



Leon Valley ENews



February 17, 2012

Upcoming City Council Meetings

The next Regular City Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 7 p.m. All City Council meetings are open to the public. Look for agenda postings on the City's official website and on the City's official bulletin board at City Hall.

For a complete look at the entire agenda packet, please visit the City's website: www.leonvalleytexas.gov.

The City of Leon Valley Hears You and the Property Maintenance Code will be Revised

The proposed property maintenance code was developed due to an ongoing chorus of disapproval by the residents of the Leon Valley community over property maintenance issues. As a result, City Council made it a high level priority to strengthen codes and compliance. The draft property maintenance code that was presented at the January 24, 2012 City Council meeting was developed as a preliminary starting point to solicit citizen input. From the beginning, this dialogue has not been about aesthetics, but about providing the means to protect property values and address health and safety issues.

After reviewing the proposed property maintenance code a number of concerns were raised by both council members and Leon Valley residents regarding such areas as enforcement of the code, penalties for violations and the extent of the items that were included in the draft document. In an effort to balance the passionate public dissatisfaction of both the lack of codes and compliance and the proposed property maintenance code, City staff will go back to the drawing board to improve the proposed ordinance. City personnel will use a collaborative process using Council and citizen input, evaluate our existing code and research other municipal codes. The end result will be an amended and enhanced proposed property maintenance ordinance.

After the completion of staff review, we will place the improved proposed property maintenance code on our website and again begin the process of soliciting your thoughts. The City will host a Town Hall Meeting at a future date to present the revised ordinance. At the Town Hall Meeting, we will encourage an open dialogue between you and the City in regards to staff recommendations. The City hears you and knows that the proposed property maintenance code needs to be revised.

The reason the City has not completely abandoned the proposed property maintenance code is because we also must consider the concerns of citizens who have requested that we strengthen codes and compliance. The proposed ordinance is about protecting and maintaining an aging housing inventory, and protecting the health and safety of residents. Our goal is not to create an HOA, but rather to provide a means where one

poorly maintained property does not bring down the property values of the street and neighborhood, and doesn't create an unsafe and unhealthy environment. When Leon Valley was a newer community we didn't need a more extensive code – that is no longer the case. Our goal is to rid the City of conditions existing on both improved and unimproved commercial and residential properties such as structural deterioration, dilapidation of buildings, infestation, the uncontrolled growth of vegetation and the accumulation of garbage and debris.

The City strives to provide its residents with a superior of quality life and continues to value your opinion on this issue. At the next announced Town Hall Meeting on property maintenance the City requests your participation and encourages your guidance on this matter.

Other City Meetings & Community Interest Events

City of Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation (LVEDC) Meeting on Wednesday, February 22 at the City Hall, City Council Chambers. Leon Valley City Hall is located at 6400 El Verde Road. The LVEDC Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. The agenda follows this document.

City of Leon Valley Tree Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting on Wednesday, February 22. The Meeting takes place at the City Hall, Conference Room. Leon Valley City Hall is located at 6400 El Verde Road. The TAB Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. The agenda follows this document.



Public Safety and Support Services Open House

In anticipation of a plan to expand and renovate the Leon Valley Police, Fire/EMS and support facilities, the City of Leon Valley would like to extend an invitation to attend an open house of the municipal facilities located at 6400 El Verde Road.

Open House Tours will be conducted on the following Saturdays:
February 25, 2012, March 24, 2012, and April 28, 2012, all from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



23rd Anniversary Earthwise Living Day
Saturday, February 25th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Leon Valley Community Center
6427 Evers Road, Leon Valley, 78238

See the Earthwise Living Day flyer for more information and for a look at this year's sponsors.

City Council General Election Coming in May



The period of signing up to run for City Council continues through Monday, March 5. This is the time to sign up for a place on the General Election Ballot or file a declaration to file as a write-in candidate. The following offices are up for election on the May 12, 2012 General Election Ballot: Mayor, Council Place 2, and Council Place 4.

