



**CITY OF LEON VALLEY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

DATE: February 27, 2015
TO: Mayor Chris Riley and City Council Members
FROM: Manuel Longoria Jr., City Manager
SUBJECT: Weekly Update

Election Information: These are the individuals that have filed for the places on the Ballot. Last day to file is today at 5:00 p.m.

PLACE 1	PLACE 3	PLACE 5
Ricardo Ruiz David Edwards	Abraham Diaz Monica Alcocer	David Jordan Molly M. Cisneros Jack Dean

Special Projects Manager: We are in the midst of upgrading our capital facilities to include City Hall, the Police Station, Evers Road and a plan to upgrade our capital improvements program for the water system. Over the past six-months, I've have discussed with the Bond Oversight Committee on the need to bring in some project management expertise to assist with our capital projects. Consulting services proved to be too expensive so we decided to reclassify an existing budgeted vacant position to function as a Special Projects Manager. While going through the interview process for the Planning Manager position, we discovered Mr. John Krause and his unique experience in project management. He will start work as our Special Projects Manager on Monday, March 2, 2015. He will have primary responsibility to management all of the City's capital projects and will be a direct report to the City Manager. I believe that Mr. Krause will be a great asset to the Leon Valley team. Please read his biography below:

John Krause has over 30 years of experience in executing a wide variety of demanding project development and management. He spent eighteen years with USSA Corporate Real Estate as a Senior Project Manager and as the Executive Director of Design and Construction. While at USAA he managed over \$300 Million in work annually with over \$700 million in a five year capital project plan. He reduced operating expenses over 10% per year while project load increased. In 2005 Mr. Krause opened up his own firm, John Krause and Associates LLC. Under his company Mr. Krause has completed projects totaling over \$500 million including \$60 million in highway infrastructure improvements for USAA Phoenix Campus.

Mr. Krause has a Bachelor Degree in Architecture from the University of Texas in Austin. He is a Certified Project Manager through USAA PM Curriculum and is a Texas Registered Architect.

Leon Valley Fire Department Presented with Award: The Leon Valley Fire Department was awarded the “Lone Star Achievement Award” by the Texas Fire Chiefs Association. This award recognizes the most innovative and progressive fire prevention program in the state of Texas. This is the result of the departments work in; social media (Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube), target hazard fire prevention, including outreach towards cooking related emergencies at the Christian Village apartments, and of course the Fire Department cooking aprons.

The Fire Department has experienced a reduction in calls as a result from our work with this program at Christian Village apartments (and other cooking related emergencies).

In honoring the LV Fire Department, the State of Texas Fire Marshal Chris Connealy stated: “Congratulations to Leon Valley, we expect this program to be copied by others throughout the state.”

Hike and Bike Nature Trail: As I reported earlier in the week, we received the Letter of Authority (LOA) from TxDOT. Advertising for the construction bid has already started on we will open the bids on March 27th. We are using the ‘low-bid’ process to identify a qualified contractor. City staff and the project team will review the bids and recommend a contractor for the project to City Council for final approval and letting of the contract.

Rimkus Park Improvements: The Public Works’ Department maintenance crew has completed the community garden improvement project. Final touches are being made on mulching the walkways through the garden. Also, the basketball goals were reinforced with steel for additional strength.

Fire Hydrants: The Public Work’s Department Water Utility maintenance crew installed two fire hydrants along Linkmeadow to address a deficiency in fire response capability along this area. This was brought to our attention by a citizen of that neighborhood.

Sidewalks Improvements: Public Works staff also added 80’ (feet) of missing sidewalk on Huebner Rd. near Bandera Rd. Also, two driveway approaches are being replaced as a result of a water main break and that work is scheduled to be completed next week.

Upcoming Events:

- Coffee with the Mayor & City Council, tomorrow, February 28th; 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers.
- 26th Annual Earthwise Living Day, “Sustainability 101”, will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2015, from 9 am to 1 pm, rain or shine!
- Proposed Silo Park Public Hearing, 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 9, 2015 at City Hall.
- Spring Clean-up. Place items at the curb: March 9-13, 2015. Waste Management will pick up all your bulky items such as old furniture, water heaters, appliances and brush. Collection begins on March 16, 2015 at 7:00 a.m.
- Fire Station Open House scheduled for March 14th from 9AM-3PM. The open house has been scheduled to show citizens our new fire station.