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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"©

As I am writing this for the December publication, I realize there are a mere six weeks left before 2014 arrives. They will flash by!! Turning over a year brings closures and beginnings...plus much that just continues rolling over year by year. My personal mantra for decades is "one day at a time" allowing me to cherish the "gift of surprise" that comes my way every day.

It's been a busy year for the City of Fair Oaks Ranch. This monthly column helps communicate to our residents regularly and timely. Many of you wrote, emailed or called to express your appreciation during the year. It is our plan to continue "rolling over to the new year".

COUNCIL MEETING INFORMATION

The November Council meeting includes many topics: (1) an update on council meeting rules and procedures incorporating new state legislation, (2) declaring the city-owned Executive Plaza (office building at Dietz Elkhorn and Fair Oaks Parkway) surplus inventory authorizing the potential sale of it; (3) amend existing ordinance to ensure that proper trash containers and removal services are conducted on all construction sites, (4) annexation process of 10 acres at Battle Intense and Keeneland, (5) casting votes for candidates to serve on Bexar, Comal and Kendall Appraisal Districts and (6) designating an expansion of FOR Elementary school zone areas with appropriate signage/signals with enforcement speed limits at 20 mph. Word of caution: school zone equals "no cell phone usage".

TxDOT plans to submit the redo of the bridge at Fair Oaks Parkway and IH10 to the Metropolitan Planning Organization early December for approval consideration. Estimated cost is \$ 8 Million with majority of funding from Federal allocations with a 20% match from TxDOT and minimal 10% match (\$800,000) from the City of Fair Oaks Ranch. If approved, project is scheduled and generally, within 2-3 years, construction begins.

The new design realigns the bridge to meet Tarpon Rd. on the other side of IH10 plus turn-arounds on each side of the bridge. The

plan has frontage roads converted to one-way on each side of IH 10. TxDOT will come into the Parkway 200-300' deep for grading needs; the entrance signage (historically referred to as "the boat") will be removed. There is a lot going on!!

All of the Council Regular Meetings, Special Meetings and Workshops agendas are posted on the city's website (www.fairoaksranchtx.org) with back-up documentations on each agenda item. All meetings are open to our citizens and the general public.

CITY HOUSE WATCH PROGRAM

With the holiday season here, many of our residents travel visiting relatives, friends, vacation, etc. Please consider using the City's House Watch service. The Fair Oaks Ranch police will do a daily external inspection of your residence. Just call City Hall for sign-up information and allow at least two work days notice ensuring your information is in the system at the beginning of your departure. Put peace of mind into your holiday travels!

HOLIDAY SEASON

Whether young or young-at-heart, the holidays bring memories to mind while inspiring the creation of new memories. Most feel a personal satisfaction in giving, sharing and caring. On behalf of the City employees and the Council may the blessings of the holiday season continue throughout 2014 for you and yours.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Respectfully,
Cheryl Landman, Mayor
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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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The Assistance League of San Antonio will be hosting its annual Lit 'n Lunch on Friday, January 10th, at the San Antonio Country Club. This event raises money to clothe the children of San Antonio, engage the children in the "I'm in Charge" program which empowers children to make correct decisions for their safety, and several other programs that directly enrich the lives of children and adults in the San Antonio community.

This luncheon will feature Texas authors--Paulette Jiles-Johnson; John Kerr; and Miles Arceneaux, an alter-ego for three Texas authors, Brent Douglass, John T. Davis, and James R. Dennis. These authors will be speaking about their works and will be available with books for purchase and signing. The Mistress of Ceremonies will be Susan L. Pamerleau, Sheriff, Bexar County.

This year's program includes the introduction of new award, Rising Star. This award recognizes new literary talent in the San Antonio area. Emma Hobson, a high school student at Alamo Heights High School, will be the first recipient and will be honored at the luncheon. Emma published her first work, Artemis Rising, at the age of 15. She will have copies of her book available for purchase at the luncheon.

The cost of the event is \$65. Tickets may be purchased by check made payable to Assistance League of San Antonio and mailed to Assistance League of San Antonio, P.O. Box 1310, San Antonio, TX 78213. Reservation deadline is December 15. For more information, please contact Marilyn Dickinson at 210.732.1200.