Election materials and candidate handbooks are available in the City Secretary's Office. For questions or more information, please call (210) 684-1391, extension 216.

Office hours are 7:30 a.m. through 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Office hours on Friday are 7:30 a.m. through 11:30 a.m. The last date and time to sign up to run for City Council is Monday, March 5 at 5:00 p.m.

MARK THESE IMPORTANT DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

Senior Citizen Club Trash & Treasure Sale



The Senior Citizen Club of Leon Valley will be having a Trash & Treasure Sale on Saturday, March 3rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Leon Valley Community Center located at 6427 Evers Road in Leon Valley. Spring Cleaning is around the corner so this is the time to get rid of any items you don't need.

The Senior Citizen Club of Leon Valley will be having everything from kitchen items, lamps, jewelry, dolls, ceramics, hats and anything else you can think of. Food items will be available for purchase as well as a wonderful bake sale. Please come by and enjoy yourself. The "not wants" may be what you want. Thank you for your support.



Breakfast with the Leon Valley Police Department, Saturday, March 10th 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The City of Leon Valley Police Department would like your participation at breakfast, an open house, and Crime Awareness Meeting. This is an opportunity to get to know your Leon Valley neighbors, to obtain crime prevention tips, and see the inner workings of your Police Department!

Interested persons may RSVP before Tuesday, March 6, by emailing Police Chief Randall Wallace at r.wallace@leonvalleytexas.gov or call 684-3215 and ask for the Chief!



FOREST OAKS GARDEN CLUB
6222 Forest Grove (FOCA Clubhouse)
Leon Valley, Texas 78240
Thursday, March 15, 2012
8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Please come support this local club in continuing programming about gardening in all its branches and help to foster civic pride in our community.

Next Quarterly Walk with the Mayor



Saturday, March 31st at new meeting location - Meet at Tellez located at 6501 Bandera Road, at 8:30 a.m.

The walk will wind through Seneca Estates (Seneca I). Plan now to wear your comfy shoes, walk and talk with Mayor Chris Riley.



Pet Vaccination Clinic ~

Please make note of the new date! Saturday, April 14th, 10 a.m. – Noon, Leon Valley Conference Center, 6421 Evers Road, Leon Valley, 78238. For more information, please call Animal Control Officer Ricky Williams at (210) 684-1391, extension 229.

Spring Clean-Up ~ Plan Now

Waste Management has the Spring Clean-up / Brush pickup scheduled for April 23 through May 4.

Our residents are limited to eight cubic yards of material to be disposed of. This represents a pile six foot high, six foot wide, and six foot deep. The Fall Clean-Up is scheduled for September 10 through September 21.



LEON VALLEY SELECTED AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2012 AIR QUALITY STEWARDSHIP AWARD

The Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) selected the City of Leon Valley as the recipient of the 2012 Air Quality Stewardship Award in the Government category. The Award is extended in honor of the City of Leon Valley's various voluntary actions to improve air quality and the natural environment in general. Read all it about in the attached letter that follows this document.



The Leon Valley Public Library

The Leon Valley Public Library is still the best value in town for free information, free resources of varying kinds, and free family entertainment.

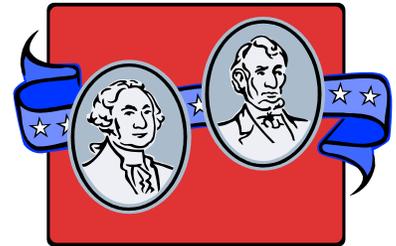
For more information on the latest events at the City's Public Library, see their website: <http://www.leonvalley.lib.tx.us>. Watch their website for updates on upcoming events.



The Leon Valley Public Library and the Friends of the Leon Valley Public Library sponsor an Earthwise Living Poetry Contest each year. There is still time to get your rhyme in!

For details on how to participate, see the flyer that follows that this document. The deadline for submitting your poetry is February 22nd at 6 p.m.

