

Transportation Wrapup

There are many amenities to living so close to Austin, and one of them is San Marcos CAT, which is part of the Capital Area Rural Transportation System.

Wheelchair-accessible, the fixed-route system is for residents and visitors alike.

Hours of operation are Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., with major destinations including the outlet malls, HEB,

Getting from here to there

CAT makes taking the bus convenient and inexpensive

Wal-Mart, Springtown Center, the Playscape at Childrens Park and many local school campuses.

You can catch the bus at any CAT stop. No food, beverages, smoking, music, profanity, disruptive behavior, flammable materials or animals excepting service animals are per-

mitted.

It costs 50¢ to ride, exact change only. Escorted children 5 and under ride free. Persons with disabilities, seniors (60 and over), elementary through high school students (school ID card required) may ride for 25¢. Multi-ride tickets relieve the

rider from needing exact change; purchase \$10 passes at the San Marcos Station, 338 S. Guadalupe St.(between the two railroad tracks).

For more call (800) 456-RIDE (7433).

Amtrak's Texas Eagle also departs from the San Marcos Station.

The Texas Eagle also has full wheelchair access, as do all station facilities

There is free parking, both short and long term, and taxis are available on call.

SAN MARCOS MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION

Since 1981, members of the San Marcos Manufacturers' Association have worked together as a united force contributing to the betterment of Hays County and San Marcos.

Next month, the SMMA will sponsor its 16th Annual Training Seminar coordinated by Honorary Members, Ben Wehman and Dr. Darryl Piersol. This year's seminar will be presented on April 17th featuring Dr. T. Richard Cheatham. Those interested in attending the seminar entitled "Managing Change: Personal and Professional", may call 512-764-3628 for a reservation. Funds raised from this seminar will support scholarships to be distributed to local high school students and current Texas State students. In addition to offering scholarships, the SMMA has been an active contributor for the past 26 years to the needs of the local educational institutions.

This year's committee activity will include a revamped Career Day Committee bringing Career Day back to the high school students to introduce manufacturing career opportunities available to them in Hays County.

The SMMA Legislative Affairs Committee will be

working with state representatives to consider legislation that will benefit employers and be receptive to the needs of local industry and residents.

Members of the SMMA are also active participants in economic development and serve on the boards of various city, community and civic organizations. The SMMA supported EDC in the establishment of the Freeport Exemption which will be a benefit to current industry and future industry choosing to locate in San Marcos.

The association remains committed to working together as a team to strive to improve the condition, environment and quality of life for new and existing industries. Membership is available to area manufacturers who share similar interests and needs.

Rob Leonardis of Ember Industries is serving as President of SMMA along with Bruce Tift of C-FAN serving as Vice-President; Laura Lucas also of C-FAN serving as Secretary; and Andy Roland of Ember Industries serving as Treasurer. The membership of SMMA consists of Butler Manufacturing; CenturyTel; CFAN; Ember Industries; Genlyte Group; Goodrich; Grande Communications' Gulf Business Forms, Inc; Hadco-Texas; HEB Distribution Center; Heldenfels Enterprises; Mensor Corp; Pavestone Co.,



Pictured from left to right, Andy Roland, Treasurer, Bruce Tift, Vice-President, Laura Lucas, Secretary and Rob Leonardis, President.

Stellar Plastics, Inc; TB Wood's; Thermon Mfg and TXI Hunter Cement.

The SMMA is appreciative of the support and contributions from its Associate Members: San Marcos Chamber of Commerce; Texas State Dept. of Technology; McCoy College of Business; Gary Job Corps Community; Central Texas Medical Center; San Marcos City Manager; Hays CISD and San Marcos CISD as well as the many years of service it continues to receive from the Honorary Members Dr. Darrell Piersol, Ben Wehman and Kenneth Downing.

Any industry wishing to inquire into the membership of the SMMA may contact any of the officers for application information.

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