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MANOR COMMUNITY NEWS

Friday, August 19th, 2016

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Hindu Charities For America Donates \$44,500 To Manor And Austin Area Students

By: Kelsey Feuerbacher
Manor Comm News

On Tuesday August 16, Austin based Hindu Charities 4 America (HC4A) presented scholarship awards benefiting students from, Manor Independent School District, Austin Community College and Capital Idea. The ceremony was held at City Hall in the Mayor's Ceremonial Room in Downtown Austin.

Hindu Charities for America Director of Programs, Dinesh Vakharia, joined by City Council Member Greg Kasar, City of Austin Mayor Adler, City of Manor Mayor Jonse, and MISD Superintendent Royce Avery as he presented a scholarship fund check to representatives from Capital Idea, Austin Community College and Manor ISD of \$44,500.

The \$44,500 donation is one of the largest amounts raised by an Asian American group for scholarships in Austin area. This donation will provide \$500 and \$1,000 vocational tuition awards for students seeking vocational training to develop skills leading to job and career opportunities that will help them overcome the challenge of experiencing homelessness and economic disadvantages.

The funds were raised last year during Aadhaar Gala, an event hosted by HC4A last November at the Greater Austin Merchants Association Event Hall, with

the support of various communities in Austin metro area.

More than 300 people attended the program which featured Indian cultural performances, colors of India fashion show and showcase of Indian businesses. Highlights of event were broadcast by TV Asia nationally in North America.

The 2nd Annual Aadhaar Gala is planned at Embassy Suites (I35N) on November 5th, 2016 at 6:30pm, to raise funds for scholarships for 2017. We are open to have media partners as well as sponsors.

About Hindu Charities for America: HC4A was founded in 2010 and was conceived for the purpose of providing communities across the United States an opportunity to Give Where We Live! Since 2010, it has been serving the Austin metro area with donation of school supplies to Homeless Children in Austin Metro Area. HC4A's mission is to Bridge Income Disparity through Education.

Last year HC4A donated \$25,000 in scholarships to Austin area schools.

In 2013, HC4A partnered with Jewish Community Center (JCC) on the school supply project, this year 1,400 homeless children in Austin schools will benefit with gift of school supplies.

For more information, visit the HC4A website. You can contact HC4A via email: Info@hc4a.org or by calling Harish Kotecha at 512.773.7815



HC4A presents Manor school district with a check. L to R: Austin Council Member Greg Kasar, MISD Superintendent Dr. Avery Royce, Manor Mayor Rita Jonse, and HC4A Director Dinesh Vakharia

Manor High School Mourns The Loss Of Two Teachers

By: Kelsey Feuerbacher
Manor CommUnity News

This week, the Manor High School family suffered the loss of two teachers.

Criminal justice teacher, John Stetar, passed away unexpectedly Friday night. Stetar



John Stetar

was a former law enforcement officer who joined the Manor High team in February 2015. Services for Stetar were on Wednesday, August 17th at Cook Walden Davis Funeral Home in Georgetown, Texas.

On Sunday, August 14th, math teach-

er, Dr. Emile Tayar, passed away following a battle with cancer. Dr. Tayar, joined Manor High School in August 2008 and won the Superintendent's Perseverance Award in 2015.

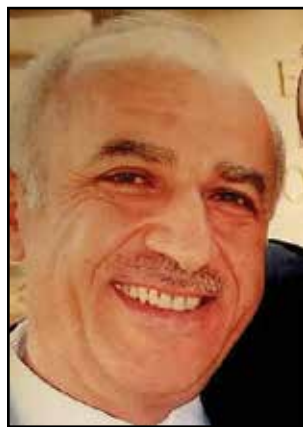
Services for Dr. Tayar will be held on Friday, August 19th at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Pflugerville. Viewing from 10:00 – 10:50 a.m. Rosary will be held at 10:30 a.m. and services at 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. followed by graveside burial at Cook Walden Cemetery off of I-35.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to fund a college scholarship for a Manor High School senior who plans to study in the field of Engineering or Math, in an effort to continue our father's efforts to motivate students to excel in these subjects.

Mr. Stetar and

Dr. Tayar were loved by the students and staff and will be dearly missed.

Manor ISD counseling team will



Dr. Emile Tayar

be available at MHS as needed throughout the week to provide support and comfort during this very difficult time. Additionally, there is a plan in place to support students when they return to school on Monday. If you have special counseling concerns, please contact 512-278-4439.

plans for internal transit service expansion. With this badly-needed service, this is an example of "Manor Moving Forward". Council Member Gil Burrell suggested that the City of Manor consider placing Cap Metro brochures in water bills that are mailed out each month to get the word out about this transit service for the community. City Manager Thomas Bolt replied that would be a possibility which he will look into.

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Manor City Council August 17th Meeting

By: Debbie Tucker
Manor Community News

The Manor City Council Regular Meeting was held on Wednesday August 17 at 7 pm. Manor Rita Jonse called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present. The meet-

ing began by starting with a presentation by Sam Sargent with Cap Metro.

Sargent began by providing growth statistics. He stated that currently, 110 people a day move into the region, and 147,000 commute into Austin daily. He added that Manor is

a "major driver" in this growth with Cap Metro was founded in 1985

with Park and Ride joining them in 2012. Route 990 between Manor and Elgin is a partnership between CARTS and Cap Metro. The new Manor Flex Route, 3/4 miles within the City limits, runs six days a week and takes 30 minutes to ride from end to end within Manor. Weekdays it operates from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. with Saturday hours being 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Prices are affordable with significantly discounted rates being offered for those who qualify. There are also



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Community Calendar

Friday, August 19
16th Annual School Resource Fair
from 9 AM to 1 PM at Manor New Tech
High School Cafeteria, open to all MISD
students!!

Meet the Superintendent, Dr. Royce
Avery from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM at MISD
Central Office Board Room!

Saturday, August 20
6th Annual Something At The Park
from 1pm-5pm at 2803 Loyola Lane,
Austin, Texas.
Free School Supplies, free food, free
games and much more!

Monday, August 22
First day of school!

Yoga with Katy at 6:30pm Manor Excel
Academy. \$8 bring a mat if you have
one!

Wednesday, August 24
Manor Community Farmers Market
from 4pm-7pm at Jennie Lane Park

Thursday, August 25
Jimbro's Thirsty Thursdays at the
Good Luck Grill from 6:30 to 8:30

Wednesday, August 31
HOPE reSTOREd grand opening/rib-
bon cutting with the Manor Chamber
on August 31 at 5:30 at Manor United
Methodist Church. Come by and check
it out and while you're there stop by
"Meals With Manor" next door.