Monday, February 20th is Presidents' Day Holiday. In observance of the holiday, City Offices will be closed.



Enjoy a safe and fun-filled weekend.

See you on Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

AGENDA

LEON VALLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012

LEON VALLEY CITY HALL, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6400 EL VERDE ROAD, LEON VALLEY, TEXAS 78238

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order, Determine a Quorum is Present, and Pledge of Allegiance.**
2. **Good Neighbor Award to Dave Gannon Recognizing His Mentoring Service to School Age Youth.** *Mr. Gannon has been mentoring students at Leon Valley Elementary School for 22 years. He also mentors students at Helotes Elementary School, Driggers Elementary School, and Business Careers High School. He was named Adult Mentor-of-the-Year by the San Antonio Mentoring Forum and was honored by that organization.*
3. **Citizens to be Heard and Time for Objections to the Consent Agenda.**
"Citizens to be Heard" is for the City Council to receive information on issues that may be of concern to the public. The purpose of this provision of the Open Meetings Act is to ensure that the public is always given appropriate notice of the items that will be discussed by the Council. Should a member of the public bring an item to the Council for which the subject was not posted on the agenda of that meeting, the Council may receive the information, but cannot act upon it at that meeting. They may direct staff to contact the requestor or request that the issue be placed on a future agenda for discussion by the Council.

Consent Agenda

4. **Consider Approval of the Meeting Minutes of the February 7, 2012 Special and Regular City Council Meetings. (Willman)** *This agenda item will allow the City Council to consider approval of the draft minutes of the special and regular City Council Meetings of February 7, 2012.*

Regular Agenda

5. **Consider Action on M&C # 02-06-12, a Request to Consider Extending the 200 Foot Notification Requirement Circle for a Specific Use Permit Application for a Department of Public Safety (DPS) License Mega Center Proposed for a Location at or Near the 7400 Block of Huebner Road to a Notification Distance to Include All Pavona Place Residents.** *This agenda item will allow the City Council to consider extending the notification requirements as stipulated in Chapter 14: Zoning, Division 12. Specific Use Permits and in the Local Government Code, §211.007(c) to include all*

Pavona Place residents. (Flores)

Public Workshop

- 6.A. Conduct a Public Workshop to Receive Citizen Input on the Capital Facilities Needs Assessment Report and Proposed Public Safety & Support Services Facility, M&C # 02-07-12. Time Certain: 7:30 p.m.** *This agenda item will allow the City Council to continue receiving public input on the Capital Facilities Needs Assessment Report and Proposed Public Safety & Support Services Facility issued by the City Council ad-hoc Capital Facilities Committee regarding improvements to the City Fire, Police, and Support Services facilities. The City Council conducted a public workshop during its Regular Meeting on February 7, 2012 and during its Special Meeting on February 15, 2012 to receive citizen input. (Yarnell, Dean, Hill, Lanford, First Southwest)*
- 6.B. Discussion Regarding Calling a Special Bond Election, Review of Ballot Language, and Direction to Staff, M&C # 02-08-12.** *This agenda item will allow the City Council to discuss whether to call or order a Special Bond Election, to discuss the requirements involved in a Special Bond Election including the review of the ballot language, and to provide direction to staff. (Carey Troell, Senior Counsel, Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P., Bond Counsel)*

Discussion Agenda

- 7. City Manager's Report. (Longoria)**
- A. Informational Issues.**
 - B. Financial Statement of January 2012.**
 - C. Monthly Financial Report.**
 - D. Future Agenda Items and City Manager Announcements.**
 - (1) Special City Council Meeting on Monday, February 27, 2012 to Consider Ordering the May 12, 2012 General Election, and to Consider Ordering a Special Bond Election to be Held on May 12, 2012.
 - (2) Special Joint Meeting of the City of Leon Valley City Council and the City of Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors on Tuesday, March 6.
 - (3) Municipal Facilities Open House, Saturday, February 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tour the Municipal Facilities located at 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, 78238. This is an opportunity to tour the Municipal Facilities in anticipation of a plan to expand and renovate the Leon Valley Police, Fire/EMS, and Support Services facilities. Open House Tours are also scheduled for Saturday, March 24 and Saturday, April 28, both from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 - (4) Waste Management has a Spring Brush Pickup scheduled for April 23 through May 4. Collections of materials to be disposed of are limited to 8 cubic yards. This represents a pile six foot high, side foot wide and six foot deep. The Fall collection is scheduled for September 10 through September 21.
- 8. Citizens to be Heard.**

