



# Management Messenger



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## Legacy Leaders 2010

### TCMA Legacy Leaders Project

The TCMA Legacy Leaders Project was commissioned by the Texas City Management Association 2009-2010 Board. A Legacy Leaders Task Force was formed to capture historical documentation of forerunners to the council-manager form of government in the State of Texas. Over the past year, Legacy Leaders have been interviewed, and each has provided an interesting and unique story. A DVD will be given to each delegate at the TCMA Annual Conference in Galveston on June 24-27. In addition, a DVD will be sent to each member, along with the 2010-2011 TCMA Membership Directory. The DVD will also be used to develop an ICMA Legacy Leaders DVD, which will be provided to all attendees of the 2014 ICMA Conference, the 100-year celebration of ICMA.

TCMA wants to extend a special thanks to all the Legacy Leaders for allowing the association to capture their piece of history. The Legacy Leaders are **Jim Berzina, Bill Blackwell, Terrell Blodgett, Alex Briseno, Rickey Childers, Larry Cunningham, Charlie Duckworth, Jack Huffman, Bob Hughey, Fritz Lanham, John Lee, Glen Metcalf, L. A. (George) Patterson, Mike Perez, George Schrader, Florence Shapiro, Jim Starr, Frank Sturzl, Kerry Sweatt, Marvin Townsend, and Ron Whitehead.**

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

**Jarett Atkinson** is the interim city manager for the City of Amarillo.

**Mike Barrow** is the new city manager for the City of Henderson.

**Billy Clemons** is the city manager for the City of Lorena.

**Scott Edmonson** is the new city administrator for the City of Mertz.

**Lorenza Fraire** is no longer the interim city manager for the City of Socorro.

**Harry Grove** is no longer the city manager for the City of Stockdale.

**David Tillery** (current public works director) is the interim city manager for that city.

**Calvin Howard** is no longer the city administrator for the City of Christine.

**Marcus Jahns** is the city administrator for the City of League City.

**Ryan Kelley** is no longer the city administrator for the City of Magnolia.

**Michael Leamons** is the new city administrator for the City of Hico.

**Sandra Martinez** is the new city manager for the City of George West.

**LaNell Matthews** is the city administrator for the City of Poteet.

**Terri McClanahan** is the new city administrator for the City of Meadow.

**Joe Montez** is no longer the interim city manager for the City of Beeville.

**Alan Plumlee** is the new city manager for the City of Stamford.

**Marcus Puente** is the new city administrator for the City of Yorktown.

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

**Laura Smith** is the new city administrator for the City of Montgomery.

**Mindi Snyder** is the new city manager for the City of El Campo, effective September 1. Current city manager, **John Steelman**, will postpone his retirement until that date.

**Manny Soto** is the interim city manager for the City of Socorro.

**James Stroman** is no longer the city manager for the City of Kemp.

**Melissa Byrne Vossmer** is the new city manager for the City of Angleton.

**John Webb** is no longer the city administrator for the City of Clarendon. **Phyllis Jeffers** is the interim city administrator for that city.

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).

## Congratulations

Congratulations to the following members who were selected as recipients of TCMA 2010 Annual Conference New Professional's Scholarships. The TCMA Executive Board is excited to have these individuals represent the association as a New Professional Scholar at the conference in Galveston on June 24-27.

**Ben Brezina**, Assistant to the City Manager and Contract Administrator, Frisco

**Shawn Cox**, Assistant to the City Manager, Tomball

**Michael Hall**, City Secretary/Administrator, Quitman

**Tina Jauz**, Assistant Director of Community Services, Midland

**Erik Rejino**, Director of Administration Services, Levelland

## New Member Applications

TCMA Board policy requires that names of new member applicants be published each month in the *Management Messenger*. Any written objection during the subsequent 30-day period will be reviewed by the TCMA Membership Committee. If no objections are received during this time, the names will be submitted for Board approval at the next scheduled Board meeting. Written objections can be mailed to TCMA, Attention: Membership Committee, 1821 Rutherford Lane, Suite 400, Austin, TX 78754.