Police Report

August 10th - August 16th, 2016

08/10/2016 THEFT
14400 BLK BOUDIN STREET

08/10/2016 UNLAWFUL WEAPON
12600 BLK S HWY 290

08/11/2016 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
14400 BLK BOUDIN STREET

08/11/2016 DECEASED PERSON
200 BLK CARRIE MANOR STREET

08/11/2016 FRAUD
13000 BLK SHIP BELL DRIVE

08/11/2016 DRIVING WITH SUSP LICENSE
200 BLK N LEXINGTON STREET

08/11/2016 LEAVING CHILD IN VEHICLE
11920 BLK HWY 290E

08/12/2016 VCO 158 NUISANCE PROPERTY
100 BLK E BURTON STREET

08/12/2016 DWI
10300 BLK US HWY 290

08/12/2016 VSO 168 ANIMAL IN VEHICLE
11920 BLK E US HWY 290

08/12/2016 RUNAWAY
11900 BLK S BASTROP STREET

08/12/2016 POSS OF MARIJUANA
11000 BLK HWY 290E

08/12/2016 INTERFERE WITH EMER CALL
200 BLK EGGLESTON STREET

08/13/2016 DRIVING WITH SUSP LICENSE
9700 BLK OLD HWY 20

08/14/2016 DISTURBANCE FAMILY
19600 BLK SMITH GIN

08/14/2016 DRIVING WITH SUSP LICENSE
12000 BLK US HWY 290E

08/15/2016 VCO 168 NUSIANCE ANIMAL
12100 BLK HWY 290E

08/15/2016 CRIMINAL TRESPASS
100 BLK E BOYCE STREET

08/16/2016 THEFT
12700 BLK WEDDING DRIVE

08/16/2016 DRIVING WITH SUSP LICENSE
11800 BLK US HWY 290

08/16/2016 VCO 168 ANIMAL NUISANCE
200 BLK N CALDWELL STREET



Local Resources & Services Packet:

- City of Manor History
- City Information
- Local Places of Worship
- City Utilities & MISD Campuses
- Food Pantries and Misc. Assistance
- Community Services & Local Assistance
- Emergency & Non-Emergency Contacts
- Local Transportation Services
- Local Automotive Services

Packets available in English or
Spanish. For more information or
to request a packet contact:

manorwelcomesyou@yahoo.com
or
manorchamber@att.net

By: Kelsey Feuerbacher
Manor Community News

As the summer comes to an end students will be returning to school on Monday, August 22nd. We have compiled information that MISD has sent us in order to ensure parents and students are prepared for the new school year.

Free Shot Clinic/Clinica de Vacunas sin Costo

Manor ISD Health Services is hosting the Care Van Program to provide free vaccines to students who are uninsured, un-

derinsured, or enrolled with Medicaid during the 16th Annual School Resource Fair and School Supply Distribution Event that will be held on Friday, August 19th from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. MISD asks that you bring shot records and identification.

If you have questions, please contact your campus nurse or Health Services Coordinator Lynda Townsend at 512-278-4093.

Complete On-line Registration & Submit Required Documentation
New Students-https://skyweb.manorisd.net/

scripts/wsisa.dll/WService=wsEApplus/skyenroll.w

Returning Students-https://skyweb.manorisd.net/scripts/wsisa.dll/WService=wsEApplus/fvemnu01.w

Save your Family Access account information for future use

Check Immunization Requirements
A complete list of immunization requirements is available on the Manor ISD Health Services webpage

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Mark Your Calendar with These Upcoming Events

■ 16th Annual School Resource Fair & School Supply Distribution, August 19, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

■ Superintendent's Welcome Reception, August 19, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

■ First day of School, Monday, August 22

Manor ISD
Immunization Requirements 2016-2017 School Year

3 year olds and 4 year olds (PRE K)
4 doses of DTP, DTaP, DT
3 doses of Polio
1 dose of MMR¹ on/after 1st birthday
3 doses of HIB with the 3rd dose given on/after 1st birthday and at least 2 months since dose #2 **OR** 1 dose on/after 15 months of age
4 doses of PCV² with one given after 1st birthday **OR** 1 dose on/or after 24 months of age
3 doses of Hepatitis B³
1 dose of Varicella^{4,5} on/after 1st birthday (if the child has **NOT** had chickenpox)
2 doses of Hepatitis A¹ on/after 1st birthday (must allow **18 months** between doses*)

✓HIB and PCV not routinely administered to children ≥ 5 years of age.

Kindergarten – Sixth Grade
5 doses of DTP, DTaP, DT with one on/after 4th birthday **OR** 4 doses if one dose is on/after the 4th birthday
4 doses of Polio with one on/after 4th birthday **OR** 3 doses if one dose is on/after 4th birthday
2 doses of MMR¹ on/after 1st birthday
3 doses of Hepatitis B³
2 doses of Varicella^{4,5} on/after 1st birthday (if the child has **NOT** had chickenpox)
2 doses of Hepatitis A¹ on/after 1st birthday (must allow **18 months** between doses*)

✓Ages 7 years and older, 3 doses of DTP containing vaccine with one dose on/after 4th birthday.

Seventh Grade
3 doses of DTP, DTaP, DT, Td, Tdap with one on/after 4th birthday, **AND** 1 dose of Tdap within the last 5 years. Td is acceptable in lieu of Tdap if a contraindication to pertussis exists.
4 doses of Polio with one on/after 4th birthday **OR** 3 doses if one dose is on/after 4th birthday
2 doses of MMR^{1,6} on/after 1st birthday
3 doses of Hepatitis B³
2 doses of Varicella^{4,5} on/after 1st birthday (if the child has **NOT** had chickenpox)
2 doses of Hepatitis A¹ on/after 1st birthday (must allow **18 months** between doses*)
1 dose of quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV or MenACWY) on or after the student's 11th birthday

Eighth – Twelfth Grade
3 doses of DTP, DTaP, DT, Td, Tdap with one on/after 4th birthday, **AND** 1 dose of Tdap is required within the last 10 years. Td is acceptable in lieu of Tdap if a contraindication to pertussis exists.
4 doses of Polio with one on/after 4th birthday **OR** 3 doses if one dose is on/after 4th birthday
2 doses of MMR^{1,6} on/after the 1st birthday
3 doses of Hepatitis B³
2 doses of Varicella^{4,5} on/after 1st birthday (if the child has **NOT** had chickenpox)
1 dose of quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV or MenACWY) on or after the student's 11th birthday

This chart summarizes the vaccine requirements in Title 25 Health Services, §§ 97.61-97.72 of the Texas Administrative Code. This chart is not intended as a substitute for consulting the Texas Administrative code, which has other provisions and details. http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readacSext.ViewTAC?tab_view=5&ti=25&pi=1&ch=97&sch=B&rl=Y

*The recommended interval for Hepatitis A vaccine between dose #1 and dose #2 is 6-18 months. School nurses or officials cannot require dose #2 until at least 18 months have passed since dose #1.

**All vaccine doses administered up to and including 4 days before the minimum interval of age will satisfy school entry immunization requirements.

¹ Serologic evidence of infection or serologic confirmation of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, or varicella is acceptable in place of vaccine.

² Other schedules may apply.

