One of the newest initiatives of Texas State University is the development of a stormwater management program, which stems from the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit implemented by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Stormwater is rain water that does not soak into the ground, but runs off paved surfaces, into storm drains, and flows to the nearest waterway.

If electronics are not disposed of properly, components of these items such as lead, cadmium, mercury, and plastic can be picked up by stormwater runoff and transported directly into our creeks and rivers untreated. Electronic products contain 100% recyclable components and should be properly disposed of to help maintain the natural waterways within the San Marcos area.

I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing spring break. I know the “relaxing” part doesn’t apply to those of you who served in the skeleton crew in “essential offices” or had ongoing or special projects you had to oversee while students and faculty were gone, but hopefully it was “safe” anyway.

My Mom passed away on the Monday of Spring Break week. We commented that she was always so considerate of others that she probably timed it so that her oldest son wouldn’t have to miss any work. Thank you to all of you who have expressed condolences, and please, please, please tell your family you love them as often as possible.

Spring Break in odd-numbered years means we are at the midpoint in the legislative session. If you have a wooden surface nearby and please, please, please tell your family you love them as often as possible.

Four Tuition Revenue Bond (TRB) bills have been filed and our Engineering and Science Building for the San Marcos campus is in all four bills. Our Health Professions building for the Round Rock campus is in three of the four bills. The author of the fourth bill has chosen to use the “one building per university” criteria while the others have chosen our preferred “one building per campus.” Let’s just say the Round Rock community is fully engaged in trying to get the Health Professions building added to that fourth bill. Only one of these bills can pass, so there will be plenty of compromises and amendments before the session ends.

Two of these TRB bills include the full amount of our request. The others have various percentage reductions or caps on the maximum amount of each construction project. My guess would be that even if both projects make it through in the final bill, we will have to supplement the legislatively approved amount with Institutional Funds to construct the full project as currently envisioned.

Our ability to do that depends, to a certain extent, on another bill that is making its way through the Legislature. Every ten years the Legislature reauthorizes the annual appropriation of the Higher Education Assistance Fund and reallocates funding among the non-UT and A&M components that share in the Fund. If the statewide total stays the same as the last ten years, Texas State will receive an increase of about $3 Million per year based on our growth. If they increase the statewide total as they have each time they have done the ten year reauthorization, we could get as much as $13 Million more per year. The possible

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What Makes A Division Great?

Senator West addressed the Senate Finance Committee hearing meeting, commenting on the excellent TSUS HUB numbers. He went on to say that we really want to commend Texas State University for their HUB program because “they not only talk on the excellent TSUS HUB numbers. He Senator West addressed the Senate Finance...
Aviana Burkepile, daughter of Michael Burkepile of the A/C department, was successfully auditioned to perform with the Honors Performance Series Choir at Carnegie Hall in NYC. At the end of March, she will be performing with the choir at Carnegie Hall. Despite a long labor, both baby and momma are happy and healthy. The baby, Eliza Ann Eby, was born at 5:03 pm on February 20, 2015. She weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz and was 19 inches long. She is the AIT. AITs are not in every airport, but they would seek an alternative for your checked baggage. Pat downs are an important part of their security efforts, and passengers have the option to opt out of the AIT line and undergo a pat down instead.

**Travel Smart**

**Timely travel tips**

**Safer Air Travel: What Travelers Need & Can Expect**

After the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, air travel security changed forever. While the Transportation Security Administration handles airport security screenings, travelers are an important part of the process. TSA warns passengers that each time it has to search a carry-on, it slows down the line. By carefully preparing your luggage and possessions in advance, you can save time not only for yourself but also for other passengers.

**Security Screenings**

When you reach the airport security checkpoint, TSA agents might or might not direct you through the necessary preparations, depending on the amount of congestion at that time. Even if you have flown since September 11, additional security measures have been instituted in the wake of a terrorist plot detected on August 10, 2006. You must remove all jackets, scarves, blazers and shoes and place them in a bin on the conveyor belt with your bags. To avoid a pat down, do not wear clothing or jewelry containing heavy metal. Body piercings and under-wire bras can trip the metal detector.