9. **Announcements by the Mayor and Council Members.**

At this time, reports about items of community interest regarding which no action will be taken may be given to the public as per Chapter 551.0415 of the Government Code, such as: expressions of thanks, congratulations or condolence, information regarding holiday schedules, reminders of social, ceremonial, or community events organized or sponsored by the governing body or that was or will be attended by a member of the Leon Valley Council or a City official.

Community Events:

- 02-25-12 **23rd Anniversary Earthwise Living Day, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Leon Valley Community Center, 6427 Evers Road, Leon Valley, 78238.**
- 03-10-12 **Breakfast with the Police Department, Saturday, March 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. RSVP before March 6 to r.wallace@leonvalleytexas.gov to call 684-3215 and ask for Chief Randall Wallace.**

Executive Session

10. The City Council of the City of Leon Valley reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed on the posted agenda, above, as authorized by the Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney), 551.072 (deliberations about real property), 551.073 (deliberations about gifts and donations), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberations about security devices), and 551.087 (economic development).

11. **Adjourn.**

I hereby certify that the above NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND AGENDA OF THE LEON VALLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING were posted on the Bulletin Board at City Hall, 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas, on February 17, 2012 by 11:30 a.m. and remained posted until after the meetings hereby posted concluded. This notice was likewise posted on the City website at www.leonvalleytexas.gov. This building is wheelchair accessible. Any request for sign interpretive or other services must be made 48 hours ahead of the meeting. To make arrangements call (210) 684-1391, Ext. 216.




Janie Willman, City Secretary

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

AGENDA

City of Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation (LVEDC)

Wednesday, February 22, 2012, 6:30 P.M.

Leon Valley City Hall, Council Chambers

6400 El Verde Road

Leon Valley, Texas 78238

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- I. **Call to Order and Determine If Quorum is Present**
 - II. **Installation of Board Members**
 - III. **Conduct Officer Elections**
 - IV. **Consider LVEDC Minutes of the January 25, 2012 Meeting**
 - V. **Financial Report by LVEDC Treasurer (Michael McCarley)**
 - VI. **Discuss and Consider Action on a Grant Application by Nora Perez, Applicant, GDA Insurance – Request Amount \$9,400 for Two (2) New Business Signs (Mike Davis/Nora Perez)**
 - VII. **Discuss and Consider Action Allowing Staff to Proceed with Reimbursement Based Fund Programs for the LVEDC Utilizing \$100,000 in Sales Tax Dollars to be Programmed into Funding for Business Location or Relocation in Leon Valley and Business Beautification, Enhancement or Capital Improvement Projects (Kristie Flores)**
 - VIII. **Discuss and Consider Action Funding WebQA for GoLocal Program with 1-year Subscription in the amount of \$3,800 (Kristie Flores)**
 - IX. **Executive Sessions in Accordance with the Texas Government Code. The City of Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation Board will Convene in Executive Session:**
 - A.) Pursuant to Section 551.071, (1)(2)
Consultation with Attorney, Regarding Pending or Contemplated Litigation Regarding:
 - i.) Larry Little vs. City of Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation
 - ii.) Porky J's
 - B.) Pursuant to Section 551.072, Deliberations about Real Property, Discussion and Consideration of Conditional Offer to Purchase Lots 67,

68, 70, 71, 72, and 73, Leon Valley Addition (Glass Service Subdivision), City of Leon, Valley, Bexar County, Texas.

