



## New Employee Spotlight

The Planning & Development Services Department would like to welcome the addition of Aimee Chavez to our team. Aimee Chavez was hired as an Engineering Assistant I and began work with the City on September 19, 2011. Aimee is a recent Civil Engineering graduate from the University of Texas at Austin and is a licensed Engineer in Training (E.I.T.). Ms. Chavez's main duties will be plan review and to support the engineering functions of Development Services. We expect Aimee to be a perfect fit and help us build upon our successes of implementing the City Council's Development Philosophy – *Making it Happen*.



## Planning and Development Services receive recognition

On Aug. 26, the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association presented the Planning and Development Services Department with a **Certificate of Achievement for Planning Excellence** for 2011. The certificate recognizes the professional planning standards demonstrated by the staff and the support exhibited by the City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission. The award specifically recognizes the department for increasing awareness for professional planning, meeting professional requirements, enhancing neighborhood and citizen recognition of planning efforts, encouraging professional training for Commissioners and staff, and aiding in economic development and community image.

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# Greater Round Rock Population Projections Released

In June 2011, the Planning and Development Services Department released new 20-year population projections. The base year for the new City projections is the recently released 2010 Census for the City of Round Rock. The Department also develops Greater Round Rock population projections, which includes the City of Round Rock, existing Municipal Utility Districts (MUDs), and population estimates in the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of Round Rock (outside of MUDs).

The table below lists the population projections for the City and Greater Round Rock for 2010-2030.

POPULATION PROJECTIONS		
Year	City Projections	Greater Round Rock Projections
2010 (Census)	99,887	141,807
2011	100,659	143,960
2012	102,349	147,027
2013	104,805	151,133
2014	107,635	155,613
2015	110,757	160,385
2016	113,968	165,024
2017	117,160	169,213
2018	120,440	173,490
2019	123,812	177,859
2020	127,279	182,323
2021	130,461	186,062
2022	133,723	189,881
2023	137,066	193,508
2024	140,492	197,218
2025	143,302	200,312
2026	146,168	203,462
2027	149,092	206,670
2028	152,073	209,651
2029	155,115	212,693
2030	158,217	215,795

The City of Round Rock’s projections prior to the 2010 Census release were developed after the release of the 2000 Census and adjusted in 2005. Based on the 2005 data, the projected 2010 population for the City of Round Rock would have been 100,610; the actual 2010 Census population was 99,887, a difference of less than 1% - indicating our estimates were quite accurate. The Planning and Development Services Department also develops monthly population estimates for the City and annual population estimates for the City and Greater Round Rock based on housing units, occupancy rates and persons per household.

# New Official Texas Historical Marker and Building Placards Installed Downtown

The Texas Historical Commission, the State agency for historic preservation, has recognized Round Rock's downtown as a significant part of Texas history by awarding it an official Texas Historical Marker.

The marker, located in the new Main Street Plaza, highlights the establishment of the Round Rock Commercial Historic District, which is a two-block area listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

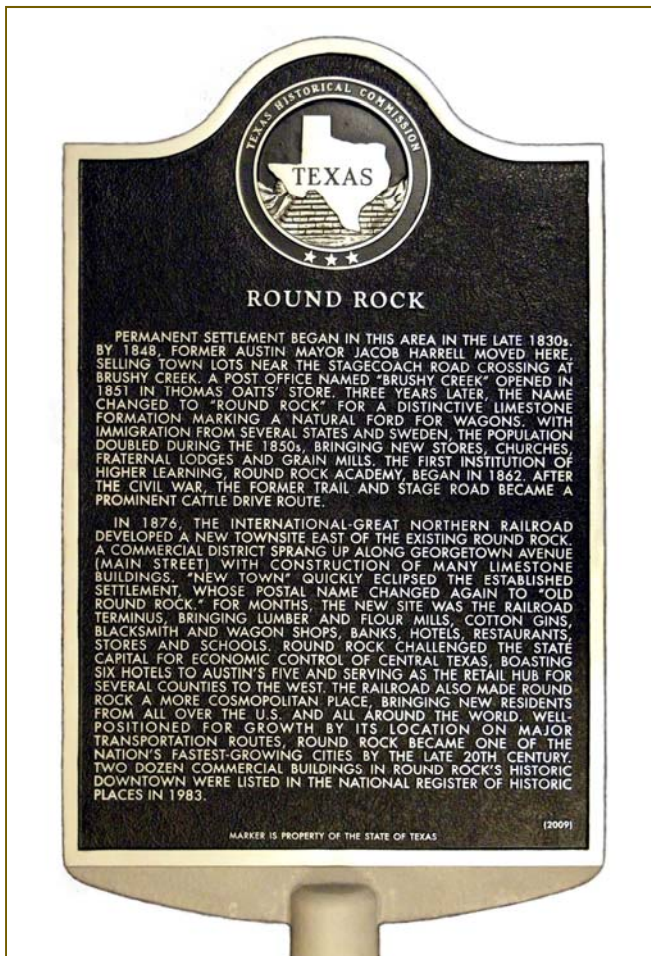
The historic district in downtown Round Rock exemplifies the rise of commercial development following the arrival of the railroad. As throughout much of central Texas, the Round Rock town site and local economy was based on residents' ability to buy commodities, sell their wares, communicate and travel via railway lines.

