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From Castleberry ISD

Castleberry ISD Celebrates School Board Recognition Month in January

The Castleberry Independent School District will join 1,024 school districts throughout Texas to celebrate January as School Board Recognition Month, Superintendent Dr. John Ramos announced Monday, Jan. 4.

"Our school board members are volunteers who shoulder critical responsibilities and often make difficult choices for our district, all without pay. Their goal is always focused on the future success of the children in our district," Dr. Ramos said. "Celebrating School Board Recognition Month is one way to say thanks for all they do."

Serving as a link between the community and classroom, school board members are elected to establish the policies that provide the framework for public schools. The Castleberry Independent School District board is responsible for an annual budget of $40 million, 3,600 students, 578 employees, and six campuses.

Board members serving Castleberry ISD are: Board President David Holder, Board Vice President Kenneth Romo, Board Secretary Mary Lou Martinez and members Doug Lee, Cathy Gatica, Dewey Taliaferro, Tracy Gallman.

"It's more important than ever before that communities support public education so that today's students are prepared to be productive citizens and the leaders of tomorrow. Please take a moment and tell school board members 'thank you for caring about our children, and giving so much to our community.' Let them know we support them and that their dedicated service is recognized and truly appreciated," Dr. Ramos said.

From Castleberry ISD

CISD Gifted and Talented Program Nomination Period

Nominations for the Castleberry ISD Gifted and Talented (GT) Program will be accepted beginning Jan. 18 through Jan. 29, 2021.

Parents who have a student currently enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grades, and who feel their child may benefit from services provided through the Gifted and Talented Program, may nominate their child by completing a parent nomination packet. Nomination packets are available online on the district's gifted and talented webpage and in the main office of your child's school. For more information, visit the **Castleberry ISD website** or contact your campus counselor. All nominations packets must be returned to your child's campus by Friday, Jan. 29, 2021.

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From the Tarrant Area Food Bank

Tarrant Area Food Bank Mega Mobile Market Schedule

Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB) has resumed their Mega Mobile Markets with a market on Friday, Jan. 15 at Herman Clark Stadium from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

TAFB will continue to hold Mega Mobile Markets every Friday at Herman Clark Stadium until further notice.

In addition, TAFB will once again have the help of the Army National Guard, which will be deployed to TAFB for at least the next 30 days. Now more than ever, TAFB is seeking volunteers to assist with registration, traffic control and food distribution. Sign up to volunteer **here**.

These events are designed to serve any and all residents of the Tarrant area community who are in need of food assistance, and anyone whose access to nutritious food has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

TAFB continuously strives to provide access to nutritious food to as many people as possible across 13 counties in North Texas.

TAFB is committed to serving the Tarrant Area community in response to COVID-19.

With the Mega Mobile Market being proven as an effective distribution model, food can be received by the community at a more rapid rate. The goal is to spread the word about these events as far as possible to ensure that no family goes hungry.

Friday, Jan. 15 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Herman Clark Stadium, 5201 CA Roberson Blvd, Fort Worth, TX 76119.

From the City of River Oaks

City Council Application Filing Period Deadline Feb. 12

Persons interested in running for a position on the River Oaks City Council May 1 ballot may pick up an application at River Oaks City Hall, located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd., from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The filing period began on Wednesday, Jan. 13 and the deadline to file applications is Friday, Feb. 12.

Applicants may mail in their forms to City Hall, email pbagwell@riveroakstx.com or fax to 817-625-2790.

For more information, call River Oaks City Hall at 817-626-5421.

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Spring 2021 Citizen Prosecutor Academy Now Taking Applications

The Citizen Prosecutor Academy (CPA) is a free, 12-week program designed to give citizens an in-depth understanding of the criminal justice system in Tarrant County.

With our Assistant Criminal District Attorneys and Investigators as instructors, participants review each step of the prosecutorial process to gain an insider's perspective on how the system works.

Currently, classes are being held virtually on Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Graduation will be hosted upon completion of the Academy program.

We are now **taking applications** for the 2021 Spring Academy classes. The Academy begins March 4, 2021, and graduation will be May 20, 2021.

This topics of the past academy classes have included: Adult Sexual Assault, The Civil Division, Conviction Integrity, Digital Forensic & Technical Services, Diversion Programs, Felony: An Overview, Gang Unit, Grand Jury, Intake, Intimate Partner Violence, Intoxication Manslaughter, DWI & No Refusal, Introduction to a Trial, Introduction to the Criminal Justice System/Criminal District Attorney's Office, The Juvenile System, Mental Health & Protective Orders, Misdemeanor Crimes, Special Victims Unit, Victim Advocates and Public Integrity Crimes.

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River Oaks City Council Meetings

The City Council of River Oaks meets on the second and fourth Tuesday night of each month.

Agendas for the meetings are available as soon as they are posted on the City's website, 72 hours or more prior to each meeting.