Applications received for the month of May:

**Full:** **Sonia Carnes**, Deputy City Manager, Mission; **Cody Dailey**, City Administrator, Elmendorf; **Ralph Hendricks**, City Manager, Marble Falls; **Elizabeth A. Leonesio**, City Administrator, Natalia; **Richard E. Morris**, City Manager, Pampa

**Associate:** **Lisa M. McKenzie**, Neighborhood Services Coordinator, San Antonio; **Kimberly Meismen**, Director of General Operations, City of Kerrville; **Kristen Weegar**, Marketing and Research Coordinator, North Richland Hills

**Cooperating:** **Dr. J. Eric Coleman**, Associate Professor, University of North Texas at Dallas

**Student/Intern:** **Stephanie Russell**, University of Houston

## Council-Manager Plan Approved

On May 15, League City voters approved the council-manager form of government. **Marcus Jahns** (city administrator) is now the city manager.



## Meet Your Colleagues

The *TCMA Management Messenger* introduces and welcomes **Jennifer Garver** to her new position as the city manager for the City of Uvalde. This is her first position as a city manager. Jennifer's appointment began April 1, 2010. Prior to her appointment, Jennifer served as the finance director, and she became city manager upon John Harrell's retirement. Jennifer has served in management positions in public accounting and private industry since 2004. Jennifer received both her bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas Tech University and is a Certified Public Accountant.

Jennifer and her husband Alex Garver have been married for 12 years. They have two sons, Leo and Asa, and are expecting their third child in July. Her hobbies include reading on her Kindle, crafts, baking, and any activities that Leo and Asa participate in.

The *TCMA Management Messenger* introduces and welcomes **Paul Virgadamo, Jr.**, as the new city administrator for the City of Conroe. Paul has been employed by the City of Conroe since February 17, 1997, when he started as the director of parks and recreation. He was appointed assistant city administrator in 2005, and in April 2010 he was appointed the city administrator. Previously he was employed for 17 years as an administrative superintendent to Harris County Precinct Two Commissioner Jim Fonteno.

Paul received his bachelor of science degree in recreation and parks administration with a minor study in business from Texas A&M University in 1985. He is an ICMA Credentialed Manager.

Paul married his wife Stephanie in 1987, and they have three children—Candace, Helen, and Trey. He and his family attend Conroe Community Church.

## Sympathy

**Clifford Johnson** passed on Wednesday, May 12. Clifford was the TCMA president in 1969 and served as city manager for the cities of Hurst, Grand Prairie, and DeSoto.

## Memos on Meetings

The Membership Committee met on March 26. To view the meeting minutes, please visit [www.tcma.org](http://www.tcma.org). Click on "Committees," select "Membership," and then click on "Current Meeting Minutes."

## TCMA Educational Event: Save the Date

Leading Texas Cities:  
**Recovery  
In Action**

### TCMA Annual Conference Update

The ICMA Retirement Corporation has agreed to provide financial planning consultations to individuals during the TCMA Annual Conference in Galveston. The consultations will be held on a first-come, first-served basis in the Vine Room of the Moody Gardens Hotel on Friday, June 25, from 10:45 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. and on Saturday, June 26, from 10:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Check the TCMA Annual Conference onsite program for more details.

**TCMA Annual  
Conference**  
**Moody Gardens Hotel**  
**Seven Hope Boulevard**  
**Galveston, Texas**  
**June 24-27, 2010**



## TML Tidbits

Please make a note of these upcoming TML educational events:



Texas Municipal League Legislative Outlook, June 18, Irving



Texas Municipal League Small Cities' Problem-Solving Clinic, July 9, Crosbyton



TML Newly Elected City Officials' Orientation, July 23-24, Irving  
TML Newly Elected City Officials' Orientation, August 13-14, Austin

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