**Pat Downs and Advanced Imaging Technology**

The introduction of aggressive TSA pat-down procedures and advanced imaging technology (AIT) units, which allow agents to see a naked image of the person in the scanner, has been instituted in the wake of a terrorist plot detected on August 10, 2006. You must remove all jackets, scarves, blazers and shoes and place them in a bin on the conveyor belt with your bags. To avoid a pat down, do not wear clothing or jewelry containing heavy metal. Body piercings and under-wire bras can trip the metal detector.

**Packaging Liquids**

Since a foiled terrorist attack in 2006 involving explosives made from sports drinks, carry-on liquids have been severely restricted. If you have any large liquid, cream or gel items, such as wine, shampoo or non-essential medicinal ointments, to transport, place them in your checked luggage. Only 3.4-oz., “TSA-approved” toiletries are allowed through airport security, and each passenger can carry only one 1-quart, clear, plastic bag of liquid items. You can purchase 1-quart, zip-top bags at the grocery store or pharmacy, and they are typically available at the beginning of airport security checkpoints if you forgot to bring one.

**Bag Checks**

There is no liquid detector; TSA agents scrutinize object shapes on the X-ray screen to identify liquids in travelers’ bags. If you leave an empty water bottle inside your backpack – which is completely allowed – you still are likely to have your bag searched. In fact, objects that have no connection to liquids or creams, like folding fans packed in long slim boxes or even packaged sausages, can trigger a bag check. Similarly, while scissors up to a certain size are allowed, if you go through the X-ray machine, a TSA agent will search your bag for the scissors, get a ruler and measure them. When you pack your carry-on bags, look carefully at the items that you are packing. If something seems questionable or will need to be checked, take it out of your bag and put it through the X-ray machine in a tray.

**TSA Baggage Claims**

If you have a problem with your bag, write down the bag number and file a claim. You can get it back in 24-48 hours. The number of complaints that the TSA receives about bag claims is small compared to the large number of passengers who travel through the airport. If you are issued a claim check, you are entitled to be reimbursed for clothing, toiletries and other necessities. The length of time gives you sufficient time to shop for replacement clothing and toiletries. The bag will be delivered to you within 72 hours of the filing of the claim. The claim check is not a replacement for your bag’s contents, but it is a reimbursement of lost items.

**Technology Security**

The Transportation Security Administration, in coordination with the Department of Homeland Security, has installed a new set of advanced imaging technology (AIT) units at almost all airports to replace the current pat-down process. These units provide a more comprehensive view of the contents of a passenger’s carry-on bag, allowing the TSA to more accurately screen passengers and their belongings.

**Advanced Imaging Technology**

Advanced imaging technology (AIT) units are now being installed at almost all airports to replace the current pat-down process. These units provide a more comprehensive view of the contents of a passenger’s carry-on bag, allowing the TSA to more accurately screen passengers and their belongings. The units are capable of detecting objects that are concealed under clothing or carry-on items, such as metallic objects or explosives. They also provide a visual image of the contents of a passenger’s bag, allowing agents to quickly identify any potential threats.

**All New Flight Baggage**

A new flight baggage system has been implemented at the airport. This system is designed to improve the efficiency of the baggage handling process by reducing the number of bags that are lost or misrouted. The new system includes a series of advanced imaging technology (AIT) units, which allow agents to more accurately screen passengers and their belongings.

**TSA Website**

For more information about the TSA and its security procedures, please visit their website.

**FSS Quarterly Team Award Winners**

And the Winners Are...

This was the 7th year of the Employee Wellness Fair and it continues to improve. The Employee Wellness Fair Team is a totally volunteer team. The individuals are involved because they are passionate about making the opportunities that the Wellness Fair creates for the dissemination of information as well as services to employees. The Fair created a great opportunity for Texas State employees to receive health-related information, so employees will be better able to prevent health issues.

- **Members:** HUMAN RESOURCES: Rose Trevino, Karen Hollings, and Martha Moore; DEPT. of HEALTH & HUMAN PERFORMANCE: Carolyn Clay; STUDENT HEALTH CENTER: Julie Eckert and Arlene Gomez; ENTERPRISE SYSTEMS: Dwayne Geller; TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES: Joyce Williamson; TESTING, RESEARCH - SUPPORT: Tina Jackson.