- C.) The City of Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation Board will Reconvene into Open Session.
- D.) The City of Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation Board will Take Any Possible Actions Resulting from the Executive Sessions.

X. Future Agenda Items

- A.) Other Policy Guides: Member Contract, Ethics Policy, Attendance, Conflict of Interest, Document Retention, Media Relations, and Whistleblower
- B.) Discussion and Job Description for LVEDC Economic Development Executive Director
- C.) Strategic Planning LVEDC
- D.) Completion of Minutes of October 11, 2011

XI. Adjourn.

I hereby certify that the above NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND AGENDA of the City of Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation Board was posted on the Bulletin Board at City Hall, 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas, on February 16, 2012 by 2:30 p.m. and remained continuously posted until after the meeting hereby posted concluded. This notice was likewise posted on the City website at www.leonvalleytexas.gov. Leon Valley City Hall has both wheelchair accessibility and parking. Requests for accommodations or sign interpretive services must be made 48 hours ahead of the meeting. Please contact Kristie Flores at 210 – 684-1391, Extension 227, for further information.




Janie Willman, City Secretary

**THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
AGENDA**

LEON VALLEY TREE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

**Wednesday, February 22, 2012, at 6:30 PM
Leon Valley City Hall, Conference Room
6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas, 78238**

- I. **Poll for Attendance, Determine Quorum, Call to Order**
- II. **Approval of Minutes – January 18, 2012**
- III. **Update Regarding Tree Adoption in Collaboration with Earthwise Living Day – February 25, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
- IV. **Discussion of a Leon Valley “Neighborwoods Program” and Review Maps for Plantable Space Considerations**
- V. **Executive Session in Accordance with the Texas Government Code.**
The City of Leon Valley Tree Advisory Board reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed on the posted agenda, above, as authorized by the Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney), 551.072 (deliberations about real property), 551.073 (deliberations about gifts and donations, 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberations about security devices), and 551.087 (economic development).
- VI. **Adjourn**

I hereby certify that the above notice and agenda of the Leon Valley Tree Advisory Board meeting was posted on the Bulletin Board at City Hall, 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas, on the 17th day of February, 2012 by 11:30 a.m. and remained so posted until after the meeting hereby posted concluded. This building is wheelchair accessible. Any request for sign interpretive or other services must be made 48 hours ahead of the meeting. To make arrangements call (210) 684-1391, Ext. 226.





Janie Willman, City Secretary



Earthwise Living Day

23rd ANNUAL EVENT - "It's Up to You!"

Free Admission - Over 45 Booths

Saturday, February 25, 2012

10:00 - 2:00

Leon Valley Community Center - Conference Center • 6427 Evers Road • 681-1232

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OPENING REMARKS
 Mayor Chris Riley

- 10:00 DRIGGERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Musical Performance
- 10:30 CPS ENERGY
 Dan Kahn
"Low Cost Energy Audits"
- 11:15 911 LANDSCAPING & TREE SERVICES
 Rufus Lopez
"Xeriscaping during Drought Periods"
- 11:45 POETRY CONTEST WINNERS
Earthwise Living Committee/ L.V. Library
- 12:00 RUBBISH WORKS
 Michael Hartfield
"How to dispose of your unique trash"
- 12:45 MARJORY WILDCRAFT
 Expert /Creator of DVD Series,
"Growing your own Groceries"
"How to improve Texas soils"
- 1:30 CHEF LAUREN MOORE
 Cooking Demonstration
"Boerne Cooking Cottage"

*Additional Parking at St. Johns Baptist Church
 Open field - 6800 Evers at Huebner intersection
 Programs subject to change.*

Opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the sponsors.



