

BOERNE BEACON

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ELECTION NOTICE

The City of Boerne will hold a general election for the three City Council positions.

Early voting is April 26 through May 4 at the **Kendall County Courthouse.**

Election Day will be **Saturday, May 8, 2010 at Fabra Elementary School.**

CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG

With Spring approaching and landscaping projects being planned, Boerne Utilities is reminding you of the importance of requesting the location of underground utility lines before you dig. The City owns and operates electric, water, sewer and gas utilities in and around the Boerne area. There are also



numerous other utilities such as telephone and cable that are underground.

If you plan any excavating activities remember to "call before you dig" by making one simple call to 811. When you dial 811, you will be connected to a call center that will take information about your proposed excavation and will notify the City. City crews will then locate all City-owned utilities. It's simple and free!

Quizzer

Who once said: "If you ask me anything I don't know, I'm not going to answer"?

SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT VOTING

The Single Member District election process will now include five (5) geographically distinct voting districts in Boerne. One representative from each district will be elected to represent the voters residing in that specific district. The Mayor position will continue to be elected "at-large" by all voters and will represent all voters in the City.

This May, voters will be electing representatives for council districts 1, 3, and 5 only.

Voters can verify which district their address is in and if they will be voting for their City Council representative in May by contacting City Hall or viewing the district map City's website – www.ci.boerne.tx.us.

A special hotline has been set up at City Hall so that people can call and speak to a customer representative to determine which district they live in. That number is 830-248-1623.

WILDFIRE DANGER

The City of Boerne offers residents and visitors an excellent combination of natural and urban amenities. At times however this "urban-wildland" interface can pose a significant threat in regard to fire danger. The Boerne Fire Marshal's Office hopes to equip our citizens with the knowledge and tools to reduce this threat so we all can enjoy our beautiful community.



Here are a few tips to make sure that you can prevent vegetation fires and be prepared in the event of one:

- Remove and dispose of dry leaves, dead limbs, and rubbish from around your home.
- Remove dead branches that extend over your roof and prune trees within 15 feet of chimneys and stovepipes.
- Mow grass regularly.
- Make sure there is a 10 foot clearance around barbecue pits and propane tanks.
- Place fireplace or grill ashes in a metal bucket and soak them in water for two days before disposing of them.
- Store gasoline in an approved safety can away from occupied buildings.
- All combustibles such as firewood, wooden picnic tables, boats, stacked lumber, etc. should be kept away from structures.
- Assure that you and your family know all emergency exits from your home and from your neighborhood.
- Maintain a 13 foot 6 inch overhead clearance on driveways to allow emergency vehicles access.

For more information on how to be prepared in the event of a wildfire you can contact the Boerne Fire Marshal's Office for a site visit or go to the following websites:
www.firewise.org
<http://texasforestservice.tamu.edu>

CEMETERY UPDATE

An additional 123 lots in the older section and 336 newly platted lots in the new North section are now available for purchase. Please contact one of the City's Sextons, Dusty Fisher at 830-249-2321 or David Vaughan at 830-249-9128. Improvements at the cemetery include a new wrought iron fence and resurfaced roadways. Eagle Scout, John Graham, built new

trash receptacle holders to add a fresh new look to the Cemetery.

PROTECTING THE CIBOLO CREEK WATERSHED

A special one-day educational workshop is planned for **Thursday, March 25** at the Boerne Convention and Community Center, to help watershed residents improve and protect their water resources by getting involved in local watershed protection and management activities. Pre-register for the FREE workshop by going to <http://tws.tamu.edu> or by calling 979-862-8072.

PAY YOUR UTILITY BILL ON-LINE OR WITH AUTO-PAY

You can eliminate the need for stamps by registering for electronic bill payment on the City's website. We accept Mastercard, Visa, Discover and American Express debit and credit cards.



For your convenience, the City also offers the option to pay your bill by automatic draft from your checking or savings account or by billing your credit card. There are no additional fees and you will still receive your monthly statement.

Call the Utilities Customer Service Office at 830-249-9511 or visit the website to find out which payment option would be most convenient for you.

ANSWERS TO QUIZZERS FROM PREVIOUS BEACON

A) Wilson 42; B) A fear of relatives; C) One - Washington.

LIBRARY NEWS

AARP Tax Aide at the Library

The AARP Tax Aid program will be starting up again this month.

This free service will be provided to anyone who pays federal income tax. The hours will be each Monday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and each Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., through April 13.



ADULT SERVICES

Spanish Classes

Boerne Public Library staff member Alicia Owens teaches Spanish for Beginners every Thursday morning from 10-11:30 a.m. in the library's meeting room. The spring classes will run through Thursday, March 18. Classes are free and open to the public; no signup is necessary.

