



# Management Messenger



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## President's Message

It is my privilege and pleasure to have the opportunity to serve as your president of the Texas City Management Association. With 850 members, TCMA represents an awesome group of public administrators committed to great communities in Texas. Your Board of Directors will be focused this coming year on growing membership, enhancing our ICMA and state assistant organization partnerships, and increasing our responsiveness to the needs of our TCMA membership, in particular the in-transition members, the young professionals, and first-time city managers. As Gene Kranz—NASA flight director for the Apollo 13 mission—encouraged us at our TCMA Annual Conference in Galveston, your TCMA Board of Directors will “aim high” in 2010-2011. We are all so blessed to be a part of a unique profession that is so critical to the lives of millions of Texans, and I am confident that TCMA will continue its long legacy of leadership. I look forward to an exciting and productive year for TCMA, and I will appreciate your support as we advance the contributions of our city management profession.

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](http://www.tcma.org/dev_ethics.html) and its Rules of Procedure for Enforcement at [http://www.tcma.org/dev\\_rules.html](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](mailto:messenger@tml.org).

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## Management Transitions

**Banks Akin** is the new city manager for the City of Stockdale.

**Tommy Boykin** is the city manager for the City of Jasper.

**Scott Caldwell** is the city administrator for the City of Stratford.

**Mike Hagan** is no longer the city manager for the City of Melvin.

**Celina Hemmeter** is the city administrator/city secretary for the City of Eden.

**Paul Horn** will retire as the city manager for the City of Alvin, effective September 31.

**Cindy King** is the new city manager for the City of Sweeny.

**Nick Lanning** is the interim city manager for the City of Windcrest.

**Rick Menchaca** is no longer the city manager for the City of San Marcos. **Laurie Moyer** (current assistant city manager) is the acting city manager for that city.

**Jim Nuse** is retiring as city manager for the City of Round Rock, effective January 15.

**Jeff Radke** is no longer the city manager for the City of Mountain City.

**Frank Ragan** is no longer the city manager for the City of McKinney.

**Tonya Roberts** is the new city administrator for the City of Rice.

**Gary Robinson** is no longer the city administrator for the City of Westworth Village. **Roger Unger** is the city administrator for that city.

**George Shackelford** is the new city manager for the City of Tomball, effective July 12.

**Charles Vaughan** is no longer the city manager for the City of Cushing.

**Terri Vela** is the new city manager for the City of Richmond.

**Kathleen Vrana** is no longer the city administrator for the City of Holland.

## Congratulations

The TCMA *Management Messenger* recognizes outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions to local government in Texas. The following awards were presented at the TCMA Annual Conference on June 23-27.



**Lifetime Achievement**  
**Don Taylor**, City Manager, Schertz



**Administrator of the Year**  
**Mark McDaniel**, City Manager, Tyler



**Mentoring Award in Memory of Gary Gwyn**  
**Tom Muehlenbeck**, City Manager, Plano

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](http://www.tcma.org/jobs_openings.html).



**Terrell Blodgett Academician Award**  
**Dr. James Thurmond**, Clinical Professor, Public Administration,  
 University of Houston



**Presidential Award**  
**J. Pat Stephens**, West Texas State University



**Distinguished Membership Award**  
**Gary Watkins**, Retired Deputy Executive Director, Texas Municipal League

## Sympathy

**Jim Rankin** passed on Friday, June 25. Jim began his career as a city manager serving in several West Texas cities and was dedicated to promoting excellence in local government in Texas. Services were held Monday, June 28, at 11:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Graham. TCMA extends its deepest sympathy to Jim's family.

## New Members

The TCMA *Management Messenger* welcomes new members. Their memberships were approved at the TCMA Board meeting on June 24.

**Full:** **Sonia Carnes**, Deputy City Manager, Mission; **Vicki Covey**, Assistant City Manager for Public Services, Amarillo; **Cody Dailey**, City Administrator, Elmendorf; **Ralph Hendricks**, City Manager, Marble Falls; **Nick Lanning**, City Manager, Windcrest; **Elizabeth Leonesio**, City Administrator, Natalia; **Aida Lerma**, Deputy City Manager, Mission; **Deborah Loesch**, City Administrator, Hunters Creek Village; **Richard Morris**, City Manager, Pampa; **Victor Pena**, City Manager, Bellmead

**Associate:** **Dana Dotson**, Management Analyst, Mesquite; **Lisa McKenzie**, Neighborhood Services Coordinator, San Antonio; **Kimberly Meisner**, Director of General Operations, Kerrville; **Kristin Weegar**, Marketing and Research Coordinator, North Richland Hills

**Cooperating:** **Dr. J. Eric Coleman**, Associate Professor, UNT at Dallas

**Student:** **Leah M. Bojo**, MPA Student, LBJ School, University of Texas-Austin; **Stephanie Russell**, MPA Student, University of Houston

## City News

The city council for the City of Meadowlakes appointed **Johnnie Thompson** as the first city manager.

## Meet Your Colleagues

The TCMA *Management Messenger* introduces and welcomes **Bob Turner** to his new position as the city manager for the City of Port Lavaca. Bob's appointment began April 19, 2010. He started his career in municipal government in 1980 in the City of Tyler and held numerous positions before being named Tyler's city manager in 2003.

Bob received a bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Texas-Tyler and an MPA from Harvard.

Bob and his wife Benita have been married 41 years and have three grown children and seven grandchildren. His hobby is saltwater fishing.

## TCMA Educational Events: Save the Dates

- William "King" Cole I-Basics** • January 27-28, 2011, Austin
- City Management Clinic** • February 17-18, 2011, Salado
- William "King" Cole II-Advanced** • March 24-25, 2011, League City
- TCMA Annual Conference** • June 9-12, 2011, Frisco

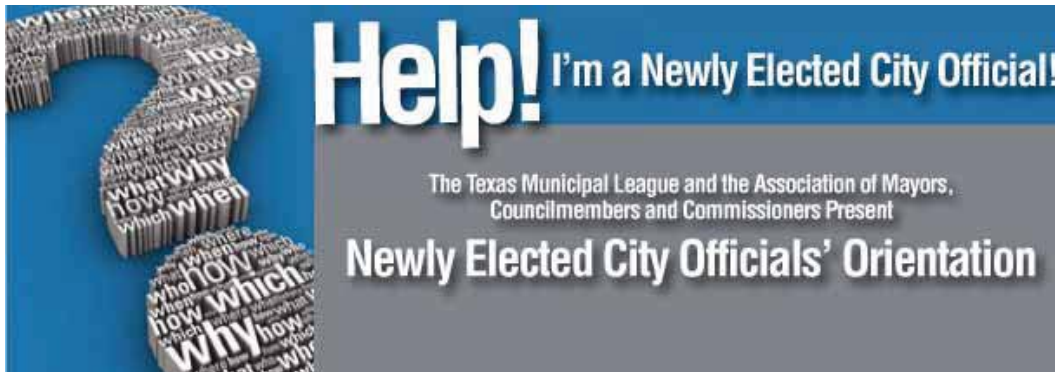
## TML Tidbits

Please make a note of these upcoming TML educational events:



### Texas Municipal League Small Cities' Problem-Solving Clinic

July 17, Alpine • September 17, Navasota • September 24, Dublin • October 1, Pleasanton



### TML Newly Elected City Officials' Orientation

July 23-24, Irving • August 13-14, Austin

We also encourage you to visit the entire TML Web site at [www.tml.org](http://www.tml.org).