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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 third month of the year, March, offers a new beginning as spring blossoms forward. The emergence of green also denotes St. Patrick's Day this month!

March 7th is National Employee Appreciate Day. This year, the City will recognize those employees with 15 years of service to the City and to you with an Employee Appreciation Dinner. Council also will share their appreciation with these employees especially for the commitment and longevity demonstrated.

The emergence of spring hopefully will bring rain; Texas is still in drought conditions. Practice water conservation by utilizing drought-resistant plantings including turf. This is the perfect time to ensure irrigation sprinklers are working properly. Are there any leaks – valves, lines, etc.? Do the sprinkler heads work properly as well as aligned appropriately to avoid water loss such as to the streets? Can drip irrigation be incorporated into the landscape? Numerous websites share water conservation tips - <http://wateruseitwisely.com/100-ways-to-conserve/> provides a quick easy-to-read guide offering reminders on how we can be good stewards of our natural resource both inside and outside our homes.

The February Council meeting appointed Denton, Navarro, Rocha, Bernal, Hyde & Zech, P.C. (DNRBH&Z) as the City Attorney firm with Charles Zech as the City Attorney. The firm, established in 1990, provides legal services/guidance to local government, its officials and employees; currently it is an eighteen-attorney, three office law firm. The City is experiencing a growing and constant demand for legal guidance and DNRBH&Z offers a variety of expertise. By law, the city must have a City Attorney and Charles Zech is the third one since 1988. Jake Jacobson served since 1996 providing excellent legal services and advice to Fair Oaks Ranch.

There are a number of other Council decisions from the February

meeting. For instance, Public Works Director will go forward on a Wastewater Treatment Plant Study concentrating on the plant's current operation, potential for expansion, etc. Council approved an ordinance annexing a portion of Dietz Elkhorn west of the current city limits. The Personnel Policies Manual, Chapter 17, Professional Development and Chapter 18, Travel and Subsistence received approval from Council to implement "per diem for meals" for employees as they attend conferences, seminars, certification classes, etc.

Although not finalized as of this writing, Council is doing its due diligence review of the Siemens Performance Contract. This contract provides for Water Meter System Upgrade (AMR), Domestic Water Upgrades, Water & Wastewater Plant Security Cameras and Lights, Water and Wastewater Security Gates, New Backup Generators and Automatic Transfer Switches and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA). A Performance Contract such as water and wastewater concentrates on maximizing efficiencies in operation, resources, usage, demand, manpower and overall effectiveness. This is a giant step into the City's Eight Year Strategic Plan with an approximate \$3.8 Million investment.

The Water Meter System Upgrade will convert all current city water meters (~2600) to Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) equipment and includes a 20 year warranty on the equipment. The AMR system benefits are numerous: minimize manual reading of meters, provide operational savings, improve meter accuracy, provide citizen access to their water usage during a billing cycle as well as do comparisons via computer "dashboard" and provide quicker response to citizen queries plus leak detection.

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Both the water and the wastewater systems are approaching 40 years old using operational methods of the late 1970s. Although Performance Contracts are not new for municipalities, legislature recently expanded the use of such for municipal water needs. The financial need to purchase new equipment and facilities is growing while budgets/resources are squeezed at local government levels.

The financing for this Performance Contract is known as a Tax Exempt Lease; it is one of the most successful methods used to purchase equipment and facilities while improving the management of cash flow. Although referred to as "government lease-purchase", it has characteristics similar to a loan in that the City owns the asset at the end of the lease. Interest earnings are exempt from federal income tax; consequently, the tax-exempt lease carries a lower interest rate than other kinds of leases and installment loans. There will be direct expense savings with the implementation of this contract as well as indirect. The direct savings go toward the lease payment schedule. The indirect expense savings allow for better personnel management especially within the water and wastewater operations. A lot of manpower and hours/days are spent every month "manually reading meters" taking attention away from the primary water/wastewater operations.