Cybersmarts

Spring Semester Computer Classes continue through the week of March 18. Morning classes are on Tuesdays from 10-11:30 a.m., and evening classes are held on Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m. Sign up is first-come, first-served for all classes. Please come by the library or check our website for a schedule of classes.

Book Clubs

Book discussion groups at the library: Mysteries for Lunch meets the 1st Thursday of the month, and the Food for Thought group meets the 2nd Monday of each month. You bring a sack lunch, and we provide beverages and dessert. Schedules and book selections for the first two groups are available at the library and on our website.



Reality Readers for non-fiction fans will meet again on Monday, March 22 at noon. As with the other groups, bring a sack lunch, and we provide beverages and dessert.

The Boerne Beat, a coffee, social, and poetry club, meets the first Monday of each month at 9 a.m. in the library meeting room.

Join us for a smooth, casual and fun hour to share poetry. Coffee, tea and refreshments will be served.

Circulo de Mujeres, our Spanish language book club, meets the first Friday of each month at 10 a.m.

Live at the Library!

On the second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m., the library and the BPL Foundation sponsor a live music event. Go to the library's website for details.

Quizzer

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YOUTH SERVICES

Weekly Storytimes

Wednesdays

9:30am: Wee Play for babies 0-2 years Bean bags, bubbles, bells and more for your littlest ones
10:30 am: Little Listeners for toddlers 2 years and up tales, tunes, movement, craft, plus special snack.

Mother Nature Storytime at Cibolo Nature Center
The third Tuesday of each month, 10am

Enjoy nature-themed tales, tunes, craft, and more.

Tuesday, March 16
Tuesday, April 20

Beginning Ballet

Free instruction every Friday at 3:30pm in this introduction to classical ballet for ages 4 and up. Performance opportunities available with BPL Ballet Company, the library's own troupe of young dancers.



Spring into Action with our Youth Services Specials.

In the coming months we will feature our annual tike trike race, teen author visit, and more.

Reminder: The Boerne Public Library's Advisory Board meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. These meetings are open to the public, so if you have any

questions, comments or suggestions about the library, please plan to attend.

For more information on all programs, please contact the library at 830-249-3053 or visit our website www.boernelibrary.org.

ANNUAL BOOK SALE

It's coming! The biggest book sale the Friends of the Boerne Public Library has ever put on. If



you've been to previous book sales you know just how huge this one will be.

The annual Spring Book Sale is Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 5, 6, & 7. The three day event will be held at the Kendall County Fairgrounds in the new Dance Hall.

Thousands of books, DVDs, videos and music CDs will be available. Prices of the books range from 20 cents for magazines and some children's books, 50 cents for paperbacks to \$10 for coffee table books and book sets. Rare and vintage books are priced higher.

Quizzer

What were the "Hesperides"?

PARKS & RECREATION

Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt – March 28; 1:30 pm

The Parks and Recreation Department and the Boerne Police Officers Association will conduct the annual Easter egg hunt at City Park. This event is open to ages 0-12; participants must bring their own basket or bag and arrive at least 15 minutes early. Please leave the family pet(s) at home.

Continuing Education Classes:

A variety of classes for youth and adults are being offered this Spring, including Creative Art, Dog and puppy training, Needlework, Computer basics, Yoga, Music, Youth dance, First Aid, CPR, Babysitting 101, and much, much more.

For more information about classes and programs visit the

Parks and Recreation website: www.ci.boerne.tx.us/parks or call the Parks and Recreation Department at 830-249-9511; option 5.

2010 Spring Sports & Recreation Leagues:

- Swim Stroke Clinic - April
- Spring Break Tennis Camp
- Spring Sand Volleyball
- Adult & Coed Softball Leagues
- Adult Kickball Leagues

Register for all recreation programs in person at the Parks and Recreation Department offices at 1017 Adler Road between 8 am and 5 pm. Call 249-9511 for more information.

NEW! Farmer's Market in

Boerne every

Saturday

beginning

March 27 at

Veterans' Plaza; 2-6 pm



LOCAL EVENTS

March

6 Chuck Wagon Cookoff and Heritage Gathering; Agricultural Heritage Museum

9 City Council Meeting

13-14 Boerne Market Days

15-19 Spring Break

20 Outdoor Family Fair, Main Plaza

23 City Council Meeting

25 Cibolo Creek Watershed Protection Workshop; Boerne Community Center

27 Boerne Expo, Fairgrounds

28 Easter Egg Hunt, City Park

April

2 Holiday – City Hall closed

4 Easter Sunday

10 Texas Trash Off – Meet at Library Annex Porch

10-11 Boerne Market Days

13 City Council Meeting

16-17 Parade of Artists

17-18 Family Camp-out; City Lake

17 Annual Corvette Show; Plaza

22 Earth Day

26 First Day of Early Voting

27 City Council Meeting

30 Movie in the Park; Main Plaza