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Mayor's Minute

City Council members, city staff, Chamber of Commerce members and many Hondo & D'Hanis citizens were saddened on

the new board. They are as follows:

The ordinance requires that a local veterinarian serve on the board to counsel with the other board members on animal care. Local Hondo Veterinary Hospital owner David Galewsky, a

**"Use your smile to change this world,
don't let this world change your smile."**

February 17th with the news that one of our community's most highly regarded volunteers, John Gibeau, the heart and soul of the Commemorative Air Force Tex Hill Wing and its Wing Leader from the inception of the Wing's moved to Hondo in 2008, valiantly combated serious illness for over twenty years and finally succumbed. Please join us in praying for John's wife Kay and the rest of his family including his extended family, the Tex Hill Wing members.

John, you will be missed.

Recently, it was announced that the Hondo City Council had enacted a new city ordinance creating a new citizen advisory board, the Animal Care Services Advisory Board. I am pleased to report that five local interested citizens agreed to serve on

newcomer to Hondo will serve on the board. Florestella Gonzales, a local citizen who long has been active in voicing concerns about animal care, will be highly contributing member of the board. Justice of the Peace for Medina County Precinct Three Clyde "Bubba" Howse will be very helpful to the board having served as Animal Control officer for Medina County for eight years. Ms. Ida Ortiz, a lifelong citizen of Hondo has been an animal care advocate for many years and brought many issues to city staff. Ms. Dawn Hoover is the only out of town resident who will serve on the board and she is very interested in the welfare of the city's animals.

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Upcoming Events

City Council Meetings

March 13th at 6:00PM

March 27th at 6:00PM

Boards & Commissions

Economic Development Board
March 15th at 4:00pm

Library Advisory Board
March 16th at 5:30pm

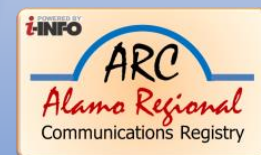
Planning & Zoning Meeting
March 20th at 6:00pm

Board of Adjustment
March 21st at 6:00pm

Parks/Rec Advisory Board
March 29th
at 6:00pm



March 12th!



Look for this link at hondo-tx.org to register to receive notifications from the City of Hondo or call 830-741-5077 for more information or

Other citizens who were newly appointed by your city council on February 13th to serve on boards were: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Ms. Adrianna Young, Hondo Boy Scout Volunteer Leader; Cemetery Advisory Board, Ms. Linda Hayes long term Hondo resident and member of the First United Methodist Church; City of Hondo Library Advisory Board, Ms. Susan Freeman retired school teacher, active in theatrical productions. Please go to the city's website for a complete list of the members of all the citizen volunteer boards. Once again the Alamo Area Council of Governments is offering its Weatherization Assistance Program to the residents of Hondo and Medina County. This program assists low income households in overcoming the

high cost of energy by installing weatherization energy conservation measures in their houses at no cost to the program participant. Both home owners and renters can apply.

This program does not cover major repairs such as roofing, house leveling, plumbing or electrical but does provide other conservation measures like insulation, heating and air conditioning enhancements, energy saving appliances, etc. To apply, request a copy of an application by calling toll free 800-749-2010 and be prepared to provide household income information, proof of U.S. citizenship, and a recent copy of a utility bill.

This is a very worthwhile program and I hope some of our citizens will take advantage of its benefits.

~Mayor James W. Danner

Did you know that City Ordinance prohibits the use of portable signs? Section 25.1604.7a states that portable signs are prohibited to be placed or displayed within the corporate limits of the City and Section 25.1604.21 (g) states that no portable sign may be located or placed on any sidewalk or unpaved walkway intended for public use. Portable signs are temporary in nature and not permanently affixed in the ground; Section 25.301.161 defines a portable signs as signs that can be easily moved from one location to another, including signs mounted upon or designed to be mounted on a trailer, wheeled carrier or other non-motorized structure. 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.

From the Desk of the City Manager

As you know, Hondo has a rich history in agriculture. Likewise, we have a rich history in the aviation industry. The Hondo Army Air Field was the training ground for thousands of navigators during World War II. This year, the City and the South Texas Regional Airport in partnership with the Hondo Area Chamber of Commerce are marking the 75th Diamond Jubilee anniversary of the Hondo Army Air Field with a year-long celebration. We kicked off the festivities in recent weeks with the opening of Zachry Lane. For those who aren't familiar with the history of the Air Field, Zachry Construction accomplished the feat of constructing the base in just 89 days! Additionally, the historical marker for the Air Field was relocated outside the terminal building. There is plenty more celebration to come! On April 29th, there will be a fly-in open house. The historic "Devil Dog", a B-25 warbird, will be visiting and offering rides for purchase. Numerous unique aircraft will grace the tarmac. The Short-Take Off and Landing (STOL) Round-up will be here doing a demonstration of what will close-out this year's celebration in the fall – their yearly competition. The night of April 29th will culminate with a Hangar Dance and concert featuring the band, Don't Forget the Music, playing both period music and more modern selections. Tickets are on sale now – don't miss out. Please contact the Chamber for additional information. We encourage you to join in on celebrating and honoring this unique piece of history here in Hondo. I look forward to seeing you at the event.

~Kim Davis