Be sure to visit the Assistance League Thrift House at 2611 West Avenue. All proceeds support the programs to clothe San Antonio children, provide safety education, furnish decorated caps for children in chemotherapy, support child literacy and other programs for children and adults in the San Antonio community.

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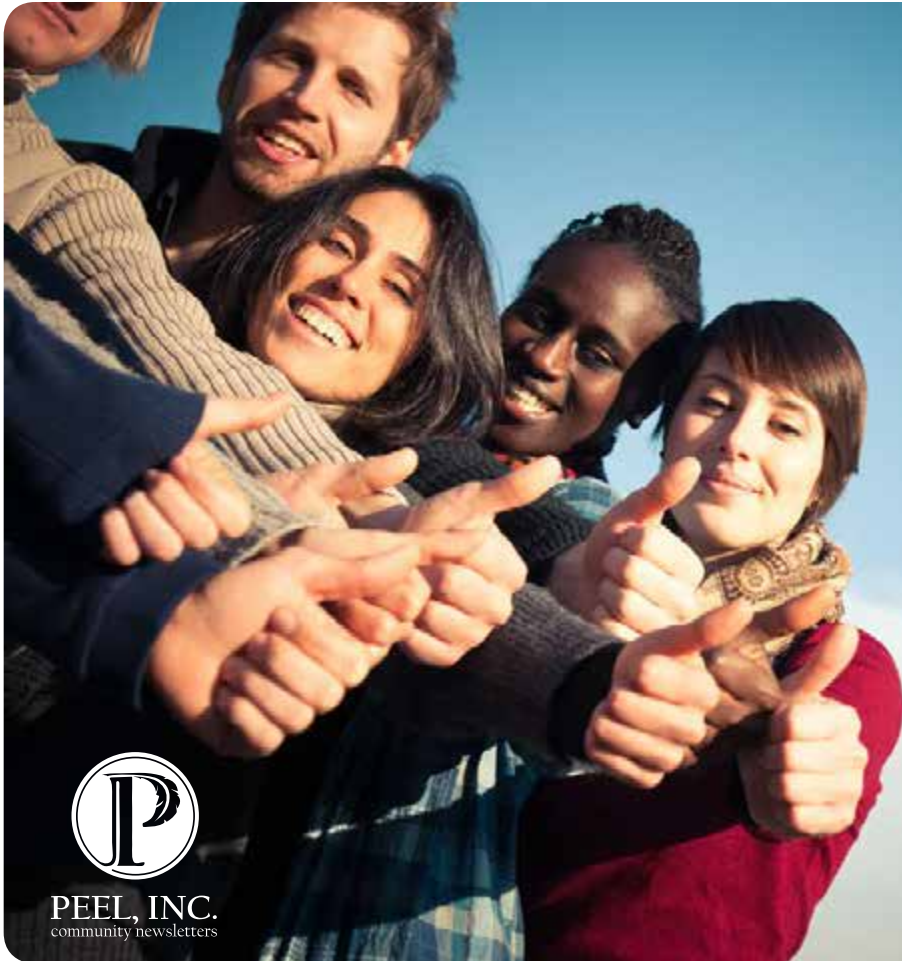


As we move into fall and hope for a wet winter, please keep up those water conservation efforts!

Trinity Glen Rose Groundwater Conservation District (TGRGCD) would like to ask for your help in reducing demand on groundwater resources. We offer a free on-site consultation to identify problem areas that could be resulting in higher water usage to home or business owners residing within our District. Following the visit, we offer recommendations to help reduce water usage both inside and outside the home and a “goody” bag full of conservation-related items, including a hose timer, moisture meter, and low-flow showerhead. We would love to work with you on conserving our water resources and helping potentially reduce your water bill as well!

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SAN ANTONIO SURGEON TO HEAD INTERNATIONAL TRAUMA COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

Ronald M. Stewart, M.D., FACS, professor and chair of the Department of Surgery at the UT Health Science Center San Antonio, trauma surgeon at University Hospital, and physician with UT Medicine San Antonio, has been appointed by the Board of Regents of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) as the next chair of the ACS Committee on Trauma (COT).

The Committee on Trauma is dedicated to all phases of injury care – from prevention to rehabilitation. The committee is supported by a network of 65 state and provincial committees, 11 international committees, and five military committees, with the majority of members being Fellows of the American College of Surgeons (FACS).