From my perspective, protecting our utility functions is a top priority for the city and its citizens. The SCADA element mentioned above (paragraph 6) is the vital piece for optimizing performance. It will (1) optimize reporting, tracking and data collection, (2) provide remote access and control for various/vital equipment, (3) eliminate need to manually collect data from various utility sites, (4) notification of malfunction alarms, (5) improve reliability of water delivery and collection system, (6) provide ease of troubleshooting and proactively address potential failures, (7) reduce operating costs and overtime charges and (8) eliminate ongoing cellular fees used to communicate with the utility equipment.

There are two other "days" in March that brought out a chuckle: March 15th Everything You Do is Right Day and March 22nd International Goof Off Day!! I wish you the best on both days!

Again, a special thank you to Peel Inc. for including this monthly column in their newsletter that is mailed to the entire 78015 zip code.

Respectfully,
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Mayor

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The 'Treasures at Twilight' Gala will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2014 at the Omni Colonnade Hotel and begins at 6:00pm with a champagne reception, the opening of the Silent and Super Silent Auctions and special music by The Bandaid's jazz band. The program, followed by a seated dinner, begins at 7:30pm in the ballroom with

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State Senator Dr. Donna Campbell and Diana Anzollitto, Executive Director of Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center, at the fund raising dinner for Hill Country Mission for Health. Senator Campbell has visited the HCPCC and met with its staff.

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Four area high school students named winners in essay contest

Students from high schools in Boerne, Fredericksburg and Kerrville are winners in the annual Knight Essay Contest sponsored by the Hill Country Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR).

Sean Schaffer of Boerne Champion High School will receive \$300 and an SAR certificate, and will have his essay entered in the competition at the state level. He wrote on Robert Morris, who masterminded the financing of much of the fight for American independence but is known, according to Schaffer, as "The Forgotten Patriot."

Zachary Boothby's essay "One Nation Under God," on the role of religion in the American Revolution, and Noah Harper's portrait of George Washington, "The Character of an Honest Man," tied for second. Each will receive \$150 and a certificate. Boothby is from Kerrville Tivy High School and Harper attends Heritage Academy in Fredericksburg..

Fourth place, with \$100 and a certificate, goes to Tivy's Benjamin Solder for an essay on the influence of Benjamin Franklin on American society, "The Cultural Shift in the Fight

for Freedom."

Thirty-nine other students from area high schools will receive certificates for their entries.

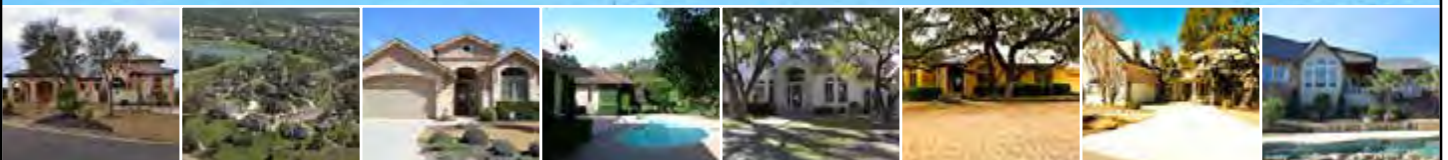
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special recognition of the women who have laid the foundation for our many successes in the community over the past thirty years. We will also have special dinner music by tenor William Chapman of Gli Unici followed by a festive Live Auction with Channel 4's morning anchor, Michael Garafalo serving as auctioneer.

Our Live Auction gives everyone a chance to not only bid on fantastic items, but make a monetary contribution to our last auction item, 'Clothe-A-Child', which dresses children in two of our programs: Togs for Tots and Operation School Bell. And you are unable to attend the Gala, you can still support our fundraising efforts on April 5th by committing to a Corporate Sponsorship (in various amounts), where 100% of your donation goes directly to 'Clothe-A-Child'. You would also receive special recognition in several different ways. It is certainly a 'win-win' for everyone, especially the precious children! You would be helping our volunteers achieve the goal of caring and commitment in action as we strive to improve the lives of our community's disadvantaged.