The district includes Italianate and local vernacular architecture, reflecting both a popular style of the

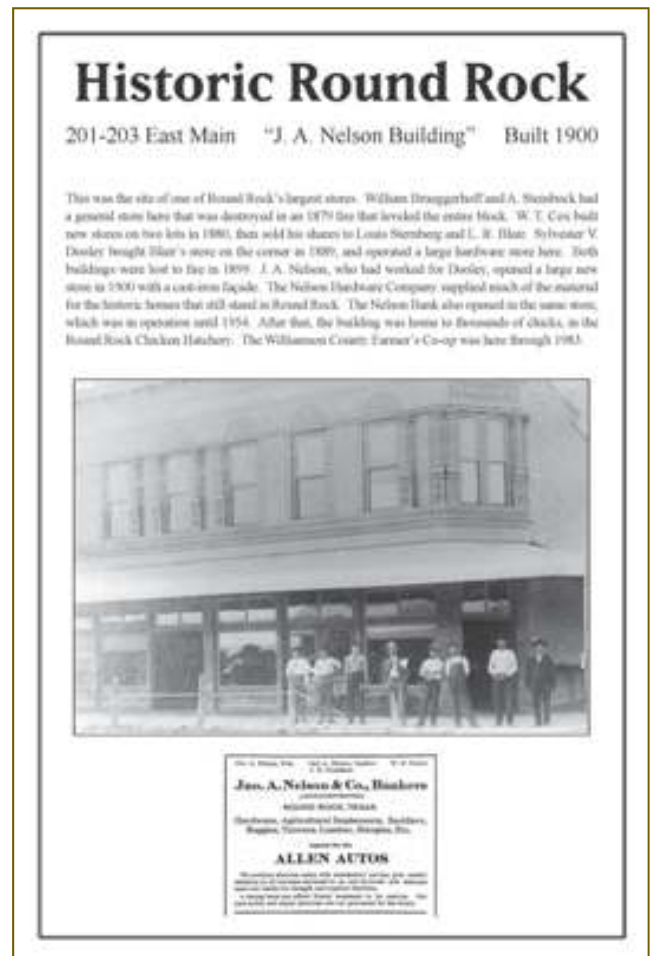
time for commercial buildings as well as the efforts of local builders and craftsmen. The predominant use of limestone ashlar masonry instead of brick also sets this district apart from many other historic downtowns in the region.

In addition to the new marker downtown, the City has installed twenty-four individual historic building placards in the two-block commercial historic district. The building placards present photos and text about each of the buildings.

Round Rock's marker and the historic building placards were purchased through the City's Historic Preservation Education and Awareness Program, which was funded in part by a \$10,000 grant from the Federal Certified Local Government program, U. S. Department of the Interior, administered by the Texas Historical Commission.