³ For students aged 11-15 years, 2 doses meet the requirement if adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax®) was received. Dosage (10 mcg/1.0 mL) and type of vaccine (Recombivax®) must be clearly documented. If Recombivax® was not the vaccine received, a 3-dose series is required.

⁴ Previous chickenpox illness may be documented with a written statement from a physician, school nurse, or the child's parent or guardian containing wording such as: "This is to verify that (name of student) had chickenpox disease on or about (date) and does not need varicella vaccine." This written statement will be acceptable in place of any and all varicella vaccine doses required.

⁵ Polio vaccine is not required for students 18 years or older.

⁶ Students vaccinated prior to 2009 with 2 doses of measles and one dose each of mumps and rubella satisfy this requirement.

NOTE: This Reference Guide MAY change depending on immunization requirement changes made by DSHS after the revision date.

See <http://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/school/school-requirements-faq.aspx> for frequently asked questions on the changes to 2016-2017 School Immunization Requirements.

AROUND YOUR COMMUNITY

THIS WEEK IN ASTRONOMY

Saturn, Mars, Antares To Line Up This Week

By: Joseph Macry
Contributing Writer

The planet Mars appears to be moving eastward in the skies through Scorpius these days. This week it will pass right between Antares (the red giant heart of Scorpius) and planet Saturn. August 23rd and 24th, these three bright bodies will be lined up very closely together. From top to bottom, will be Saturn, Mars, and Antares. Note that the star twinkles, but the planets do not.

To the left (east) of Scorpius, look for the constellation Sagittarius. It is easiest to spot the “teapot” shaped asterism which is part of Sagittarius. The Milky Way can be seen as the “steam” rising from the spout of this teapot. The heart of the

Milky Way (the center of our home galaxy) is near this “spout”. Point binoculars or a small telescope to this



area for rich viewing. The “Summer Triangle” is a notable asterism that flies high in the sky this time of year. Use a star chart or

locator app to find the three stars Vega, Deneb, and Altair. Vega is not only the brightest star in Lyra (the Lyre), but it is the standard of brightness by which all other stars are measured. Deneb is the “tail” of Cygnus (the Swan). Altair is in the “head” of Aquila (the Eagle). Together, they form a large triangle which is a seen through summer and fall.

Some devout observers will note that the constellation Lyra can be thought of as resembling the Christian “fish” symbol, while nearby Cygnus resembles a Christian cross (with the central star slightly out of place). This “Northern Cross”

asterism actually looks more like a cross than the famous “Southern Cross,” which cannot be seen from North America.

Next week: How you can see satellites with your bare eyes.

Joseph Macry studied astronomy at UT Austin, and is a member of Austin Astronomical Society.

Open A Heart, Open A Trail

By: Pines & Prairies
Contributed Story

Colorado River, Bastrop—it’s a still, hot Saturday morning, no breeze blowing. Snatches of sky peak through the canopy as the mist burns slowly into day. Austin Greenwell, a sophomore at Bastrop High School and a Tahitian Village resident, has

assembled a work crew on a particular trail at the Colorado River Refuge South of Bastrop. This isn’t just any trail; it’s a

concrete wheelchair-accessible passage to a private picnic pavilion on the river. Austin Greenwell isn’t just any sophomore; he’s completing his Eagle Project as a member of Boy Scout Troop 188. The mission: to open that trail buried in mud from recent floods. “This is the only paved trail available to handicapped visitors,” Austin says. “This trail is a beautiful sight and it leads to a lookout that has one of the best views of the

Colorado River in its natural, undeveloped setting.”

Austin worked closely with staff at Pines and Prairies Land Trust (the a 501(c)(3) nonprofit which owns the 65-acre property), a master naturalist familiar with the area and his scout master to gain approval and plan the enterprise. Austin’s fa-

long lengths of hose—to carefully power wash the concrete walkway after shoveling off the heaviest muck. The group also removed three downed trees from the walkway. Altogether, Austin assembled a squad of 22 workers.

Becoming an Eagle Scout is a special rite of passage. Only four percent of Boy Scouts are granted this rank after a lengthy review process. The requirements can take years to fulfill. At the end of

the work day, hamburgers and hot dogs right off the grille were available for all the workers. .

a leader has to think of everything. Despite only taking eight hours to complete the work, Austin said he planned for this day for three weeks. The takeaway? “It’s a lot harder to lead than it is to follow,” Austin says. While he plans to attend Brigham Young University after high school, Austin recognizes there are some things you just can’t learn in a classroom.



Austin Greenwell washes mud from the wheelchair-accessible bridge

ther, Scott helped him size up the complexities.

But even with guidance, it was Austin who planned, organized, led and managed an eclectic work crew of church members, scouting buddies, selected members of a community honor choir, Tahitian Village residents and volunteer firemen from the Bastrop Volunteer Fire Department. Austin’s idea was to use a fire engine—with its own supply of water and

County Lowers Property Tax Rate For FY 2017

By: Travis County Emer Svcs
Contributed Story

The Travis County Commissioners Court is scheduled to receive a presentation on the Fiscal Year 2017 Preliminary Budget at the Hall of Justice in the County Administration Building, located at 700 Lavaca Street, at 1:30 p.m. on Aug. 18. County executives developed the Preliminary Budget as an efficient, effective, affordable and fair financial plan based on guidelines approved by the Commissioners Court. This budget strategically balances property tax affordability concerns against population-driven pressures and resident expectations for public services.

The tax rate used to balance the FY 2017 Preliminary Budget is 38.38 cents per \$100 of taxable value, a reduction of 3.31 cents from the FY 2016 adopted tax rate of 41.69 cents per \$100 of taxable value. Based on a tax rate of 38.38 cents, County property taxes for the average taxable homestead are expected to remain the same as in FY 2016, even though the average taxable homestead value is anticipated to increase by 8.65 percent. A tax rate of 38.38 cents would result in no County property tax increase for the average taxable homestead for the third consecutive year.

“The Travis Commissioners Court continues to be mindful of the ongoing affordability concerns in our community,” said County Judge Sarah Eckhardt. “We are working hard to balance the need for County services with the impact that taxes have on residents.”

The Travis County Commissioners Court remains committed to providing tax relief to homestead owners. Travis County offers a 20 percent homestead exemption, the maximum allowed by law. For additional tax relief, the Commissioners Court approved an increase to the optional homestead exemption from \$75,000 to \$80,000 for those homeowners who are 65 years of age or older or are disabled. These taxpayers must often rely on fixed incomes to pay property taxes on increasing homestead values, and the additional tax relief is designed to help them retain their homestead.

The FY 2017 Preliminary Budget totals \$976 million and is approximately 2.6 percent more than the FY 2016 Adopted Budget. The FY 2017 Preliminary Budget is available on the Travis County website at: www.traviscountytx.gov/planning-budget/budget-development.

