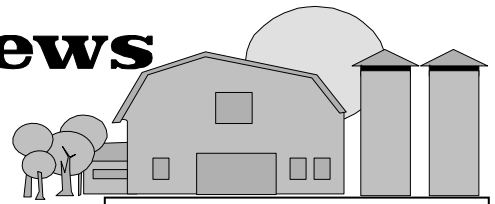


Santa Clara News

The Little City In The Country

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February/March 2009

Mayor's Message

The election season has begun in Santa Clara. After 10 years, we will have a contested Election in the City. It appears there will be multiple candidates for all positions. We will have a **Town Hall Meeting** on Sunday, March 29 @ Goerke's Country Tavern @ 3PM. This meeting will feature a **Meet-The-Candidates Forum**. Anyone still needing an application for a place on the Ballot can pick up the form at City Hall on Mondays between 4pm & 6pm or you may call Joyce Damerau or myself to obtain it. **At one time I had suggested that these forms needed to be notarized: THEY DO NOT!!** They do however need to be signed by a City Official i.e. the City Secretary or the Mayor. This step verifies the time at which they were turned in. All applications for a place on the Ballot must be turned in by Monday, March 9th. We will have a drawing later in the week to determine the positions on the Ballot.

On Monday, March 9, 2009, we will have a Planning Commission meeting and a City Council Meeting. All applications must be turned in by the end of those meetings.

Our official City website, www.cisantaclaratx.us, is online. As we develop this site, we intend to provide a wealth of information about the City and the activities in it. If you have items of local interest, we will have a place for it. It is our goal to provide our Citizens with timely information about their City.

SEE YOU MARCH 29TH AT GOERKE'S!!

Our Website -

www.cisantaclaratx.us.

Mayor David D. Mueller

OPEN MEETING RULES FOR CITIZEN INPUT

AGENDA ITEMS - The chair of the meeting may recognize members of the Community or audience for input on agenda items. Discussion may or may not take place during these periods. This privilege is allowed at the discretion of the Chairman of the meeting. The Mayor produces the Agenda for all City Council Meetings.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - The Chairman of these meetings, usually the Mayor, will moderate discussion on the Topic announced for the meeting. These meetings are designed to publicize an Ordinance or other specific topics for discussion. Public Hearings are called by vote of the council or by the Mayor.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS - The Mayor presides over these meetings. Topics for discussion are usually part of the Agenda. However, since no action is taken at these meetings, the topics may be of general interest to the Citizenry. Example: the last Town Hall Meeting had a presentation by the Mayor with questions from the Citizens to follow.

- Each of these types of meetings is informational for the Public. If there are general questions, the Mayor is the source of information for the meeting. It suggested that individual Councilmen refrain from answering direct questions of them.

- "Meet the candidates" meetings provide time for individual questions

Events Calendar

March 8 - Daylight Savings Time Begins (clocks forward)

March 9 - Brick Dedications at City Hall, 6:00 pm
Planning Commission & City Council meetings to follow.

March 10 - Santa Clara Friends Community Social, 10am at City Hall

March 17 - St. Patrick's Day

March 20 - 1st day of Spring

March 29 - Town Hall Meeting at Goerke's, 3:00 pm

March 31 - Free Art Class at City Hall, 10:00 am

April 1 - April Fool's Day

April 5 - Palm Sunday

April 9 - Passover Begins

April 10 - Good Friday

April 12 - Easter Sunday

May 2 - Santa Clara's 10th Birthday Celebration at Goerke's, 6:00pm-10:00pm

City Property Tax Rates

New Braunfels - \$.4098 or approx. 41 cents per \$100 property value.

Schertz - \$.4018 or approx. 40 cents per \$100 property value.

Cibola - \$.3186 or approx. 32 cents per \$100 per property value.

Marion - \$.3980 or approx. 40 cents per \$100 property value.

Santa Clara - not set yet but cannot/will not exceed 25 cents per \$100 property value.

All citizens of Santa Clara are encouraged to attend City Council & Planning Commission meetings.

Note: planning Commission & City Council updates will appear in the April issue of this newsletter.

YOUR CITY COUNCIL
(meets the 4th Monday each month)

David D Mueller, Mayor (830) 914-2387
David Cale (210) 410-2492
Harrell Felix (830) 914-4392
Robert D. Courtney (830) 237-1642
Chris Koehler (830) 620-7537
Tom Owens (830) 914-3187

Joyce Damerau, City Secretary (830) 914-4504

All Emergencies call 9 1 1

PLANNING COMMISSION
(meets the 2nd Monday each month)

John D. Peters, Chairman
Philip Sierer, Vice Chairman
James D. Folbre, Jr.
Dennis D. Lee
Barbara Trammell
Priscilla Magourik
Vic Mata

Town Hall Meeting at Goerke's
March 29th, at 3:00 pm
Meet the Candidates!

Let Us Know What You Would Like...

Should there be enough interest, we may be able to arrange a trash trailer to be at City Hall for your Spring Cleaning needs.