Texas Historical Marker



Historic Building Placard

# Planning & Zoning Commission Members

To acknowledge the participation in and achievements of planning in Round Rock, the Mayor adopted a proclamation identifying October as National Community Planning Month in the City of Round Rock. October has been designated as National Community Planning Month by the American Planning Association (APA). This year's theme is New Ideas for America's Future and reflects how those involved in planning help envision the future and address communities' needs. As you read about our current Planning and Zoning Commissioners in the statements that follow, you will see that our Commissioners are uniquely qualified and interested in this theme of addressing community needs and planning for a greater place in the future. There is a depth to their residency, and a breadth to their knowledge and expertise, that truly allows the Commission to consider and deliberate from a multidisciplinary perspective.

## Dale Austin

Commissioner Austin has lived in Round Rock for 12 years, and over half of that time has been serving as a Commission member. Mr. Austin graduated from Texas Tech University and is a Reg-



Top Left: Michael Morales, Larry Yawn, Jim Shelgren, Ken Boyer, Dale Austin, and Rene Flores  
Bottom Left: David Pavliska, Al Kosik, and Peter Drapes

istered Architect and member of the American Institute of Architects. He currently manages the Austin architectural division for Atkins, the world's 2nd largest global architecture and 11<sup>th</sup> largest global design firm. Commissioner Austin's goals while serving on the Commission include participating in well thought out growth and development of the City. He wants Round Rock to be a place that all of its citizens can be proud to call home.

## Ken Boyer

Commissioner Boyer is one of the newer appointees to the Commission, although he has lived in the area for 17 years and within the City for 8 years. Mr. Boyer has been a Professional Civil Engineer for over 17 years, after graduating from Texas Tech with a Bachelor's in Civil Engineering. His experience includes both public and private sector developments, and is involved in all aspects of a development project from conceptual plan-

ning to construction. Currently, he is the owner of Boyer & Associates, a Round Rock civil engineering firm established in 2005. His goals while serving on the Commission include helping to encourage positive development and growth in the community through the development of appropriate codes and regulations; to help create, or continue to create, a family friendly environment for our community; and to work with and assist our community leaders in the planning of our future city.

## Peter Drapes

Commissioner Drapes has lived in Round Rock for nearly two decades, and is one of the longer serving Commissioners. He served for many years as both the Commission's Alternate Vice-Chair and Vice-Chair, and even as Secretary of the Commission before that position evolved to Vice-Chair. Commissioner Drapes has a professional background in Planning & Project Management.

He graduated from Whitman College with a Bachelor's degree and from the California Institute of Technology with a Bachelor's in Electrical Engineering. Currently he is employed with Dell as a Regional Delivery Director for Consulting Services, Central and Southeast Region. Mr. Drapes' goal as a Commission is to participate in the ongoing processes of updating the vision of a prosperous and admired community and to be engaged in the ongoing activities that drive the development of our community towards that vision.

#### **Rene Flores**

Commissioner Flores is another long-time resident of the area and our City; he and his family have lived in the area since 1993 and in Round Rock since 1998. Mr. Flores background includes ten years in the computer software industry. For the past nine years Commissioner Flores has worked in the banking sector, and for the past three years has been a commercial lender with Union State Bank, located here in Round Rock. Mr. Flores' goals for serving on the Commission include helping the City grow and thrive while also helping to preserve the quality of life and community feel that the City currently offers.

#### **Al Kosik, Chair**

Chairman Kosik has lived in the City for 32 years, and has the longest tenure of anyone on the Commission. After graduating from The University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering, he became a registered Professional Engineer and joined TxDOT. 38 years later, he retired, and has since become an instructor for UT Arlington, teaching safety and professional courses to public agencies throughout Texas. Mr. Kosik's goals while serving on the Commission include to have quality developments that serve a full range of economic interests; to have quality neighborhoods that anyone would be pleased to live in; to have an attitude of cooperation and fairness that attracts business and industry; to make Round Rock an excellent, distinctive city; and to use common sense and appropriate, realistic planning.

#### **Michael Morales**

Commissioner Morales' goals for serving on the Commission include sustaining and improving the quality of life for our citizens through proper planning, to continue working on the downtown master plan, and to work on the opportunities presented in the north Round Rock area – especially the Higher Education and hospital areas in insuring proper zoning, infrastructure, and quality development. Mr. Morales has lived in the area since 1978, and became a Round Rock resident in 2003. He currently owns and runs MM Civil Design, a civil design firm based in the City, with emphases in commercial property development, single family residential subdivisions, multifamily and retirement communities, municipal utilities, environmental projects and airports.

