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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"©

The change of a passing year into the New Year is invigorating. Personally, the dawning of a new year provides a renewal much like the new sprouts of Spring. Gave up New Year Resolutions many years ago yet this new dawn brightens and energizes my mind, heart and attitude for what's ahead in 2014.

Last December 2012, the regular monthly Council Meeting was cancelled for lack of business to conduct. This year brought a different story with numerous business actions and two presentations! What a difference a year makes!

TxDOT shared more specifics with Council concerning the Ralph Fair Rd. /IH 10 Bridge work including introducing the TxDOT Project Engineer, Mike Howard plus Sun Construction (contractor). Work commences February/March 2014 taking approximately 15 months to complete. Motorists can continue using that route to work, errands, etc. during the construction process. Some notable changes: the completed bridge will be 120' wide with six lanes which includes two turning lanes.

In line with Council's Strategic Plan, DHR Architects presented results of their Needs/Space Feasibility Study as Council considers the next twenty years for the City of Fair Oaks Ranch. The professionals guided us – city staff, me and Council – through a specific process step-by-step. During that process, we all realized that "yes, the City needs to prepare for the next twenty years now". The presentation highlights are (1) new police building is a must; (2) a current police building renovation relocating the Utility Department and Building Permits/Inspections from City Hall to it; and finally (3) current City Hall is renovated accordingly. A bond issue may not be needed for this municipal facilities expansion plan as selling the city-owned office building, reserves and conservative fiscal responsibility will provide financial resources. (Major work for Fair Oaks Parkway and Dietz-Elkhorn may likely need bond issue funding though as

Council continues to review options.)

The new one-story police building is anticipated at 5,000 to 7,000 square feet depending whether Municipal Court is included or not. Property is available on our current city complex eliminating land expense. Because of the city sitting in three counties, the police station does not need any jail/cell space or structures. When an arrest is made, our police immediately transport to the appropriate county jail – Kendall, Comal or Bexar.

Actions taken by Council at the December meeting include:

1. adopted an updated official city limits and Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) map for the city. It had been a number of years since updated plus property off Dietz-Elkhorn released from Boerne's ETJ is now included into our ETJ;

2. approved the City designate representatives - City Administrator and the City Engineer - to the San Antonio Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee;

3. accepted a CPSEnergy franchise fee increase from 3% to 4%. Franchise Fees are paid by utilities for the use of city streets, etc.;

4. approved the Mayor sign a contract with Certified Languages International for interpretation and translation services to accommodate communication interactions as needed;

5. approved changing time limits for political signage at the polling site which is City Hall. It appears there will be more elections at our poll site this year and probably those following;

6. approved committing the \$810,000 from general fund balances for the potential Fair Oaks/IH10 bridge replacement project. TxDOT submitted the \$8 Million project to the SA-MPO for consideration and we will know April/May 2014 if accepted. If not accepted, Council will reverse this action;

7. approved contractor to replace the current collapsing

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corrugated culvert pipes at Slumberwood and Fair Oaks Parkway. Work will begin January 2014 with expected completion May 2014. The new storm drainage culverts are concrete boxes. A water line will also be relocated away from the culvert area;

8. approved selecting the firm to prepare updates to the City's Land Use Assumptions, Capital Improvements Plan and to Calculate Impact Fees. At ten year intervals, the City must update these by law. Impact fees are paid by new construction (developers, property owners, etc.) for infrastructure such as roads, utility lines, etc. Impact fees need to be consistent with current costs;

9. approved "an island within city's road right of way" variance for Setterfeld Estates Unit 2 off Ralph Fair Road. This approval saves a 34" diameter Elm Tree with approximate 50 foot diameter canopy; and, finally...

10. approved Setterfeld Estates Unit 2 Subdivision Plat.

A special thank you to all city staff for their commitment and determination to make Fair Oaks Ranch the best place to live! I commend Council on its foresight and action making Fair Oaks Ranch the best it can be. As your Mayor, it is a privilege and honor guiding each day's activities with "every day is a good day in Fair Oaks Ranch" uppermost in mind.

