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Why do we exist?

In the short time as your General Manager, there has been one consistent question I have been asked from members: "What does HCIA do for me?"

Well, first of all, what is HCIA? HCIA, or Horizon Communities, is a nonprofit corporation chartered by the State of Texas in

1968 to manage the approximate 100,000 acres previously held by the Horizon Sales Corporation in the Horizon Region. Horizon Communities' primary objective is to improve the value of its members land. As 2007 comes to a close, I want to assure you that this organization is moving in a positive direction and that every effort is being accomplished to see that the value of your land increases.



The next year will be the 40th Anniversary for Horizon Communities. Yet, beyond the celebration will be the realized opportunity that the eastward expansion of El Paso is upon us. It will no longer be a discussion of when will the development come, but of how will we be prepared for it. And that is what Horizon Communities is here for, to make sure the best value for your land is aimed for, and achieved. This is our primary goal. On behalf of the Horizon Communities family, I want to wish you and yours a safe and Happy Holidays.

Sincerely,
Oscar González
General Manager

Clinic under construction Family practice open for business

Horizon Physicians, Inc. has purchased land from Horizon Communities in order to construct a first-rate freestanding clinic in the Town of Horizon City. The clinic will be located at 14511 Horizon Blvd. between Darrington Rd. and Ascension Blvd. There will be five doctors at the ready to serve the Horizon community.

Dr. Rodin Mendoza-Castillo had this to say, "It has taken us some time to finally get this project started. I'm very pleased to inform you that after closing on the property, we are now closing in on the final step — which is begin construction. I'm very excited to say we are looking at the 2nd quarter of 2008 for the clinic to begin operations. It will be within the next couple of weeks... for the ground breaking. Again thanks for your (Horizon Communities) support..."



Cecilia Del Moral, MD, left, and Marila Castellanos, FNP-C have opened First Horizon Medical Center, PA in Horizon City. They are focusing on family practice.

Additionally, First Horizon Medical Center has opened a family practice on Horizon Blvd. They opened their doors in August. The principals are Dr. Cecilia Del Moral (internal medicine), and Marila Castellanos, FNP-C. The women are related. Castellanos said they "want to help the community."

Busting up graffiti in Horizon

Horizon Communities is proud to be a founding organization of the Horizon City Graffiti Busters along with the Town of Horizon City, Sheriff's Office, Horizon City Explorers, Horizon City Police Department, Horizon Regional Municipal Utility District (HRMUD), Eastlake Lions Club, and the Girl Scouts.

Horizon City Alderman Luis Najera had this to say, "The Horizon City Graffiti Busters should be up and running soon. I would like to extend my thanks to Oscar González with Horizon Communities and Bonnie Moorehouse with the Horizon

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New schools on the Horizon

Socorro and Clint ISDs break ground on projects

Socorro ISD

Socorro Independent School District (SISD) broke ground on two new schools in October 2007 — Chester E. Jordan Elementary on October 22nd and Eastlake High School on October 30th. Jordan, named after community activist Chester E. Jordan, will be El Paso's first "Green School" and Eastlake High School will become the District's 7th high school. Both schools are part of the 2004 bond program. Jordan will serve the El Dorado Feeder Pattern and Eastlake will help relieve overcrowding at Americas High School. "We are thankful to our community for this moment," said SISD Superintendent Dr. Sylvia P. Atkinson, "because it is through their support of the 2004 Bond that these schools are being built."

In August 2007, the SISD Board of Trustees approved naming the newest elementary after Jordan who was a long-time SISD Partner in Education and local businessman. Jordan served his country honorably for 30 years in the United States Army and was decorated with the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, German Occupation Medal, and Korea and Vietnam Campaign Ribbons. He rose to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer Four before retiring in 1980. His next career as a Financial Planner and Investment Broker spanned another 30 years. During that time, his love of children drew him into SISD's Partners In Education program. "We were overjoyed when the board chose to honor our father," said Joseph Jordan who addressed the audience on behalf of his family. "My father loved children and he spent his life mentoring them. He was a caring person who worked for the betterment of this community. This is a lasting memorial to him."

With family and friends looking on, Dr. Atkinson and Board Vice President Karen Blaine joined Jordan Elementary students and Principal Michelle Barton broke ground on the elemen-

tary school site off of Edgemere east of Joe Battle. The 24-acre site located 18995 Jason Crandall will house 600 students from Kindergarten through 5th grade. Students Rebecca Williams, Danny Gonzalez, Sean Williams, John Henderson, Maria Castro, Katya Cavazos, and Jasmine Raygoza pitched in with shovels at the ceremony. The students are currently housed in the facilities of Spec. Raphael Hernando III Middle school until the new facility is completed. The campus will be designed as a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified school and will be considered a "Green" building which will be the first of its kind in the El Paso area. LEED promotes five key areas of human and environmental health: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection, and indoor environmental quality.

SISD Board Vice President Karen Blaine believes the Green School itself will be part of the students' education. "The students here today can look forward to a 21st century school equipped not only with the latest in educational technology, but also a school that will make a difference by teaching children the importance of efficiency and conservation."

Groundbreaking for SISD's 7th high school welcomed the Class of 2014. Ensor Middle School students who will attend the new high school as 9th graders in 2010 were on hand with Dr. Atkinson, Board President Charles Garcia and other board trustees. The 241,683 square foot campus is located off Eastlake Drive in Far East El Paso, will cost \$30 million and will house 900 freshmen to begin the District's 5th feeder pattern. "This is a great beginning," said SISD Board President Charles E. Garcia. "I am looking forward to seeing this much-needed school completed. It will provide some relief for Americas High School, whose student population is pushing 3,000."