#### **David Pavliska, Vice-Chair**

Commissioner Pavliska has been a resident of the City for 25 years, and is a true local, having been born and raised in north Austin. Mr. Pavliska has one of the longer tenures on the Commission, and has served as an Alternate Vice-Chair for many years. He has also been active in homeowners' associations, serving as past president of the Shadowbrook HOA and currently serving on the Bent Tree HOA board. Mr. Pavliska's goals for serving on the Commission include continued learning about planning – both for himself and to help educate the community at large – and to apply knowledge and lessons learned to further help the community reach its goals. A 2<sup>nd</sup>-generation professional real estate broker and Certified Residential Specialist, Mr. Pavliska has been a licensed agent since 1978. He credits his father, Arthur, with teaching him the most valuable lesson for business (and life) success: always put the customer first.

#### **Jim Shelgren**

Commissioner Shelgren has lived in Round Rock for 21 years. After graduating from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor's in Business and Electrical Engineering, Mr. Shelgren spent thirty-two years in the communications industry, and has experience with engineering, operations, and the sales and service divisions. He is currently Regional Vice President of AT&T Business Solutions, serving the public sector of Texas and Louisiana. He is also the Chairman of the Board of

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the Round Rock Chamber of Commerce. As a Commissioner, Mr. Shelgren's goal is to provide a balanced approach in the growth of Round Rock that continues upon the quality of life that its citizens currently enjoy

### **Larry Yawn, Alternate Vice-Chair**

Commissioner Yawn brings a perspective to the Commission that differs from one based on a professional background in land use or development. His interests add a valued dimension to the Commission, and a more holistic approach to community planning. Mr. Yawn received a Bachelor's degree in government from the University of Texas and a Master's of Education in counseling and guidance from North Texas State University. His professional positions have included teacher, counselor, assistant superintendent, President of

the Texas State Teachers Association, and member of the Governor's staff. His goals while serving on the Commission include providing an inclusive process which insures individual citizens a meaningful voice in describing what our community will look like in the future, addressing citizen's needs, services, resident patterns and economic development. As with other Commissioners, Mr. Yawn has been a resident of the City for over 10 years.

As you can see, we have representatives of the design professions, finance and economic development, real estate, small-business owners, and information technology and education. Given the future envisioned for our City, we are fortunate to have such a broad base of experience and expertise on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

## **LOCAL LEGEND AWARD WINNERS HONORED**

The Round Rock Historic Preservation Commission announced four Local Legend Award nominations at the City Council meeting on October 27th. Louis Henna, Sr. (1914-1990), Oliver Leppin (1917-1993), Robert L. "Buck" Egger (1896-1973), and Jacob Harrell (1804-1853) were honored for their contributions to the culture, development, and history of the community. Since none of the four recipients are still living, Historic Preservation Commission Chair, Jerry Hodges, presented the awards to the recipients' families and highlighted some of the accomplishments of each of the award winners. As in the past, Local Legend Award winners receive a certificate of recognition and are recognized on a plaque that lists all winners since the program's inception.

The Local Legend Awards program was established in 1990. To date, 49 individuals, groups or organizations have been honored. Award winners are selected based on the following criteria: im-

portance to the City's founding or growth; association with an historic place or event; legacy of service to the community; and/or personal achievements that have brought honor and distinction to the nominee and the City of Round Rock.

This year's nomination and selection process was assisted by a volunteer committee that included Kami Barron, Jesus Franco, Cathy Kincaid,

and Rufus Honeycutt. After reviewing nominations, the committee made its recommendation to the Round Rock Historic Preservation Commission in August.

Local Legend Award nominations are accepted throughout the year by the Planning and Development Services Department. For more information, on all Local Legend Award recipients, past and present, visit: <http://www.roundrocktexas.gov/locallegends>.



Descendants of Buck Egger pose with Mayor Alan McGraw and HPC Chair Jerry Hodges after being awarded a 2011 Local Legends award for Buck Egger.

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