Public hearings on the tax rate are scheduled for 9 a.m. on Sept. 20 and Sept. 23. The County is holding a public hearing on the proposed County budget at 9 a.m. on Sept. 27. The public is invited to these hearings and can offer comments at the beginning of each Commissioners Court voting session every Tuesday morning. The tax rate and budget are scheduled for adoption on Sept. 27.

Travis County provides law enforcement, the County jails, courts and prosecutors, roads, parks, social services, juvenile justice services, and emergency response and medical services.

Free Music by the River

Pines & Prairies Land Trust 2nd Annual Bands For Lands

By: Diane Causey
Contributed Story

Neighbors Kitchen & Yard, Bastrop—A popular music venue with an outdoor stage on the Colorado River in Bastrop will be hopping on Saturday, October 22nd. Six live bands will take the stage between 3:00 pm and 11:00 pm at Neighbors Kitchen & Yard, hosted by Pines & Prairies Land Trust. The second annual ‘Bands for Lands’ festival is free and open

to the public. Bastrop’s own John Inmon will emcee the festivities. The fete will feature a public silent auction, a special V.I.P. area with complimentary dinner, drinks, and other goodies, as well as a signature libation known as “Prairie Tea” that goes on sale to the public starting October 1st through the conclusion of the Saturday festival.

Pines and Prairies Land Trust, headquartered here in Bastrop, is a nonprofit



The Peterson Brothers Band

corporation that preserves and protects wild spaces in Bastrop, Caldwell, Fayette, Lee and Eastern Travis counties. In addition, Pines and Prairies Land Trust hosts nature lessons and workshops, participates in conferences and local environmental events and provides speakers for civic and business groups.

Musical groups scheduled to perform include Chubby Knuckle Choir, Shelby

Cheyenne Blues, Mark Jungers Band, Don Chani, The Peterson Brothers Band and Chris Duarte. Pines and Prairies Land Trust is seeking financial sponsors of various levels to help ensure the festival becomes an annual free-to-the-public celebration. If you have questions or are interested in becoming a sponsor, contact Melanie Pavlas at 512-308-1911. Make plans to come enjoy the party by the river.



The Chubby Knuckle Choir

VIP Alterations Ribbon Cutting



Mayor Rita Jonse attends the grand opening of VIP Alterations in Manor

INSPIRATIONAL SECTION

5 Ways to De-Stress Right Now

by Katy Gassaway, RYT
Contributed Story

We all have those moments where stress gets the best of us. Even as a yoga teacher who knows all these amazing, wonderful calming mechanisms, I sometimes have moments where I find myself sitting alone in my car and just needing to scream (that's not on this list, but it helps sometimes, too!). It's part of being human and nothing to beat yourself up about—the last thing you need to do is stress yourself out about feeling stressed.

Here are five ways to can find a little more peace, no waiting:

1. Take a few deep, long breaths. Shallow breathing is an indicator of stress; by changing your breathing, you stimulate a parasympathetic reaction in your nervous system, helping you to calm down. Make your breath audible for even more impact. The soothing sound of your own breath can have a relaxing effect, like listening to the waves of an ocean.

2. Unplug. At this point, there are countless studies showing how being constantly connected to technology and especially social media increases our stress levels. Waiting for that text back, wondering why our post isn't getting more likes, having our attention constantly pulled in

different directions by notifications—it takes a toll. Take a tech break and be in the here and now.

3. Get your head below your heart. I'm not saying you have to do a handstand! But part of the reason we practice inversions in yoga is be-



cause getting your head below your heart can help reduce feelings of anxiety almost immediately. It not only affects your breathing and nervous system, but also the blood flow to your brain. Even sitting at your desk and folding forward, as though you were going to put your head between your knees, can help.

4. Connect with nature. Here in Texas, the weather can actually be a source of stress sometimes; but even if it's not a nice day to be outdoors, studies have shown that looking out the window into nature can have an anxiety-reducing effect. If it isn't torrentially pouring or hotter than the surface of the sun, take a few minutes to go outside for a brief walk or to sit without distractions (unplug, remember?).

5. Be grateful. Gratitude has been scientifically proven to make people happier and healthier. Research has

shown that people who focus on the highlights in their days rather than the hassles feel more fulfilled, exercise more, and sleep better. Taking a moment to think of what you are grateful for when you are feeling stressed can help put things in perspective and instantly shift your mood. Being grateful is not about being in denial about anything that's not going right, but simply acknowledging that there is more to life than whatever is creating stress in the moment.

Give these a shot next time you're feeling overwhelmed and see what works for you!

Take a yoga class with Katy at Manor Excel Academy (600 E. Parsons Street) Mondays at 6:30pm, or get more yoga and wellness tips by following her on Facebook (facebook.com/katydoesyoga) and Instagram (@katydoesyoga).

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This Soft Evening

by Ian Egan



Thunder rumbles in the distance...

Artillery duels between storm fronts.

Squirrels chatter and chase among the branches,

Using vertical bark like we use horizontal concrete.

Birds dart through the loamy forest's muffled light,

Their lives free of worry and stress for the moment.

The gentle soaking rain transforms their soaring existence

Into a giant enchanted birdbath, warm and embracing,

And seemingly dripping in magic.

It is a soft evening with no hard edges or sharp corners

To bruise our sense of humor;

All worries and concerns are left for tomorrow.

This gentle moment...

This quiet pause...

This soft evening...

Is only for us.

WORDS OF WISDOM

by Pastor D.L. Cox
Gildon Creek 3rd Baptist

Don't be afraid of anything that is coming at you because your faith protects you. Even though it may

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Volunteers Gather School Supplies For MISD Students



By: Kelsey Feuerbacher
Manor Community News

On Tuesday, August 16th, Volunteers from Manor

ISD's Student and Family Support Services, The Hindu Charities for America and the Jewish Federation of Great

er Austin donated, packed and loaded a box truck of school supplies for Manor ISD students.



Shoal Creek Conservancy Urges Safety And Calls for Flood Solutions

Contributed by
Shoal Creek Conservancy

AUSTIN, TEXAS – This week's heavy rains are causing Shoal Creek waters to rise once again, threatening property and lives. "The rapidly rising waters are an eerie reminder of the devastating 2015 Memorial Day Flood and the imminent threat of Shoal Creek flooding in the heart of downtown Austin," said Joanna Wolaver, Executive Director of Shoal Creek Conservancy. With more rains forecasted, Shoal Creek Conservancy urges Austinites to stay safe and underscores the need for flood mitigation solutions on Shoal Creek.

Stay Safe During Floods: "One of the best things you can do to protect your family and home is stay informed during heavy rains. We encourage anyone who lives or works along Shoal Creek to sign up for ATXFloods Alerts at atxfloods.com. You will receive a text, email or call to alert you when water is rapidly rising near your home or

eye on low water crossings at 9th Street and Lamar Boulevard in downtown near Shoal Creek," she added.