Participating in the groundbreaking

ceremony were future freshmen and current Col. John O. Ensor students Joseph Corral, Luis DeLuna, Miquela Farley, Brandon Infiesto Jr. and Ruby Quijas. They were joined by SISD Board of Trustees President Charlie Garica, Vice President Karen Blaine, Trustees Ray Rodriguez and George Salas.

— Irma Flores

Communications Specialist, SISD

Clint ISD

Clint Independent School District (CISD) has developed an aggressive Five Year Construction Program based on District growth. In May of 2006, CISD voters approved a \$90 million bond referendum. The District immediately proceeded to contract with architects and construction managers for the first phase of construction.

The first series of bonds was sold in July of 2006. Phase I consisted of \$35 million in bonds proceeds. The projects included a new middle school in Horizon City, additions and improvements to other schools in the District.

The District opened the 2007-2008 school year with over 10,000 students and continues to grow in student population everyday. 5,200 of those students are enrolled in the Horizon area campuses: Horizon High School, C.T. Welch Intermediate, Frank Macias Elementary, Desert Hills Elementary and Horizon Middle School.

In order to address the district's growth, 17 projects have been scheduled for Phase I Bond series 2006. Banes General Contractors, Inc. is the Construction Manager working on all 17 projects. SMS Architects, ARTchitecture and Claycomb Associates, have been contracted to assist with the design on each of the projects.

Groundbreaking for most of these projects will be scheduled within the next few months. Among the first

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Members give positive responses to service

We would like to share with you something noteworthy and recognize valued members of our team. Here are some emails that show the type of commitment our staff engenders. It discusses two instances where Horizon Communities took careful diligence in handling a situation:

Dear Irred and Linda,

My wife Fran and I would like to



Irred Hamilton

thank you so very much for your help and your kindness on our recent trip to El Paso. The main purpose of our trip was to make some decisions regarding our Horizon City properties... and the information you provided in one simple meeting provided us with everything we needed to know and do. We went to the county building and central appraisal district office, and got everything done we could possibly do in just a couple of hours.

When all the recording and address changes are official, we plan to take advantage of Linda's offer to help us with the Quit Claim deeds to get everything set up for our children. We'll probably call you in a couple months.

Once again thank you for proving that Texas hospitality is a real thing.

Ron & Fran Crnek

Lorean,

If you recall, I was the guy in your office this afternoon (with the lady appraiser) looking for direction on a parcel of land. Your help was invaluable and you certainly do know your business. We talked about your professionalism for 30 minutes after we left your office. Horizon Communities has a great "front desk" representa-

tive in you. Professionally I am a licensed home inspector and "training" to become a residential appraiser. There is no way that we could have accomplished what we did today without your guidance and help and for that a big THANK YOU! Take care and have a great day!

Thank You,
Bill Powers

Southwest Home Inspections



Lorean Moreno

Schools

From Page Two

projects scheduled are the classrooms needed to address the growth in the Horizon City attendance area.

Phase II Bond Series 2006 were sold in July of 2007. A list of the Phase II projects will be presented to the Board for approval within the next month and will include a new Clint High School to be built south of the Interstate. Along with the new campus, additional projects have been scheduled to upgrade or enhance our existing facilities.

— Laura Cade
Coordinator of Community Relations, CISD

Graffiti

From Front Page

Regional Municipal Utility District for their ongoing support of the Horizon City Graffiti Busters Program. Due to the increase in graffiti throughout our small city, members of your community have come together to help clean up graffiti in our neighborhoods. Horizon Communities was kind enough to provide some start up funds for the volunteer group and the HRMUD is purchasing a small utility trailer for to be used by the Graffiti Busters. We are also receiving support from Blanca Garcia with National Self Storage in Horizon City as they have offered us a place to

secure our equipment. I would also like to thank our neighbors, Jay Blobner, Gomey Lopez, Bobby "Tippy" Holguin, and Jesus DeAvila with the Horizon City Police Department for their continued efforts in kicking this project off the ground. Hopefully, with the community's support, we will be able to help clean up our neighborhoods of unsightly graffiti. Together we can make a difference."

If you would like to volunteer (or if your group would like to join us), or if you would like to provide an in-kind donation, please contact Lynn Arrigoni at larrigoni@horizoncity.org or Karen Ellefson at kellefson@horizoncity.org; or call 915-852-1046.

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Membership meeting informative



Linda Moreno

Moreno with Horizon Communities ten years

Linda Moreno, Member Services Coordinator, celebrated her ten years of service to the association. When asked what she enjoyed about working for Horizon Communities she noted, "I have valued the friendships I have made with the staff, both from the past and the present, but I also enjoy the satisfaction of helping members on a one-to-one basis, and; the notion that I am contributing to the overall wellness and development of the Horizon area."

Congratulations, Linda!

The Annual Membership Meeting was held on October 4, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. at the Clint Independent School District Administrative Offices, in Horizon City. The agenda included approval of last year's meeting minutes, the election report for the reelection of Mr. William Eggleston, as Director in Place #5, and approval of the annual audit, where Horizon Communities' Certified Public Accountant rendered a favorable opinion on the Association's financial statements.

Following the formal portion of the meeting, the keynote speaker gave a very informative presentation. Alfredo Solis, Associate Superintendent for Support Services for Clint ISD, spoke about the growth and state of the school district. It was noted that the Clint ISD School Board was recognized as the Top School Board for 2007, a feat that has not been done in the region since the El Paso ISD School Board received this distinction in 1971.

Oscar González, Horizon Communities' General Manager concluded the evening by giving a presentation on the status of the organization. Mr. González's key points included the enhancements to the newsletter and the website, the organization's involvement as a founding member of Horizon City Graffiti Busters, and an update of the Lot Assembly Program.



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