

JULY 2017

Mayor's Minute

City of Hondo officials are pleased to announce the completion of the remodeling of approximately five thousand square feet of the South Texas Regional Training Center into an Allied Medical Training Center along with two additional multi-purpose classrooms.

of the new annex to the training center which will be constructed to the immediate east of the center. This new \$1.2 million dollar annex, of about eight thousand square feet, is a result of a \$950,000 federal grant and \$250,000 in funding from the city's Economic Development Corporation. The annex will be structured to accommodate training students for future employment as welders, air conditioning technicians, auto mechanics, electricians, and other industrial type training enabling job placement in the area.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

~Nelson Mandela

As you are probably aware, this center originated about seven years ago with the renovation of the long standing KC Hall located at the corners of Avenue Y and Carter Street in Hondo. When the original construction took place, the center had a non-committed area known as the "ballroom" which was designated as a future industrial vocation education space.

This footage at the training center has now been remodeled as combination medical career training area consisting of two large suites outfitted for training Certified Nurses' Assistants (CNA), Medical Assistants and other medical employment training. A new Adult CAN course with over fifteen students is scheduled to commence in July and the center will continue to have high school CNA and Medical Assistant courses in the fall of 2017.

Across the hall from the Medical Training Area are now two fully equipped classrooms which can be utilized as complements to the other center classrooms and also classrooms for courses to be held in the future annex area. Also announced last week was the completion of plans for the construction

These center projects for the continued enhancement of the training center are the result of cooperation from the city's partners, Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde, Goodwill Industries in San Antonio, Workforce Solutions Alamo and, of course, our splendid Board of Directors of the City of Hondo Economic Development Corporation, Chairman Bobby Ainsley, Secretary J. Gruber, A'Lann Truelock, Roger Hernandez, Ronnie Miller, Ashley Lowe, and Councilman John McAnelly. Also, the impetus behind all this effort is Jesse Perez, the city's Economic Development Director.

On June 14th and again this week you probably have seen many Hondo residences proudly exhibiting American flags. How great it would be if we could see our country's flag flying in many more yards throughout our city. To accomplish this and to assist Boy Scout Troop 370 in its fundraising project, you can order your flag to be flown on certain holidays by calling or texting 830-444-9751 or emailing troop370hondo@yahoo.com.

~Mayor James W. Danner, Sr.

Upcoming Events

City Council Meetings

July 10th at 6:00PM

July 24th at 6:00PM

Boards & Commissions

Animal Advisory Meeting
July 11th at 6:00pm

Economic Development Meeting
July 19th at 4:00pm

Library Advisory Board
July 20th at 5:30pm

Parks/Rec Advisory Board
July 26th at 6:00pm

City Customer Reminders

15th of each month
Bill due (without penalty)

25th of each month
Bill due (with 10% penalty)

26th of each month
Disconnect Day (disconnect fees added)

Only 2 extensions per account allowed
(per calendar year: January – December)
MUST BE done from 16th – 25th

After Hours Dispatch
830-741-5077

If you experience any issues with your electric, water or sewer service you may reach the on call city staff after 5pm or on weekends.

City Alerts

The City of Hondo uses the free I-Info system to send out all city notifications. If you would like to be informed on statuses of electrical outages, street closures, vector control, water pressure issues or other city events please register at hondo-tx.org or call 830-741-5077 for assistance.



Saving Water!

Hanging out in the yard is carefree summer fun, but saving water is serious business. As a lack of rain and dry spells begin to stretch over large parts of Texas this spring and summer, it's easy to see that no section of the state is immune from drought or water scarcity. Summer is peak season for home water use, which may increase compared to our winter water usage.

The big increase is driven by activities like car washing, filling swimming pools and lawn/landscape irrigation. It makes sense that now is the time to start saving water. When the Edwards Aquifer reaches less than 660 feet at sea level at the monitored well as determined by the Edwards Aquifer Authority, Stage One Water restrictions will apply as stated in our City Ordinance CH. 13,

Sec.13.09.011. On 6/22/2017, the aquifer was at 664.4 feet, so yes it is time to prepare for water conservation measures. Citizens may reference the City of Hondo website to confirm water restriction stages and monitor the level of the J-17 well. Notices will also be sent through our I-Info system so please take the time to register for this free service. You may register at hondo-tx.org or call 830-741-5077 for assistance.

Help make a difference within the community and let's achieve compliance through the spirit of cooperation and education.

Code Compliance/Building
Inspection Division at 830-426-4737.



Hondo Golf Open

WEDNESDAY NITE - 9 - HOLE

4 PERSON SCRAMBLE

FEES: MEMBER'S - \$20.00

NON-MEMBER - \$25.00

OPTIONAL MONEY HOLE - \$5.00

CALL IN BY: 5:00 P.M.

START TIME: 5:30 P.M.

PRIZE MONEY AWARDED!!

DINNER AFTERWARDS

***COME OUT AND ENJOY AN
EVENING OF FUN WITH
YOUR FRIENDS***

Call 830-741-4653 to sign up!

From the Desk of the City Manager

After the recent heat wave we have experienced, there's no doubt that summer has arrived. The temperatures hitting triple digits leave us all at risk for heat related illnesses. Here are just a few reminders about heat safety:

Stay Hydrated & Stay Cool – Remember when you are working outside or just enjoying some fun in the sun to stay hydrated and take breaks in the shade as often as possible. Try to avoid too much strenuous activity.

Check up on those at Risk – If you know someone who is elderly, sick or without air conditioning, check in on them and make sure they are staying cool and hydrated. Also, if you have kids who enjoy their time outside, make sure they are remembering to take regular breaks to cool down. Pets and livestock also need you to take extra precautions during periods of intense heat and high humidity. They look out for us – we need to look out for them!

Look before you lock – Never leave kids or pets unattended in a vehicle. Even when it isn't triple digits outside, vehicles still are like an oven and these accidents are very preventable. If you see a child or pet locked in a vehicle, contact the local police at 830-426-5353.

For more information about these and other heat safety tips, visit the National Weather Service Website: www.nws.noaa.gov/heat/. Enjoy your summer!

~Kim Davis