Ted Siff, Shoal Creek Conservancy Board President, shared an additional safety advisory, "The sidewalk above Shoal Creek between 5th Street and West Av-

er working collaboratively and cooperatively with the City to identify flood mitigation solutions for Shoal Creek as a component of the comprehensive plan currently being developed by the Conservancy, the City and the Meadows Center for Water and the Environment at Texas State University.



enue has been closed due to flood damage. Residents of the Monarch and Gables West apartments and downtown, frequently use this sidewalk and should be advised to avoid the area." Due to the heavy rains, the bank along Shoal Creek above the new green-

This plan will address the creek's flooding, water quality, erosion, habitat and spring flow challenges."

The Conservancy is also working to identify immediate, short-term creek maintenance activities that could result in a measurable decrease in flood risk and an overall positive impact on creek health. "With the blessing of the City, we have hired engineering firm Alan Plummer Associates to survey the stretch of Shoal Creek from Lady Bird Lake to Fifteenth Street to determine the potential flood reduction benefits of managing debris, gravel and in-creek vegetation. The engineering study will establish the measurable impact of specific steps – such as the removal of vegetation or sediment in a particular location – on flood risk, while considering impacts on water quality, erosion and habitat," added Siff.

The Shoal Creek Conservancy is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving Shoal Creek for all Austinites – present and future. To learn and support the work of the Conservancy, visit www.shoalcreekconservancy.org.



business," said Wolaver.

Wolaver also urged Austinites to avoid driving on flooded roadways. "If you see water on the road, turn around, don't drown. Few people realize the vast majority of flood fatalities in Texas occur in vehicles. Help spread the word that it takes just six inches of water to cause tires to lose traction and begin to slide." For real-time updates on road closures, visit atxfloods.com. "Austinites should keep an

belt trail improvements experienced significant damage, compromising the stability of the sidewalk.

A Call for Flood Solutions: "This week's flooding is a reminder of the threat Shoal Creek poses to life and property, particularly in the downtown area, and underscores, once again, the need for both short-term and long-term solutions to reduce the flood risk," stated Wolaver.

Wolaver further explained that, "The Conservancy is

Healing With Horses Invites Community to Annual Barn Bash

By: Patty D'Andrea
Healing With Horses

Healing with Horses Ranch is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located in Manor, Texas. We provide safe, affordable Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies (EAAT) to individuals with physical, cognitive and emotional challenges to promote healing and independence. It is a place where Horses Heal... Body, Mind, and Soul.

Our goal is to provide program consistency for all students. On Saturday, October 15, 2016 we are holding our second annual Barn Bash to raise funds for our program. In the past year we doubled the number of participants we serve weekly and served over 130 students; trained and hired two instructors and are currently mentoring eight more instructors-in-training.

ing; added our Horses Helping Heroes Veterans Program; and over 300 volunteers shared over 7500 hours of their time and talents.

We are working diligently to raise money to build our covered arena. We need to raise at least \$30,000 more to build

week it will cost the ranch \$100/hero. We have at least 10 riders that ride at a 50% discount or more. Last year the total of discounts given was over \$16,500!

We are seeking support in the form of business and individual sponsorship as well



as in-kind donations for our silent and live auctions and items to help make the party a party! Supporters like you will make all the difference in the success of our Barn Bash Fundraiser to make our

that so that we don't have to cancel classes due to the weather!

We are improving safety by building permanent stalls. Each stall will cost over \$2,000 and we will be building 14 stalls!

Will you help our riders?

The Veterans Program has started up. Military personnel and veterans will get to participate in this program at no charge to honor their service in the military. Each

goals possible while providing our services to our community. Please help us by making a donation. Any donation you can provide is greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your generous support of Healing with Horses Ranch. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact Patty D'Andrea at 512-228-4126.

16th Annual School Resource Fair & School Supply Distribution Event

Manor ISD cordially invites you to attend the 16th Annual School Resource Fair and School Supply Distribution Event.

Friday, August 19, 2016 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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August 15th Board Meeting Features Innovative Plans

By: Debbie Tucker
Manor Community News

A Regular Meeting of the Manor ISD Board of Trustees was held August 15, 2016 at 6 pm in the Central Administration Building Board Room. Board President Marlin Thomas called the meeting to order and announced a quorum present. The Board members led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were two speakers for the Public Forum. First was Selina Castillo who is a teacher in the District and in support of Manor being a District of Innovation. In gaining this distinction she urged the board to all PLCs without encroaching on planning time for teachers. She added that she is also concerned with class sizes. She stated that she hopes the Board will create the opportunity and system that allows teacher to participate more and provide input. Next was Dr. Katrina Hicks on the purchase two portables to house her Pre-K Learning Center and asked the Board to consider making a decision soon. Farmer updated on the contract with Terracon Consulting for material testing and inspection of the New Tech Middle School building construction.

Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Land discussed the annual Investment Policy Review and investment brokers for the District.

Chief Technology Officer Angela Matthews presented a request for purchase of student IPAD cases. The hard cases that had been purchased in the past were not taken care of by students, many having removed the bulky cases and

either losing them or discarding them. This year Matthews' team is proposing the purchase of red simulated leather cases that have worn well. The price for each case is nineteen dollars. Board member Elmer Fisher questioned the cost of purchasing these new cases for \$45,000 and suggested that money might be better spent on the hard cases that protect the iPads and would last longer. Matthews responded this would be true, but students don't seem to like the cases, don't use them or discard them. The Board voted to continue researching other options before voting on this issue.

Dr. H. Brian Yearwood presented new learning tools such as myOwn Personalized Literacy, MindPlay Virtual Reading Coach, Thinking Maps Material and Professional Development, and the Edgenuity Program. Yearwood stated that we are trying to be more systematic in all schools. He added that we are "building up literacy, starting at the elementary level and continuing to the twelfth grade." He said that these programs give students "access to books at all times, and the beauty of the program is how it measures variables such as readability at certain levels." He talked about how these programs will help them increase their reading and interest. Dr. Avery stated he has looked at all of the programs in the District and is working on streamlining programs. He added that with these programs, the District is able to monitor the use of software across the District. He added that the key is

program evaluation. He said that "Curriculum will evaluate these programs at the end of the year." This evaluation will be a part of the Curriculum Audit of all programs. The evaluation will seek to determine if programs have been effective. Regarding the Edgenuity program, Board Member Sam Samaripa noted there was no competition for this program making it a "sole source", and that perhaps the costs may be elevated because of this. The Board voted to approve these purchases.

President Thomas asked for a moment of silence Dr. Emile Tayar, John Stetar, and John Williams who recently died.

