



**CITY OF LEON VALLEY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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

M. Vidio Soccer Complex: As I mentioned last week, Mr. Manuel Vidio, in conjunction with Memo Espinoza will be developing a soccer training complex in Leon Valley. On Saturday, April 11, 2015, at 4 p.m. a groundbreaking event will be conducted for the M. Vidrio Soccer Club Deer Complex on Shadow Mist and El Verde. The event will be about an hour and 15 minutes. Mr. Vidrio hopes that you will be able to attend and participate.

Please let me know your availability for that date and time by next Friday, April 3rd. We will be sending Mr. Vidrio a list of City officials attending.

LVEDC Approves Façade and Signage Program Applications for Funding: The LVEDC Board approved two applications for funding under the Façade and Signage Program at their meeting on March 25th. Imelda Valenzuela submitted an application for assistance with a sign for Sari Sari Oriental Market, Bakery and Cuisine at 5700 Wurzbach Road (Sunset Plaza). The grant will be for approximately \$8,118. Jared Diamond submitted an application for assistance with both façade improvements and signage for National Outdoors and Army Surplus at 5600 Bandera Road. The grant amount will be approximately \$4,853.

New Friends Learning Center applied for assistance with a new sign for their location at 5700 Eckhert Road. NFLC did not qualify for funding under the Façade and Signage Program but they were eligible for assistance under the regular grant program. Their grant will be approximately \$5,277.

All grants are based on the final costs of the project improvements and/or signage. Once the businesses have completed their projects and paid the costs, they will submit copies of paid invoices and photos of the completed improvements in order to receive the grant.

San Antonio Aquarium Experiences Large Crowds During First Quarter of Business: Management of the San Antonio Aquarium (SAA) reports that the Aquarium has welcomed and entertained approximately 180,000 guests since their opening in mid-December. As the end of the school year and summer approach, SAA is gearing up for more large crowds.

SAA continues to make improvements and add exhibits to the facility. Ms. Cleaver, the general manager, has stated that the first two months of operation is the period where the facility and staff work out problems and make changes to improve attractions/exhibits. Staff is working with SAA to get quarterly reports on patronage.

For Your Information:

- Our quarterly employee luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 11:30 am. Please join us.
- The city is currently advertising for health insurance agent of record, also known as health insurance broker. The RFP is due on April 20, 2015 and will be placed on the May City Council agenda.
- The city is currently advertising for patrol officer and a 911 Telecommunication Operator (dispatcher). We are expecting to have these positions filled by the first of May.
- Interviews for Assistant Police Chief have been scheduled for next Thursday. We expecting to have this position filled by the end of April.
- Both Assistant City Managers have completed the advanced William King Cole series II, held by the Texas City Management Association.
- Reminder tomorrow at the Leon valley Conference Center from 9am - 11am will be the first of three informational meetings to discuss and answer citizen questions on the proposed home rule charter.

Upcoming Events:

- Walk & Talk with the Mayor, Saturday, April 4 at 8:30 a.m. at the Community Garden located at Raymond Rimkus Park.
- Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Leon Valley Conference Center, Tuesday, April 7, 2015, from 6 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- City Council Meeting, Monday April 13, 2015 @ 6:15 p.m., 6400 El Verde Rd.
- Informational Meetings on the Home Rule Charter
 - Saturday, March 28, 2015 at the Leon Valley Conference Center 9:00 a.m. -11:00a.m.
 - Thursday April 9, 2015 at City Hall 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, April 25, 2015 2015 at the Conference Center from 9:00a.m.-11:00a.m.