



Management Messenger



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Each new school year provides an opportunity to introduce educators to *Our Town, Texas*. This curriculum is designed for elementary, middle school, and junior high students. *Our Town, Texas* uses informative, interactive classroom activities to help students master the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for social studies and history. It also follows the guidelines for the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS). *Our Town, Texas* was written by teachers and has been pilot tested by teachers. Activities are independent and can be taught separately or as a group. All materials can be found at www.ourtowntexas.org or by contacting Kim at 512-231-7442 or kim@tml.org.

The Texas City Management Association is pleased to send you this month's edition of the *Management Messenger*. It features recent changes in city management positions around the state, current job listings, names of new members, information about upcoming educational events, and news about our colleagues. This newsletter and past issues are also posted at <http://www.tcma.org/newsletter.htm>.

You play an important role in the ethics process. Acquaint yourself with the Code of Ethics at http://www.tcma.org/dev_ethics.html and its Rules of Procedure for Enforcement at http://www.tcma.org/dev_rules.html.

Please remember to browse through YOUR Web site, <http://www.tcma.org>.

If you have some interesting news that you would like to see included in the *Management Messenger*, please e-mail messenger@tml.org.

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Management Transitions

Claud Arnold is no longer the city administrator for the City of Willow Park. He is now the economic development administrator. **Candy Scott**, current city secretary and finance director, is the acting city administrator for that city.

William Baine is the new city manager for the City of Huntsville.

Joe Cantu is no longer the city administrator for the City of Malakoff.

Paul Catoe is the new city manager for the City of Madisonville.

Mary Daly is the new city administrator for the City of Clyde.

Raymond De Los Santos is the new city manager for the City of Alice.

Christopher Duque is the new city manager for the City of Nederland, effective September 30.

Angel Escobar will serve as interim city manager for the City of Corpus Christi following the resignation of current city manager **Skip Noe**, effective September 1.

Joey Highfill is no longer the city manager for the City of Lake Worth. **Vicki Mikel**, assistant city manager and director of finance, is the acting city manager for that city.

James Minor will no longer be the city administrator for the City of Keene, effective September 19.

Karen Philippi is no longer the city manager for the City of Royse City.

Victor Treviño is no longer the city manager for the City of San Benito. **Hector Jalomo**, current public works director, is serving as the interim city manager.

Courtney Sharp, current city manager for the City of Mount Pleasant, will be the new city manager for the City of Midland, effective October 1.

Paul Vazaldua will no longer be the interim city manager for the City of Elsa, effective September 1.

Linda Weller is no longer the city manager for the City of Gruver, effective August 28.

Kenneth Williams, current city manager for the City of Diboll, will be the new city manager for the City of Buda, effective September 12.

Randy Whiteman is the new city manager for the City of Ovilla.

Visit [tcma.org](http://www.tcma.org) to see if you qualify for TCMA In-transition Services. For a list of current city management job openings in Texas, please visit http://www.tcma.org/jobs_openings.html.

New Members

The TCMA *Management Messenger* welcomes new members. Their memberships were approved at the TCMA Board meeting on August 29.

FULL:

Kelly Cooper, Assistant City Manager, City of Colleyville
Fred G. Greene, Assistant City Manager, City of Denton
Vicky Rudy, City Administrator, City of Rollingwood

ASSOCIATE:

Lindsey N. Baker, Assistant to the City Manager, City of Denton
John Cabrales Jr., Public Information/Intergovernmental Relations Officer, City of Denton
Jennifer A. May, Management Assistant II, City of Sugar Land
Jeffrey D. Trinker, Management Assistant I, City of Sugar Land

STUDENT/INTERN:

Samantha Woodmancy, Management Intern, City of Garland

Membership Dues Renewal Reminder

Beginning the first week of October, members will receive membership due renewals. Members will be able to renew online at www.tcma.org. Simply click on the "About TCMA" link and select "Membership Renewal." A box will be provided to indicate whether you have fulfilled the ethics requirement and a field to state when and where the requirement was fulfilled. Dues can be paid with a credit card, and member profiles can also be updated.





Meet Your Colleagues

The TCMA *Management Messenger* introduces and welcomes **Don Ives** to his new position as the city manager for the City of Alvarado. Don's appointment as city manager began on June 30, 2008. Prior to his appointment, Don served as the assistant city manager for two years for the City of White Settlement. He started his management career in May 1993 in Brownwood, Texas. He has also been the assistant city manager for the City of Granbury and the finance director for the cities of Stephenville and Greenville. Don received his bachelor's of business administration degree from Tarleton State University.

Don and his wife Deborah have been married for 37 years and have two sons, both of whom are Fort Worth firefighters. His hobbies are golf, jogging, watching all other sports, and enjoying his grandchildren.

The TCMA *Management Messenger* introduces and welcomes **T. Flemming** to his new position as the city administrator for the City of Sundown. T.'s appointment as the city administrator began on July 28. T. began his public service career in 1988 for the City of Brady. He left the City of Brady as the assistant city manager/director of utilities in June 1997 for an appointment as the director of utilities for the City of Lamesa. In April 2005, T. began serving as the city manager for the City of Rockdale. T. received an associate's degree from Cisco Jr. College and a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Arlington. He is also a Certified Public Manager.

T. has four grandchildren, plus one "on-the-way." He enjoys music, golf, card-playing, and judging various cook-off competitions.

The TCMA *Management Messenger* also introduces and welcomes **Richard Tow** to his new position as the city manager for the City of Cameron. Richard was formerly the city administrator for the City of Alvord for 11 years. He is the current TCMA Barney L. Knight CPM Scholarship recipient.

Richard and his wife Denise have been married 20 years. They have two sons. Their oldest son, Trey, is a student at Texas Tech University, and son Thomas is an eighth grader. Richard enjoys hunting, boating, and all activities in which his sons participate. These include football, band, snow skiing, and water sports.



Congratulations

Gary Brown, city manager for the City of Floydada, received the Texas Public Power Association (TPPA) Seven Hats Award. The award was presented at the 2008 TPPA Annual Meeting Awards Breakfast held on July 23 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Austin. The Texas Public Power Association represents Texas' publicly-owned electric utilities. Members include municipal utilities, joint action agencies, river authorities, and rural electric cooperatives. The Seven Hats Award recognizes outstanding leadership and dedication by an official of a TPPA system that serves less than 5,000 customers.



TML Tidbits

Please make a note of these upcoming TML educational events:



TML Small Cities' Problem-Solving Clinic, September 26, Decatur



Texas Municipal League Technology Summit IV, September 11-12, Lewisville



Texas Municipal League Annual Conference and Exhibition, October 28-31, San Antonio