**Texas State Employee of the Month Award Winner - December 2014**

Steven Herrera
Shuttle Service Manager
Transportation Services

**Texas State Employee of the Month Award Winner - February 2014**

Mark Jesse
Parking Garage Manager
Parking Services

**Did You Know?**

That between 1836-1846 the Republic of Texas had 5 Presidents and 5 Vice Presidents.

Rodeo is the official sport of Texas, though High School Football is more popular.

Davy Crockett, besides dying at the Alamo, served three terms as a congressman in Tennessee. Before leaving, he informed his peers, “You may all go to Hell, and I will go to Texas.”

For $150 you can become a licensed dead animal hauler in Texas.

Texas boasts the largest of the state capitol buildings, constructed of 15,000 carafots of pink granite.

In Houston it is illegal to sell Limburger cheese on Sunday.

Lubbock is the largest city in the United States that is dry.

In Texas, it is illegal to curse in front of or indecently expose a corpse.

It is illegal to spit on the sidewalks in Texas.

The official dish of Texas is chili.

The largest collection of beer bottles can be seen at Wurstfest in New Braunfels.

Texas is as large as all of New England, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Illinois combined.

The official dish of Texas is chili.

Forty percent of the farm-grown cash crop in the United States is consumed by Texans.

In Texas, it is still a “hanging offense” to steal cattle.
Electronics Recycling
The sales of electronic devices are at an all-time high. According to the most recent statistics from the EPA, in 2009 it was estimated that 438 million electronic products were sold and approximately five million tons were held in storage. Of the five million tons of electronic products held in storage, over two million tons of these products were ready for end-of-life management but only 25% of these products were collected for recycling.

How can you help with electronic recycling efforts?
On April 18, 2015, Texas State University, in partnership with the City of San Marcos, Texas, and Stericycle, will be hosting the 7th Annual Electronics Recycling Event from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the Strahan Coliseum north parking lot. This is a drive through event so it will be in effect rain or shine. If you have any questions about this event, please contact the Environmental Health, Safety and Risk Management (EHSRM) office at (512) 245-3616.

The Electronics Recycling Event has been a successful collaboration between the City of San Marcos, Texas, Texas State University, and with an upward trend of participating residents and businesses, weight of end-of-life electronics accumulated and collected since the event’s inception in 2009. Our participation has grown from 170 to as high as 250, while the total accumulated weight of end-of-life electronics has grown from 20,000 pounds to 35,000 pounds, and we anticipate this trend to continue.

The construction contract was awarded last summer and the contractor plans to start “turning dirt” on Phase One of the project by April 6, 2015. The first phase of construction will encompass the relocation of water lines and storm sewer lines and will necessitate temporary late closures on Loop 82 as well as elimination of two rows of parking in Lot AZ 9 closest to Loop 82 for the duration of the construction project. Starting in September 2015, the construction of the new access roads will get underway resulting in rerouting of existing lanes and diversion through and around the construction zones. During construction, it is advisable to seek alternative routes to avoid delays. The construction project is scheduled to be complete by early 2018.

Loop 82 Overpass
The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the City of San Marcos have been working on ways to improve mobility and safety for traffic to cross the Union Pacific railroad (UPRR) tracks at State Loop 82 (Aquarena Springs Drive) for over 10 years. The final results of the studies and assessments resulted in development of a project to construct an overpass that includes a steel bridge structure that spans the existing UPRR tracks and provides two travel lanes with outside shoulders in each direction. The project also includes construction of two lanes and access roads. The construction of the overpass provides two travel lanes in each direction during major university events such as commencement, freshmen move-in weekend, the first week of Fall and spring semesters, and home football games.

Items that are not accepted at the event:
- Refrigerators
- Other Appliances
- Microwaves
- A/C Units
- Televisions
- Old Circuit Boards
- Scanners
- Flappy Disks/CDS/DVDs
- Computers
- Radios
- Gluing Systems
- Cell Phones, Batteries
- Keyboards, Monitors
- Stereo Systems
- LCD/Plasma Screens
- Fax Machines
- Corded/Cables
- Speakers/Ampifiers
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