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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"©

These early fall days are a welcome treat from the heat of our Texas summer. It doesn't take long to realize that the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday season is fast approaching followed by a New Year. Families and friends become the center of activity as we celebrate and share together. The spirit of Thanksgiving provides this perfect opportunity to extend a special thank you to our residents who make Fair Oaks Ranch the special home it is for each other. Each of you together gives Fair Oaks Ranch its unique character, ambience and community. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!

NOVEMBER 11TH, VETERANS DAY

It is a federal holiday with deep significance in our country's history. It wasn't always known as Veteran's Day though.

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in the First World War, then known as "the Great War." Commemorated as Armistice Day beginning the following year, November 11th became the legal federal holiday in the United States in 1938. Following the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day changed to Veterans Day, a holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars. Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans--living or dead--but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

Many ways are available to honor our veterans: (1) a thank you, (2) observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. on November 11th in unison with Europe, Britain and the Commonwealth's traditional custom, (3) wear yellow ribbon or poppy, (4) share time with a veteran, (5) lay a wreath and the list goes on. There

are over 23 million veterans in the United States today with almost 2 million in Texas. City of Fair Oaks Ranch humbly extends a "thank you" to each and every one of our veteran residents. And, I will personally observe two minutes of silence at 11:00 am on November 11th.

NEIGHBORS NIGHT OUT EVENT

National Night Out brings neighbors together across the nation. There were eight local neighborhoods participating and requesting visits from the FOR Police plus emergency services October 1st this year. In addition, the Mayor and City Administrator attend to share information, answer questions, etc. National Night Out which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch is a neighborhood crime and drug prevention event. In addition to increasing awareness of crime and drug prevention programs, Night Out also strengthens neighborhood spirit and community-police partnerships.

Speaking of community-police partnerships, the first joint Citizens Police Academy is a big success! FOR Police Department, Kendall County Sheriff's Office and Boerne Police Department joined forces, so to speak, bringing citizens from each area together for both classroom and non-classroom learning. City of Fair Oaks Ranch has nine citizens involved in this first academy. Please contact our Police Department if you are interested in a future academy and put your name on the list.

CITY FINANCIAL NOTES

Based on this year's appraisal property valuations, the cumulative valuation total is now over \$1 Billion dollars in the city. New home building permits issued numbered 86 between

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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 (Continued from Cover Page)

10/1/2012 – 9/30/2013 which represents a considerable annual increase over the past 4 to 5 years. Altogether, 417 permits were issued to include remodeling (114), additions (57), fences (67), sprinkler system (55) and swimming pools (34) plus miscellaneous permits (4). Total valuation for the 417 permits is \$41,014,404.

Over the next couple of months, the accounting department along with the contracted auditor will finalize the city's yearend financial statements. The staff again watched expenditures plus revenue growth was higher than projected for 2012-2013 fiscal year. I do anticipate a surplus balance in the \$ 150,000 to \$ 200,000 range which will be added to the city's general fund reserves. The new 2013-2014 Balanced Budgets went into effect October 1st and includes both the General Fund and the Utility.

Council and the city management held a recent workshop to discuss implementation and funding options for the approved 2012-2020 Strategic Plan. To move forward toward implementation, City Administrator will initiate a professional Needs Feasibility Study. Infrastructure is aging considerably or no longer adequate; older roads (1970s) have erosion on both sides creating less driving surface. This study provides data to help the city be proactive about the anticipated growth during the next 8-10 years. The completion deadline is scheduled for mid-December 2013. The anticipated Strategic Plan costs are informally estimated at \$8 million dollar range give or take and that includes utility fund projects as well.

Simultaneously, the estimate has Council discussing funding options for the Strategic Plan elements as a whole and/or partial. The General Fund historically has utilized a "pay as you go" concept. This situation has Council discussing a municipal bond issue for a number of reasons. First, interest rates are on the low side and the city's financial situation supports receiving great rates. Although inflation has been held down for the past few years, there are many signs showing stronger upward inflation growth in building materials especially. Higher inflation results in higher final costs of projects. A municipal bond issue can

hedge that uncertainty to our benefit providing better return on investment. There are personal tax benefits to those who buy municipal bonds.

The FOR Utility Fund Enterprise currently has a 20 year bond issued that bought the FAIRCO Utility Company; it will pay out in four years. Council and staff is investigating how that might be restructured as well to handle the water/wastewater Strategic Plan needs utilizing Certificates of Obligation.

Council approved the City selling the office building at Dietz Elkhorn and Fair Oaks Parkway. The Bid package will be published in San Antonio Express and News plus Boerne Star. There will not be a reserve figure for the bidding process; we do not have to accept bids if not in the best interest of the city and its citizens. I do anticipate any selling proceeds to go toward the Strategic Plan projects or General Fund Reserves.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Well, we have heard for ten years plus, TxDOT will be redoing the bridge at Fair Oaks Parkway and IH 10 and it has been on their drawing board for that time period as well as the Ralph Fair/IH10 Bridge. Funding was granted a couple of years ago for the Ralph Fair Bridge and work will start in earnest within the next three months.

TxDOT plans to submit to MPO this December, the FO Parkway/IH 10 project for acceptance and funding by the MPO. When the project is funded, we anticipate 2-3 years before actual construction begins. TxDOT will be at the November 21st Regular Council Meeting to provide more details to Council.

CITY CONTACT INFO

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Registration Underway for Nov. 23 Turkey Trot 5K Fun Run/Walk

SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION RAISING SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

The School of Nursing Alumni Association at the UT Health Science Center San Antonio is hosting a Turkey Trot 5K Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, Nov. 23, with proceeds benefiting the School of Nursing Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Registration is now being accepted for this pre-Thanksgiving fundraiser. Register online at makelivesbetter.uthscsa.edu/sonturkeytrot. For more information, call 210-567-5534.

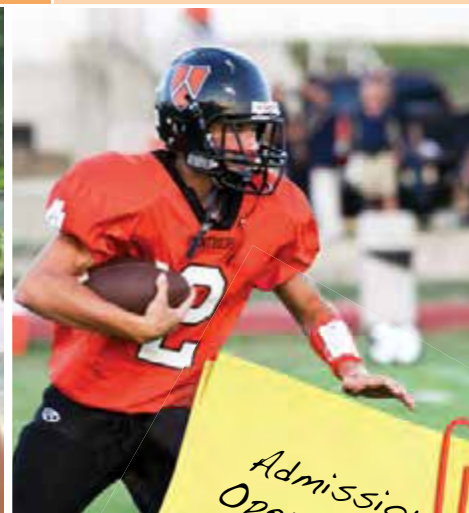
Pre-registration is \$25. Registration on the day of the race is

\$30. All registered walkers and runners received a T-shirt.

Prizes will be awarded to first-, second- and third-place runners. The race starts at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, at the track on the Long Campus at the UT Health Science Center, 7703 Floyd Curl Drive.

The family-friendly event will feature giveaways, prizes, refreshments and games. Nursing students will perform glucose, cholesterol and blood pressure screenings. Canned goods will be collected for the San Antonio Food Bank.

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