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FREE TREE ADOPTIONS,
 (As applicable / While supplies last)
 Sponsored by the LV Tree Advisory Board

DOOR PRIZES including Mission Baseball
 and SPURS tickets
 (You must be present to win)

RECYCLE YOUR ELECTRONICS,
 All accepted except televisions
 larger than 15" screen

2012 ~ 23rd Annual Earthwise Living Poetry Contest

**Sponsored by
Leon Valley Public Library
&
Friends of the LVPL**

*Poets of all ages are encouraged to enter the Earthwise Living Poetry Contest 2012.
Possible Poetry topics are:*

- *Keep Leon Valley/Texas Beautiful*
 - *Water and Air Quality*
 - *Conservation of Natural Resources including wildlife*
 - *Recycling*
 - *Pollution*
 - *Water and Energy Conservation*
 - *Care of the Community, State and entire Planet for Future Generations*
 - ***Poetry must focus on some aspect of the above topics.***
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Entry Categories: Adult, High School, Middle School, Elementary School, Place name, age category, complete address, and telephone number.

This information ON THE BACK OF ENTRY or ON SEPARATE PAGE ONLY

***DEADLINE:** Poems accepted year round or delivered to the Leon Valley Public Library by 6:00p.m. February 22, 2012; entries **MUST** be at the Library by this deadline in order to allow time for judging. Entries may be mailed, hand delivered or e-mailed to the Leon Valley Public Library, 6425 Evers Rd., Leon Valley, Texas, 78238. e-mail: jmtrent@leonvalley.lib.tx.us Questions? Call the Library at 684-0720*

Winning entries will be honored at Leon Valley's Earthwise Living Day. Winning entries will receive U.S. Savings Bonds, certificates and publication in area media.





February 6, 2012

The Honorable Chris Riley, Mayor
City of Leon Valley
6400 El Verde
Leon Valley, TX 78238

Dear Mayor Riley:

Congratulations! The Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) has selected the City of Leon Valley as the recipient of the 2012 Air Quality Stewardship Award in the Government category. This award is extended in honor of the City of Leon Valley's various voluntary actions to improve air quality and the natural environment in general.

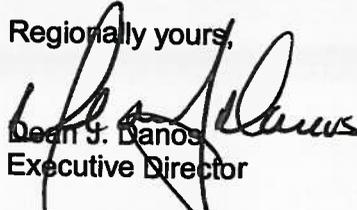
Among the many accomplishments for which Leon Valley's air quality stewardship is recognized are:

- Employs two hybrid vehicles, performs regular maintenance, and practices ozone-sensitive fueling
- Lighting has been switched to LED and windows have been tinted; digital thermostats, heat-regulating blinds, and low-flow toilets installed.
- Employees urged to use natural or task lighting; printing has been reduced in part through use of I-Pads for City Manager and City Council packets and communications
- Added shade trees on grounds and began a Tree Challenge to plant 10,000 trees by 2020 to preserve and expand the city's tree canopy
- El Verde 2020 Initiative is committed to water consumption reduction, alternative irrigation sources, and xeriscaping among other objectives
- Hosts annual Arbor Day to encourage tree planting and educate public on care and benefit of trees, as well as Earthwise Living Program to educate and support environmental stewardship and sustainability

We invite you, Manuel Longoria Jr., Kristie Flores, and/or another City of Leon Valley representative to join us at an Air Quality Stewardship Award recognition ceremony, which will take place as a part of the Fiesta Earth Day celebration at Woodlawn Lake in San Antonio on Saturday, April 21, 2012. The awardees will be honored from approximately 12:30 to 12:45 pm. If Leon Valley representatives will be present to receive this recognition, please RSVP to Annette Prosterman at (210) 362-5213 or aprosterman@aacog.com. We ask that you arrive at the front-left of the stage by 12:20 pm.

Please be aware that our nominations were many this year, and all the nominees have made wonderful strides in air quality stewardship. Our other 2012 awardees, selected with consideration to their various size, structure, and mission are: Eagle Veterinary Hospital and HOLT CAT. You should be truly proud that your accomplishments stand out with those organizations' as most excellent.

Regionally yours,


Dean J. Danos
Executive Director

cc: Manuel Longoria, Jr.
Kristie Flores