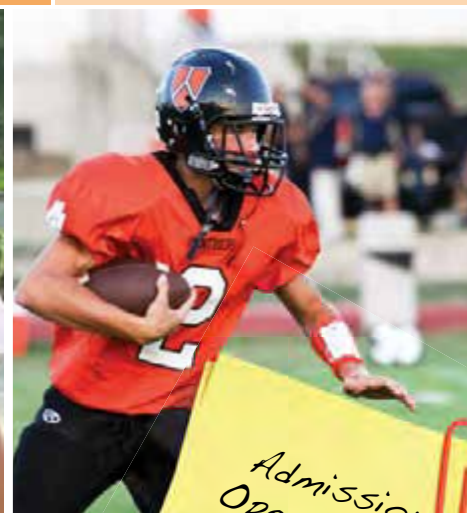
Dr. Stewart's appointment as COT Chair was approved by the American College of Surgeons Board of Regents in October.

He will succeed Michael F. Rotondo, MD, FACS, of Rochester, N.Y. Dr. Stewart will take office at the conclusion of the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Committee on Trauma in March 2014 and will serve as its 19th Chair.

"We congratulate Dr. Stewart and look forward to his leadership and direction as the COT enters its 92nd year of work to improve the care of injured patients," Dr. Rotondo said.



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Dr. Stewart served as chair of the South Texas State COT followed by a term as chief of the Region 6 COT (Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana and Arkansas). He is the Southern Surgical Association's representative to the American College of Surgeons Board of Governors.

Dr. Stewart has spent his entire professional career at University Hospital, promoting the development of the University Hospital Level I Trauma Center, South Texas' lead trauma center for both children and adults. For the past 18 years, he also has served as chair of the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma, developing the renowned South Texas Trauma System. He recently received the National Safety Council's Surgeons' Award for Service for Safety.

University Hospital is an American College of Surgeons' Verified Level I trauma center, and a participating site for both the ACS Trauma Quality Improvement Program (TQIP®) and the ACS National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (ACS NSQIP®).

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FALL BACK ON WINTER WATERING

By Erin Conant

For many of us, fall is the best time of the year. It comes in the form of cooler, more pleasing temperatures and the end to daylight saving time.

Without a doubt you've already set all your usual timepieces back one hour. But don't forget to reset the most important clock – the one on your irrigation controller.

In fact, at this time of year we encourage you to just turn off your irrigation system and run it manually on the few occasions when watering is recommended.

Consider your landscape's watering needs:

- Plants are preparing for dormancy. This means they don't take in as much water and the rate at which moisture evaporates from the soil is significantly less than it was just one month ago.
- Roots continue to grow at a snail's pace during dormancy. Apply mulch to conserve existing soil moisture and help protect plant roots from freezing temperatures.
- The cooler, wetter weather is usually sufficient for our soon-to-be-dormant lawns. Any additional irrigation – especially during certain times of the day – only encourages the growth of fungi. Need help with your irrigation system controller? SAWS



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TRAVELING WITH YOUR PET OVER THE HOLIDAYS?

Here are some tips that will help make your drive smooth sailing.

Submitted by Kristen West, Owner of Gusto Dogs LLC.

1. Take your pet on short trips prior to the big day to let him get used to traveling by car.
2. Keep your pet safe in a secured, well-ventilated crate or carrier. It should be large enough for your pet to stand, sit, lie down and turn around. Letting him have free range in the car not only puts him at risk, but it also poses a risk to your family if you were to stop suddenly.
3. Never let your dog travel in the bed of a truck. Even if he is secured on a short line to prevent him falling or jumping out, your pet can experience discomfort from the weather and wind or sustain injury from debris.
4. Feed your pet three or four hours prior to departure and avoid giving him any food or treats in the car.
5. Never leave your pet in a parked vehicle, which can quickly become a furnace and cause heatstroke, even with open windows. In cold weather, the car holds the temperature like a refrigerator.
6. Your pet's microchip should be up-to-date and he should be wearing a flat collar and ID at all times.
7. Bring a bowl and extra water in case you get stuck in the inevitable holiday traffic jam!
8. Take lots of breaks to let your pet stretch his legs and relieve himself. It's a great excuse to do some sight-seeing or pick up a fun treat for yourself!

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