Minutes of each meeting will also be available once they are completed and posted.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 7:00 P.M**. in the River Oaks City Council Chambers located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd. in River Oaks, Texas in order to receive public input on the 47th year (FY 2021) Community Development Block Grant Program for the City of River Oaks. For more information please contact the Public Works Director at 817-626-5421, extension 322.

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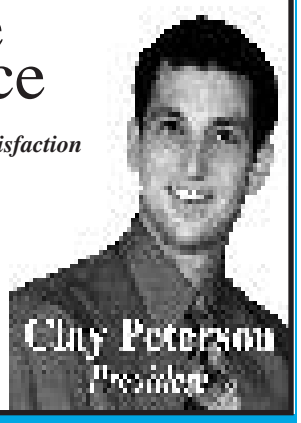

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Texas History Minute

The 25th Amendment and the Texas Role in Ratification

by Dr. Ken Bridges

In the aftermath of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in November 1963, the nation soon asked questions about the presidency. Questions arose about what would have happened if Kennedy had somehow survived but with a severe brain injury or surviving only on life support systems beginning to become available at the time. Vice-President Lyndon Johnson had now become president, and he discussed these concerns with aides and members of Congress. The result was a new amendment to the Constitution.

Including the murder of Kennedy in Dallas, eight presidents had died in office. Seven vice presidents had died in office, and one had resigned up to 1964. In spite of these circumstances, the Constitution never made clear what would happen if the presidency became vacant, simply stating that the vice-president would assume the duties of the president, not necessarily becoming president. And the vice-presidency itself would remain vacant until a new one was elected.

Other scenarios prompted questions as to what would happen if a president were somehow physically incapacitated or mentally or psychologically unable to serve. When President Woodrow Wilson had a massive stroke in 1919, he was initially left mostly paralyzed and almost completely uncommunicative for days before he began to recover. Even the most modest medical techniques to treat stroke patients were still decades away. Vice-President Thomas Marshall refused to assume the duties of the presidency while Wilson convalesced, fearing the dangerous precedent it could set as the Constitution provided no guidance for such a situation. Wilson never fully recovered.

Sometimes the vice presidents themselves posed special problems. Vice-President Aaron Burr killed former Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton in an 1804 duel and faced murder charges in New York and New Jersey. Vice Presidents Daniel Tompkins and Andrew Johnson were both alcoholics. Johnson appeared at his own inauguration as vice-president in 1865 completely drunk.

President Dwight Eisenhower, the first Texan elected president, suffered a major heart attack in 1956 that left him incapacitated for several weeks. The tensions of the Cold War only emphasized the need for president being able to make difficult decisions without delay.

When Johnson delivered his State of the Union Address in January 1964, the image was striking: the next two men in line to the presidency were Senate President pro tem Carl Hayden, the 86-year-old veteran Arizona Senator, and House Speaker John McCormack of Massachusetts, age 72. There was no vice-president sitting behind him as the position had been vacant since the Texas native Johnson, who himself had a heart attack years before, became president two months earlier.

Sen. Birch Bayh of Indiana and Rep. Emmanuel Celler of New York introduced an amendment in 1965. What became the 25th Amendment enshrined into the Constitution that the vice president would become the president in power and name if the presidency was vacated. The vice presidency would be filled by a nomination made by the president and approved by a majority vote of both houses of Congress. The president can voluntarily sign over his duties temporarily to the vice president as acting president in a letter to Congress.

However, the vice president and a majority of the presidential cabinet (now numbering 15) can inform Congress that the president cannot perform his duties, and the vice president immediately becomes acting president. However, if a dispute ever arose between the president and his cabinet over his disability, the president can report to Congress that no disability exists and remain president. If the cabinet persists, then Congress settles the matter and must vote within 21 days whether the president is fit. Otherwise, the president automatically resumes his duties.

The House passed the final version by a voice vote on June 30. On July 6, the Senate voted to approve it. Both Texas Senators, Ralph Yarborough and John Tower, voted to ratify. Though the president's approval is not required for ratification, Johnson endorsed it.

Nevada became the 38th state to ratify the amendment on Feb. 10, 1967, meeting the required number of states for ratification. Texas became the 46th state to ratify if, waiting until April 24, late in the year's legislative session. Forty-seven states would ratify it.

Within the next few decades, the amendment would be invoked on several occasions. Vice President Spiro Agnew resigned in 1973 following a conviction on income tax evasion charges. President Richard Nixon selected Congressman Gerald Ford to be the new vice-president. Nixon was forced to resign in1974 in the wake of the Watergate scandal, making Ford the new president. Ford then chose former New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller as his vice-president, which was quickly approved by Congress. When President Ronald Reagan underwent surgery in 1985, Vice-President George Bush became acting president while Reagan was under anesthesia.

Questions, however, still persist about how the amendment should be utilized, especially if presidents should fall prey to illness that very gradually robbed them of their reasoning abilities, alcohol and drug abuse, or a mental illness.

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