Mike Brooks, Director of Facilities and Construction, discussed the seven projects underway - Lagos Elementary, scheduled to be complete by March 2017, Manor New Tech Middle School, scheduled to be complete by September 2017, Manor Senior High School, scheduled to be complete by September 2017, the Manor High School kitchen renovation which is substantially complete, the MAP campus renovation, the Pre-k building at Oak Meadows Elementary which will be substantially complete by next week, and the interior of Decker Elementary School, a long-overdue project which is virtually complete. Regarding the Pre-k building at Oak Meadows, this is a building separate from the main building. There are security cameras, and there is a possibility that more will be added which will focus on the sole entrance to the building,

the fence and gate, and also internally. Abby Chalmers, Director of Communications, Public Relations & Policy, provided an update on the new Student and Staff Dress Codes. She stated that these updates were finalized last week and communicated to staff. Dr. Avery commented that Manor ISD wants to present a professional image. He added that he wants a great learning environment for everyone. There was some discussion regarding consistent enforcement of student dress code. Dr. Avery commented that parent input and feedback on this issue has been very valuable. Samaripa mentioned the possibility of uniforms, at least for the elementary schools. There will be further discussion in the future regarding this idea. Dr. Avery said he would be meeting with principals and that they would be discussing how to consistently enforce the code.

Land highlighted data from the Monthly Financial Report. She then discussed the Quarterly Investment Report. Dr. Yearwood provided preliminary data from STAAR testing in the spring of this year. There was discussion about the drop in scores between 5th grade and middle school. An interesting observation was noted that in elementary schools, students are more nurtured, whereas when they enter middle school, they take on more personal responsibility and more is expected of them. The emphasis on continuing the nurturing during this time is important to the students' academic success. It was also noted that Manor ISD needs

to be able to attract and retain quality teachers and offer competitive salaries. Dr. Avery said "There is a sense of urgency to gather data to see where we are and see what needs to change to raise our scores".

Meredith Roddy, Director of Bilingual/ESL Programs, provided a detailed and impressive annual report on the District's Bilingual/ESL Program. She shared several slides showing progress in this area.

Next under Action Items, the Board voted to approve the adoption of the Local Innovation Plan to Achieve Designation as a District of Innovation. Chalmers and Dr. Avery touted the exciting aspects and possibilities for the District in being designated as a District of Innovation. Samaripa made a motion to approve the resolution. Fisher seconded the motion.

Dr. Avery presented a resolution regarding the Extracurricular Status of the 4-H organization for the District. Fisher made a motion to accept the resolution. Board member Johnny Velasco seconded the motion. Next, Land presented the final 2014-15 Annual Financial Audit status. She stated that the audit is now complete. Members of the audit team then reviewed the findings as well as corrections that have been made. Fisher made a motion to approve the audit. The motion was seconded by Cortez.

Brooks discussed the Bluebonnet Electric Easement for the new MAP locations. Samaripa made a motion to accept the easement. The motion was seconded by Cortez. Bob Farmer followed this discussion by announcing the selection of Gil Engineering for the design of a new sanitary sewer line and lift station for the Manor New Tech High School. A motion to accept this selection was made by Samaripa with a second from Velasco.

George Townsend with Food Services asked the Board to approve an increase in adult breakfast and lunch prices. He stated that the District had researched what other districts were charging and that Manor needed to in-

crease these prices to be comparable. The Board voted to approve the increase. Next, Chalmers provided a policy update - DNA (LOCAL) and DNB(LOCAL) - regarding performance appraisals and the annual approved list of T-TESS appraisers. Samaripa made a motion to accept with a second by Fisher. Board President Marlin Thomas brought up the discussion of Board of Trustees operating procedures. Velasco made a motion to accept and Cortez seconded. Next, Christine Badillo discussed the Trustee transition plan for the November election cycle. There was no action by the Board at this time. She then formally presented the order for the November 8, 2016 Trustee election. Cortez made the motion to order the November 8, 2016 Trustee election and Fisher seconded the motion.

At 9:02 pm, the Board adjourned to Closed Session to consult with the Board's legal counsel on agenda items as necessary, and to deliberate appointments. At 9:53 pm, the Board reconvened and announced four new appointments. Velasco made a motion to accept the appointments and Samaripa seconded the motion. Dr. Avery announced the following appointments: Dayna Swain, Principal of Manor Excel Academy, Dr. Keith Brooks, Director of Social and Emotional Learning, Pamela Howard, Executive Director of Special Programs, and Dr. Robert Sormani, Director of Curriculum and Instruction. Dr. Avery commented that we are "ready to take Manor to a new level". He added that next week, the Board will be meeting with the City Council in an effort to be more collaborative, and that the Council will also be joining the Board at a future Board meeting. He stated that "Collaboration of community and school results in success - it starts in our schools".

The Board confirmed the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on September 19. Board member Cortez made a motion to adjourn and Board member Samaripa seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Consider All Aspects of College Savings Options

By: Edward Jones
Contributed Story

It's almost back-to-school time. If you have young children going to public schools, your biggest expenditures may be on pens, pencils and notebooks. But if you want those same kids to go to college someday, you'll eventually face considerably larger costs – so you may want to start preparing soon.

College is costly. For the 2015-16 school year, the average expense (including tuition, fees room and board) was nearly \$20,000 at a public, four-year school, and more than twice that amount at a four-year private school, according to the College Board. Of course, cheaper alternatives are available – your children could go to a local community

college for two years at a very reasonable cost, and then transfer to a four-year school.

Still, if your child does go on to get a bachelor's degree, those big bills will eventually arrive. As you consider how you can best deal with these costs, ask yourself these questions:

How much can I afford to contribute? As much as you'd like to help your children pay for college, you also have to think about your own needs – specifically your retirement. Think very carefully before reducing contributions to your retirement plans, such as your IRA and 401(k), to help fund a college savings plan. After all, your children may be able to get scholarships and grants, and even if they have to take out loans, they'll have many years in which to

repay them – but you can't postpone saving for retirement without jeopardizing your ability to enjoy a comfortable lifestyle. When it comes to prioritizing your financial goals, putting yourself first is not necessarily a selfish act.

What college savings plan should you consider? A number of college savings options are available. For example, you could contribute to a 529 plan which offers potential tax advantages and high contribution limits. You might also consider a custodial account, such as an UGMA or UTMA, although when your children reach the age of majority, they are free to do whatever they want with the money – and their plans may not include college.

What will be

the effect of a college savings plan on financial aid? When colleges determine financial aid packages, they will evaluate your child's assets differently than your assets. Your child typically would be expected to contribute 20 percent of his or her assets, while you are only expected to contribute up to 5.6 percent of your assets. Consequently, you may be better off saving for college in your name, rather than your children's. Under the federal financial aid guidelines, an UTMA/UGMA account is classified as a student asset, while 529 plans are counted as parental assets if parents are the account owners. (The rules on financial aid are not always so clear-cut, however, so it might be worth your while to contact a financial aid officer at a local college or university to ensure that your chosen method of saving will still allow for the greatest possible assistance.)

As you can see, you've got several factors to think about when it comes to helping your kids meet their higher education goals. Study up on these options, so you can find the right answers for your family's needs.

