiscal strength at the recent City Council Meeting. In addition, there were no significant issues of concern cited in the accounting and administrative functions conducted by the City.

The audit (Fiscal Year 2011-2012) covers both the General Fund and the Utility Fund. Combining both of these funds, the City's total net assets sit at \$ 16,991,866 which includes facilities, equipment, infrastructure, reserves, etc. Based on historical trending from 2009 through 2012, Net Assets increased 23% overall.

You can find the full audit on the City's website - www.fairoaksranchtx.org -under Financials. While there, please check out the 2012-2013 General Fund budget pie charts for both revenue and expense categories. The Texas Comptroller office recently acknowledged the City of Fair Oaks Ranch with it highest Leadership Circle achievement – GOLD Member. The GOLD status represents the City's commitment to financial transparency...which includes the City's check register under Financials!

UPCOMING MAY 11, 2013 ELECTION SPECIAL ELECTION

There are two types of Elections – General and Special. The City recently cancelled its General Election as the three incumbent candidates were unopposed and consequently declared elected. Congratulations to Alderman Conrad Fothergill, Alderman Al Schmidt and Alderman Mark Anderson!

The Special Election is still scheduled and early voting begins April 29th.

Upcoming May 11, 2013 Boerne ISD Election

Branch Early Voting Poll Site Information

Where: Fair Oaks Ranch City Hall, 7286 Dietz Elkhorn, Fair Oaks Ranch. Begins: Monday, April 29, 2013. Ends: Tuesday, May 7, 2013. Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Extended. Hours: Monday, May 6, 2013. Tuesday, May 7, 2013. 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

VISION TO REALITY: A Brief History of Fair Oaks Ranch

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resident in Fair Oaks Ranch, you will truly enjoy the story. Everyone – yesterday, today and tomorrow- add their own personal ownership to this very unique place we call home. The book commemorates the City's 25th Anniversary. Yet "The Ranch" has a much longer and deeper history than 25 years!!

Collect your First Edition copy signed by the author, Gary Younglove, at City Hall for \$12.95 (no shipping/no sales tax). GREAT READ!

City's Annual Pet Licensing and Vaccination Clinic

It is that time again for our special "family-members" to receive their vaccinations and city license registration. I personally attend this event every year and see how important the pets are to our families! All dogs and cats are required by ordinance to be up-to-date on rabies vaccination and have a current license registration.

The day is Saturday, April 6th (9:00am-11:00am) at Fair Oaks Ranch Fire Station #3 at 30955 Meadow Creek and Ralph Fair Rd. Bring a completed Pet Vaccination/License Form which helps minimize waiting time. For those who only need to license your pet, please bring a valid copy of the pet's rabies vaccination certificate. You can print a form from the City's website www.fairoaksranchtx.org and click on Calendar events in lower right hand corner of the home page.

Note: To receive this Fair Oaks Gazette via email go to www.peelinc.com and sign up for the service at no-charge of course. The newest issue usually goes on-line the first few days of each month; print copy arrives closer to mid-month.

Changes to Drought Contingency Plan and Water Conservation Plan

At the March 21st Council meeting changes were considered and approved by Council affecting the Drought Stage Tiers and the corresponding Observation Well level triggers. No increases were made regarding the Drought Surcharge Rates. The Drought Stage Tiers went from 4 stages to 3 stages. The old Stage 1 is removed completely from the ordinance; the remaining stages stayed as before which are now renumbered reflecting new Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3. The content of these newly numbered stages remain as is except for one of the three triggers.

There are three separate trigger factors that set the Drought Contingency into motion. Two of the three triggers must be met before a stage is declared. The City's Observation Well also known as Well #20 is the changed trigger:

New Stage 1 set at 1,045 feet, changed from 1,040 feet

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The same Council meeting considered and approved changes to the Water Conservation Plan. Basically, minor changes in adding and updating definitions, removing obsolete information and updating the landscape watering management.

Some of the definitions include Athletic fields, drip irrigation, soaker hose, hose-end sprinkler, previous and impervious hardscape, rain sensor, turf grass, xeriscape, etc.

The water-once-a-week schedule remains as is based on the last house number of your street address. Three watering methods - (1) hose-end sprinklers, (2) automatic irrigation systems and (3) soaker hoses – fall under this watering schedule with the change.

Run On The Ranch...or Walk?

Along the beautiful nature trails of Fair Oaks Ranch, the Fair Oaks Ranch Homeowners Association (FORHA) organizes its annual 5K+Trail Run/Walk on Saturday, April 13th (8:00am START – 12:00pm).

The run starts and finishes at Cibolo Creek Community Church, 30395 Ralph Fair Road. Registration is 7:00-7:45am that day. This is a natural trail so please be prepared for uneven terrain. There are over 30 sponsors this year! You may still have time to register on-line or in person at the FORHA office. Some of our city employees and Council members are known to participate whether running or walking. See www.forha.org for 5K Run/Walk details.

Thank you for sharing time with me today!

Cheryl Landman, Mayor

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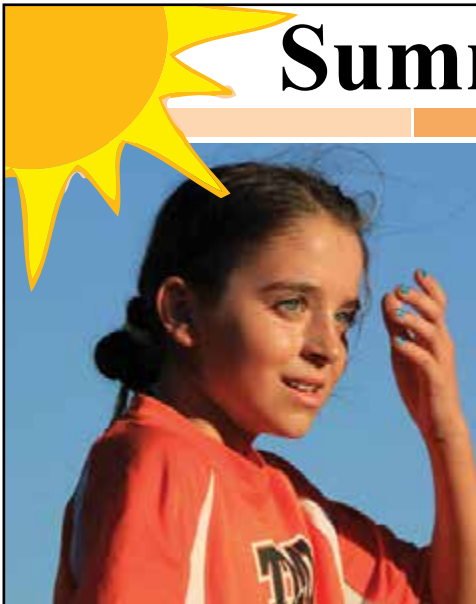
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Leon Springs Night 2013 Marks 3rd Annual Fiesta Event *In Old Leon Springs, Texas*

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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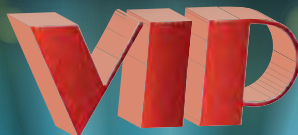
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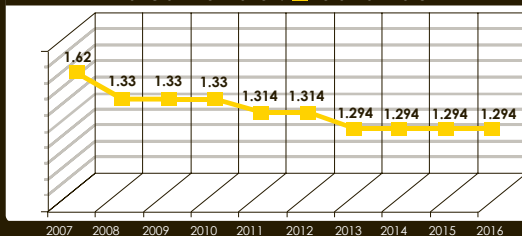


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