

## BUSINESS BRIEFS



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**Julie Hibbs**, president of Squared Away, has earned the Certified Professional Organizer® designation. Hibbs sat for the inaugural CPO examination in April at the national conference of the National Association of Professional Organizers. She has earned a unique distinction in the history of the organizing industry and is one of only a few organizers in Texas to become a CPO.

"The professional organizing industry has matured to the point that potential clients ask about my credentials and experience and what makes me uniquely qualified to do the work I do. Becoming a certified professional organizer means that I'm up-to-date on the latest techniques and research," says Hibbs. "Being a CPO sets me apart from my competition."

The Squared Away team has over 20 years of experience overcoming clients' constraints on space, time and financial resources. Hibbs uses proven organization techniques that transform her clients' lives by organizing home offices, closets, kitchens and garages, preparing homes for sale, pre-move purging and post-move unpacking, and planning events.

Hibbs started Squared Away in 1999. She is a member of NAPO and the NAPO-Houston chapter, for which she also serves as president.

**Tim White** recently joined The Johnson Development Corp. as development manager for Sienna Plantation, a 7,300-acre master-planned community in Fort Bend County. White graduated with a degree in civil engineering from Texas A&M University. He then worked for nearly six years with Jones and Carter Inc. in Houston as an engineer on land development projects and on municipal utility districts. At Sienna Plantation, White will be responsible for coordinating the efforts of various entities, such as engineers, contractors and landscapers, to ensure lots are delivered to builders on schedule. White, a Houston native, is a registered professional engineer in Texas.

**Don Smith**, former Missouri City council-member of District B, was recognized by Mayor Allen Owen for his service to the city at the City Council meeting held on July 16. Smith was elected from District B in May 2001 and served three terms. Smith expressed his gratitude after receiving a clock in recognition of his service. He also is the founder and CEO of the Missouri City Juneteenth Foundation.

**Greg Kobza** has been hired as head coach of the Lamar Consolidated High School Mustang baseball program.

Kobza moves to LCHS after taking Edna High School to playoffs for the first time in 39 years. He is replacing Richard Thistlewaite, who left Lamar to become the head baseball coach at Elkins High School in Fort Bend ISD.

"Our community is extremely excited about Greg Kobza and what he brings to the Mustang baseball program," said Walter Beers, principal at LCHS. "He is a proven winner, both personally and professionally, and he is a great fit for our kids on the field and in the classroom."

Kobza led Schulenberg High School to the playoffs all three years he was there, taking them to the regional finals in 2005 and 2006.

He also took Sacred Heart High School, in Hallettsville, to two state championships and a state final in his three years there.

**Jim Brown** has been appointed the new chief executive officer for Memorial Hermann Sugar Land Hospital. Brown previously served as COO for Doctors Hospital of Dallas, where he was responsible for building employee satisfaction to third among the company's 69 hospitals, sus-

taining patient satisfaction that was in the top quartile of the company, achieving the best Balanced Scorecard performance in the Texas/Gulf Coast Region and winning a National Patient Safety Award from Health Grades.

"I am extremely excited to join the Memorial Hermann System for its excellent reputation in both the Houston area and throughout the broader healthcare industry," said Brown. "I am eager to take an active role in helping Memorial Hermann Sugar Land Hospital match its services and expertise to the rapidly evolving needs of Fort Bend County."

Prior to his tenure at Doctors Hospital of Dallas, Brown served in a variety of operational roles including chief operating officer at Lea Regional Medical Center in Hobbs, N.M., and vice president at CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Health System in Paris, Texas, among others.

Brown holds a Master of Science in health care from Trinity University and a Bachelor of Business Administration in marketing from Texas A&M University. Brown has been married to his wife, Amy, for nine years and they have an 18-month-old son, Jack. Both Brown and his wife are natives of Paris, Texas.



(L-R) Mayor Pro Tem Brett Kolaja; Kroger Manager of Consumer Affairs Richard Russell; Carole Parsons, customer development manager representing Milk-Bone; MCPD Chief Ron Echols, Mayor Allen Owen; Chris Hall, Kroger store manager; Sgt. Kurt Maxheimer and Councilmember Barbara Gibson.

**Missouri City** accepted a \$5,000 check for its police department from Del Monte Pet Products and Milk-Bone in partnership with the local Kroger grocery store located on the 6200 block of state Highway 6. In a ceremony outside the Kroger store on July 26, Police Chief Ron Echols detailed how the funds will assist in establishing a K-9 unit in the police department. "This donation is part of an ongoing effort of how our retail partners and parent companies support local law enforcement nationwide," stated Echols, "and on behalf of the city, I express my appreciation for their support as we work towards making Missouri City one of the safest in the state."



Pictured with the Rosenberg Fire Department's hazardous materials response trailer are: (l-r) Lt. Wayne Jetelina, Justin White, Justin Jurek and Troy Svatek.

**Rosenberg Fire Department** Fire Chief Kathleen Hutchens reports that the Rosenberg Fire Department has accepted delivery of a new 24-foot hazardous materials response trailer. The trailer, purchased through a Homeland Security grant, will serve as an integral piece of equipment in the event of a hazardous materials incident that could affect Rosenberg's residents, property and the environment.