How many of you would like to receive your newsletter via email? You need high speed internet and the capability to open Microsoft Word documents.

Contact Barbara at 914-4069 or danbar@gvec.net

Santa Clara Friends will be hosting a community social on March 10th at 10am, at City Hall. Water and coffee will be supplied, bring your favorite morning snack and a Show & Tell item, if you like. Plan on a morning of visiting with friends and fun.

May 2nd – Santa Clara will be 10 years old... Celebration is May 2nd, 6pm-10pm at Goerke's

Photo Display...
...get those photos ready, they should be about 8" X 10", matted on cardboard or in protective sleeve (do not need to be framed). Black & White or Color. We plan a display at the Birthday Celebration at Goerke's on Saturday, May 2nd, from 6pm –10pm. Vernon Doege's band will be there and we'll have lots of fun. Air-conditioned! More info in the April newsletter.

City Elections Coming May 9th

**Last day to File for Place on Ballot March 9, 2009
Applications may be picked up at City Hall on Mondays from 4pm to 6pm.

First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail March 10, 2009

Last Day to Register to Vote April 9, 2009
First Day of Early Voting April 27, 2009
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked) May 1, 2009
(May 2nd is the seventh day, but deadline moves to preceding business day, Friday)
Last Day of Early Voting May 5, 2009

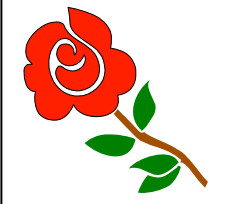
Art Display... we would also like to display work from our local Santa Clara Artists. We have some great ones!

Contact Thelma Cale at 914-3861 for more information regarding the photo or art displays.

Belated Happy Anniversaries
Joseph and Callie Britton celebrated their 1st wedding anniversary on Dec. 15th, 2008.

Jerry and Ann Moran celebrated their 3rd wedding anniversary on Feb. 1st, 2009.

Charles and Thelma Cale celebrated their 5th wedding anniversary on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14th, 2009.



**GOERKE'S
COUNTRY TAVERN
(830) 914-2521**



PRIVATE PARTY ROOMS FOR WEDDING-REUNIONS-DANCE HALL
CALL AHEAD FOR ORDERS TO GO

2010 Census

Now hiring for positions as census takers for our community. Get paid weekly, paid training, flexible hours, get reimbursed for mileage. Call (866)861-2010 for more information.

If you have questions or comments about the newsletter please contact Barbara at 914-4069 or danbar@gvec.net

FREE ART CLASS! Yes, a watercolor class is planned for Tuesday, March 31st, 10am, at City Hall. Bring fruit, a snack, or goodies of your choice. Water & coffee will be provided. Open to beginners and advanced. Classes will be held once a month. **Instructor Thelma Cale. Call her to register & for more info...914-4069**

Communications Committee:

Tom & Shirley Owens
Danny & Barbara Trammell
Thelma Cale
Becky Parks
David Cale
Harrell & Estella Felix
Judy Mueller
Sharon Grimm

Welcome Tammy Reinhart, New Owner of Goerke's Country Tavern & TJ's Back 40

Tammy was born in Nebraska, her family moved to New Braunfels in 1973 and she graduated from Canyon High School. She has redecorated the big party room, added a dance floor with a stage, TVs and two pool tables. There's a band and dancing offered most Saturday nights. Friday & Saturday they have slow smoked Texas style BBQ ribs and chicken. Weekdays, lunch specials are served from 11am to 3 pm. Tammy plans to add an outdoor patio and new items to the menu.

The pies & cakes are homemade again!
Yes, Val & Lillian and others are still there!
The Goerke's atmosphere is back!

Guadalupe County Extension Office Ag and 4-H News

Seguin Youth Leadership Academy – Deadline is March 27th
Application packets available from school counselors & Extension Office.

Youth Photography Workshop – March 22 & April 19
Attn: 4-H'ers interested in photography! The Green spaces Alliance of South Texas is hosting a series of Photography Workshops, "Picture Your World Youth Photography Project". Cost is \$10 per class. Classes lead up to a Spring photo contest. For more info contact (210)222-8430 or www.greenspacesalliance.org

4-H volunteer Conference Planning Meeting – March 5th at 6 pm

4-H Council – April 2nd at 7 pm at the Extension Office.

District 4-H Photo Contest – submit by March 31st. Will be judged and displayed in April. April 25th in conjunction with the District 4-H Fashion Show at Texas State.

Scholarship Opportunities – Most deadlines fall between Feb. and May. Contact the Extension Office.

Summer Camps – The Texas 4-H Conference Center (Brownwood) offers several options including 4 County 4-H Camps on July 1-3, 6-8, 9-10 and 13-16. also, Prime Time 1 –ages 12-13 on July 19-22, #2 ages 9-11 on July 22-25 and SpecTra for ages 14 + on July 27-31. Contact the Extension Office for more info.

Adult Marion Extension Education Club meets the 2nd Thursday at 7pm, at the Marion Library. March 12th and April 9th.