

## MAYORAL NEWSLETTER

### City Hall Briefs

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#### **Early voting for May 12 city election begins April 30**

Early voting for Wimberley's May 12 municipal election begins Monday, April 30. The voting schedule is as follows: Monday April 30, 2012 from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.; Tuesday May 1 through Friday, May 4 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.; Saturday, May 5 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.; Monday May 7 from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.; and Tuesday, May 8 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. On Election Day, Saturday, May 12, voting is from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. All voting will take place at the Wimberley Community Center. Places 2 and 4 on the council currently held by Mac McCullough and Steve Thurber and the Mayor's seat currently held by Bob Flocke are up for election.

#### **April sales tax receipts up 28 percent**

Wimberley's April sales tax receipts from the state comptroller's office were \$37,187.65, up 28 percent from the same period last year. April sales tax receipts represent sales in February. Seven months into the current fiscal year, the city's sales tax receipts are up six percent from the same period in FY 2011.

#### **Council votes to resurface Mill Race Lane**

At a special meeting on March 22, the Wimberley City Council unanimously voted to direct the city staff to develop a plan for resurfacing Mill Race Lane in the downtown area. The council also directed the staff to brief residents on the street on the plan before beginning work.

The vote came in open session following an executive session in which the council met with its attorney to discuss recent mediation efforts among the city and two opposing groups of residents. Because the mediation led by an outside mediator hadn't drawn the parties any closer to a solution, the council decided in its open session to proceed with plans for resurfacing.

Place 2 Councilman Mac McCullough was present at the beginning of the session but opted not to participate in the executive session and did not return for the following open session in which discussion and the vote took place. The vote to proceed was 4-0.

### **New City Marshal to begin work on May 1**

At a special meeting on April 10, the city council agreed to hire Wayne Acton as the city's new marshal. Acton, a sergeant with the Morgan's Point, Texas Police Department will begin his duties on May 1. The search for Wimberley's second marshal included more than 50 applicants and two rounds of interviews.

### **Plant The Park II set for Saturday, April 21**

The City of Wimberley and Friends of Blue Hole are planning a second Plant The Park Day, Saturday April 21st, from 8:30 – 2:30. Please volunteer if you are able, and let your gardening friends know about this opportunity to see improvements to the upper level of Blue Hole Regional Park. Bring work gloves, a cold drink, and garden tools to the park. Work involves planting new plants as well as removing non-native invasive species. Horticulturalists will be on hand to supervise and help.