If you would like further information about our 'Treasures at Twilight' Gala or about Assistance League San Antonio, please call Marcia Lehman, Gala Chairman at 210.655.7732 or email her at: mlehman@satexmail.com. Please visit us on our website at:

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Joseph Benham for the Hill Country Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution

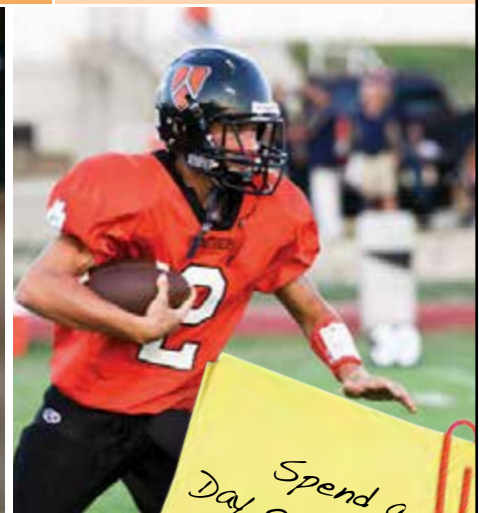
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Genealogical expertise is available to men who are interested in joining the SAR and believe that they may qualify.

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Further information on the chapter and its activities is available from Secretary T. E. Carswell at 830-792-2160 or tecarswell@gmail.com, or Registrar Gerald Irion at 469-585-0959 or girion@windstream.net.

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Hill Country students receive cash, honors; Scott recognized for Distinguished Service

Students from three high schools in the Hill Country received cash and certificates of achievement from the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) as they were recognized on Tuesday as winners in the annual Knight Essay Contest sponsored by the Hill Country Chapter of the patriotic body.

Winners, their parents and school officials were guests at the chapter's monthly lunch at Rails, a Cafe at the Depot.

Boerne High Champion High School's Sean Schaffer received \$300 and a certificate, and read his first-place essay on Robert Morris, so obscure that he's known as "The Forgotten Patriot" even though his financial expertise enabled the patriot side to import many of the weapons and other supplies vital to the fight for independence.

Schaffer's essay will be entered in state-level competition of the Texas Society of the SAR.

Checks for \$150 each and certificates went to Tivy's Zachary Boothby and Noah Harper of Heritage Academy in Fredericksburg, who tied for second. Boothby's essay was titled "One Nation Under God," on the role of religion in the American Revolution, and Harper wrote on George Washington in "The Character of an Honest Man."

Benjamin Solder of Tivy received \$100 and a certificate for fourth

place, with an essay on the influence of Benjamin Franklin on American society, "The Cultural Shift in the Fight for Freedom."

Thirty-nine other students from area high schools received certificates for their entries.

Vice President and Historian Winston Scott received the Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service during the meeting. Chaplain and Past President Joseph Benham noted that Scott has held every position in the chapter at least once and has been like the biblical "hewer of wood and drawer of water" in his faithful service to the organization, as well as an invaluable source of help and knowledge to presidents of the chapter.

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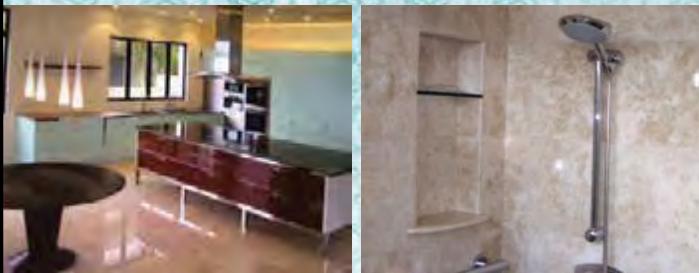
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