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NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF FAIR OAKS RANCH

From the Mayor's Desk...

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

Summer is quickly turning into a new school year – BISD students return August 26th this year. School buses will soon travel the many streets of Fair Oaks Ranch Monday through Friday each week. Please keep a watchful eye as you travel the city and nearby streets.

EMERGENCY GENERATOR

Those recently driving by City Hall noticed digging, concrete pouring and various trucks on the Dietz Elkhorn side of City Hall. The new Emergency Generator will soon be installed if not finished by the time you receive this issue of the FO Gazette. The previous wildfire brought to our attention the need for an upgraded emergency generator. It will allow the City better management of a Command Center and communicating with all as needed in a timely manner increasing positive and timely information amongst the various entities. City Hall itself will be operational with technology and communication capabilities as well as the basics such as power.

RESTRIPE STREETS AND SAFETY

The current annual street maintenance work is near completion. The final step is restriping the applicable streets. Striping guides safer traveling on the roads. For instance, stripe lines define lanes. Driving whether by car, motorcycle, bicycle or golf car is always to your far right with the traffic flow.

A solid line denotes "no passing". A driver may ease as far to the right as safely possible to let other drivers pass where there is a broken or dotted line. The "no passing" solid line denotes that the road area is unsafe due to poor line of sight such as a curve, hilly terrain, etc. A rural-style road generally has no stripping yet "stay to the right" still governs for all vehicles – cars, bicycles, golf carts, motorcycles, etc.

There are many details to take into consideration when on any road - blind spots, curves, street signage weather, road repair signage, flags, workers, walkers, etc. Travelers whether on wheels of some sort or on

foot should become knowledgeable and practice road safety. For instance, residents walking, jogging or running should do so facing traffic plus wear bright colors during the day and have some light for early morning or dark evenings. Wheeled vehicles always move with the traffic flow. City streets that have a solid white line to the far right shoulder allow "for emergency stops" such as car trouble where a driver needs to pull over out of the main traffic lane for the safety of all.

DROUGHT CONCERNS

As hot weather temperatures continue to climb, the City's test well water level declines. The Drought Ordinance states that two of three factors must occur to initiate the ordinance. One of the primary guides is a "15-day averaging" of the City's test water well. When that 15-day average figure drops to 1045 feet and one of the other two factors takes place, a Drought Stage call begins for the City of Fair Oaks Ranch. The graphic on the city's website now shows the 15-day average level so you have accurate data. Water conservation is encouraged at all times. Historical data demonstrates that outside landscape watering is a major factor for conscientious water conservation practices by each property.

City Hall is converting some of its soft-landscape toward hard-landscape utilizing river rock for appearance and water conservation by redirecting water flow from rain, sprinkler system, etc.

OVERHANGING TREE LIMBS

Overhanging tree limbs starting at the street/curb edge into the city street create a hazard and need trimming. Limbs struck and damaged by large trucks, vans and/or school buses create opportunity for oak wilt to infest the oak trees through those damaged wounds.

There needs to be a minimum of 13 feet of overhead clearance from the street edge/curb. Please contact your preferred professional

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tree trimmer as needed, or call the City's Public Works Supervisor at 210-414-2083 requesting an inspect of the concerning tree limbs and trim back as necessary (Public Works personnel are not a professional tree trimmers.)

BULK/BRUSH PICK-UP NOTICES

For those signed up for notices (Notify Me on the City's Website) know the dates for their sector of the City. Notices were mailed out to property owners mid-July. Information is also available on City's website - www.fairoaksranchtx.org.

Appreciate your time today! If you know someone in our city that is not receiving the Fair Oaks Gazette, please have them contact Peel Inc. to be added to the mailing list. Again, special thank you to Peel, Inc. for this column!

Enjoy the rest of your summer. Labor Day weekend will have City Hall closed that Monday.

INTERESTING AUGUST TRIBUTES*

Admit You're Happy Month	National Simplify your Life Week (1 st)
National Golf Month	National Smile Week (2 nd)
Romance Awareness Month	Friendship Week (3 rd)
Water Quality Month	Be Kind to Humankind Week (4 th)
National Picnic Month	

August 13th – Left Handers Day

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Cheryl Landman, Mayor

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**August
Calendar**

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Ongoing: Volunteers needed to distribute water safety packets, info@colinshope.org

August 19: Got2Skate for Colin's Hope Fundraiser, 6:30-8:30pm at Playland Skate Center

August 29: Colin's Hope Got2Swim Lake Austin 10K/10 miler, <http://www.tinych.org/got2swim>

September 8: 5th Annual Colin's Hope Kids Triathlon, <http://www.tinych.org/KidsTri>

October 19: Sharkfest Austin Swim benefitting Colin's Hope, www.sharkfestswim.com



ALERT: 36 Texas children have lost their lives to a fatal drowning this year.
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