*Respectfully,
Cheryl Landman, Mayor*

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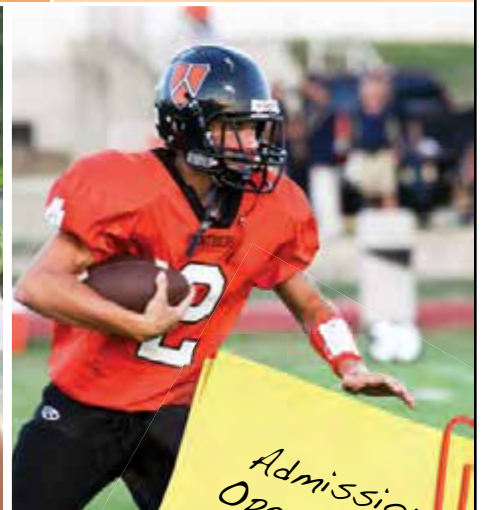
Pregnancy Care Center Expands Hours

Beginning in January the Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center will be expanding its hours. The Center, which is located at 439 Fabra St., will now be open Thursday evenings until 8pm and Fridays from 10am-1pm. The ability to open additional hours is the result of many faithful donors who dedicated funds to the capital campaign in the last 3 years and to an anonymous donor who stepped forward to generously pay off the debt this past October.

Thus, the Center was able to fund additional medical staff and open additional hours for pregnancy tests, limited obstetric ultrasounds, STD testing, pre-natal, birthing and parenting classes along with post abortion Bible studies, lay counseling and material assistance. All of the services at the Center are free and available to anyone on a walk-in or appointment basis.

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ADOPT A FRIEND



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Callie



I am a female and my name is Callie, even though it says Caracal, on my picture, that was too many syllables for me to understand, so Callie is better. I am quite personable and all wags. I tested well with other dogs and just ignore cats. CARE thought they had an adopter for me and had already written "adopted" on my picture, but that didn't work out. So here I am and available for adoption! I am 3 years old and about 35 lbs. I am a Collie blend. Blend is the new term for mix, but it means the same. I am house trained and I love to run around and have fun and smell things. I am spayed, vaccinated and microchipped.



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Radar



Radar, now what kind of dog name is that? Why not Fetch or Fido? Radar is kind of a weird doggie name, but it sets me apart! I am an 8 month old, 25 lb, male, Lab blend. Yes, Lab Blend. That is the trendy thing to say when you don't know what a doggie's breed is.

I am a cool little dude. I am sweet and since I am already 8 months old, I won't get too much bigger. I am very unique looking. You probably get tired of hearing doggies described as "sweet" all the time, but I don't know how else to describe myself, just a nice little doggie waiting for the right people to come along and fall in love. I am neutered, vaccinated and microchipped.



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Hillary



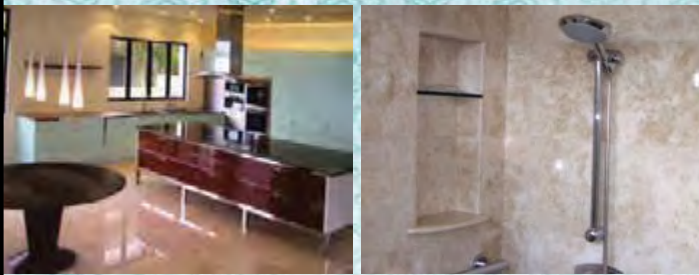
The shelter staff at the City of San Antonio sent my picture over to CARE asking if they could please post my pic, because I have the most trusting eyes. I do trust these people are going to help me, but I know it is tough because so many dogs are dropped off at the shelter every day. But I lucked out and CARE save me!

My name is Hillary. I am a girl and only about 20 lbs and one year old, so I shouldn't get too much bigger. I am a good girl and friendly to all! I am sweet and ready to learn any skills you want to teach me.

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