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A new romance tests the unattached Bovine's patience to the limit. But Venus still rules the Taurean heart, so expect to find yourself trying hard to make this relationship work.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a good time to consider home-related purchases. But shop around

carefully for the best price — whether it's a new house for the family or a new hose for the garden.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A contentious family member seems intent on creating problems. Best advice: Avoid stepping in until you know more about the origins of this domestic disagreement.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A recent job-related move proves far more successful than you could have imagined. Look for continued beneficial fallout. Even your critics have something nice to say.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Ease up and stop driving yourself to finish that project on a deadline that is no longer realistic. Your superiors

will be open to requests for an extension. Ask for it. LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You should soon be hearing some positive feedback on that recent business move. An old family problem recurs, but this time you'll know how to handle it better. SCORPIO (October 23

to help turn things around.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your spiritual side is especially strong at this time. Let it guide you into deeper contemplation of aspects about yourself that you'd like to understand better.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your merrier aspect continues to dominate and to attract folks who rarely see this side of you. Some serious new romancing could develop out of all this cheeriness.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're

always concerned about the well-being of others. It's time you put some of that concern into your own health situation, especially where it involves nutrition.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Just when you thought your life had finally stabilized, along comes another change that needs to be addressed. Someone you trust can help you deal with it successfully.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a sixth sense when it comes to finding people who need help long before they think of asking for it. And you're right there to provide it.



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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You should soon be hearing some posi-

to November 21) Some surprising statements shed light on the problem that caused that once-warm relationship to cool off. Use this newly won knowledge

Pet of the Week!



Bastrop County Animal Shelter is in code red which means they have zero open kennels! In response to this they are having a RED HOT DEAL WEEKEND! All adoptions for cats and dogs are \$20 Saturday and Sunday. The adoption includes microchip, spay/neuter, intake and rabies shots. You will be saving two lives - the one you are adopting and the one filling that same kennel

Meet Raindrop, this adorable kitty was found by himself. This little guy is available for adoption and will be in the shelter's cattery. There are 3 group rooms with the fully vetted kitties waiting to go home. You can interact easily with these kitties and they so enjoy people visiting with them to play and pet them. Raindrop is waiting in the cattery for his turn to go home.

Recipe Of The Week

Swedish Almond Caramel Cake (Toscakaka)

This recipe was posted in the Austin American Statesman by Addie Broyles. Broyles reported that the art of "fika" is the Swedish version of going for coffee and pie or pastry. She added that Swedes take a "fika" virtually everyday, to enjoy their coffee and dessert. This recipe calls for a spring form pan. Serves 10.

Ingredients:

2 eggs
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 tsp. vanilla extract
3/4 cup all purpose flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1/2 cup (1 stick) salted butter, melted and cooled
3 Tblsp milk
For the topping -
1/2 cup (1 stick) salted butter
1/2 cup granulated sugar
2 Tblsp. all purpose flour
2 Tblsp. milk
1 cup sliced almonds

Directions:

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare a 9 or 9.5 inch cake pan with a removable bottom by greasing with butter and sprinkling pan with flour, including the sides.

Beat eggs, sugar and vanilla until very light in color and texture - about 2 or 3 minutes. In a small bowl, whisk together flour and baking powder. Gently stir the dry mixture into the egg and sugar mixture. Add melted butter and milk, stirring gently. The batter should be smooth. Pour the batter into the pan and smooth the top with a spatula. Bake for 20 minutes or until cake is just set but not done. While the cake is baking, prepare the topping.

Put the butter, sugar, flour, milk and almonds in a saucepan over medium heat and stir until everything is melted. Stir the mixture continuously. It should bubble and become slightly thicker after about 3 - 4 minutes. Remove pan from heat. When cake has baked for 20 minutes and its sturdy enough to hold the topping, remove it from the oven and pour the almond topping over the hot cake. Put the cake back in the oven and bake for an additional 15-17 minutes, or until top is golden and bubbling. Let the cake cool in its pan for 10 minutes before sliding the knife around the edge and removing the sides. Let cool to room temperature.

ASK DEE DEE

Dear Dee Dee:

We've been watching the Summer Olympics that are taking place in Rio. We love both summer and winter olympics. But we are wondering if we are carrying on an ancient tradition at a time when maybe we need to progress to something else. There is so much terrorism and danger world-wide right now. I don't say shut them down, but maybe look at changing the face of the games and revamping some of the traditions, making it safer, etc. What do you think? Sandra and Thomas

people at a much greater risk, given the evil that seems to raise its ugly head more often. Anything of great value that you want to continue always needs to be looked at and updated as the world evolves and changes. Perhaps you can address your concerns by directly contacting the IOC:

International Olympic Committee
Château de Vidy
Case postale 356
1001 Lausanne
Switzerland

Sincerely, Dee Dee

Dear Sandra and Thomas:

The Games truly are long-running and have seen many worldly changes over the years. Perhaps your idea has merit, unfortunately I am not the one you need to be talking to. I think that in the past it truly has brought the world together, if only for a short while. That sort of thing is needed now more than ever, but I agree it is putting

"Ask Dee Dee" is a new advice column for the Manor Community News!! Dee Dee is not a licensed counselor or therapist. She is a wife, mother, and a member of the community with significant life experience. Any answers are merely suggestions based upon limited information submitted by the readers. We believe you will enjoy this column and hope you will send in your questions to news@manorcommunitynews.com!

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by Linda Thistle

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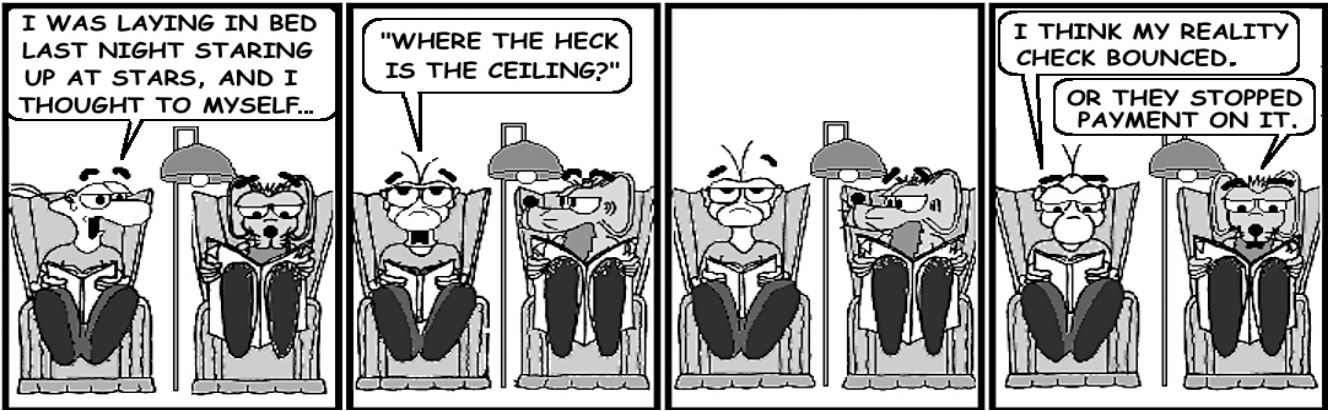
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Local Partnership Brings Community Outreach

By: Kelsey Feuerbacher
Manor Community News

Fred Nunn, owner of Country Boyz Fixins food truck located here in Manor, partnered with Gildon Creek Third Missionary Baptist Church to spearhead a project that would promote community involvement and benefit those in need. Fred, who is a longtime member of Gildon Creek, wanted to reach out to the homeless.



sities such as clothes and toiletries. Gildon Creek's Pastor, David Cox, takes this program seriously. Orig-

Pastor David wants the community to know that anyone is welcome to volunteer and become a part of wonderful monthly event. Pastor David says, "We are so blessed to be able to serve the Manor community. It is our goal to establish Gods presence in this community so that everyone knows that God is available to them and no matter what their past is God is only interested in their future."

Gildon Creek Third Missionary Baptist Church meets at 9:00am for Sunday school, 11:00am for Worship hour, and hold bible Class every Wednesday night at 7:00pm.



Now, twice a month for the last two years, members of the community, members of Gildon Creek Church, and the team at Country Boyz Fixins travels to Downtown Austin to feed and clothe over a hundred homeless men, women, and children. Last Sunday, August 14th, the group served meals under the bridge at 7th Street and I35. They successfully fed hot meals to over 140 homeless people. Fred, with the help of volunteers, provides and prepares the food while members of the church provide neces-

nally from Detroit, Cox says, "there's a church on every corner back home but community involvement is scarce. We want to make sure we are visible to the people of Manor."



City Council and Board of Trustees Hold "First-Ever" Joint Meeting

By: Vicki McFarland
Contributing Writer

Members of the Manor City Council and Manor ISD Board of Trustees held a "first ever" joint meeting at council chambers on August 17, 2016.

The idea of sharing information about the explosive growth that the Manor area is experiencing will help both the City of Manor and Manor ISD prepare for the arrival of new subdivisions and to make plans for the construction of new school facilities to keep ahead of new students moving into the District.

Representatives from the City of Manor included Mayor Rita Jonse, Mayor Pro Tem Gil Burrell and council members Todd Shaner, Zindia Pierson, Rebecca Davies, Jeff Turner and City Manager Tom Bolt. Representatives from Manor ISD included Board President Marlin Thomas, Vice President Melinda Fiebig, Secretary John Jonse and Trustees Ana Cortez, Elmer Fisher, Matildy Samaripa, Johnny Velasco and Superintendent Dr. Royce Avery.

The members received information about the Manor ISD 2014 Bond that totaled \$125 million dollars as well as the 2016 Bond held in May that totaled \$84 million dollars.

All projects financed by the 2014 Bond are under construction. 2014 Bond financed additions and improvements to Manor High School, a new middle

school (Manor New Tech Middle School), a new elementary school (Lagos Elementary School), improvements to other Manor ISD campuses and facilities, land for new school sites and school buses.

Projects for the 2016 Bond included technology upgrades, energy and security upgrades, HVAC improvements as well as Manor Senior High School Phase Two projects, Phase Two projects for Manor New

meeting immediately prior to the October 17, 2016 school board meeting. After City and School board elections are held on November 8, 2016, subcommittees will continue joint meetings.

As part of the City Council agenda, representatives from the builder for the Villages at Manor Apartments and Pointe at Manor Apartments provided clarification about age requirements for residents since the apartments are being constructed using tax credits. Residents in the senior apartments must be 55 years of age or older. City officials had been concerned that family members might try to reside in the "senior apartments" without meeting the 55+

age requirement.

Representatives advised the audience that the residents are monitored very closely with unannounced visits. They also noted that visitors or family members can only stay for a one week period. Residents who violate apartment policies can be evicted. Housing agencies will conduct inspections twice a year and lenders and investors must submit quarterly reports concerning residents. A third party real estate company that would manage the site would also check for under age violations.

Tech Middle School and Phase Two projects for Manor New Tech High School. Designs for these projects have begun.

Tom Bolt noted that surrounding subdivisions are submitting paperwork for the permitting process to build new homes. He noted that 300 permits were requested last year and builders are currently expanding their subdivisions.

The addition of new homes and a growing student population will have a grave effect on both the City and the District, officials will hold another joint



Lions Club & City Council member Gil Burrell presents a \$300 check to Dr. Royce Avery for the school nurse to purchase glasses.



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August 17th City Council Meeting

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There were no public comments at this time, therefore discussion began with items under the Consent Agenda. Regarding the approval of the minutes of the August 3, 2016 City Council Regular Meeting, Council Member Todd Shaner made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Council Member Zindia Pierson. Next, the Council voted to accept the July, 2016 Departmental Reports and the unaudited July, 2016 Financial Report with a motion by Council Member Jeff Turner, and a second by Shaner. The item passed.

Under Public Hearing, the first discussion related to the second reading of a draft municipal service plan for the annexation of property being approximately 9.187 acres of land, located at the SE corner of US Highway 290 and FM 973. Mayor Jonse closed this item of discussion. The next item was regarding annexation of property being approximately 160 acres of land, located at Old Kimbro Road and FM 1100. Resident and property owner Denise Pilote LoSchiavo spoke briefly regarding this property as it backs up to her property. Mayor Jonse closed discussion on the item.

First item up for discussion and possible action under the Regular Agenda was the aforementioned property being approximately 160 acres of land, located at Old Kimbro Road and FM 1100. Turner made a motion to approve with a second from Pierson. The item passed. Next up for discussion and possible action was a first reading of a draft municipal service plan for the annexation of property being 160 acres of land, located at Old Kimbro Road and FM 1100. Burrell asked

if this would mean the City of Manor would come up with a service plan at the cost of the developer. Bolt replied that the cost would be taken on by the developer. Burrell made a motion to approve and Shaner seconded. The item passed.

The next item presented for discussion and possible action of the FY 2016-2017 Proposed Annual Budget and Tax Rate, Bolt provided that the overall budget includes an increase in water costs of over \$200,000 as well as an increase in dispatch fees. With regard to salary promotions, he stated the City will reallocate funds to cover these costs. Collins stated that the City looked at a two and a half percent cost of living increase for employees and a tax increase of about .062 which is what the budget committee had discussed to cover the cost of the bonds. She added that this is the average increase for homeowners in Travis County. Re-

garding the increased allocation for street progress, Bolt stated the City will be going out for bids. He added that \$50,000 is set aside for beautification of downtown Manor. Collins reported that the proposed tax rate would go from .7118 to .7738, an increase of .062. Council Member Rebecca Davies made a motion to accept the proposed budget which was seconded by Shaner.

Item number nine to amend Ordinance 165 D, Adopting the 2015 Edition of the International Building Codes, Bolt these codes are used to review structures or permitted items. This agenda item is looking to update the version of codes used by the City, to what is comparable to other cities. Turner made a motion to approve the amendment which was seconded by Davies.

Pierson made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Shaner. The meeting was then adjourned.



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